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That experience inspired her to return to college to finish a degree at the age of 50.

After obtaining her degree in 2010, she taught at Mott-Regent Elementary School for two years, before returning to E-NL in 2013. She stepped back into the third-grade classroom following Haas's retirement from teaching, this time with Michels as the teacher and Haas as the paraprofessional.

"I just love being with the kids. I'm a hands-on kind of teacher, so we do a lot of

experiments. We do a lot of hands-on, so they get to hear it, see it and feel it," she says. When the students are tasked with writing a story, they first paint a scene with water colors to inspire their imagination.

And, yes, she still teaches cursive handwriting.

At her desk is a jar of snacks for those who arrive hungry, and she understands the trials students may be bringing into the classroom.

"Each kid is different," she says.

"It has been a true

privilege to watch my students discover new things, grow in confidence and develop a love of learning. These moments have been the most rewarding part of my time here," she wrote in her letter to the school board.

'Just one year'

Pelkofer has taught at E-NL for five years, even though he only intended to stay for a year.

However, he has been teaching since 1984, starting in South Dakota. After teaching for 21 years in Lemmon and taking two years off, he got a call from Secondary Principal Terry Bentz asking

Pelkofer to resume his career at E-NL.

"He asked if I would be interested in helping out for a year, because they had a resignation," he says. Five years later, he's now retiring.

"When I started out, I wanted to coach, but I found I loved the teaching more than the coaching," he says of his career choice.

"I think there's nothing wrong with

acquiring knowledge. It's good to be able to know how to use it and how to work with other people," he says. "When I come to school, I learn something new every day."

He teaches 7-12 students, from problems of democracy to seniors, to North Dakota, United States and world history. And he's glad he took the call from Bentz.

"I really, really

enjoyed it, with the small classes and the sense of community," he says. "I thank Mr. Bentz for giving me the opportunity."

"My time at Grant County junior high and high school has been very rewarding. The ENL district is fortunate to have a topnotch staff and administration," he wrote in his letter.

GRANT COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

MEASURES BALLOT

County Measure No. 1

The Grant County State's Attorney position has gone unfilled via election, and the Grant County Commission wishes to change the position to appointed rather than elected.

Accordingly, to allow the Grant County Commission to select the best candidate through competitive hiring practices to act as the Grant County State's Attorney, should the position be changed from an elected office to an appointed office as allowed under North Dakota Century Code section 11-10-02.3?

If the voters approve this change, the Grant County State's Attorney would be appointed by the Grant County Commission through competitive hiring.

Yes - Means you approve the measure summarized above.

No - Means you reject the measure summarized above.

Leith City Measure No. 1

Would the residents of Leith want the minutes published in the official newspaper.

According to state law, once every four years, each city must place on its ballot the question of whether or not the minutes of the governing body shall be published in its official city newspaper.

If approved, the minutes must be published until disapproved by the voters at a succeeding election.

Yes - Means you approve the measure summarized above.

No - Means you reject the measure summarized above.

Elgin-New Leipzig SD School District Measure No. 1

Shall the Elgin/New Leipzig School Board proceedings be published in the local newspaper?

Yes - Means you approve the measure summarized above.

No - Means you reject the measure summarized above.



MRS. KAY RIVINIUS retires after a 38-year years of teaching. Known for her fun-loving spirit and passion for grammer, she helped countless students master the art of the comma and the joy of giving speeches.



CELEBRATING HER RETIREMENT, MRS. DEB MICHELS leaves behind a legacy of hands-on learning and personalized teaching in the third grade.



AFTER YEARS OF MAKING HISTORY COME ALIVE, Mr. Tim Pelkofer is retiring. With engaging lessons on history, government, and current events, he turned the classroom into an exciting journey through time.