

COVID EXPOSED HOW TO QUARANTINE

If you have been within **6 feet** of someone with COVID-19 for a total of **15 minutes** or more on any day that they may have been infectious, you are a **close contact**. You must quarantine.

FOR THE NEXT 14 DAYS...

WATCH YOURSELF FOR SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Tiredness
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

WEAR A MASK

Whenever you are with any other people, even if you are at home. Make sure it fits over your mouth and nose.

CALL YOUR DOCTOR and GET TESTED IF YOU HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.



STAY HOME

If you can't stay home or away from others for 14 days, you may be able to shorten your in-home quarantine by meeting the conditions below.

You can get tested on or after day 5. If your test is negative you may be able to discontinue in-home quarantine on day 8 if you don't have symptoms. **Note: antibody tests do not count.**

With a negative test - If you have **no symptoms on or before day 7 and tested negative on or after day 5**, you can discontinue in-home quarantine on day 8. **You must keep wearing your mask at all times and monitor for symptoms through day 14.**

Without a test - If you have **no symptoms on or before day 10**, you can discontinue in-home quarantine on day 11. **You must keep wearing your mask at all times and monitor for symptoms through day 14.**



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Directed Health Measures changed as of December 3

Nebraska's Directed Health Measures (DHM) have been changed as of December 3, 2020.

This includes the nine counties in the North Central District Health Department: Antelope, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, Knox, Pierce, and Rock Counties.

These DHM requirements are based on the 20% to 24% hospital capacity which is currently being used for COVID-19 patients.

Key changes for North Central District Health Department Region:

- Businesses and schools will be responsible for obtaining negative lab results for students and employees if this option is being utilized.

- NCDHD will not provide any negative lab results to patients, schools or employers. Individuals should contact where they were tested to obtain a copy of this information. If they are tested by NCDHD using TestNebraska, employees should provide you a copy of the email they received with their results. With any difficulties on obtaining this email, please contact Test Nebraska at 402-207-9377.

- The State of Nebraska will allow these changes to apply retroactively to people currently in quarantine.

- NCDHD will not update quarantine and isolation letters for schools and/or businesses.

Quarantine Duration Changes:

- Quarantine may discontinue without testing under the following conditions: at least 10 days have passed since the quarantined individuals last Close Contact (see definition below) exposure AND

- has had no symptom development AND

- continues to self-monitor daily for symptom development through day 14 since last Close Contact (see definition below) exposure AND

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Outstanding Performance Awards went to front, Emma Alder, Ashlyn Kaup, and Cory Gubbels; back, William Paxton, Grace Alder, and Cameron Sattler. Photo courtesy Stuart Public School

Stuart finishes as runner-up

By Director Brenda Larabee

Monday, November 30th five teams competed at O'Neill St. Mary's for the D2-3 district play production competition.

Taking the stage as the last competitors, the Stuart cast and crew presented their best performance of "Murder Box."

This mystery was fast-paced and gripping allowing the actors and actresses to really build their skills as the season progressed.

Cast members were Emma Alder, Grace Alder, Ashlyn Kaup, Katilynn Kaup, Cadence Kramer, Cameron Sattler, Taya Schmaderer, Abigail Tubbs, Trenadi Dodds, Sydney Estill, Whitlee Paxton, Chiana Tubbs, Cory Gubbels, Savannah Kramer, Lacey Paxton, and William Paxton.

Alyssa King served as student director this season and many of her suggestions created picturesque and realistic moments onstage. She was

also responsible for watching the time to make sure we weren't going to exceed the time limit.

Austin Nachtman, Jason Fahrenholz, and Grant Kaup were in superb control of the sound effects and lighting that was needed to bring the show to life. With everything from thunderstorms to electrocutions, they performed an intricate part of the play with skill.

Sarah Wallinger was the costume and makeup manager, but during the show, she was the photographer capturing moments of the show for the publications.

Lexi Schroder served as the videographer for the performance that earned the cast and crew a superior rating and second place overall.

Emma Alder, Grace Alder, Ashlyn Kaup, Cameron Sattler, Cory Gubbels, and William Paxton were awarded outstanding performance awards and the technical crew placed third.

Legion meeting cancelled

There will be no Atkinson American Legion meeting on Thursday, December 10 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Chamber to meet

The Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce will be meeting on Thursday, December 10 at 12:00 Noon at the Atkinson City Office.

KBRX will be hosting with First Stop providing the lunch.

Blood drives to be in Atkinson

There will be two Red Cross blood drives in Atkinson during the month of December.

The first will be held on Monday, December 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Atkinson KC Hall.

For an appointment contact Madison at 402-340-8702.

DECEMBER 30 DRIVE

A second blood drive will be held on Wednesday, December 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. also at the KC Hall in Atkinson.

At this drive, by helping hospital patients, donors can also help West Holt student Taylor Schaaf with a chance to earn a scholarship through the American Red Cross Leaders Save Lives program.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Husky One Act Team places 3rd

By Director Janelle Wallinger

On Tuesday, December 1, West Holt traveled way out west to Bridgeport High School for the C1-6 district one act contest.



Schools participating were Bayard, Bridgeport, Chase County, Gordon-Rushville, Hershey, Ord, Ainsworth, and West Holt.

The West Holt production of "Unsound Effects" earned third place and a superior rating.

Gordon-Rushville's production of "A Piece of my Heart" placed first while Bridgeport's production of "Ago" was runner-up.

Several West Holt actors received outstanding performance awards for their roles in this year's production.

While the entire cast and crew did an outstanding job, these individuals were selected for special recognition: Hayden Davies as Hal, Caid McCart as Gerald, Kristen Welling as Mrs. Nichols, Landyn Mlady as Helen, Nate Wallinger as Benny, Isaac Pistulka as Leon, Haley Peek as Lana, Jackson Butterfield as Eddie, Madeline Rentschler as Vinny, Kamry Neptune as Lois, and Sidney Burkinshaw as Mavis.

COVID-19 case update given

On Thursday, December 3, 2020 North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) was made aware of 143 cases in the district since the last reporting on November 30. Cases in the various counties were: 29 in Antelope; 6 in Boyd; 14 in Brown; 12 in Cherry; 31 in Holt; 4 in Keya Paha; 26 in Knox; 16 in Pierce; and 5 in Rock.

NCDHD has been notified of six additional COVID-19 related deaths. They are one Holt County male in his 80's; one Holt County female in her 80's; one Knox County female in her 80's; one Antelope County female in her 80's.

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Cliff Poessnecker and Matt Poessnecker, sons of Gene Poessnecker with the visiting booth that Matt built with the help of his children. Photo by Lorraine Lieswald

A cozy way to visit built

By Lorraine Lieswald, Atkinson Graphic reporter

This past summer when Matt Poessnecker came to the Atkinson Good Samaritan Center to visit his dad, Gene he should have brought along an umbrella.

Matt lives in Hampton, and driving up to visit his wheelchair bound dad for the half hour allotted to families visiting their loved one because of the Corona virus is a one day trip for him. Matt has his own irrigation system company which prohibits weekly visits so the half hour talking with his dad is precious time spent.

The day of the visit he stood outside his Dad's room window anticipating the 30 minutes the two would be able to correspond face to face through the glass. Twelve minutes into the visit the lawn sprinklers came on and the visit was over.

With nothing else to do but crawl back into his pick-up and head home, the younger Poessnecker thought to himself, "There has got to be a better way for family members to visit their loved ones while this pandemic is ruling their lives".

The memory of his short visit with his dad and that "rain" shower kept hounding him and popping up in his mind.

"Then I saw a deal on Facebook where a family could visit nursing homes without a threat of spreading

the virus, and it motivated me," he said.

Poessnecker comes from a creative and inventive family where if something is needed they will find a way to make it.

After sketching out a blueprint mentally, Poessnecker began constructing a portable visiting booth which would allow visitors to visit their loved ones inside the facility

dow.

On Thanksgiving Day, with the help of his three kids, Gracie, Ryker and Kaetlyn he began assembling his self-designed portable visiting booth. Two hours later the booth was finished, he thought.

His kids thought differently. The booth needed a hook to hang a coat and a shelf for keeping car keys safe and it needed to look cheerful, they told their dad.

Grandpa needed to know they cared and since visiting him personally was not an option they suggested the next best thing was to mark the portable visiting booth with their hand prints on the booth's white painted background. Being a good dad, Poessnecker agreed to all their suggestions. A shelf was installed for the keys, a hook for a coat was attached to a beam and for two and a half hours his kids dipped their hands in different colors of paint for a rainbow of color hand print decoration.

Sunday afternoon, November 29, Matt and his brother Cliff, who had driven up from Lincoln to help with loading and unloading, brought the portable visiting booth to the Atkinson Good Samaritan Center where it will be used after the COVID-19 lock-down at the Center is lifted.

Poessnecker's uncle Larry Ogden said his nephew has been asked to make two more portable visiting booths for other facilities.

while sitting in the booth. The portable visiting booth would be made with casters to roll the booth to the allotted destination for safe visits without the threat of transferring the virus from visitor to resident. The frame, made of 2x4's would be a three sided, roofless structure made with plywood side panels. The front panel would be plywood with a large window frame holding a Plexiglas win-



Named to All-District . . .

West Holt football players named to the D1-7 All District (A-D) and Honorable Mention (HM) team were Cash Gardner (HM), Caid McCart (A-D), Jaxson Cadwallader (A-D), Grady Smith (HM), Jakeem Brown (A-D), Rumen Rentschler (A-D, and Isaac Pistulka (HM).

Courtesy Photo



COVID-19 Symptoms:

Fever, persistent dry cough, difficulty breathing

(www.cdc.gov)

HOLT COUNTY

CASES **618**

RECOVERIES **251**

DEATHS **10**

(As of 12/7/20)

WHO TO CALL FOR HELP:

West Holt Medical Services

402-925-2811

Greater Sandhills

Family Healthcare

402-925-2994,

402-924-3777 or 402-684-2285

SAFE PRACTICES

Wash hands regularly and thoroughly

Keep a safe social distance or quarantine

Cover your cough or sneeze

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 10
12:00 Noon - Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting at the Atkinson City Offices
6:00 p.m. - West Holt Junior High Girls Basketball versus Summerland at Orchard
Stuart Public Schools Junior High Girls' Basketball at Ainsworth

Friday, December 11
Beginning at 4:15 p.m. - Stuart Public Schools JV and Varsity Girls' and Boys' Basketball versus Twin Loup at HOME
Beginning at 4:45 p.m. - West Holt JV and Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball versus Ainsworth at HOME

Saturday, December 12
9:00 a.m. - West Holt Wrestlers at Gregory
Beginning at 1:00 - p.m. - Stuart Public Schools Junior High, JV, and Varsity Girls' and Boys' Basketball versus Cody-Kilgore at Cody
Beginning at 2:30 p.m. - West Holt JV and Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball at Burwell

Sunday, December 13
2:00 p.m. - West Holt Public Schools 9th through 12th Grades Christmas Program
5:00 p.m. - West Holt Public Schools 5th through 7th Grades Christmas Program

Monday, December 14
6:00 p.m. - West Holt Junior High Girls Basketball at Ord
6:30 p.m. - Stuart Public Schools Junior High Girls' Basketball versus North Central at HOME
7:00 p.m. - West Holt Public Schools Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, December 15
9:00 a.m. - Slaughter Cattle; 10:00 a.m. - Fats; 12:00 Noon - Breeding Cattle at the Special Breeding Cattle Auction at Atkinson Livestock Market
Beginning at 4:00 p.m. - West Holt JV and Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball versus CWC at Chambers
Beginning at 4:30 p.m. - Stuart Public Schools JV and Varsity Girls' and Boys' Basketball versus Summerland at Orchard
West Holt Junior High Wrestlers at Gregory

Thursday, December 17
4:00 p.m. - West Holt Junior High Girls' Basketball versus Creighton at HOME
6:30 p.m. - West Holt Public Schools Elementary Christmas Program

Friday, December 18
West Holt Public Schools Birthday Assembly - Color Wars: Red/Green
Beginning at 4:15 p.m. - Stuart Public Schools JV and Varsity Girls' and Boys' Basketball versus Elkhorn Valley at HOME
Beginning at 6:00 p.m. - West Holt JV and Varsity Girls Basketball versus Hartington CC at HOME

Saturday, December 19
Beginning at 1:45 p.m. - Stuart Public Schools JV and Varsity Girls' and Boys' Basketball versus Burke at HOME
Beginning at 2:00 p.m. - West Holt JV and Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball with Battle Creek at HOME

Monday, December 21
NO SCHOOL at West Holt Public Schools
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Red Cross Blood Drive at the Atkinson KC Hall
Beginning at 3:30 p.m. - West Holt JV and Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball versus Valentine at HOME

Tuesday, December 22
NO SCHOOL at West Holt Public Schools
NO SALE at Atkinson Livestock Market

Wednesday, December 23
NO SCHOOL at West Holt Public Schools
Holiday Sports Moratorium

CHECK TO SEE IF REGULAR MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD
Weight Watchers at Corkledings Fitness Center is on hold and will resume shortly

Third Monday of the Month - 8:00 p.m. - Atkinson Lions Club Meeting at Atkinson-Stuart Country Club

Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous at the Presbyterian Church in Atkinson

Second Tuesday of the Month - Atkinson American Legion Post #86 Sons of the Legion and Legion Riders meeting at the Legion Hall.

Second Thursday of the Month - Atkinson American Legion Post #86 Meeting at the Legion Hall.

Third Thursday of the Month - Atkinson American Legion Unit #86 Legion Auxiliary meeting at the Legion Hall

Fourth Monday of the Month - 6:00 p.m. - Atkinson Antiquers meeting. Location changes monthly.

Atkinson Public Library Hours
Monday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Atkinson Community Thrift Shop Hours
Wednesday
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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KOVELS® Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Q: We have an iron doorstep from my grandfather's house. It has five black and white puppies hanging on a log fence and is 8 inches high and 12 inches wide. We'd like to sell it, but don't know what it's worth. Can you help?

A: Cast iron doorstops were made beginning about 1890. They became popular around 1910 when several companies in the United States began making figural doorstops. Vintage figural cast iron doorstops made from 1890 to the 1930's, and in good condition, usually sell for the highest prices.

New designs and reproductions of old doorstops sold in gift shops, home decorating stores and online are worth less. The doorstep you describe was made in China and is not old. It sells online for \$30 to \$60.

CURRENT PRICES
Cambridge glass, candy jar, lid, rose du Barry, peach-blo, acid etched, silver leaf bands, knob, 6 inches, \$115.
Hubley doorstep, cat, red, art deco, cast iron, c. 1925, 5 1/4 x 4 1/2 inches, \$375.
Tiffany salt and pepper shakers, owl, silver, 2 1/2 inches, \$920.
Hasselblad camera, 503CX, Zeiss lenses, branded carrying case, 10 x 13 inches, \$1,970.
TIP: Look at the hinge on a tilt-top table. The wear should show on both the top and the base if it is old.
Looking to declutter, downsize or settle an estate? The all new 2021 "Kovels' Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide" by Terry and Kim Kovel has the information you're looking for.

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Directed Health Measures changed as of December 3

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- wears a facial covering (such as a bandana or cloth mask) through day 14 since last Close Contact.
 - Quarantine may discontinue with testing under the following conditions:
 - at least seven (7) days have passed since the quarantined individuals last Close Contact (see definition above) exposure AND
 - has had no symptom development AND
 - results of a diagnostic specimen testis negative, AND the specimen was collected no earlier than 5 days since the quarantined individuals last Close Contact (see definition below) exposure AND
 - continues to self-monitor daily for symptom development through day 14 since last Close Contact (see definition below) exposure AND
 - wears a facial covering (such as a bandana or cloth mask) through day 14 since last Close Contact (see definition below) exposure
- COVID-19 information is available at CDC.gov and www.ncdhhsne.wordpress.com. You can also follow NCDHD on Facebook.

Definition:

Close Contact: Close Contact for individuals, other than School Aged Individuals, occurs when an individual has been within six (6) feet (2 meters), for at least fifteen (15) minutes, of another individual(s) whom has tested positive for COVID-19; or whom develops one or more of the following symptoms: a sudden onset of a cough, sudden onset of shortness of breath or sudden loss of taste or smell; or whom develops two or more of the following symptoms: a fever of 100.4 or above, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea or fatigue.

Except that, contact with a person who exhibits the above symptoms whom later tests negative for COVID-19 or later receives an alternative diagnosis (influenza, allergies, or other chronic condition) does NOT constitute close contact.

For School Aged Individuals, close contact only occurs when the School Aged Individual has been within six (6) feet (2 meters) of a person, whom tested positive for Covid-19, for at least fifteen (15) minutes.

"Everyday Heroes"

By U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

79 years after they lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor, two young men are coming home.

A moving article in the December 7 Omaha World-Herald tells the story of Fireman 1st Class Louis Tushla and Seaman 2nd Class Charles Alan Jones, two Nebraskans who were serving on the USS Oklahoma when the attack began. Their ship capsized, and they and hundreds of other crewmembers were trapped below decks. All told, 2,403 sailors, marines, and civilians gave their lives for their country that day.

Tushla and Jones were among the majority of Pearl Harbor casualties whose identities couldn't be determined during World War II. The remains of those who could be identified were sent home to their families for funerals, but Jones and Tushla were buried in Hawaii, in graves that simply read "Unknown."

But today, their families have closure thanks to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, a Department of Defense agency that was formed in 2015 to recover prisoners of war and other soldiers who went missing in action during past conflicts. The DPAA is headquartered in Washington, DC, but their two main laboratories are at Offutt Air Force Base in Sarpy County. The agency also maintains a lab at Joint Base Pearl Harbor.

The DPAA uses technologies that weren't available in 1941 to identify our fallen heroes. At the recovery site, anthropologists lead excavations that can last as long as 60 days and cover areas larger than a football field. Excavators screen the soil inch by inch, looking for any remains to bring to their labs in Nebraska or Hawaii.

Back in the lab, another team of scientists, including a forensic anthropologist and the agency medical examiner, analyzes what they've found. The scientists use several techniques to identify remains, but rely on DNA evidence in about three-quarters of cases.

Altogether, more than 30 highly trained scientists make the DPAA the largest skeletal identification laboratory in the world. Their work gives closure to families who were previously unable to give their loved ones the proper burial they deserved.

In 2018, I was proud to author a bipartisan amendment that gave the DPAA a further \$10 million in fund-

ing. It passed Congress later that year.

Charles Alan Jones' and Louis Tushla's remains will soon be reunited with their families thanks to the incredible people at the DPAA. 79 years after the events of Pearl Harbor, we should take a moment to be thankful for all they've done.

We should be thankful, too, for Ed Guthrie, Nebraska's last living veteran of Pearl Harbor. He was reading a comic book on the deck of the USS Whitney when the raid started. He was just 23 years old at the time. He turned 102 this year.

According to the Omaha World-Herald, Guthrie spent the days after the attack helping recover bodies from the water in the harbor. By making sure they made it home for a proper burial, Ed brought closure to their families, just as the DPAA does today.

As we mark the 79th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, I encourage all Nebraskans to reflect on Nebraska's legacy of service - on the brave men like Ed who demonstrated the best of our nation in her darkest hour. We should also remember the remarkable work happening right in our state to identify American heroes so they can be honored properly.

In a year of loss, crisis, and chaos, it's people and stories like these that remind us of who we are and what makes our country great.

Graphic Gleanings

In 2000 . . . Members of the West Holt FCCLA who attended a National Leadership Training Conference in Minnesota were: Sarah Schaaf, Ashley Schaaf, Danielle Adair, Melanie Simons, Kristen Olberding, Jacqueline Anson, Jenna Lieswald, Melissa LaRue, Gina Kilmurry, Makala Dostal, Jennifer Vogel, Shannon Corkle, Amy Holtgrew, Angie Friedel and their advisor Mrs. Pat Madsen.

Ribbon cuttings were held by the Atkinson Chamber of Commerce for Atkinson Chiropractic and Osborne Lube Express.

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her 100's, one Antelope County female in her 70's, and one Antelope County male in his 70's.

NCDHD has announced 104 new recoveries in the various counties. They include: 18 in Antelope; 3 in Boyd; 3 in Brown; 4 in Cherry; 42 in Holt; 0 in Keya Paha; 20 in Knox; 8 in Pierce; and 6 in Rock.

On Monday, December 7, 2020 NCDHD was made aware of 135 cases in the district since the last reporting on December 3. They include in the various counties: 16 in Antelope; 2 in Boyd; 18 in Brown; 14 in Cherry; 24 in Holt; 4 in Keya Paha; 34 in Knox; 15 in Pierce; and 8 in Rock.

NCDHD has been notified of a Knox County man in his 90's who died from COVID-19.

Case count update as of December 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.: 3,075 Total Cases (TC), 1,165 Recoveries (R), 41 Deaths (D), and 503 total cases reported in the last 14 days.

A reminder that Total Case (TC) numbers are represented first, and of those total cases the number of Recovered (R) persons is represented second, and total case related Deaths (D) is represented third.

Antelope: TC: 417, R: 154, D: 4
Boyd: TC: 146, R: 49; D: 2
Brown: TC 217, R: 76; D: 3
Cherry: TC: 326, R: 107, D: 5
Holt: TC: 618, R: 251, D: 10
Keya Paha: TC: 28, R: 6
Knox: TC: 657, R: 285, D: 3
Pierce: TC: 545, R: 159, D: 13
Rock: TC: 121, R: 78, D: 1

News from the State Patrol

Registered Sex Offender Bryce Robert Matson reported on December 4, 2020 that he is no longer living at 1003 East Hynes Apt 14 in O'Neill.

Matson reported on December 4, 2020 that he is now living at 414 US Hwy. 20 #12 in O'Neill.

Matson's date of birth is August 6, 1996. His height is 6 foot. He weighs 250 pounds, has brown hair and blue eyes.

His registration duration is 15 years for the crime of 3rd Degree Sexual Assault M1. The victim of the crime was an adult. Matson was convicted on April 8, 2019 in District Court in Holt County.

For more information about Bryce Robert Matson visit the Nebraska Sex Offender site at sor.nebraska.gov.

Local law enforcement is aware of this information.

402-925-5411

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT
Atkinson-Stuart Country Club
Clubhouse & Course Hours vary with weather conditions.
❖ **Saturday, December 12 - NU vs. Minnesota at 11:00 a.m.**

Check out calendar at: AtkinsonStuartCountryClub.com

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Friends and Family

Obituaries

Johanna E. Faler, 79

A funeral service for Johanna “Hanna” E. Faler, age 79 of Lane Hagerstown, Maryland was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Atkinson, Neb. Father Joseph Sund officiated.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, December 1 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service at Seger Funeral in Atkinson.

Burial was in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at Atkinson. Pallbearers were Ryan Olson, Blaine Fix, Rylan Olson, Jessie Freeman, Lyndsay Freeman, and Jim Freeman.

Johanna “Hanna” Eleanor Wagner was born in Munich, Germany, on August 21, 1941, and died in her home on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, after a long battle with cancer.

She was the second of three daughters born to Georg Rehm and Johanna Wagner.

It was in Munich where she married Richard M. Baker on December 23, 1960, while he was stationed there with the U.S. Army, Medical Corps, Second Field Hospital. They were the proud parents of four daughters, Mona, Jacqueline, Angelique, and Julie.

Her introduction to the United States and Atkinson began as a new bride in April 1963. The couple returned to Germany with the U.S. Army later that year.

Throughout the many tours as an Army bride, she moved her family from coast-to-coast, overseas, and back again setting up households in many locations, including Washington State, Kentucky, Nebraska, Virginia, and several locations throughout Germany, before finally settling in Omaha upon his retirement.

She moved back to Germany in 1990 to be with her ailing mother following her divorce. She returned to Nebraska in 2003.

On April 9, 2009, she married Carleton Faler in Tennessee. He was from Hagerstown, Maryland where they lived together until his passing on May 10, 2020. While in Maryland, she was fortunate to live near, and spend lots of time with, her childhood friend from Germany, Hilde Rogers.

An accomplished creative, she could always be found knitting, sewing, cooking, and more. She was also an avid reader (in two languages, no less).

Very proud of her German heritage, she was always willing to share her culture and experiences with family and friends far and wide. She was often very active within the German-American communities wherever she lived. Upon her death, she managed to live in Germany for collectively almost half her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents Georg Rehm and Johanna Wagner Salnikow; her husband Carleton Faler; her sisters Vera Brau and Kristina Wagner; her brother Peter Salnikow; and her granddaughter Brittany Halterman.

Johanna “Hanna” E. Faler is survived by her daughters Mona (George) Milbourn of Papillion, Jacqueline (Tyree) Wilde or Vancouver, Wash., Angelique Gray of Iowa, and Julie (Roger) Hedges of Portland, Ore.; her grandchildren Jessica Milbourn (Lyndsay) Roberson, Emily Gray (Michael), Emily Hedges, Danielle Milbourn, and James Milbourn; great-grandchildren Madison O’Brien, Reilly O’Brien, Brantley Milbourn, and Jack Osborn; sisters Inge Pudel, Emilie Fermanek, and Rita Weinberger, all of Germany; dear friends Vicky Harrell, Caroline Freeman, and Hilde Rogers; and her former-husband Richard Baker.

Seger Funeral Home of Atkinson was in charge of arrangements.

Carlos “Charlie” Trujillo, 79

A memorial service for Carlos “Charlie” Trujillo, age 79, of Stuart, Neb. will be held on Friday, December 11, 2020 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stuart. Father James Weeder will officiate.

Music will be by soloist John Madsen and organist Deb Kaup.

Visitation will be held on Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until the service time at the church.

Military rites will be by the Stuart American Legion in front of the church directly following the service.

The urn bearer will be Jay Addison.

Carlos “Charlie” was born on December 30, 1940 in Benson, Ariz. to Juan Trujillo and Enedina Castillo and died on Friday, November 20, 2020, at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk.

He was the youngest of ten children.

He was proud of his service in the United States Air Force, in which he served from March 26, 1962 to May 16, 1963, but was prouder still that all three of his children served their country in the United States Navy.

On October 30, 1965 he married Margaret Vitt. This union was blessed with three children, Fred, Enedina (Dina), and Matthew.

Family was the most important thing in his life. Although his work in the telecommunications industry took him all over the country and often kept him away from home, he was always sure to be present for important events, holidays, and family gatherings. He doted on his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was known far and wide to many as “Uncle Charlie”, whether related or not.

He was a very generous man, always giving of his time and talents. Many in the communities where he lived can attest to that. Whether supporting the local athletic teams, donating to fund raisers, purchasing bats, balls, gloves, or shoes for the local ball teams, or just giving a helping hand to whomever needed it, he was always happy to help in any way he could, never expecting anything in return. His family said the joy he brought to others was his repayment.

He was also a tremendously talented artist and musician. He sketched, drew, took pictures, and had a deft hand for oil painting. He also played the upright bass in a band as a youth and enjoyed a good jam session whenever the occasion would arise.

In addition, he was passionate about woodworking. Many of his family, friends, and acquaintances have hand crafted wood pens to remember him by.

Baseball played a tremendous role in his life from playing the game as a boy and into adulthood. He served as coach and mentor to his children and many others. He served as the president of the Little League in Show Low, Ariz. and umpired countless games well into his 70’s. Most recently, he took great joy in watching his beloved Dodgers win the World Series.

He was preceded in death by his parents Juan and Enedina; his wife Margaret; siblings Delia, Ramona, Fred, Armando, Jose and Teresita.

Carlos “Charlie” Trujillo is survived by his siblings Amelia Saenz of Benson, Ariz.; John of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; and Robert of Tucson, Ariz.; children Fred and wife Hope of Grovetown, Georg., Dina and husband Michael Bock of Stuart, and Matthew of Stuart; grandchildren Ashley and husband Christopher Swanson of Wisner, Paige and husband Brandon Busby of Grovetown, Georg., Makenna and Vitt Trujillo of Grovetown, Georg., and Charles and Charlene Bock of Stuart; great-grandchildren Lilliana, Rozlyn, and John Busby of Grovetown, Georg.; and many special nieces and nephews.

Seger Funeral Home of Atkinson is in charge of arrangements.

William “Bill” W. Howard, 78

A funeral service for the immediate family of William “Bill” Walter Howard, age 78, of Hiawatha, Kan. was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate his life.

An open house for the community was at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The service is able to be viewed at: <https://fbchi-awatha.org/media/608654-2980783-2787581/grandpas-party>

William “Bill” Walter Howard was born July 10, 1942 to William and Charlotte Howard and died at his home on November 19, 2020 after a battle with lung cancer.

Growing up west of Hiawatha on the family farm provided a work ethic and life skills he always carried with him. He took seriously his job of looking out for his younger brother Donnie. As time went on, Donnie got the chance to do the same for him.

Three days after his 18th birthday he registered and joined the U.S. National Guard. After three months, he returned home to support the family farm due to the sudden loss of his father. He continued farming most of his life.

In 1976 he found himself with repeated reasons to visit the Brown County Animal Clinic so he could spend more time with the new Vet Tech in town. Three months after meeting, he asked Bonnie Garwood to marry him. They were married in Atkinson, Neb. and celebrated at the Garwood Ranch on August 7, 1976.

Tractor time was spent practicing auctioning, leading to the development of Howard Auction Service. However, on Saturdays he was more than just an auctioneer. He became an entertainer. With a spark in his blue eyes, a mischievous grin, and the ability to make an entire crowd laugh with his witty remarks, he loved the challenge of selling new things to old friends and old things to new friends, serving families, and working with his wife and an auction crew for over 35 years.

In time he began selling all kinds of real estate with King Reality. He thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of wearing a suit, serving Janice’s cinnamon rolls and selling farmland.

His biggest joy arrived in 1979 - his daughter, Belinda. Together they conquered any obstacle as a team. You could find them disguised in Halloween Parades, bantering at an auction to provide an extra smile or sharing a look that told 1000 stories. When she married Janvier in 2015, he gained a son, of whom he became so proud of.

In 2016, he stepped into his favorite role of all as “Grandpa” to Zander William. Ezekiel (Zeke-o as Grandpa called him) joined the team in 2017. They became his pride and joy and he was quick to share a story about them to anyone who would listen. Azalee joined the family on October 7, 2020 and Grandpa was grateful to welcome her home and spent several hours rocking his favorite granddaughter.

He was full of ambition and also had no desire to travel beyond the Fairview city limits. His love of his family landed him a passport and he found himself exploring more parts of the world than he ever imagined or needed. He was always ready to return home and get back to work. He claimed he had two careers he “dearly loved” which were farming and Howard Auction Service.

However he had many more side gigs. He spent several years driving semi-trucks for King Trucking and moving furniture for Rieger Van Lines. He spent over 10 years of Thursday nights working at the Hiawatha Sale Barn and endless days flipping Junk into Merchandise. He had a deep gift for seeing potential.

He was always on the lookout for how to share his knack of hospitality. He didn’t know a stranger and was known to share an outrageous story or joke with anyone he met. He was a dreamer and always ideating new ways of doing things.

He had a steel-vault memory, an incredible green thumb for a thriving garden and he made a mean batch of no-bake cookies. He loved animals and collecting collectibles. He was quick to acknowledge “the Good Lord” was always looking after us.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

William “Bill” Walter Howard is survived by his wife Bonnie; daughter Belinda (Janvier) Bassene; grandchildren Zander, Zeke and Azalee; siblings Don (Mary) Howard, Sharon (Steve) Thompson, Linda Garwood, Dennis (Sandra) Garwood, Diane (Warren) Hull, Arden (Lynn) Garwood and Trudie (Alan) Van Horn; many nieces and nephews; and his mother-in-law Maxine Garwood.

Special thoughts or a story may be shared with the family at: www.chapel-of-funerals.com

Maxine Hamilton, 89

A funeral service for Maxine Hamilton, age 89, of O’Neill, Neb. was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at Biglin’s Mortuary in O’Neill. Father Bernard Starman officiated.

Visitation was held for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Burial was in the O’Neill Cemetery.

Lois Maxine Jones was born on February 17, 1931 in Atkinson, to Lester and Erma (Smith) Jones and died on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the Plainview Manor in Plainview.

She graduated from Atkinson High School in 1949.

She loved to go to dances, and she met Claude “Todd” Hamilton one night on the dance floor. They were married on March 3, 1950 in O’Neill.

The couple made their home in O’Neill for a couple years before moving to Stuart. They lived in Stuart from 1953 to 1970. They then returned to O’Neill and ran Mac’s Bar. In 1974, they then moved to Atkinson and ran Todd’s Bar.

She always enjoyed working alongside her husband. The couple sold the bar in 1989 and moved back to O’Neill. She worked for ALCO for almost 10 more years.

She was a talented quilter and seamstress. She liked to read and do word puzzles and in later years, watch the wildlife out her window. She especially liked to spend time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lester and Erma Jones; her husband Todd Hamilton in 2012; three sons Roger Hamilton, John Hamilton, and Robert Hamilton; two sisters Mary Jareske, and Linda Lange; and two infant brothers.

Maxine Hamilton is survived by her four children Steven (Charlotte) Hamilton of O’Neill, Sandra (Dale Kleinschmidt) of Norfolk, Bonnie (Kent) Will of Bradshaw, and Shelly Brockman of Norfolk; one grandson Jason (Desiree) Hamilton; three great-grandchildren Mercedes Hamilton, Dominic Hamilton, and Myles Hamilton; two great-great-grandchildren Brianna and Sophia Davidson; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to the family for future designation.

Biglin’s Mortuary of O’Neill was in charge of arrangements.



Sunshine Girls find disappointment . . .

Not to be left out of the hunting season, the Sunshine Girls were out last week looking for safari bears to photograph. One disappointment after another led the girls to bring their own grizzly to shoot. Karen LeMunyan donated funds to help pay for the animal cookies which were handed out to those they visited. Pictured are Patti Skrdla, Diane Alden and Sandy Schrunck. *Photo by Lorraine Lieswald*

News from the Atkinson Senior Center

By Mickey Braun,
Volunteer Manager

It is the last month of 2020 and we will all remember what a different year this has been. We certainly hope the new year will bring with it some changes so things can get back to being somewhat normal. Being able to see family and friends would be great.

The home delivered meal numbers are about the same each month. Also the curb side meal numbers are increasing which is good. We appreciate all who call for a meal. It is all these meals that help the Center with the expenses. As everyone knows the food costs and utilities do not get any

cheaper.

We have received some donations to go toward the commercial refrigerator we are needing to purchase. The donations are very much appreciated. We still have a ways to go to meet the goal.

We have some Christmas items on display in the front windows as well as some puzzles. These items can all be purchased by calling the Center to let us know what you would like.

We are hoping everyone is staying healthy and wearing your masks. No one can come into the Center without a mask on. We know Christmas will be much different this year for all of us. This is certainly a year we will all remember.

Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce Proceedings

The Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce met on November 12, 2020 at the Sandhills Guest House Motel. Pam Winer opened the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Business Represented - KBRX, Tri-County Bank, Atkinson-Stuart Country Club, Great Western Bank, First Stop, Sandhills Wellness, Atkinson Community Thrift Shop, Sandhills Guest House Motel.

The minutes of the September and October meetings were reviewed. A motion to approve both sets of minutes was made by Doug Kubik and seconded by Mike Lorenzen. All ayes. Motion carried.

The treasurer’s report contained the information from both September and October. The balance brought forward on August 31st was \$6,292.69. Receipts for September equaled \$4,467.16 and expenditures equaled \$5,091.26. For October receipts equaled \$150.05 and expenditures equaled \$72.00. This leaves a balance on hand effective October 31st of \$5,746.64. A motion to approve these reports as presented was made by Mike Lorenzen and seconded by Shirley Cobb. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence - None to report

OLD BUSINESS

City Brochures: Additions to the brochure were as follows: Stockman’s Café would be added under Restaurants, and JuJu Bean Coffee would be added under Carry-out. With these corrections being made, a motion was made by Amanda Sindelar to order 250 brochures at a cost of \$236.00. This motion was seconded by Doug

Kubik. All ayes. Motion carried.

Atkinson Clothing: Nothing to report at this time.

Place of sale of Atkinson Bucks: A motion was made by Shirley Cobb and seconded by Brenna Schaaf to have Viaoero Wireless continue to sell Atkinson Bucks. All ayes. Motion carried. Lou Ann will make signs to place around town so people are aware.

NEW BUSINESS

Atkinson Bucks Christmas Promotion: The drawings will take place on Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, Dec. 14th, and Dec. 21st. The locations will be Something Special By Marilyn, Braun’s Food Center, First Stop, and Sandhills Wellness. As in the past, the drawing will be aired on KBRX at 2:30 p.m.

Santa Sacks: 400 sacks will be made. The Fire Department will be contacted to see how they wish to hand out the sacks. It is thought at this time that popcorn balls will be made using precautionary measures. Tri-County Bank will assemble the sacks at 6:00 p.m. with the popcorn balls being made later in the evening.

Midwest Travel has been in contact with the Chamber to advertise in their magazine. It was decided that the expense was too great at this time.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10 at 12:00 Noon at the Atkinson City office building. KBRX will host with First Stop providing the lunch.

*LA Tooker,
Secretary/Treasurer*



West Holt HUSKIES



JV and Varsity Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball vs. Ainsworth
Friday, December 11
Beginning at 4:45 p.m.

Only select household members will be allowed to attend.
All others are encouraged to watch Main Gym activities which will be live streamed on the “West Holt Husky Vision” YouTube channel.

Phase II Annual Reports Due December 31 for Growers in Both Phase II and Phase III Areas

The deadline for the 2020 Phase II Annual Reports is December 31, 2020. If you operate in a Phase II or Phase III area you are required to submit a Phase II report for each field larger than 40 acres with more than 50 pounds per acre of actual nitrogen applied.

Annual Reports (for those in Phase II and Phase III areas) and Nitrogen Certification are required by our Groundwater Management Plan Rules and Regulations and are necessary to maintain compliance. For more information on Phase II Annual Reports; Nitrogen Certification; Phase II forms; or, to submit your Phase II reports on-line visit the UENRD website at <https://www.uenrd.org/> or contact the UENRD office at 402-336-3867.

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Husky boys open hoop season at home

By Coach Todd Hale

The basketball season for the West Holt boys started with a first practice on November 16 with 14 boys joining the team.



The Huskies have one returning starter, Aaron Kraus, who is unfortunately starting his season rehabbing a high ankle sprain. We hope his rehab is completely successful and quick.

Tyler Larby also is rehabbing a knee injury from this summer. We hate that he missed football and now basketball of his senior year.

Levi Curtis is also on the injured reserve while he rehabs a knee injury from football. We hope his sophomore season will get back on track quickly.

Stuart JV girls' team starts 2-0

By Coach Colin Schurman

The Lady Broncos Junior Varsity girls' basketball team started the year 2-0 b beating Niobrara-Verdigre 31-22 and beating Central Valley 26-15.

Against Niobrara-Verdigre, the Lady Broncos had a strong fourth quarter outscoring the Lady Cougars 13-2.

Emma Alder led the way with nine points. Lacey Paxton had seven points and four steals and Grace Alder chipped in with four points.

CENTRAL VALLEY GAME
Against Central Valley, the Lady Broncos used a shut out in the third quarter to pull away from the Lady Cougars. The Lady Broncos outscored the Lady Cougars 9-0.

Chiana Tubbs had seven points and four rebounds to lead the way. Kati Kaup and Sarah Wallinger each chipped in with five points. Emma Alder had three points and Grace Alder had two points.

Paxton among students creating

Students in the Hawks Mfg. Club at Northeast Community College have modernized a board game whose roots can be traced back to 3,000 B.C. Club members have used equipment in the program's lab in the College's Applied Technology building to create stylish pieces made out of aluminum and acrylic boards for the game of checkers.

Machining and Manufacturing Automation Instructor Steve Wagner said while the concept seems simple, there is much thought that goes into producing each game piece and boards.

"There are about 75 parts that all had to go through that process," Wagner said. "The students do all of the machining; it's on their time, not curriculum time. So, it's over and above what they do in the lab and classroom."

Wyatt Paxton of Stuart was one of the students who worked on the checkerboard project. Other students are Garrett Bloom, Norfolk; Riley Peterson, Broken Bow; Sara Podliska, Norfolk; Dylan Trew, Kearney; Robert Wattermann, treasurer of the Hawks Mfg. Club, West Point; Troy White, president of the Hawks Mfg. Club, West Point; and Jacob Ziegenbein, Plainview.

"It's very attractive and it's very unique," Wagner said. "I have one on my table at home that I purchased from the club and it's a fun little centerpiece to show off and talk about."

To learn more about the project, contact Wagner at stevew@north-east.edu or call (402) 844-7223.

Extension Calendar

December 15 - Private Pesticide Training; Pre-registration required; 10:00 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Holt County Courthouse Annex, O'Neill

December 24 to December 28 - Holt and Boyd County Extension Offices Closed

January 1 - Holt and Boyd County Extension Offices Closed

January 1 - Holt County 4-H Shooting Sports Enrollment Due on ne.4honline.com

January 6 - Holt County Extension Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holt County Courthouse Annex

January 9 and January 10 - Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop, Lincoln

January 23 - Holt County 4-H Quilt of Valor Workshop Day 1, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., FCC Solid Rock Building

January 28 - Private Pesticide Training; Pre-registration required; 1:30 p.m. Holt County Courthouse Annex, O'Neill

So, dealing with adversity in a game should be no problem for this team that has already had injury adversity before the season started. The 12 guys that have been able to practice have been working to adjust and find our groove.

This year's other seniors are Joe Albrecht, Rumen Rentschler and Cameron Adkisson who started on Friday night along with juniors, Ja-keem Brown and Nate Wallinger. None of these guys had started a varsity game and they did just what we wanted, played really hard.

Sophomores, Tyler Jelinek and Ian Larson added to our attack coming off the bench. We played solid defense and hit enough shots to keep the game close. We rebounded well against a taller Creighton team. A few more shots fall and we win. We will have to hit more than two of 18 from the 3-point line to make things work.

We were also -4 in turnovers which

resulted in being -5 in points off turnovers. This should get better as we get more comfortable with some new offensive sets we've added.

SCORING BY QUARTERS
West Holt — 13 - 8 - 10 - 11 = 42
Creighton — 10 - 12 - 14 - 12 = 48

JUNIOR VARSITY GAME
In the JV game, scoring was less of a problem. With the small number of players we could only play three quarters to comply with quarter limitations.

Tyler Jelinek and Ian Larson were joined by fellow sophomores, Weston Mathis and Bryce Steinkraus and freshmen, Caeden Lech, Ian Laetsch and Julio Mora Gallardo to earn a 48-16 win over the Creighton JV.

The young guys played with great effort which set the tone for the rest of the team Friday.

"I'd commend the whole team on taking good shots and playing a brand of defense that we wanted to see."

Lady Huskies take to the court

By Coach Riley Bonifas

The West Holt Lady Huskies were defeated by the Creighton Bulldogs in an exciting game on Friday night final score 36 to 37 in their first home match of the season.

The Huskies had a slight advantage in the first half as the first quarter ended with the Huskies up 12 to 7.

The Huskies then ran out to a big lead at the start of the second quarter and led 17 to 7 but hit a scoring drought midway through the second and the Bulldogs were able to score four points in the last 45 seconds to cut the lead to 17 to 14 at halftime.

The Bulldogs then took the lead in

the third quarter, outscoring the Huskies 13 to 9.

The fourth quarter was a back and forth battle but the Bulldogs were able to hang on to a one-point lead in the closing seconds. The Huskies were able to get a shot off in their last possession but were unable to connect, and the Bulldogs walked away with the victory.

The Huskies will be back in action this week Tuesday against Ord, Friday against Ainsworth, and Saturday against Burwell.

SCORING BY QUARTER
West Holt — 12 — 5 — 9 — 10 = 36
Creighton — 7 — 7 — 13 — 10 = 37

Lady Broncos start season 2-0

By Coach Colin Schurman

The Stuart Lady Broncos kicked off the 2020-2021 basketball season last Thursday night up in Niobrara as they took on the Lady Cougars.

After a slow start, the Lady Broncos found themselves down 10 in the first quarter.

From the middle of the second quarter into the third quarter, the Lady Broncos went on an 18-2 run on way to their 54-46 victory.

The Lady Broncos were led by Lexi Schroder who finished with a double-double. Schroder had 25 points, 12 rebounds, seven steals and six assists.

Junior, Cadence Kramer, finished with 13 points and nine rebounds and Taya Schmaderer chipped in with seven points and five assists.

Sydney Estill and Lacey Paxton had five and four points for the Lady Broncos.

CENTRAL VALLEY GAME
The Lady Broncos didn't get much rest as they hosted Central Valley on Friday night.

It took more than four quarters to finish this one as the Lady Broncos had to battle back to force overtime.

The Lady Broncos took advantage of the extra quarter and won the game,

42-40.

Lexi Schroder led the Lady Broncos with 18 points and six rebounds.

Taya Schmaderer and Cadence Kramer each had six points on the night.

Katilynn Kaup hit some key free throws for the Lady Broncos. Kaup finished with three points, which were all free throws.

Lacey Paxton finished with four points and had three steals defensively.

Emma Alder hit a key 3-pointer and Sydney Estill led the defensive side of things with four steals.

The Lady Broncos continue the busy schedule with three games this week. Tuesday at Spalding, at home Friday against Twin Loup, and they travel to Cody on Saturday.



Caleb Davis



Nathaniel Nelson

Husky grapplers begin season in O'Neill

By Coach Randy Schroeder

The West Holt Wrestling squad started the season out by traveling to O'Neill for the O'Neill Wrestling Tournament.

Chamberlain High School of South Dakota won the tournament followed up by O'Neill in second place. The Huskies finished in 9th place.

Braydon Olson placed 4th in the tournament. Olson as a freshman started apprehensive but finished strong showing improvement. With more work on basics, we can turn some of these matches around.

Channing Ogden, Isaac Pistulka, and Caleb Davis were all able to win some matches.

"We are a young team and will have to take a few lumps. All three were one match from medaling. All lost close final matches. With more mat time and hard work in practice we

hope to turn these matches around."

"Nathaniel Nelson, AJ Olson, and Garrett Kaup also wrestled hard but were unable to bring home a medal. We'll have to continue drilling the basics."

113 - Nathaniel Nelson - Lost by pin to Dylan Parks (ON) 2:59; Lost by pin to Dominic Liess (BC) 2:25

120 - Braydon Olson = 4th - Lost by pin to Joseph Yates (ON) 0:41; Lost by pin to Cayden Lamb (Val) 0:45; Lost by pin to Chase Hopkins (Cham) 2:39

138 - Channing Ogden - Lost by pin to Gabe Skustad (Cham) 1:33; Won by pin over AJ Olson (WH) 1:49; Lost by dec. to Ashton Lurz (Val) 9-6

138 - AJ Olson - Lost by pin to Brock Kester (NO) 1:32; Lost by pin to Channing Ogden (WH) 1:49

145 - Caleb Davis - Lost by pin to Jayden Coulter (Pier) 1:04; Won by

pin over Dakota Hoffman (BC) 2:58; Lost by pin to Conner Fowler (Val) 4:03

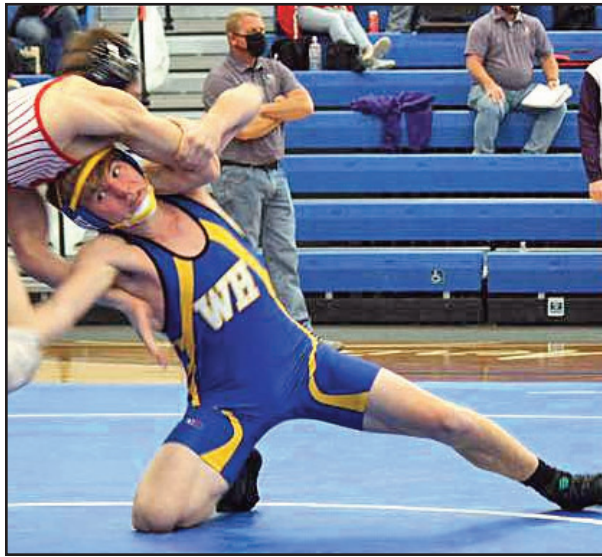
152 - Isaac Pistulka - Won by dec. over Samuel Grape (Boo) 7-5; Lost by pin to Allan Olander (NFC) 2:31; Won by pin over Jacob Henery (NO) 2:04; Won by pin over Aiden Gnat (Pier) 2:42; Lost by pin to Garret Ristau (Cham) 0:30

195 - Garrett Kaup - Lost by pin to Jaden Jones (Pier) 0:29; Lost by pin to Javier Hernandez (NFC) 2:28

The Huskies were to travel to Springview Tuesday for a Quadrangular with North Central, Ainsworth, and Burwell.

Saturday, the Huskies travel to Gregory S. D. for the Gregory/Burke Wrestling Tournament. Wrestling starts at 9:30 a.m.

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Ainsley Galyen and #13 Lily Vogel against Ainsworth



#5 Taylor Walnofer, #30 Morgan Schaaf, #42 Madison Kratz, and #3 Taylor Peek against Burwell.

Junior High Lady Huskies keep busy schedule

By Coach Greg Dostal

The West Holt Junior High girls' basketball teams kept busy last week with three games.

Monday the Huskies traveled to Burwell to take on the Longhorns.

The seventh graders raised their record to 5-0 with a 23-19 win.

Ava Hoffman scored nine points and had nine rebounds.

Monica Chavez had five points followed by Taylor Walnofer and Pavan Larson with four points apiece.

The eighth graders lost 30-24.

Ainsley Galyen led six different Huskies in scoring with seven points.

Makenna Schaaf followed with six points and Abby Davis had four points.

Makenna Schaaf pulled down six rebounds followed by Abby Davis and Avery Nemetz each with five rebounds.

STUART GAME

Tuesday the seventh graders traveled to Stuart. Because of Stuart's low number of players only the seventh graders played.



#14 Ainsley Galyen vs. Ainsworth

The Broncos came out on top 17-14.

Taylor Peek and Taylor Walnofer each had four points followed by Monica Chavez, Ava Hoffman, and Adrianna Mincer each with two points.

Ava Hoffman led the rebounding with four boards. Monica Chavez, Pavan Larson, and Anel Monasterio each pulled down three rebounds.

AINSWORTH GAME

Thursday the Ainsworth Bulldogs came to town and because of low numbers, only an eighth grade game was played. The Huskies took control early and won 54-6.

All six of the players suited up scored. Abby Davis and Makenna Schaaf both were in double figures with 16 and 13 points respectively.

Others scoring were Kim Wettlaufer and Ainsley Galyen each with nine, Avery Nemetz with five and Lily Vogel with two points.

"The girls continue to work hard in practice and show improvement in each and every game. With two weeks left in the season, we hope we can play all five of our scheduled games."



Tool for families: EAT Family Style

Dr. Dipti Dev and a team of Nebraska Extension Educators from the University of Nebraska have launched a new website: EAT Family Style @ Home! The site is now live and houses fun, easy-to-follow videos and resources for parents and families—helping everyone create memorable mealtimes.

Currently, families are spending more time at home and creating healthy mealtime environments has never been more important. There are many benefits of family meals; they include the development of positive eating habits, creation of stronger parent-child bonds, and better school performance.

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• On Dec. 23, 1620, one week after the Mayflower arrived at Plymouth harbor in present-day Massachusetts, construction of the first permanent European settlement in New England begins. The term "Pilgrim" was derived from a manuscript in which Gov. Bradford spoke of the "saints" who traveled to the New World as "pilgrims."

• On Dec. 22, 1808, Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Op. 67 made its world premiere. The Fifth Symphony is instantly recognizable by its powerful four-note opening motif — three short Gs followed by a long E-flat.

Extension Calendar

January 31 - DUE: End of Year Treasurer Report and Financial Plan Report in County Office

February 2 - Private Pesticide Training; Pre-registration required; 1:30 p.m.; Lutheran Church, Ainsworth

February 3 - Private Pesticide Training; Pre-registration required; 1:30 p.m.; Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Spencer

February 6 - Holt County 4-H Quilt of Valor Workshop Day 2, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., FCC Solid Rock Building

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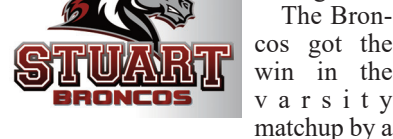
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Broncos take to the hard court in season openers

Submitted by Sandy Miller

Steals

The Stuart Broncos began their boys' basketball season on Thursday, December 3 as they traveled to Niobrara to take on Niobrara-Verdigre.



The Broncos got the win in the v a r s i t y matchup by a

score of 58-37.

"I thought as the game went on we go stronger and played with more confidence. We had a couple of nice little runs that our defense and press created which widened the gap. Our teams seem to be more comfortable in our system it shows in the tempo that we are starting to play with."

SCORING BY QUARTERS

Stuart — 10 - 16 - 24 - 8 = 58

N-V — 8 - 6 - 12 - 11 = 37

Leading Scorers

Wade Paxton	19
Haden Kaup	12
Ryan Steinhauser	8
Jett Kunz	6
Schuyler Mustin	6
Anthony Heiser	5

Rebounders

Ryan Steinhauser	7
Haden Kaup	5

Assists

Jett Kunz	4
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Steals

Wade Paxton	6
Jett Kunz	4
Haden Kaup	4

JUNIOR VARSITY GAME

SCORING BY QUARTERS

Stuart JV — 14 - 15 = 29

N-V JV — 3 - 2 = 5

Leading Scorers

Schuyler Mustin	8
Tyson Stracke	7
Ty Thurlow	5
Kyle Steinhauser	4

Rebounders

Ty Thurlow	6
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Assists

Tyson Stracke	2
Ty Thurlow	6

Tyson Stracke

Ty Thurlow

CENTRAL VALLEY GAMES

On Friday, December 3 Central Valley came to town to take on the Broncos and got the win over the Bronco Varsity team 55-52.

"We basically took ourselves out of the game in the first half by getting down 13 in the first half. We did that by losing their shooters and putting them at the foul line. I was proud of how we responded in the second half and made corrections that were hurting us in the first half."

"Our goal was to cut it to six by the start of the fourth quarter and we had it to four. We had a look at a three at end of game to tie but it didn't fall."

"I really thought we showed character by battling back and giving ourselves a chance to win in the second half."

Stuart — 14 - 9 - 15 - 14 = 52

Central Vall. — 20 - 16 - 6 - 13 = 55

Scorers

Wade Paxton	22
Anthony Heiser	10
Haden Kaup	9
Ryan Steinhauser	7

Rebounders

Haden Kaup	8
Jett Kunz	7
Ryan Steinhauser	6

Steals

Wade Paxton	2
Jett Kunz	2
Haden Kaup	2

JUNIOR VARSITY GAME

SCORING BY QUARTERS

Stuart JV — 4 - 13 = 17

Cent. Val. JV — 6 - 9 = 15

Leading Scorers

Schuyler Mustin	8
Tory Thurlow	4
Tyson Stracke	3

Rebounders

Schuyler Mustin	5
Tory Thurlow	3
Ty Thurlow	3

Steals

Schulyer Mustin	3
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Youth Masters of Beef Advocacy learning cohort registration due

Youth aged 14-19 interested in beef are invited to register for a statewide Youth Master of Beef Advocacy Learning Cohort by Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. CST.

The statewide learning cohort will provide tools and resources for being a beef advocate, work as a group to become a strong ambassador for the beef community and gain knowledge about beef and raising cattle from Dec.16 through Jan. 6.

The group will meet initially on Dec. 16 to introduce the program, get to know their cohort and learn more about the beef industry as a whole. Youth will work to complete the Masters of Beef Advocacy program online through National Cattlemen's Beef Association, which has been completed by 15,000 members of the beef community.

The five online lessons address environmental sustainability, beef nutrition, animal welfare and beef safety while taking advocates through the beef lifecycle, from pasture to plate. In addition to completing the five-lesson online program, youth will have the opportunity to continue discussion with their cohort through a series of discussion boards, additional learning

resources and activities to help put what they learn into action. Youth will then attend a virtual celebration webinar on Jan. 6 to mark their completion of the program, learn more about beef in Nebraska and discuss careers in the beef industry.

Register for the Masters of Beef Advocacy Learning Cohort at: https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1S70H6JR0ZGAz8p

Once registered, you will receive login information for Zoom sessions and the program site.

Full Agenda for the learning cohort:

• Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m.: Zoom Program Kickoff

• Dec. 16-Jan. 6: Program will be open and available for students to complete their training. During this time additional information, activities, and discussion prompts will be added to the Microsoft teams page for the cohort to interact with.

• Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m.: Zoom Program Wrap Up

Zoom meetings will be recorded and distributed to those registered if unable to attend the live meeting. For additional questions, contact Brianna Buseman, youth meat extension educator, at brianna.buseman@unl.edu

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Chris & Michelle Tomjack (402-340-7444), 73 Blk Hftrs, (38-AI Bred to Rainfall, calve February 23rd; 35 Bred to LBW Blk Angus bulls, calve March 12th, 40 days)
Ed Kilmurry (402-925-5068), 65 Blk Homeraised 1st Calf Hftrs, (40-AI Bred to Turning Point, calve February 25th; 25 Bred LBW Angus, calve March 10th, 21 days)
Carr Ranch (308-214-0710), 51 Blk 1st Calf Hftrs, 35 - AI Bred to Poss Achievement, calve March 10th; 16 - Bred to LBW Blk Angus, calve March 17th, 45 days
Mark & Terry Smith (Mark-402-649-9751), 45 Red Angus Hftrs, bred Red Angus, calve March 1st, 15 days
Kevin Hild (402-309-5256), 44 Blk 1st Calf Hftrs, (27 AI Bred to Crossbow Calve March 1st, 13 Bred to Sons of Hickok, calve March 11th, 20 days)
V & A Spieker (402-843-8220), 35 Blk Homeraised 1st Calf Hftrs, AI Bred to Angus Bull Turning Point, calve March 10th, 10 days
Ed Peter (402-340-6683), 30 Blk 1st Calf Hftrs, AI Bred to Effective, calve March 1st
Scott & Shirley Keyes (402-336-7704), 27 Bwf/Rwf 1st Calf Hftrs, Bred to Angus/Hereford, calve March 15th, 65 days
Carr Ranch (308-214-0710), 15 Homeraised Red Angus 1st Calf Hftrs, AI Bred to Convoy, calve March 10th
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Roland Osborne (402-340-2702), 460 Complete Dispersion (60 Blk 1st Calf Hftrs, AI Bred to Rainfall Calve March 10th 50 days); 400 Blk Cows (Inc. 50 2nd calvers, 100 3rd & 4th Calvers, 160 5th & 6th calvers) Bred Angus or Char, calve March 10th 70 days
Bred Cows
Hausmann Ranch (Cody-402-358-0892), 132 50 Blk 2nd & 3rd Calvers; 82 Blk Solid & Broken Mouth Cows, bred to Connealy Angus Bulls, calve March 15th, 60 days
Wulf Cattle, 46 Blk/Red Solid Mouth Cows, Bred to Limousine, calve March 30th, 90 days
Dave Laursen (402-336-7891), 40 Blk Running Age Cows, Bred Angus, calve March 10th, 60 days
Gallagher & Schneider (Dan-402-340-1229), 38 Blk Short term Cows, Bred Angus, calve March 15th, 70 days
Kevin & Lisa Schrunk (402-336-7382), 25 Blk/Red Running Age Cows, Bred Blk/Red Angus, calve March 10th, 60 days
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Stewart Hereford (Jay-402-244-5457), 24 Hereford/Hereford Red Angus Running Age Cows, bred to Angus & Hereford bulls, calve February 20th, 60 days
Alan Estes (402-340-1106), 22 Blk/Bwf 4th Calvers, Bred Angus, calve March 10th, 60 days
Borer Cattle Company (Keith-402-843-8528), 9 Blk 3rd Calvers, AI to SAV Resource, calve March 3rd, cleanup with Tbone Angus Bulls for 45 days
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Public Notices

Holt County Board of Supervisors Proceedings

November 30, 2020
O'Neill, Nebraska
The Holt County Board of Supervisors met as a Board of Equalization with all members present. County Assessor Tim Wallinger, County Treasurer Connie Krotter and County Clerk Cathy Pavel were also in attendance. This meeting publicized pursuant to Section 84-1411 R.R.S. 1943. Notice of meeting given in advance thereof by publication in paper as shown by Affidavit of Publication on November 19, 2020 in the Holt County Independent.

Chairman Boshart convened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. with the flag salute.

Motion by Butterfield, 2nd by Paxton, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting as printed. Voting Aye: Paxton, Frahm, Tielke, Treptow, Snyder, Butterfield and Boshart. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Boshart convened a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to receive public comment on the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Application on file for: Building Blocks for Community Enrichment on a 2018 Chevrolet Malibu; O'Neill Assembly of God Church on a 1995 Ford Club Wagon; St. Joseph's Catholic Church on a 2019 Jeep Cherokee. No one appeared to comment.

Motion by Butterfield, 2nd by Paxton, to approve the tax list corrections #20-025 through #20-028 as submitted by the Assessor. Voting Aye: Frahm, Tielke, Treptow, Snyder, Butterfield, Paxton and Boshart. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tielke, 2nd by Frahm, to adjourn from public hearing at 9:37 A.M. and return to regular session. Voting Aye: Tielke, Treptow, Snyder, Butterfield, Paxton, Frahm and Boshart. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tielke, 2nd by Paxton, to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Application on file for: Building Blocks for Community Enrichment on a 2018 Chevrolet Malibu; O'Neill Assembly of God Church on a 1995 Ford Club Wagon; St. Joseph's Catholic Church on a 2019 Jeep Cherokee. Voting Aye: Treptow, Snyder, Butterfield, Paxton, Frahm, Tielke and Boshart. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Boshart adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.
Steve Boshart, Chairman
Cathy Pavel, Clerk

November 30, 2020
O'Neill, Nebraska
The Holt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session as per

adjournment with all members present. This meeting publicized pursuant to Section 84-1411 R.R.S. 1943. Notice of meeting given in advance thereof by publication in paper as shown by Affidavit of Publication on November 19, 2020 in the Holt County Independent.

Chairman Tielke convened the meeting at 9:45 a.m. and informed the public of the location of the Open Meeting Poster.

Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Snyder, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting as printed. Voting Aye: Treptow, Snyder, Butterfield, Boshart, Paxton, Frahm and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed claims on file. Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Paxton, to accept with regrets, the resignation from Connie Krotter as Holt County Treasurer effective January 15, 2021. Voting Aye: Snyder, Butterfield, Boshart, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

9:50 a.m. being the time advertised time was allowed for public comment. No one appeared to comment.

County Attorney Brent Kelly was present to discuss with the Board the issue of trees in the road ditch and a township board possible Open Meeting Law violation.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Butterfield, to void check #20110002 for \$2,849.50 to Advanced Cleaning Services due to an incorrect amount. Voting Aye: Butterfield, Boshart, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Snyder and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Butterfield, 2nd by Boshart, to designate The Atkinson Graphic as the legal newspaper with KBRX as the alternate in case of an emergency and the Holt County website www.co.holtne.us as another method of notice of meetings. Voting Aye: Boshart, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Snyder, Butterfield and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Butterfield, 2nd by Paxton, to approve the County Board Meeting Schedule for 2021 as presented. Voting Aye: Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Snyder, Butterfield, Boshart and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020-37 OF THE HOLT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 details the requirements that must be met in order for the county to qualify for an annual

opened to the attendance of the public. The agenda for the meeting is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Kelly Jelinek, Susan Judge, Nick Konrad, Brian Mlady, and Scott Gotschall. Mike Fredrick was absent. Also present were Paul Pistulka, Tracy Larson, Kevin Young and Kori Stanosek of NASB.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Discussion was held on the strategic planning process for the district. A timeline was created and explanation was given to the two phases of the process.

Moved by Mrs. Judge, seconded by Mr. Jelinek to adjourn the meeting at 8:37a.m. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Fredrick Absent. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Brian Mlady, Secretary

Incentive Payment; and

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent; and

Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Holt County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Supervisor Paxton, who moved its adoption. Supervisor Frahm seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Frahm, Treptow, Snyder, Butterfield, Boshart, Paxton and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

On March 31, 2020 bids were received from the state bid process on 2 new motor graders from NMC Cat with delivery approximately in September 2020. They were delivered the week of November 23, 2020.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Boshart, to accept the lease purchase option plan for a 2020 15A AWD Motor grader for District #2 through Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation

City of Atkinson Proceedings

The city council of the City of Atkinson met in special session at the Community Center on November 23, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Present: Mayor Corkle. Council members: Krysl, Lech, Osborne, Shane. Absent: Dockter, Seger.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting notice, and notice of the meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the council prior to the meeting. Public was informed of the location of the Open Meetings Act poster in the meeting room.

Osborne/Shane to approve the November 2nd minutes. RCV: All Ayes.

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Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Treptow, to accept the lease purchase option plan for a 2020 15A AWD Motor grader for District #5 through Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation with first payment due one year after delivery date. Voting Aye: Snyder, Butterfield, Boshart, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gary Connot Road Superintendent presented his Department Activity Report.

Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Snyder, to approve the following claims. Voting Aye: Butterfield, Boshart, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Snyder and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

General Fund Payroll Total: \$198,905.44

Road Fund Payroll Total: \$139,964.99

Law Enforcement Contract Fund Payroll Total: \$513.87

Payroll Expenses: \$132,797.19
— Internal Revenue, Payroll Tax, 76800.03; Nebraska Department of Revenue, Payroll Tax, 11737.25; Meritain Health, Insurance, 2700.00; Nebraska Child Support Payment, Wage Assignment, 1118.65; William Seretta, Reimburse garnishment deduct, 127.52; Credit Bureau Services, Wage Assignment, 140.96; Ameritas, Retirement, 36268.36; AFLAC, Insurance, 2711.80; Liberty Insurance, Insurance, 424.19; Ameritas Insurance, Insurance, 652.88; Appera, Uniform, 115.55

Road Fund Claim Total: \$717.60
— Michael Hespe, Mileage, 717.60

General Fund Claim Total: \$9,048.78
— Advanced Cleaning Services, Contract Labor, 1424.75; General Election, Poll Workers, 7624.03

Chairman Tielke adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m. until December 16, 2020 at 9:45 a.m.

William J. Tielke, Chairman
Cathy Pavel, Clerk

Extension landlord-tenant cash rent workshops reset as virtual

Nebraska Extension will hold a series of virtual landlord-tenant cash rent workshops in lieu of in-person meetings that were scheduled across the state through February. They will be geared toward current and future landlords and tenants and will cover current trends in cash rental rates and land values, lease provisions, crop and grazing land considerations and current university crop budget information.

The workshops, titled Ag Land Leasing, Budgeting and Management for 2021, will be led by extension land specialists Allan Vyhnaelek, Austin Duerfeldt, Glennis McClure and Jim Jansen, who conduct research and outreach in land management, crop budgets, farm and ranch succession, communication and negotiations. They will address common agricultural landlord and tenant topics, including equitable rental rates, managing and adjusting farmland leases, landlord-tenant communication, pasture leasing and other land management considerations.

Three of the workshops will be intended for audiences in specific regions of the state. A virtual meeting that was previously slated to be held for landlords and tenants in Lancaster County will continue as scheduled.

Following the landlord-tenant workshop on each date, an agricultural budgeting workshop will be held from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Information will be presented on using University of Nebraska-Lincoln crop budgets to calculate cost of production. The new online Agricultural Budget Calcula-

tor program will also be demonstrated. These workshops will be conducted on the same meeting link as the morning session.

Paper copies of the program curriculum will be mailed to participants who provide their address during registration, which should be completed at least one week prior to the workshop to ensure receipt by the time of the workshop.

Workshop schedule:
• Lancaster County (previously scheduled) — Dec. 14: landlord-tenant cash rent workshop, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. CST; crop budgeting workshop, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. CST.

• Panhandle Region — Jan. 7: landlord-tenant cash rent workshop, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. MST; crop budgeting workshop, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. MST.

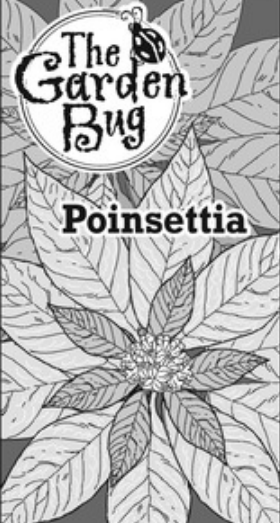
• Central Region — Feb. 4: landlord-tenant cash rent workshop, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. CST; crop budgeting workshop, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. CST.

• Eastern Region — Feb. 25: landlord-tenant cash rent workshop, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. CST; crop budgeting workshop, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. CST.

The workshops are free to attend and will be held via Zoom (except for the Dec. 14 Lancaster County meeting, which will be streamed live on YouTube). Registration is required at farm.unl.edu/manage21, and participants will receive the Zoom link upon registering.

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The family of Gerald "Sprockets" O'Connell would like to thank everyone for the love and support shown to us during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate the cards, food, gifts, flowers, plants, and memorial gifts. Thank you to the pallbearers, honorary pallbearers, the American Legion Post #86, the Legion Riders, Pastor Wayne Owens, and Leo Seger and Darrel Leisy at Seger Funeral Home. Thank you to the combined efforts of the Legion Auxiliary and United Methodist women for providing lunch.

A special thank you goes out to Dr. Ryan Banks, Dr. Mary Villaneuva, Dr. Bryan Neilsen and all the nurses, physical therapists and staff members at Avera St. Anthony's Hospital.

Sprockets will be missed forever, but we know that he will live in the hearts of all who loved him and share our grief at this difficult time.

Bonny O'Connell
Chris & Pam Winer
Perry Winer
Miley Winer
Ashley Belmer

CARD OF THANKS
My thanks to everyone - starting with Kruz Jelinek for answering my call for help - I dream I still hear him calling to his dad to hurry up! Thanks to all the responders. West Holt Hospital staff was so kind. Thanks to those that went on to Faith Regional hospital. It was a long ride in the middle of the night. Thanks Loretta Daniels for going along. We are so fortunate to have such good hospitals and caring people so close. I couldn't have made it this far without the support and help from my family at the hospital and at home. Even rearranging my cupboards so I could reach things and get going again. Thanks for my personal mail lady - sure is nice! A special thanks to "Chef" for the delicious Thanksgiving meal, oh so great! May everyone have a Blessed Holiday Season.
Margaret Henning

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Thank you so much to Jacob Osborne for nominating me for the "Great Gifts of Gratitude" at Great Western Bank in Atkinson. I was extremely grateful for this honor, what a dear neighbor and family friend. Thank you to Great Western Bank for the Beautiful Porch sign and the basket of goodies and certificates. The Sunshine girls and myself are forever grateful. We live in such a caring community and I am so thankful that I live here. God Bless you ALL.
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Estate of
BEATRICE M. SHALD, Deceased
Estate No. PR20-51

Notice is hereby given that on November 19, 2020, in the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that John J. Shald of 89249 468th Ave., Stuart, NE 68780 was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 26, 2021 or be forever barred.

-s- Laura Reynoldson -Seal
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NOTICE OF MEETING
STUART PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Notice is hereby given that a REGULAR meeting of the Stuart Public School Board of Education, Stuart, Nebraska, will be held at 8:00 p.m., on December 14, 2020, at the school. The meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting is available for inspection in the Superintendent's Office.
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NOTICE OF
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OF HOLT COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AND HOLT COUNTY
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given that meetings of the Holt County Board of Supervisors and Holt County Board of Equalization will be held on December 16, 2020 in the County Board Meeting Room of the Holt County Courthouse in O'Neill, Nebraska. The County Board of Equalization meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. The Supervisors meeting will begin at 9:45 a.m. Both meetings are open to the public. Agendas for such meetings are kept continuously current and are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk in the Holt County courthouse, O'Neill, Nebraska.

-s-Cathy Pavel
Holt County Clerk
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NOTICE TO
DOG OWNERS

Atkinson Dog Licenses for 2021 are due now and payable at the Atkinson City Office. Please bring proof of rabies shots when purchasing your license. All dogs are to be licensed and either tied up or fenced in. Any dog running at large will be impounded and disposed of after five (5) days. The owner will be charged a \$20 impound fee plus boarding fees to be paid at the City office. License fees are \$6.25 for a new dog or renewal by January 31st; after January 31st, renewal licenses are \$11.25.

Tim Larby
Chief of Police
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Estate of CARLOS C. TRUJILLO,
DECEASED
Estate No. PR 20-56

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-s-Laura Reynoldson (Seal)
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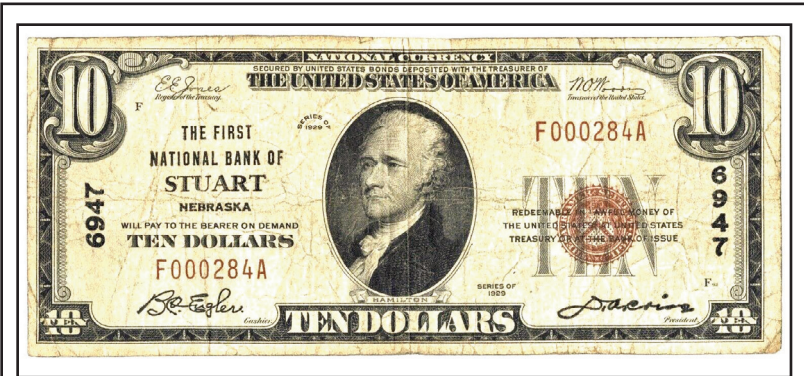
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This bank note was found for sale on Ebay with this description "\$20 1929 Stuart, Nebraska NE National Currency Bank Note Bill."

Master Gardener program goes virtual for next year

Nebraska Extension is accepting applications for its 2021 Master Gardener training program. The 2021 training will take place virtually.

The Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Volunteer program is a horticulture-related volunteer training program based in many counties and has been part of Nebraska Extension since 1976. Volunteers are trained by Nebraska Extension faculty and staff in horticulture, environmental, and landscape-system related topics. It was designed for individuals interested in learning more about gardening and landscape practices, or who have a passion for giving back to the community by sharing science-based horticulture information.

Working through their local Extension office, the trained volunteers use these unique skills, to participate in horticulture and landscape projects within their communities. More specifically, they provide education about sustainable horticultural practices while developing valuable partnerships within the community and leveraging the resources of Nebraska Extension and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Participants are required to complete 40 hours of class training and 40 hours of volunteer service during the initial year of their involvement in the program. The initial training curriculum covers topics such as plant science, botany, insects, weed and wildlife management, pesticide safety, soils, turfgrass, and whole landscape system management.

Volunteers retain their certification through annual training and volunteering. Volunteer tasks may involve answering phones at a county Extension office, giving horticulture presentations to community organizations, assisting 4-H clubs with garden projects, judging horticulture exhibits at county and state fairs, participating in community garden projects, writing a garden column for the local paper and more.

Class times, location, and cost vary across the state but are generally offered February through May. The 2021 trainings will be presented virtually.

Volunteer applicants should be at least 19 years old, with a passion for plants, gardens, and an excitement for learning more about your landscape system. Volunteers need to be willing to commit to the training and volunteer process and meet all requirements for yearly recertification.

For more information about the Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Volunteer program, find a training location coordinator near you, or learn to complete an application form, visit mastergardener.unl.edu.

Now here's a tip!! by JoAnn Derson

Inexpensive gift idea: On the front of an empty photo album or scrapbook, print out and arrange color photos of your recipient in a collage. Glue the photos to the front of the album and cover with a decoupage glaze, like Mod Podge. Let dry and glaze again. You've just made a one-of-a-kind gift!

If you are a re-gifter, always document from whom and in what year you received a gift. Then re-gift it to someone who will have little to no contact with that person. For example, if Aunt Emily from out of town sends you a lovely soap basket that you would never use, you could re-gift it for your office party.

After-Christmas sales are a great time to buy not only gift wrap (look

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For solid colors that you can use all year long), holiday cards and decoration, but also next season's winter wear. Things like scarves and gloves can be great bargains. And even coats can go on sale. Take advantage -- especially if you have kids -- and buy up.

"Recycle in the new year by using wrapping supplies to help store your holiday decorations. The cardboard tube from gift wrap can be cut into smaller pieces, which you can wrap strands of tree or house lights around. Boxes can be put to use to hold ornaments or other decorations, and ribbon and bows that are still in good condition can be tucked away for reuse next year." -- E.F. in Oregon

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Jeff and Andrea Mathis and their children decorate the outside as well as the inside of their home for Christmas.

Mathis family lights up the night

By Lorraine Lieswald,
Atkinson Graphic reporter

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas all over Atkinson and especially down the street where the Jeff and Andrea Mathis family live. Their front yard is ablaze with at least 25 strings of multi-colored Christmas lights which can be seen for blocks in all four directions. "It makes me happy," Andrea Mathis explained, as she described why the family lights up their front yard for the Christmas Season. "And it makes people driving by happy."

Decorating outside for the holidays began 10 years ago when the Mathis' moved into town. "We started with a string of lights and each year we have added some-

thing new and plan to continue doing this," she said. "Jeff strings the lights on the roof and the kids and I decorate the front lawn."

To add to the festiveness of the lights there are three blow-ups - two giant green Christmas trees and a huge snowman. (Blow-ups tend to be short lived with the wind being the number one enemy. For that reason blow-ups are inflated during evening hours only when winds are more normal).

Inside the Mathis home, located two blocks south of the city square, Andrea has decorated eight Christmas trees, and strung garland throughout the house.

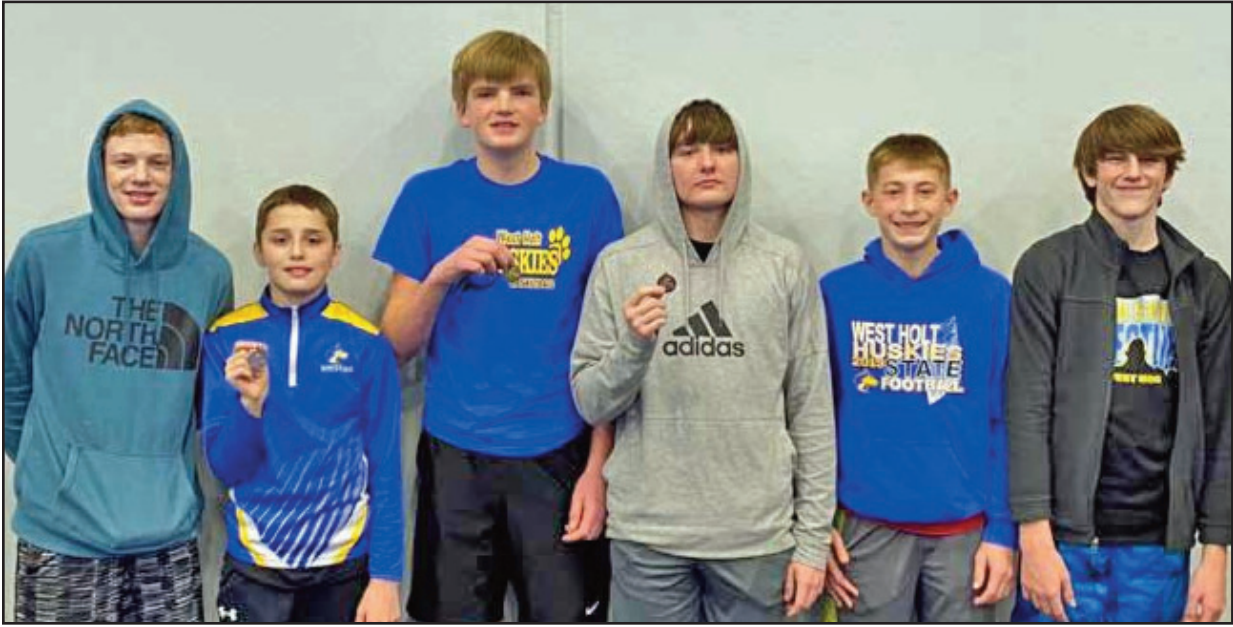
Large and small snowmen in each room create a winter wonderland Christmas scene. The smells of

Christmas permeate the Mathis home. "I just love Christmas!" she explained.

Evidently she's not the only family member feeling that way. Her husband Jeff never complains and is always willing to balance on a ladder to string lights on the roof line of their home while their kids, Weston, Abby, Ryanna and Keagan are always there to help with the decorating.

Decorating for Christmas, a couple of days inside and a few hours outside is a small amount of time to give when "one loves Christmas the way the Mathis family does".

Jeff works at Peterson Farms and Andrea at Subway.



West Holt Junior High wrestlers who wrestled at O'Neill last week were Kruz Jelinek, Lane Keogh, Zach Hooley, Grant Osborne, Drake Nemetz, and Tripp Uecker. Photo courtesy Miechelle Davis

Junior Husky wrestlers compete in O'Neill

By Coach Andy Osborne

The West Holt Junior High wrestlers took to the mats at the O'Neill JH Invite on Friday, December 4.

Lane Keogh and Grant Osborne each placed second.

Zach Hooley placed first.

"We had a lot of physical matches with great competition. Whether we were winning or losing a match, most of them were close until towards the end of the match. Matches that are so close and competitive are exciting to win, but can be hard to accept if you don't. I'm proud of our wrestler for handling themselves well in both situations."

Here are the match results for each wrestler.

Weight Class - 88-96

Lane Keogh placed 2nd and he scored 14.0 team points.

Round 1 - Lane Keogh won by fall over Carter Gruhn (O'Neill) (Fall 0:12)

Round 2 - Ryan Stusse, Jr. (Battle Creek) won by fall over Lane Keogh (Fall 1:04)

Round 3 - Lane Keogh won by fall

over Jekhi Williams (Valentine) (Fall 3:13)

Weight Class - 107-110

Drake Nemetz placed 4th and he scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Corbin Hoefer (Neligh/Oakdale) won by decision over Drake Nemetz (Dec 8-2)

Round 2 - Ethan Kester (Summerland) won by major decision over Drake Nemetz (Maj 8-0)

Round 3 - Ayden Wintz (Battle Creek) won by fall over Drake Nemetz (Fall 0:32)

Weight Class - 123-127

Kruz Jelinek placed 3rd and he scored 9.0 team points.

Round 1 - Morgan Kinney (Ainsworth) won by fall over Kruz Jelinek (Fall 2:29)

Round 2 - Kruz Jelinek won by fall over Turner Heiss (O'Neill) (Fall 2:04)

Round 3 - Aden Pochop (Battle Creek) won by decision over Kruz Jelinek (Dec 2-1)

Weight Class - 127-135

Tripp Uecker placed 4th and he scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Josiah Koenigsberg (Burwell) won by decision over Tripp

Uecker (Dec 7-0)

Round 2 - Sutton Schunk (Valentine) won by decision over Tripp Uecker (Dec 3-1)

Round 3 - Ian Yates (O'Neill) won by major decision over Tripp Uecker (Maj 11-0)

Weight Class - 158-162

Zach Hooley placed 1st and he scored 18.0 team points.

Round 1 - Maddox Hammerlun (O'Neill) won by decision over Zach Hooley (Dec 10-8)

Round 2 - Zach Hooley won by fall over Thayne Taylor (Valentine) (Fall 2:01)

Round 3 - Zach Hooley won by fall over AJ Hobbs (Summerland) (Fall 2:12)

Weight Class - 162-178

Grant Osborne placed 2nd and he scored 12.0 team points.

Round 1 - Jace Rosenkrans (St Mary's) won by decision over Grant Osborne (Dec 6-1)

Round 2 - Grant Osborne won in sudden victory - 1 over Gavin Olson (Battle Creek) (SV-1 7-5)

Round 3 - Grant Osborne won by fall over Jaydrian Parra (Neligh/Oakdale) (Fall 0:50)

Selection and care of Christmas trees

By Amy Timmerman,
Extension Educator

Now that Thanksgiving is behind us and the leftover turkey and pumpkin pie is gone, thoughts turn toward Christmas and finding that perfect tree for the holidays.

What types of Christmas trees are available?

Tree species commonly available at tree farms and commercial lots in Iowa include Scotch pine, white pine, red pine, Fraser fir, balsam fir, Canaan fir, Douglas fir, Concolor fir, white spruce and Colorado spruce.

What factors should be considered when purchasing a Christmas tree for the holidays?

A few decisions should be made before going out to buy a Christmas tree. Decide where you are going to place the tree in the home. Be sure to choose a location away from heat sources, such as a fireplace or radiator. Also, decide on the size (height and width) of the tree you want.

Christmas trees may be purchased from cut-your-own tree farms or as cut trees in commercial lots. A list of tree farms in your area can be found at the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Christmas Tree Growers Directory at https://nda.nebraska.gov/publications/promotion/christmas_trees/trees.html. Carefully check trees at commercial tree lots to ensure the freshness of previously cut trees.

When looking for a tree, select one that has a straight trunk. A tree with a straight trunk will be much easier to set upright in the stand. Check the diameter of the trunk to make sure it will fit in your stand. A tree with a bare side may be fine if you intend to place it in a corner or against a wall.

How can I determine the freshness of a cut Christmas tree?

The freshness of cut Christmas trees can be determined with a few simple tests. Gently run your hand over a branch. The needles on a fresh tree will be pliable. Those on a dry tree will be brittle. Another test is to lift the tree by the trunk and lightly bounce the butt on the ground. Heavy needle drop indicates a dry tree. A

fresh tree will drop only a few needles.

How long can a cut Christmas tree remain in the house?

The length of time a cut Christmas tree can remain in the home is determined by the tree species, the freshness of the tree at purchase, and its

placement and care in the home. In general, a fresh, well-cared-for Christmas tree should be able to remain in the home for three to six weeks. Remove the tree from the house when its needles become dry and brittle.

Should I add any material to the water to prolong the freshness of my Christmas tree?

Do not add anything to the water. Molasses, sugar, soft drinks, aspirin or commercial products provide no real benefit to tree longevity. The keys to keeping a Christmas tree fresh are to place the tree away from any heat source (fireplace, heater, radiator, etc.) and keep the tree reservoir full of water. Check the tree reservoir at least once or twice a day. Fresh trees absorb large quantities of water (especially in the first few days). If the water level drops below the bottom of the trunk, water uptake will be drastically reduced or cease when the reservoir is refilled.

How long would it take to grow my own Christmas tree?

Growing your own tree for Christmas is a long-term commitment. The common evergreen species grown in Iowa often take seven to nine years (on average) before they are harvested as Christmas trees. Christmas tree growers spend considerable amounts of time throughout the growing season in weeding, watering, fertilizing, shearing, managing pests and other types of maintenance practices to grow the best tree possible. Because of the labor and materials involved, it is often more cost effective to purchase a Christmas tree from a local grower than trying to grow your own.

Source: Mark Vitosh - Iowa Department of Natural Resources district forester



Take a drive . . .

One thing you can do during this time of social distancing is take a drive around town to see the many Christmas decorations that have been put up around town.

Photos by Lorraine Lieswald



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