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Katie Schmidt and Megan Guenther serve up a noon meal of spaghetti and breadsticks at Steffen's Service and Convenience Store

## Steffen's Service and Convenience Store owners look back on first year

It's been just over one year since Gary and Megan Guenther assumed ownership of Steffen Service and Convenience Store in Crofton.

The Crofton Journal touched base with Megan to find out what it was like starting as new owners of a business in the unusual Covid-19 pandemic year.

During the interview, the convenience store had more of the atmosphere of a restaurant than a quick shop with local farmers and townspeople stopping in for a noon meal or food to go.

Megan Guenther stated throughout the past year they've always been able to keep their doors open, adding that the one day they were closed was one day in July when she and Gary got married. Snack items like some varieties of candy and chips were sometimes in short supply, and roast beef for sub sandwiches was

also difficult to obtain or high-priced.

In regard to food items, Guenther said she listens to her customers and makes every effort to meet their requests. They serve daily lunch specials Monday through Thursday, along with a variety of sub sandwiches, including prime rib. A new menu item is "chicken cracklins"; deep fried chicken skins "with a little meat." Additions of a toaster oven, soft ice cream machine and more coolers have helped to provide more food and beverage options.

The Guenthers are also in the process of remodeling the kitchen. Their business has even expanded into catering and has served meals for funeral lunches, rescue squad meetings and parties. They recently served a party of twenty people on the premises.

They've been making some gradual improvements over 2020

with electrical work by Arlan Poppe on their lighted signs, a new security system, outdoor tables, and repairing the gas pumps. Future plans involve installing new doors for the shop in order to make use of that work space and comply with fire codes. They also hope to repair the parking area and apply new black top.

The current employees have served Steffen's well in covering the winter operating hours of Monday through Saturday 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. with plans to extend the hours for the summer. Staff includes Katie Schmidt, Carleen Dendinger, Jennifer Aakers and Diane Limoges.

The Guenthers have enjoyed getting to know their customers and are grateful for the support of the Crofton community.

## Commencement set for May 8

The Crofton Community Schools will be holding the 2021 Commencement ceremony this Saturday, May 8 in the Crofton high school gym.

Attendance is open to the public, and masks are required.

The event will begin at 2 p.m.

Those seniors that will be crossing the stage at the ceremony include:

Altwine, Cassie Isabel  
Arens, Connor Jonathan  
Bilka, Wayne Richard  
Bruce, Makayla Xiomara  
Buschkamp, Lauren Michele  
Dahl, Allie Rebecka  
Dather, Calvin Brady  
Dohrman, Matthew Christian  
Einrem, Kaley-Ashton Marie  
Guenther, Makenna Claire  
Haberman, Ethane Martin  
Kleinschmit, Sarah Rosemary

Lange, Jack Matthew  
Phillips, David John  
Poppe, Ryan Lee  
Potts, Gavin William  
Rath, Rachel Ann  
Schieffer, Kelsey LeAnn  
Schieffer, Quinn Rachelle

Schroeder, Kelsey Ann  
Sprakel, Lacey Jo  
Steffen, Abigail Kay  
Steffen, Hope Elizabeth  
Suing, Anastacia Winter Crow  
Tejral, Samuel Alen  
Tindle, Erica Rose  
Tramp, Austin Aelred Edward  
Tramp, Brittany Elizabeth  
Weber, Zachary Thomas Barr  
Zimmerman, Jaden Thomas  
Zuhlke, Colby Loren



## CKPPD contracts for inspection service

Cedar-Knox PPD has contracted Global Utility Services to inspect poles in the rural area north and west of Crofton.

They have white trucks that are marked with their company name, but the 4-wheel-

ers they use are not. Pole testing will begin soon and last approximately 30-60 days.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please contact Cedar-Knox PPD at 402-254-6291.



## Firemen squelch local chimney fire...

The Crofton Fire Department was on the scene of a chimney fire at the Steve Wieseler residence northwest of Crofton on Thursday, April 22 for a total of 3-4 hours. There were no injuries. The fire department cautions people with fireplaces or wood burning stoves to be sure to burn dry wood and clean the chimney periodically.



Registration at a past Tour of Tables, and some of the Assisted Living Association's new leadership (Left to right): Kerri Konechne, Monique Knapp and Helene Hegge

## Crofton Assisted Living group changes direction to assistance

The Crofton Assisted Living Association has been discussing plans for assisting seniors in the Crofton area related to current needs and the research related to necessities of this group of people.

Instead of building new construction (or buildings) for housing seniors of the Crofton area, the team has decided to assist are seniors with physical and mental wellness.

After careful consideration and evaluation of the current situation of assisted living housing facilities in rural Nebraska, the team members are exploring other options. Currently there is a nationwide occupancy rate in nursing facilities of 75 percent, down from 85 percent prior to the coronavirus pandemic. The occupancy rate of assisted living facilities is 77.7 percent, also down from 85 percent prior to the pandemic.

In light of these findings, the group decided their funds would be better spent on adaptations

which would enable seniors to remain in their respective homes as long as possible.

The committee has changed the Articles of Incorporation of their Bylaws to state, "The Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the charitable purpose to promote physical and/or mental well-being for the aged in the Crofton, Nebraska region by any means authorized by the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act and I.R.C. 501 (c) (3). The Corporation will contribute, either directly or indirectly, towards the maintenance of the physical, and if necessary, the mental well-being of the aged population of the Crofton, Nebraska region."

After being positioned at the helm of the Crofton Assisted Living Association since its inception, Allan Arens has resigned as the President of the organization.

At the January 14, 2021 meeting, Helene Hegge was elected as the President and Kathy Jorgensen

was elected as the Vice President. Roseanne Hoebelheinrich continues to serve as the secretary, while Kathy Meink remains the treasurer of the funds and expenses. Other team members are Kerri Konechne, Nancy Johnson, Donna Steffen and Monique Knapp. The group meets as needed every one to two months, and is planning an outdoor meeting at the end of May.

The group has hosted several fundraisers over the years which include the Tour of Tables, a 5K Run/Walk, and a Living History Tour. The next Tour of Tables is being planned for September 25, 2021.

The Crofton Assisted Living Association would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and will keep everyone updated as they move forward in promoting elder health and wellness.

For more information or to be a part of the next meeting, contact Helene Hegge at 402-388-4293.

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Andrew D. Laravie, 65  
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Fever, persistent dry cough, difficulty breathing



WHO TO CALL FOR HELP:

Avera Clinic, Crofton 402-388-2343

## SAFE PRACTICES

Wash hands regularly and thoroughly

Keep a safe social distance or quarantine

Cover your cough or sneeze

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SATURDAY Hi: 54 Lo: 41 Showers
SUNDAY Hi: 54 Lo: 39 AM Showers
MONDAY Hi: 58 Lo: 41 AM Showers
TUESDAY Hi: 58 Lo: 42 Few Showers
WEDNESDAY Hi: 67 Lo: 47 Partly Cloudy

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A phone number is also required to verify the letter prior to publication. (Phone numbers will not be published.)

Send letters to the addresses or e-mail above.

Senior Newsline

BINGO IS BACK!
We had a great group of players on Monday for BINGO. Everyone was excited to be able to get out and socialize again! We will have BINGO every Monday and Friday at 1:00. Cost is \$1 per card. Come join us! We also have free Birthday Bingo the third Wednesday of the month.

We still had more donations come in after our Donation Day last month. Thank you again to all who gave. You are the reason we are able to continue to live our mission!
Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 23! We will be having a drive through picnic pickup fund raiser 11:30-1 (or until we run out of food) at the South City Park. Come on by for a grilled hot dog or a tavern, chips, cookies, and a drink - free will donation. Modern Woodman will be doing a matching fund project for this fundraiser! First come first served, but if you want home delivery, you must order by noon on Friday May 21. If you feel like donating to the cause - we will be needing hotdog buns, hamburger buns, relish, ketchup, mustard, onions, and fresh baked cookies - please give me a call if you are able to donate any of these things 402-388-2365!

According to History.com, the origins of Mother's Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children.

These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

Another precursor to Mother's Day came from the abolitionist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe. In 1870 Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation," a call to action that asked mothers to unite in promoting world peace. In 1873 Howe campaigned for a "Mother's Peace Day" to be celebrated every June 2. Anna Jarvis had originally conceived of Mother's Day as a day of personal celebration between mothers and families. Her version of the day involved wearing a white carnation as a badge and visiting one's mother or attending church services.

Still looking for the perfect gift for mom? Perhaps buy her a meal ticket for the Crofton Senior Center! It's the gift that keeps on giving!

Our meals are served M, T, W, F at noon and TH at 6:00 PM. Please call 2 hours before mealtime to reserve your meal 402-388-2365.
Thur 5/6 6:00 Swedish Meatballs, Parsley Potatoes, Cauliflower, Pineapple Salad, Dessert
Fri 5/7 Mexican Casserole, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Dessert
Mon 5/10 Loaded Baked Potato w/beef/cheese/onions/chili/sour

From the Mayor's Desk

May 4, 2021

I am running into some late hours for this to get to the paper. I am always appreciative that our Crofton Journal Editors and Publishers are so good to me and the city as they try to carry the news, announcements, and important notices to the people.

We are a town of many generations, and those of us who were not raised with a computer, and who hardly know what it means to be "on line" are happy to have the familiar newspaper format, bent in half, or opened wide, as we search each page for the familiar faces or names of our friends and family. We may or may not read the details at that time. But we will surely hear something that sends us to the "paper" to see if it was "in there."

We are blessed also that our "Old School" meets the "New School" when the Journal sends our meeting video to YouTube for all to watch as many times as needed or wanted.

We never have to ask Brook for our Publishing Affidavits that we need to keep in our city records, in

cream/broccoli, Apricots Dessert
Tue 5/11 Philly Beef/Bun, Potato Wedges, Peppers/Onion, Banana, Dessert

Wed 5/12 Breaded Chicken Tenderloin, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, California Blend, Pears, Dessert
Thur 5/13 6:00 Pork Roast, Masted Potato/Gravy, Creamed Peas, Cantaloup, Dessert

ACTIVITIES!
BINGO every Monday and Friday 1:00
Caregiver's Support Group Wednesday May 12, 1:30-3
Board Meeting Tuesday May 18 8:30 a.m.

BIRTHDAY BINGO CELEBRATION
Wednesday May 19, lunch at noon, bingo & cake 1-2
This menu is subject to change. Make it a great week!

Legislative Update

By: Senator Tim Gragert
Nebraska District 40

Governor Ricketts signed the budget bills this past week with no line-item vetoes. He praised the Legislature for passing a budget that limited spending growth and placed an emphasis on increased funding for property tax relief measures.

The Legislature gave first-round approval to LB 64, which addresses the taxation of social security benefits. LB 64 was introduced by Omaha Senator Brett Lindstrom and prioritized by Seward Senator Mark Kolterman. Only 13 states tax social security benefits.

Currently, the social security benefits of individuals with incomes less than \$43,000, and couples with joint incomes of less than \$58,000, are exempt from taxation. Under LB 64 as introduced, the taxation of all social security income would be phased-out over a 5-year period. The committee amendments extended the phase-out period to 10 years. Because the elimination of taxation on social security income would reduce state revenue by more than \$130 million per year when fully implemented, Norfolk Senator Mike Flood offered an amendment that would cap the phase-out provisions at a certain income level in an effort to lessen the fiscal impact.

Under the amendment, which contained the provisions of LB 237, the social security tax exemption would only be available to individuals with a federal adjusted gross income of less than \$80,000 (\$95,000 for those married filing jointly), with individuals making less than \$60,000 (\$75,000 for those married filing jointly) getting a full exemption by the 5th year. Senator Flood withdrew his amendment after a pledge was made to work on an income cap prior to the next stage of debate. The amount of the income cap may be increased, depending on the outcome of the Economic Forecasting Advisory Board meeting on April 29. After this agreement was

made, LB 64 advanced on a 47-0 vote.
LB 364 would adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act. Introduced by Elkhorn Senator Lou Ann Linehan, it would allow individuals and corporate taxpayers to qualify for a non-refundable tax credit equal to the amount the taxpayer contributed to a scholarship-granting organization. Donors can contribute up to 50% of their state income tax liability. The scholarship-granting organization would provide education scholarships to eligible students to attend private schools. Eligible students are defined as those that qualify for free or reduced price lunches. As introduced, the credits would be capped at \$10 million annually.

The Revenue Committee amendments reduced the amount of credits to \$5 million and eliminated the annual increase in the amount. The committee amendments also contained the provisions of LB 531, introduced by Albion Senator Tom Briese. LB 531 creates the Nebraska Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Act. As amended, this program would be capped at \$5 million as well. A taxpayer who makes a qualifying contribution to a child care or early childhood program may apply for a nonrefundable income tax credit equal to either 50% or 75% of the contribution made, not to exceed \$100,000. The credit would be available for the next 5 years.

Those in support of LB 364 pleaded that all parents, regardless of their income, should be able to choose between a public and private school, based on what is in the best interest of their children. Opponents argued that state funding should not be directed to private schools and were concerned that private schools don't accept all students, including those with special needs.

After 8 hours of debate, a cloture motion was offered by Senator Linehan. A cloture motion requires 33 votes to end debate and allow for a vote on the advancement of the bill. However, the motion for closure fell 4 votes short, meaning that the bill will not be debated again this year.

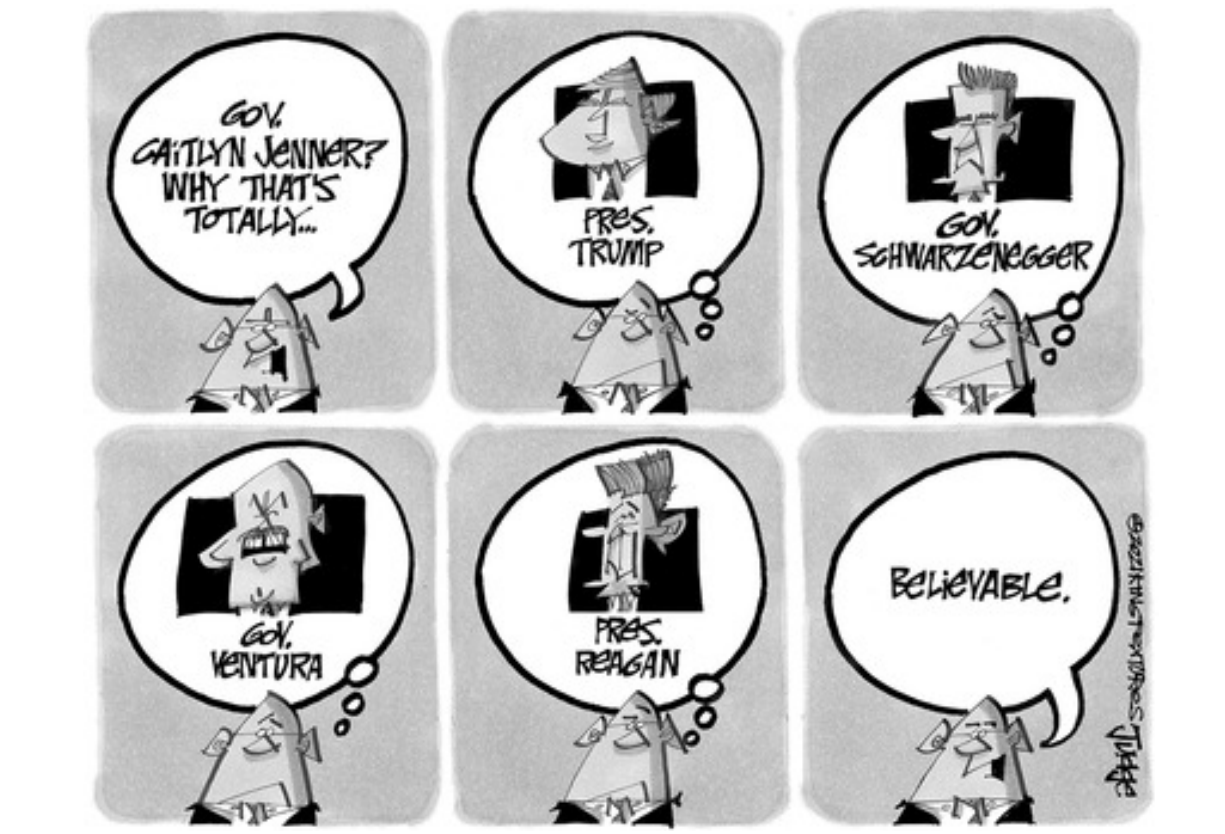
LB 388, which was introduced at the request of the Governor, would adopt the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act. The Act provides \$20 million in grants annually to increase access to high speed broadband across the state. LB 388 received first-round approval this past week on a 44-0 vote.

I was excited that LB 406 received first-round approval on April 29 with a 42-2 vote. Norfolk Senator Mike Flood and I worked on an amendment to LB 406 to appropriate funding for a consultant to study economic development in Northern Knox County. The study will look at recreational and tourism opportunities and what public investment is necessary to enhance economic development in the area.

As the Legislature enters the last few weeks of this legislative session, I encourage you to contact me with your thoughts on the issues before us. I can be reached at District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509. My email address is tgragert@leg.ne.gov and my telephone number is (402) 471-2801.

As always, loving my family who takes care of me whenever I need it. I am grateful today...especially.

From the Mayor's Desk... Sharol



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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle
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ACROSS
1 Put two and two together?
4 Recede
7 Crib cry
11 Weaving frame
13 Standard
14 Author Hunter
15 Falco of "The Sopranos"
16 "The Greatest"
17 Donate
18 Line dance
20 Wife of Jacob
22 Moreover
24 Like bell-bottoms
28 Fragrant flower
32 Ouzo flavor
33 Sparkling Italian wine
34 Nile biter
36 Complain
37 Daily trio
39 Flying horse
41 Soup grain
43 - of 1812
44 Victor's cry
46 Small boat
50 TV clown
53 Tool set
55 Traditional tales
56 Ms. Brockovich
57 Scratch (out)
58 List-ending abbr.
59 Lights-out tune
60 Gender
61 Hill dweller
9 Dallas hoopster, briefly
10 Chemical suffix
12 Multi-state lottery with a huge jackpot
19 Blackbird
21 In the style of
23 "CSI" evidence
25 Ocho -, Jamaica
26 Isaac's eldest
27 Cozy rooms
28 Doorframe piece
29 Cruising
30 Flag feature
31 Mentalist's gift
35 Church seat
38 Stitch
40 Helium, for one
42 Oxen harnesses
45 Goddess of victory
47 Tiny bit
48 Drescher or Tarkenton
49 Fedora fabric
50 Wager
51 Man-mouse link
52 Energy
54 - -Mex cuisine
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Weekly SUDOKU
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Crofton

### Thursday, May 6

Golf: Boys Varsity Meet at Wayne, Wayne Country Club, 9 a.m.

Track: Varsity Meet at Randolph, 12 p.m.

### Friday, May 7

Bingo, Senior Center, 1 p.m.  
Community Clean-Up Day, 12-3:30 p.m.

### Saturday, May 8

CHS Graduation, High School Gym, 2 p.m.

### Sunday, May 9

Happy Mothers Day!

### Monday, May 10

Crofton School Board Meeting, High School, 7 p.m.

Golf: Boys Varsity Meet at Randolph, Randolph Golf Course, 10 a.m.

Track: Jr. High Knox County at Creighton, 12 p.m.

Bingo, Senior Center, 1 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 11

Winter/Spring Athletic Banquet, High School, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, May 13

Knox Co. Board of Supervisors Mtg., Knox Co. Courthouse, 9:30 a.m.

Knox Co. Board of Equalization Mtg., Knox Co. Courthouse, 10 a.m.

Track: Varsity Districts at Ponca, Ponca High School  
Crofton Planning & Zoning Meeting, City Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 14

Bingo, Senior Center, 1 p.m.

### Monday, May 17

Golf: Boys Varsity Districts vs. Battle Creek, Fairplay Golf Course,

Crofton Community Club Meeting, Crofton Hay Market, 6:30 p.m.

New members welcome

## Niobrara

**Wednesday, May 5:** St. Wenceslaus/St. William CFF End of Year Thanksgiving Mass followed by CFF/YD closing picnic

**Thursday, May 6:** 7-12 Spring Concert, 7 p.m. at school

**Friday, May 7:** NHS Graduation, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, May 13:** Niobrara Promoters, 7 p.m. at Sportsmen's Bar

**Meetings**  
Niobrara Firemen, first Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Niobrara EMTs, third Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Village Board, first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

School Board, second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Niobrara Promoters, second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

American Legion, fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Niobrara Senior Citizens, second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at noon at Lutheran Fellowship Hall

## Weather

# Report

By: Dave Zavadi  
Special to the News

April began the month much warmer than normal but cooled off by the 12th. We stayed below normal for the most part until the last six days when temperatures warmed up again. The average daily high and low temperatures for the month were 60.8 and 35.3 degrees respectively. The months overall average of 48.1 degrees was 0.2 degrees above normal. Our warmest reading last month was 88 degrees on the 5th. The months coldest reading of 18 degrees came on the first.

Last month was a dry month. There were six days of recorded precipitation with the greatest daily total of 0.41 of an inch which fell on the 8th. The total precipitation for the month came to 0.92 inches which is about one fourth of what we would normally receive.

Our annual precipitations is 5.68 inches which is over an inch below normal.

There was one day of snowfall coming to 0.2 of an inch. Snowfall for the season now stands at 32.6 inches which is four inches below normal.

Cloud cover included eleven clear, six partly cloudy, three mostly cloudy and ten overcast days. The wind averaged 7.6 MPH with the dominant direction from the NW. The highest gust of the month, 42 MPH, was clocked on

the 2nd.

Looking ahead to May, the average high and low for the 1st is 61 and 38 degrees. By months end we can expect a high and low of 73 and 50 degrees. We will gain 60 minutes of daylight during the month. Current weather in Crofton, updated every ten minutes can be found at Crofton-weather.Com

## "Mulch helps with summer control"

By: Kelly Feehan,  
Extension Educator

While it's best to leave grass clippings on the lawn when mowing, if mulch is needed for a vegetable or flower garden; go ahead and catch clippings now and then for this purpose.

Using grass as mulch in annual flower and vegetable gardens is a good way to control weeds, conserve soil moisture and maintain cooler soil temperatures during summer. And to increase soil organic matter after the clippings decompose.

When using grass as mulch, do not use clippings from lawns to which herbicides have been applied for weed control. Allow grass clippings to dry some before using as mulch around plants. Green clippings can heat up and burn tender plants.

Wait until about mid-May to mulch plants to allow soil temper-

## Legion baseball raffle winners drawn, told

The 2021 Legion Baseball Raffle was held on Saturday, May 1 at the Post 128 Legion Hall.

Winners of the cash prizes were: \$150 – Curt Arens, \$100 – Brian Suing, \$50 – Marlen Schiefer, \$50 – Betty Hamilton, \$40 – Kason Guenther, \$40 – Mary Sawatzke, \$25 – Jim Murphy, \$25

– Jadin Wegner, \$25 – Marvin Hegge, \$25 – Jim Hames.

Door prize winners were: Jim Hames, Karen Guenther, Bob Haberer, Mardi Haberer, Mary Ann Wortmann, Lorie Donner, Shane Wieseler, Glen Loecker, John Donner and Margaret Arens.

## Recent Toastmaster meeting held virtually

Toastmaster Holly Wortmann called to order the virtual meeting of ASHH 6217 on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 12:05 p.m.

Jan Schiferl, acting as CPA, opened with an invocation followed by the flag pledge.

As grammarian, Steve Anderson presented his word of the day "copious," meaning "large in quantity."

Megan Hanefeldt presented her ice breaker speech "Memories." She shared childhood, college and adult memories to paint a wonderful picture of the road that led her on the journey to a career as a 4H educator.

As Table Topics master, Jeff May asked Jan Schiferl, Everett Wood, Gale Vogt, Steve Anderson, Holly Wortmann, Ashley Dimmer and Megan Hanefeldt questions regarding St. Patrick's Day to be answered using impromptu speaking skills.

Dimmer evaluated Hanefeldt's speech. She complimented her on the ability to use words and stories to let us glimpse into the importance of legacy and relationship. She praised

vocal variety and eye contact, especially for a first speech.

Anderson, as "Ah Counter" noted uses of effective words and phrases heard during the meeting. She also noted use of connector words, unnecessary fillers and uses of the word of the day.

As General Evaluator, Gale Vogt evaluated the meeting as a whole.

The best speaker award went to Megan Hanefeldt. The best evaluator award winner was Ashley Dimmer. The best table topics award went to Holly Wortmann. Toastmaster Wortmann adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Avera Toastmaster Club 6217 is meeting virtually each Thursday at 12:05 p.m. Guests are welcome to join in from home and observe the fantastic benefits of being a Toastmaster.

Contact the group on the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ToastmasterClub6217](http://www.facebook.com/ToastmasterClub6217) or call (605) 661-8356 to find out how.

atures to warm. Warm season vegetables and flowers grow best if soils have a chance to warm to optimum temperatures.

Use only a two to three inch layer of grass and keep clippings six inches away from plant stems. If grass mulch is too deep, it can repel water and reduce soil oxygen which limits root growth and function.

Mulch is good for perennial flowers, trees and shrubs for the same reasons it is beneficial for annual flowers and vegetables. While grass clippings can be used as mulch, it is not as ornamental and decomposes quickly.

The best mulch for perennial and woody plants is wood chips, bark, corn cobs and other organic mulches placed on bare, but moist soil.

As with grass clippings around plants, keep mulch away from plant stems and only use a three to four inch deep layer. Mulch piled against plant stems holds moisture around the stems and can lead to decay.

Too deep of a mulch layer reduces oxygen exchange between air and soil. Keep in mind that roots need equal amounts of oxygen and water. This is why overwatering is harmful to plants and why soils should be kept moist but not saturated. And many should be allowed to dry briefly between irri-

gation.

Inorganic mulch, like rock, is often used and placed on a weed mat. While this is a common practice, know that it reduces oxygen exchange with soil and greatly reduces organic matter being returned to the soil to decompose and benefit soil microorganisms, many of which play a key role in soil structure and plant growth.

Crumb rubber, which is ground up tires, is one mulch that should not be used around plants. Although rocks can increase the temperature around plants and create heat stress, crumb rubber has been shown to increase air temperature around plants to as high as 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

For detailed information on different types of landscape mulches, Nebraska Extension has a circular titled Mulching the Landscape. It is available to purchase or as a free download at [extensionpubs.unl.edu](http://extensionpubs.unl.edu).

Once at the site, search for the title to locate this publication. It covers the pros and cons of many different types of mulch, both organic and inorganic; and covers the correct way to mulch plants to benefit and not harm them.

Like many things in life, mulch is also one of those things where too much of a good thing can turn out to be bad.

## District 4 Nebraska Wheat Utilization seat open

A directorship appointment for District 4 of the Nebraska Wheat Utilization, Development and Marketing Board (NWB) is open for appointment by the Governor.

Applications will be due by close of business Monday, May 26, 2021. Kent Lorens, the current member representing District 4 has indicated he will seek reappointment.

Qualified candidates include those who are citizens of Nebraska, are at least 21 years of age, have been actively engaged in growing wheat in Nebraska for a period of at least five years, reside in a county in the respective district for which the candidate is applying and derive a substantial portion of income from producing wheat.

District 4 represents southwestern Nebraska including the following counties: Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Hayes, Hitchcock and Lincoln.

To obtain an application, interested producers can call Kathleen

Dolezal, Staff Assistant for Boards and Commissions with the Nebraska Governor's Office at 402-471-1971. Interested producers may also apply online at <https://governor.nebraska.gov/board-comm-req>.

The Nebraska Wheat Board administers the check-off of 0.4% of net value of wheat marketed in Nebraska at the point of first sale. The board invests the funds in programs of international and domestic market development and improvement, policy development, research, promotion, and education.

## River Report

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# Funeral Services

## Rolland "Rollie" Beran, 94

Mass of Christian Burial for Roland "Rollie" Robert Beran, age 94, of Yankton, S.D., was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Yankton.

The Reverend Tom Anderson officiated. Burial was in St. Rose Cemetery in Crofton, with military honors provided by the Crofton American Legion Post 128.

Rolland "Rollie" Beran was born on November 26, 1926 in Ord to Frank and Martha (Karty) Beran, and he died on Friday, April 30, 2021 at Avera Sister James Care center in Yankton.

After graduating from Ord High School, he joined the Navy where he spent two years in the South Pacific in the Amphibious Forces. While on the ship he started his "legendary" boxing career. He was one of five brothers, his early sparring partners, who served in the Armed Forces.

After returning to the states, he received a bachelor's degree in Business Education from Peru State College.

During his first teaching job in Verdigre, he met Mount Marty Nursing student Patricia Liewer. They married in 1954.

He held many teaching and coaching positions all across Nebraska. He kept in touch with former students and co-workers throughout his life. Traveling through the state, he knew where to catch the biggest catfish, buy a good milkshake or find a beautiful Catholic church just in time for Mass. In 1973, the Beran family moved to Crofton, Nebraska where he sold insurance, once again establishing lasting friendships and discovering more farm ponds in which to fish.

During that time, he served on the Knox County Supervisory Board, and was chairman of the North Frankfort Township. In 1984, his loving wife, Patricia, died in an ambulance accident while serving as a volunteer EMT. Years later, he was blessed with a second marriage to Marsha Plihal.

Beran was an avid sportsman with a special love for college athletics. His favorite, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame, dominated the television screen every Saturday. He passed his love of college sports to his children and grandchildren. March Madness became a yearly event involving the entire family. Retirement days were spent with grandchildren: fishing, golfing and attending school activities. He and Marsha were regulars in the bleachers. Summers involved gatherings at Grandpa's for hand size bluegill, dollar hot dogs or hamburgers. He also loved following high school events and local athletes.

Attending state basketball tournaments and track meets were an important yearly event. As a former coach, he embraced the successes of young people throughout Nebraska and Yankton. Later in life he got involved in thoroughbred racing, owning several horses. He loved going to Grand Island and Columbus to watch the horses run, often taking his kids and their spouses with him. He and Marsha enjoyed gardening and spending time canning. His grandkids helped weed, pick beans and dig potatoes. He loved making a game out of working the garden or mowing the lawn.

Family, friends, and faith were most important to Beran. Time with him meant pancakes, popcorn and Thanksgiving dumplings and sauerkraut. He loved to entertain his kids and grandkids as he composed silly birthday songs and listened to their vocal and instrumental talents. He loved to visit. He seemed to have friends everywhere. A trip to the store meant extra time to talk and visit with someone he knew or just met. He was genuinely interested in the lives and wellbeing of those around him.

Like the Fighting Irish, filled with grit, determination and tenacity, Beran also lived for the simple joys: a bowl of popcorn before bed, a fishing pole in the trunk of the car... "just in case," and a good laugh.

His faith played a special part in his life. The Catholic Church, Mass and holy hours played an important role. He believed in the power of prayer and the rosary. Children's masses and the House of Mary Shrine brought him joy.

During his last years at Walnut Village and Majestic Bluffs, he was blessed with compassionate caregivers, "his angels," and physician Dr. Susan Fanta and family. Along with his loving wife and family, there were many who helped him make the best of a difficult situation.

He was preceded in death by wife, Patricia (Liewer) Beran; parents, Frank and Martha Beran; brothers, Vernon and Frank; sister, Alice Rogers; sisters-in-law, Cecile Beran and Catherine (Scotty) Beran; and brother-in-law, Carson Rogers.

Rolland "Rollie" Robert Beran is survived by wife, Marsha of Yankton; children: Jackie (Rod) Hegge of Omaha, Janine (Dennis) Carlow, Jill (Dan) Hoelsing, Tami Jacobsen, and Kelli LaCroix, all of Yankton, Ted (Deanne) Beran of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Janice (Curt) McKeever of Omaha, one step-son, Kevin (Angie) Plihal of Oceanside, Calif.; 20 grandchildren and their spouses; 25 great-grandchildren; brothers: Dick Beran of Ord and Don Beran of Salina, Kan.; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to the House of Mary Shrine, PO Box 455, Yankton, SD 57078. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Yankton, S.D.

## Sharon A. Roberts, 77

A memorial luncheon for Sharon A. Roberts, age 77, of Crofton, was provided by the women's Auxiliary at the Yankton VFW POST 791 at Riverside Park in Yankton on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Honorary pallbearers were Joe Martin, Jesse Reisz, Triston Manuel, and Austin Brazel.

Sharon Arlene Roberts was born on March 16, 1944 in Winner, S.D. to William Paul and Agnes Lucille (Nieman) Masterson and she died suddenly at her residence on Monday evening April 26, 2021. She grew up in the Winner, S.D. area and lived in several cities in South Dakota before moving to Yankton, S.D. in 1968.

She worked at M-Tron in Yankton as an assembler. She worked at Gurney Seed and Nursery and then at the Health and Human Services Center in Yankton. She married James D. Roberts on November 10, 1969, and they moved to Crofton in 1994. Her husband died in 1996.

She loved fishing, camping, baking, and watching her nieces and nephews and grandchildren as they grew up. She also loved reading, spending time on her computer, and playing bingo at the Senior Center in Yankton. She was a lifetime member of the VFW. She had done volunteer work at the VFW in her younger years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters: Paulette Masterson and Frances Peterson, and a great grandson, Torben Johnson.

Sharon Arlene Roberts is survived by her five daughters and one son: Susan Roberts of Crofton, Sherry Woodraska of Brookings, S.D., Sheila Harms of Mesa, Ariz., Sara (Greg) Sloan of Columbia, S.C., Michael (Marlene) Woodraska of Sioux Falls, S.D., Sandra Faye Greve of Albert Lee, Minn.; 15 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; nine siblings: James Lee (Linda) Masterson of Rathdrum, Idaho, Mary McHenry of Yankton, S.D., Paul William Jr. (Marilyn) Masterson of Post Falls, Idaho, Cynthia (Jerry) Hill of Spokane, Wash., John Darold Masterson of Gayville, S.D., Robert Lee (Karen) Masterson of Chester, S.D., Richard (Barb) Masterson of Renner, S.D., Angela (Melvin) Welch of Sioux Falls, S.D., Melissa (George) Ridgeway of Sioux Falls, S.D.; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested to the Ernest Bowyer VFW Post #791 - 209 Cedar St. Yankton, S.D. 57078.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton, Neb.

## Alfred W. Filips, 90

Mass of Christian Burial for Alfred W. Filips, age 90, of Crofton, will be held 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 2021, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton.

The Reverend An Duy Phan will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery in Crofton, with military honors provided by the Crofton American Legion Post 128.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton, with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m.

Pallbearers will be Bob Filips, Randy Filips, Dave Ausdemore, Bob Hegge, Ryan Lammers, Paul Filips, Jim Hames, and Gary Schumacher.

Alfred W. Filips was born April 18, 1931 on the farm in rural Crofton, to Frank and Minnie (Ausdemore) Filips and he died Friday, April 30, 2021, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton, S.D. He grew up on the farm and attended school in the Crofton area. Following school, he worked on the farm until enlisting into the United States Marine Corps in 1952. He returned to the farm following his service in the Marines. He was a proud farmer and rancher his entire life.

He was reunited with his high school sweetheart, Genny Crumpacker and they were married in September of 1995.

Filips was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and the Crofton American Legion Post 128. He was a simple, hardworking, humble and selfless man who always put everyone before himself. He loved being on the farm and loved his horses and cattle.

In his retirement he enjoyed working in his garden and in his yard. He loved his family above everything else and cherished the time spent with his children, grandchildren and great grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Genny; and three brothers: Arthur, Roman and Ed.

Alfred W. Filips is survived by his two daughters: Brenda Elsasser of Omaha, Nebraska and Rhonda (Kevin) Schieffer of Yankton, South Dakota; three grandchildren: Megan Elsasser, Amanda (J.R.) Munson and Ryan (Ciara) Lammers; two great grandsons: Malachi Munson and Wyatt Lammers; sister-in-law, Doris Filips and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to the Yankton Humane Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton. To post an online sympathy message, please visit [www.wintzray-funeralhome.com](http://www.wintzray-funeralhome.com).

## Andrew D. Laravie, 65

Services for Andrew D. Laravie, 65, Plainview, will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at Word of Life Assembly of God in O'Neill.

Pastor James Loutzenhiser will officiate. Lunch will follow at the church after service. After lunch all are invited to convene for burial at Niobrara. Burial will be at the Ponca Tribe Cemetery.

Family will have a memorial barbecue that evening of May 8th at the Ponca agency picnic shelter for those unable to attend other services.

Andrew David Laravie (Dave or David), his Ponca name was "Walking Strength" entered this world on August 6th, 1955 to Florence Snoozy (Laravie) in Wagner, S.D., and he died on April 23, 2021 at The Plainview Manor.

He grew up and was raised by his grandfather Benjamin Laravie in Verdel. He was also known as Dave or David to those that were close to him. He was a member of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and is a direct great-grandson to Chief Standing Bear of the Ponca.

He once said that his grandfather, Benjamin, was the love of his life and they were very close. Benjamin Laravie was a father to Laravie and raised him along with his aunts Carol, Judy, and Candace. He hunted, fished, and learned the Ponca ways of life and language from his grandfather, Benjamin. They trapped along the Missouri River and Ponca Creek. Laravie was so proud to pass this knowledge on to his children.

He traveled quite a bit throughout is younger days and when he was even younger he would play with his cousins and town buddies along the Ponca Creek. He like playing tricks and got into "some shenanigans" as recalled by family.

He gathered so many friendships along his journey and loved to share his Ponca heritage. He was a great woodcarver, artist, native beader, leather worker, and all around great at whatever craft he picked up and was a talented artist. He love teaching his twin girls how to gather materials such as, diamond willow for canes along the rivers and he passed down a quantity of craft knowledge to his twins. He also took them on many adventures camping outdoors and scaring them with his ghost stories and Ponca myths around the fire. When his grandfather was still living in Verdel, Laravie spent most of his time with his grandfather and brought his twins.

In 1984 he married and from that marriage came four children: Tracy and Stacy whom are the eldest (twins), Kimberly, and A.J. named after him (Andrew James). He lived in O'Neill during this time.

Laravie worked for the Department of Roads and had many great friends he made through his church, work, and anywhere he went. He was remembered as a kind man with a big heart. He was always funny and love to keep things light and humorous.

Throughout his life he gave many Native American talks to schools, libraries, etc. He was on the first Tribal council known as the restoration council, during this time he helped to reinstate the Ponca Tribe for federal recognition, even traveled to Washington D.C. This was a very proud time. He loved the Ponca people and carried so much knowledge. Laravie was also part of a men's group called Promise Keepers at Word of Life church and had many great friendships from this.

Laravie had a love for music and shared this with many of his grandchildren. He made Native drums and flutes over the years. He just loved life, meeting people, learning, creating, and seeing new things.

His love language was food. He was remembered as a great cook and made the best Indian Frybread along many things. Laravie had his struggles but always cared about others around him. He saw the world in a different way and was easy to talk too. Toward the end of his life he spent time with his twin daughters and his grandchildren passing on knowledge, camping, fishing, spending holidays, and going to powwows with them.

All the staff and the Manor were so kind to Laravie and the family wanted to thank them in allowing him to practice his culture. He also established friendships at the Manor. He will be missed greatly but he is with the ancestors now and is an ancestor. "May we all carry on what he taught us and walk a path of peace."

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Benjamin Laravie; his aunts: Carol, Judy, and Candace, and one grandchild.

Andrew D. Laravie is survived by his mother, Florence Snoozy (Laravie) of Sioux City; and brothers: Fred Snoozy of Sioux City, Iowa; Richard Snoozy, Tracy Laravie of Hastings; Stacy Laravie of Pierce; Kimberly Laravie of Hastings; and A.J. Laravie of Hasting; his 10 grandchildren: Shyanne, Lakota, Talon, Shayde, Sequoia, Gabby, Gaven, Parker, Silas, and Bella.

Cards may be sent to: 416 W. Nebraska St., Pierce, NE 68767; 109 W. H. St., Hastings, NE 68901.

## Barbara Lindstadt, 91

Funeral services for Barbara J. Lindstadt, 91, of Norfolk, were held Friday, April 30, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk.

Reverend Chris Asbury officiated. Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk.

Lindstadt, daughter of Henrey Sattler and Ellen Tichy, was born June 9, 1929 at Hoskins, Neb., and died Monday, April 26, 2021 at Heritage of Bel Air in Norfolk.



Lindstadt attended Niobrara High School. She was united in marriage to Donald Lindstadt on Jan. 17, 1948, at Yankton, S.D. They were the parents of three children, JoEllen Faust, Dawn Cribb, and Steven E. Lindstadt. They were also blessed with an adopted daughter, Becky Hughes.

She grew up in Niobrara but lived most of her life in Norfolk. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and was an Alpha Nu Sorority Mom. She loved arts and crafts, reading, and playing dominos.

Lindstadt was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald; two sisters, Dolly and Mary Jane; and grandchild, Amber Nelson.

Barbara J. Lindstadt is survived by her children, JoEllen (Robert) Faust, Norfolk; Dawn Cribb, South Carolina, and Steven Lindstadt, Norfolk; grandchildren, Rob Faust, Anthony Faust, Austin Soklo, Shane Cribb, and Bret Cribb; great-grandchildren, Adriana, Blake and Elijah; and brothers, Larry Hrbek, Dale Hrbek and Tom Hrbek.

## Card Shower



## Jansen

The family of Art and Twila Jansen have requested a card shower to celebrate the couple's 50th wedding anniversary.

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## News from the Past

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### Crofton Pool Gets Paint Job

To make way for the swimming season to start about Memorial Day, necessary preparations are being made to put the pool in readiness. Some time ago the pool was drained, and now the pool is being painted. As soon as the paint job is completed and dry, the pool will be filled.

Mr. Tom Weisz, pool operator, is registering non-swimmers for classes each Saturday afternoon. In the park where the pool is located many trees have been set out, a hedge will border the north side and many items are being added to the park this year.

### Trail Ride held May 16

Riders from Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa arrived Sunday, May 16 to join in the trail ride through the Devils Nest. A large number of riders with 403 horses were present to enjoy this outing. Fifteen of the group represented Crofton. Five hundred were served lunch and refreshments were served following the scenic ride through the Nest.

### Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wakeley of Hartington announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlyn Ann, to James D. Sage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Sage of Crofton. Miss Wakeley is a 1970 graduate of Wausa High School and is presently attending Lincoln School of Commerce and will graduate in June. Mr. Sage is a 1968 graduate of Crofton High School. He graduated from Nebraska Vocational technical School at Milford and is presently engaged in farming. An August 28th wedding is planned.

### Graduate of Kansas College

Rodney J. Schieffer, formerly of Crofton, was one of 3000 graduates from Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, on the evening of May 14, 1971. Rodney received his degree from the College of Veterinary Medicine. On Monday, May 17, he began work for Dr. D.F. Cline at the Eastwood Hills Animal Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Relatives of this area attending the graduation were Mrs. J.W. Schieffer of Crofton, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walz of Hartington, and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Schieffer of Wayne. They returned home on Saturday evening.

### New Houses in Crofton

Three new house are in the process of being built in Crofton: one in east Crofton for T.J. Kollars, one in west Crofton for Mrs. Agnes Kremer and one in north Crofton for Emil Jaster, who plans to move here from Columbus, Neb.

### Receive Scholarships

At the Annual Spring Awards Convocation held at Mount Marty College, Theresa Zavadil, freshman, received a Geiger Scholarship; Karen Haber, freshman, received a Mount Marty Scholarship; and Anita Tramp received a Chamber of Commerce Award.

### Crofton Journal 5/16/96

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Jason Arens has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Collegiate Award Program to offer deserved recognition to su-

perior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school official or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Jason Arens, who attends Doane College, was nominated for this national award by Dan Kunzman and Fred Beile. Jason Arens will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Collegiate Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

Jason is the son of Charles and Dolores Arens, rural Crofton.

### Tweedy is Done with Training

Army National Guard Pvt. Benjamin Tweedy has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. During the training, trainees received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions. Tweedy is the son of Robert D. and Peggy S. Tweedy of Crofton. He is a 1995 graduate of Crofton High School.

### Local Gets Scholarship

Jeremy Buschkamp, Crofton, has been named recipient of the ABS Alumni Scholarship and the South Dakota Dairy Promotion Association Scholarship given by the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences for the 1996-97 school year at South Dakota State University.

Buschkamp will be a freshman pre-veterinary major at SDSU this fall. He is the son of Keith and Charleen Buschkamp of Crofton.

Recipients of South Dakota Dairy Promotion Association Scholarships are dairy science students who have demonstrated scholarship, leadership and character. Preference is given students whose parents are dairy farmers who financially support the South Dakota Dairy Promotion Association.

### CHS Sending Four to the State Track Meet in Omaha

Two boys and two girls from the Crofton track program qualified to compete at the Nebraska State High School Track & Field Championships this weekend in Omaha. The girls finished fourth in the C-7 District Track meet at Battle Creek on Thursday, May 9 while the boys finished seventh.

Sophomore Brooke Goeden and junior Tracy Tramp were the two Lady Warriors who earned state qualifying places. Goeden finished second in the 3200 while Tramp was second in the triple jump. This is the second year in a row for both girls to compete at the state track meet in these two events.

In the boys division, junior Neal Wieseler and senior Craig Schieffer were the two Warriors who earned the right to compete at the state level this weekend. Wieseler took first in the pole vault while Schieffer was second in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles. This will be Wieseler's second straight appearance in the state pole vault competition, as he went a year ago.

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1 John 5:1-6

Acts 10:44-48 John 15:9-17 Psalm 98

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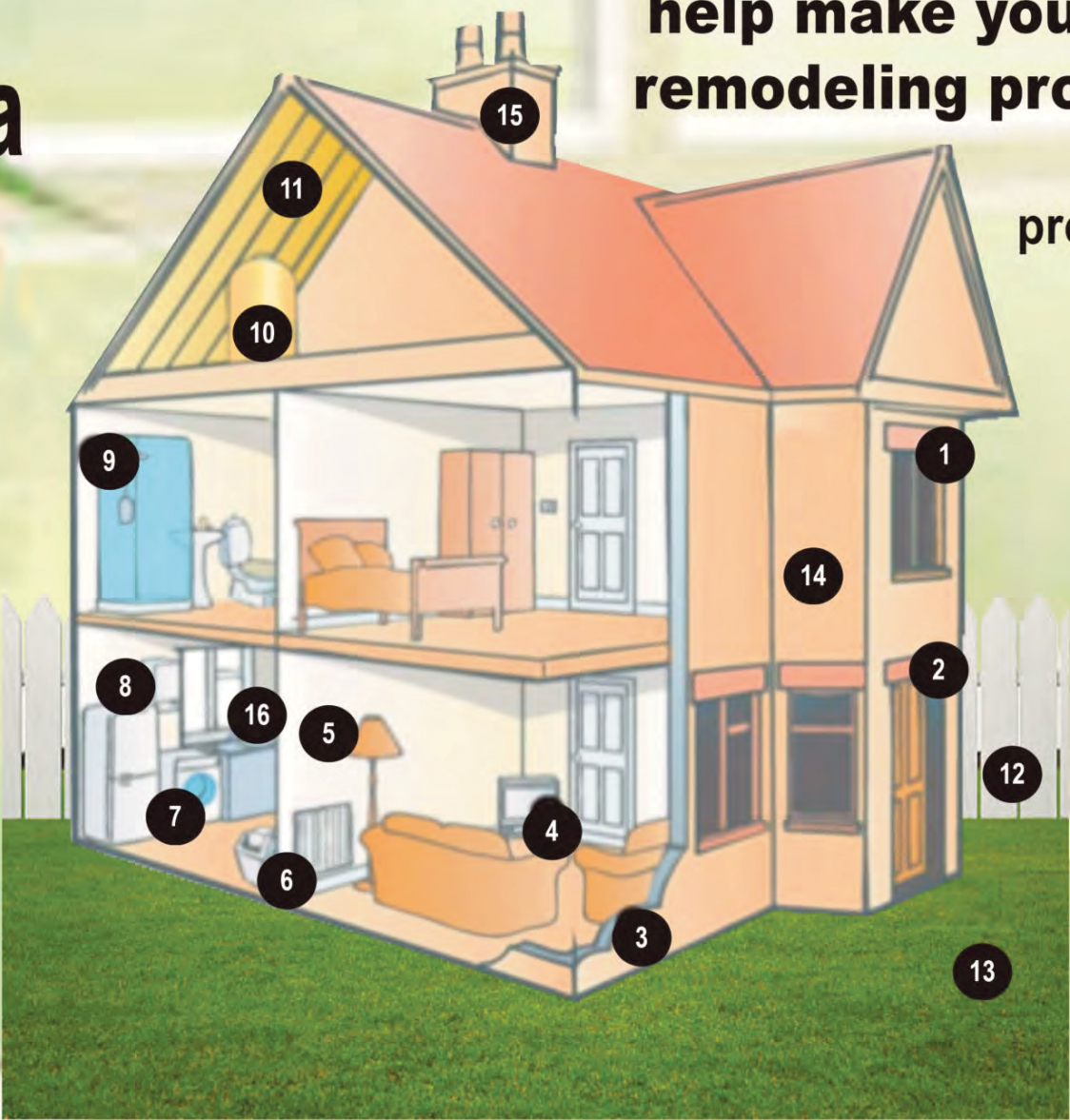
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### Top 10 Home Improvement Tips Every Homeowner Should Know! Have a Plan!



## There Is No Place Quite Like Home!

Renovations rarely go exactly to plan, but that doesn't mean you should wing it. Last-minute changes are both stressful and expensive, so get the non-negotiable details hammered out first. At minimum, this means knowing what results you want and how much money—and time—it will take to achieve them.

#### Add value when possible

If you're not sure where to start with home improvements, it can be helpful to prioritize projects that increase your home's value. Updated kitchens and bathrooms are pretty much always a safe bet, as are any renovations that increase square footage, like finished basements and decks. But buyer preferences vary from market to market, so be sure to focus on what's popular and valuable where you live—not broad national trends.

#### Tackle quick, time-sensitive projects first

Some home improvements are more urgent than others. If a project will save you money immediately or prevent devastating damage in the future, bump it to the top of the priority list. That goes double for quick, easy fixes, like sealing drafts and replacing filters.

#### Find your DIY threshold

Even if you're an experienced DIY-er with a well-stocked workshop, not all home improvement projects are suitable for amateurs. Before starting a project, gauge your interest level: How much work are you really willing to put in? Is that effort worth the money you'll save? Be brutally honest.

If you have no idea what you're getting into, don't commit until you've spent, at minimum, a solid couple of hours watching YouTube tutorials and pricing out materials. Remember: Just because you can doesn't mean you should.

#### Bone up on DIY knowledge

Everyone should know a few basic repair skills, and thanks to the internet, learning them has never been easier. If you can, start with a specific question: Is my garbage disposal broken or just clogged? Do I really need to clean my dishwasher filter? How do you refinish a coffee table? You'll click with some blogs and video personalities more than others; next time, start with them.

#### Save money by scrimping and splurging responsibly

Major renovations are expensive, but going full Scrooge on every single line item only creates more work later. Instead, identify where you can and can't afford to be a little stingy. A good rule of thumb: Shell out for anything catastrophically expensive and/or difficult to replace, like hot water heaters and electrical work. For easily replaceable items—shower heads, light fixtures, drawer pulls—cheap is fine. You should also consider how much use and enjoyment you'll get from an item. If you're an avid cook, skimp on floor tiles so you can splurge on the stove of your dreams.

#### Understand your financing options

Unfortunately, most home improvements do not pay for themselves. If you can't afford to finance the project in full with cash, you should know the different ways you can finance your home improvement without putting your home at risk.

Personal loans and credit cards can be useful for small-to-medium projects, depending on the interest rate and terms, while home equity loans (HELs) and lines of credit (HELOCs) can help finance major renovations and

repairs. Improvements that increase your home's value can cut down on private mortgage insurance payments, but keep in mind you'll have to pay to get your home reassessed on top of everything else.

#### Get your tools right

You can't really improve your home with just your bare hands—most projects require at least a multi-tool. Before you start a project of any size, be sure your toolbox actually contains the tools you'll need. Keep in mind that some project genres need special equipment, particularly if they involve plumbing or electrical systems.

#### Find the perfect contractor

Finding a handyman or contractor you trust is a lot like finding the right dentist or therapist: Harder than it sounds, and with incredibly high stakes. It's important to vet potential contractors carefully using these criteria: word of mouth; check for complaints; learn which licenses and permits are required for contractors, electricians, plumbers, and painters; get proof of insurance; ask for references and then actually check them out, get quotes and track on a spreadsheet or a list.

For even more specific questions you should ask, check out the Federal Trade Commission's guide on hiring a contractor.

#### Always keep your next project in mind

When one project ends, another begins - such is the nature of home improvement. Planning your next move is a lot harder when you can't remember the good ideas you had while working on something else. Keep a detailed list of your project goals in a spreadsheet, notebook, or even a good old-fashioned craft board so you'll always know what's next.

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## Cougars compete at NVC...

N/V Cougar tracksters, Emily Parks, left, and Beau Hrbek, throwing the shot put during the Niobrara Valley Conference Meet in Atkinson Saturday. Courtesy photos

## Hoffart earns awards with WSC group

Wayne State College students earned awards at the Golden Leaf competition from the Northern Plains Collegiate Media Association, April 22. Students awarded included Andrew Suiter of Beatrice, Neb., Justis Hoffart of Crofton, Neb. Kadra Sommersted-Simmons of Emmet, Neb. and Austin Svehla of Columbus, Neb.

Suiter earned two first place awards, a second place award and a third place award on a project with Hoffart.

The Wayne Stater earned third place in overall newspapers.

"This has been a tough year of Covid for The Wayne Stater, as well as a rebuilding year since we had quite a few editors leave through graduation in the fall. The Stater's acknowledgment in the overall newspaper category points to the hard work of our editors, Kadra Sommersted-Simmons and Morgan Cardenas, and staff. Everyone did a great job," said Liz Viall, The Wayne Stater advisor.

"I am proud of Andrew Suiter and Justis Hoffart recent Golden Leaf awards from NPCMA. KWSC-FM students are becoming leaders in audio production in Northeast Nebraska by integrating new production techniques with relevant contemporary cultural critiques. I look forward to seeing what our students create during the 2021-22 school year," said Dr. Sean Ahern, Wayne State College media advisor.

Wayne State College student Andrew Suiter of Beatrice is an electronic media/mass communication major. He won two first place awards including "Best Podcast" for his Pop-Cat series and "Best Radio Promotional Announcement" for a station promotion. He also won second place for "Best Radio Public Service Announcement" and third place with Justis Hoffart for "Best Radio Public Service Announcement."

After graduation, Suiter plans to pursue jobs in the radio and video production field.

"I plan on continuing my pursuits in film writing. I also plan on producing a new podcast with a similar format to my podcast Pop Cat where I can give my opinion on different topics and explore diverse ideas with guests. I have been involved in writing and directing a few short films for the Hot Attic film program including Althea, Lovesick, and Irish Goodbye," Suiter said. "I've also been the electronic media tutor for the past two years assisting students with their multimedia assignments. My favorite thing about the program is the sense of community.

I've always felt that the program has fostered a collaborative environment; I have always been happy to work with my peers on different projects or come to my professors for helpful advice."

Justis Hoffart of Crofton is an electronic media major with a minor in digital media production. Hoffart plans to graduate and get a job either within podcasting or working within a larger film company such as Netflix or Paramount. Hoffart is primarily involved with the 4th floor Hot Attic Film School, but also serves as the music director for 91.9 the Cat campus radio station.

"When you come to Wayne State for electronic media or radio you leave with real world experience that gives you the capabilities to gain a real salary paying job," Hoffart said.

Kadra Sommersted-Simmons of Emmet is a mass communications - journalism major with a minor in criminal justice and earned third

place in features for "The Difference 102 Years Make When a Pandemic Strikes."

"I am planning to work in Norfolk, but not entirely sure what or where that will be yet. I have been involved in The Wayne Stater campus newspaper," Sommersted-Simmons said. "My favorite thing about Wayne State College has been how it allows you to connect to anybody and just about everybody, and people are willing to share their skills with others on projects. It's a very connected program."

Austin Svehla of Columbus is a staff writer at the Norfolk Daily News. He graduated from Wayne State College in December 2020 with a degree in mass communications-journalism. He did work on The Wayne Stater including serving as digital editor. He took first place in breaking news for his story, "Some Wayne State Professors Still Pushing to Teach Remotely."

## Knox County Planning Commission to hold hearing

The Knox County Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting and public hearing on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's Room at the Knox County Courthouse, 206 Main, Center.

A public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. for Travis Barney for the Final Plat of Cedar Ridge Estates in 13-33N-3W and 18-33N-2W. This is an eleven lot subdivision located on the south side of Highway 54C.

The agenda is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection by contacting the Zoning Administrator.

For more information, contact Liz Doerr, Knox Co. Zoning Administrator, zoning@knox-county.org, PO Box 165, Center, NE 68724, 402-841-8466 or 402-288-5618.

The meeting is open to the public. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

## Principal's Message

By Mrs. Adrian Bowen  
Niobrara School Principal

Dear Niobrara Public School Families and Community Members,

The 2020-2021 school year has been an amazing year! We were able to keep our students in school, maintain extra-curricular activities, and work collaboratively to improve our educational system. I am an ongoing learner that looks forward to learning from our staff and students every day. The students of Niobrara are such amazing students and each of their smiles and educational growth keep me humble. The

staff has a level of intelligence and drive to continue their professional growth so they can empower our students to be the best they can be. The consistent efforts of both students and staff have impressed me beyond words. Our achievements are your achievements because of the support, care, and love that you give our school district. Thank you for sharing your child (ren) with me and giving me the opportunity to grow professionally and personally. I look forward to next year and the great things we will accomplish together.

## Education

### Brief

Graduate and undergraduate degrees will be conferred for 685 spring graduates at University of Nebraska at Kearney commencement exercises Friday and Saturday at UNK's Health and Sports Center.

Undergraduate degrees will be conferred at exercises 10 a.m. Friday, May 7. The graduate-degree hooding ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8. This marks the first time undergraduate and graduate exercises are taking place separately.

Candidates for degrees are

listed below in three groups: graduates from Nebraska, graduates from across the United States and international graduates.

Students graduating with honors have the honors noted after their names. Honors, along with grade-point averages necessary to earn those honors, include: summa cum laude, 3.90-4.00; magna cum laude, 3.80-3.89; cum laude, 3.70-3.79; and honorable mention, 3.50-3.69.

Crofton: Taylor Tammen, Bachelor of Science, Sociology, Summa Cum Laude

## Education

### Brief

Buena Vista University students collectively earned 30 awards at the 2021 Society for Collegiate Journalists National Contest.

Local student Olivia Wieseler of Saint Helena earned first place in Breaking News for "Merchant Resigns from BVU Presidency; Lenzeimer Steps in."

Wieseler graduated from BVU in 2020 with a bachelor's degree in digital media.

The Society for Collegiate Journalists helps to build leadership skills among student journalists. It also offers budding journalists the opportunity to have their work judged by professionals in the field during its annual national contest. The contest is designed to celebrate and recognize outstanding student work across all platforms of media.

## Golf Results

Lady Golf League Results  
Crofton Lakeview Golf Course

Low score: Dana List 42  
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## Crofton Keeps on Swinging

By: Paul Konechne  
CCS Journalism

The Crofton Golf headed to Hartington on April 27, to compete in the Hartington Invitational.

There were a total of 16 teams at the meet.

Seniors Zach Weber (91) and Austin Tramp (103) led the way for the warriors. The rest of the lineup was rounded out with Sophomore Jeffery Birger (124) and Freshmen Brayden Mellem (111) and Zac Arens (114).

The Warriors finished 12th as a team. Pierce placed first in the meet.

The Warriors next meet was on Saturday May 1, in Pierce with 12 other teams at the meet.

The leader for the Warriors was Weber (83) who also placed sixth place.

Tramp (107), Birger (106), and Brayden Mellem (117) filled out the Warriors roster.

Crofton finished eighth as a team. Pierce placed first in the meet.

## Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

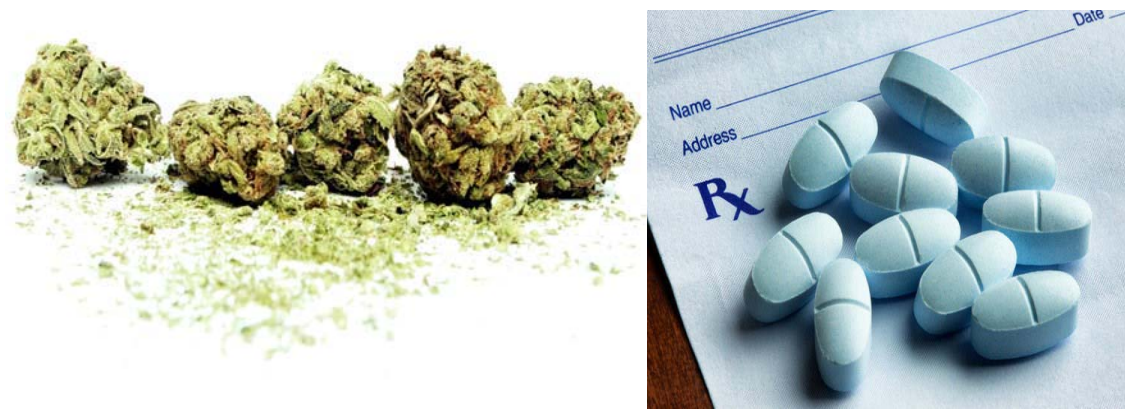


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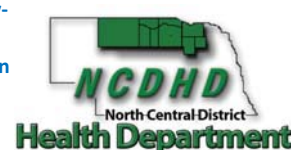
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N/V Cougar varsity golfers, competing at the West Holt Invite Saturday, May 1. From the left, Preston Crosley, Kellen Moody and Brayden Tschirren. Courtesy photos

### Cougar golfers compete at NVC, West Holt meets

The NVC Conference Golf Meet was held April 27 at Antelope Country Club. Results were as follows: Varsity: Preston Crosley, 4-6-6-6-6-5-7-4-8= 52; 6-6-5-5-6-4-6-3-5= 46 Total: 98  
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Tierre Kitto, 5-5-4-7-7-9-4-6 = 54; 4-4-5-6-6-5-9-4-5=48 Total: 102  
Kellen Moody, 7-5-6-6-6-3-7-7-5=52; 7-8-5-6-8-7-6-6-5=58 Total:

110  
JV: Chrissena Swalley, 7-9-7 # # 7 # 5 8= 79 7-7-9-9-9-15-4-7= 72 Total: 151; Kennedy Reynolds, 7-10-7-#-8-6 # 7-7=72 8-9-6-7-6-7-10-4-9=66 Total: 138  
Yesenia DeAnda, 9-12 # 9-8-6-#-7-# =92; 11-10-11-12-10-8-15-5-10=92 Total: 184  
The N/V Cougar golfers took part in the West Holt Golf Invite on Saturday, May 1. The team placed tenth with a score of 456. O'Neill placed first with 355; West Holt, second, 363; Creighton third, 369; EPPJ, fourth, 380; Neligh/Oakdale, fifth, 385; Summerland, sixth, 404;

Stuart, seventh, 423; Plainview, eighth, 428; West Holt JV, ninth, 431; N/V Cougars, tenth, 456; Ainsworth, 11th, 463; Boyd County, 12th, 470; CWC, 13th, 1388  
Results were as follows: Preston Crosley, 7-7-5-7-7-6-6-6-7-5-6-5-4-4-6-5-7; 57, 49, Total: 106  
Max Hollmann, 6-4-9-4-7-4-5-7-7-5-6-10-4-6-4-6-6-8; 53, 55, Total: 108  
Brayden Tschirren, 8-4-8-5-6-3-9-9-10-9-4-10-4-6-3-6-6-10; 62, 58, Total: 120  
Kellen Moody, 6-3-9-5-7-5-11-7-8-9-6-9-5-7-3-7-7-8; 61, 61, Total: 122

### Historical Niobrara

Compiled by the Niobrara Historical Society  
From Niobrara Tribune Files

**May 9, 1901**  
Mr. Tonner was quite badly hurt while coming from Niobrara on a load of lumber. His horses became unmanageable and he was thrown from the wagon which ran over his arm. At present he is some better.  
Mr. Sherman had his barn burn up one day last week and lost one of his horses.

Last Monday Mrs. Koster while assisting in wringing some clothing got the index finger of her left hand caught in the cogs of the wringer and it was terribly torn and lacerated. The torn digit is doing nicely and will heal soon.  
**May 11, 1911**  
Mrs. Henry Robinette departed from this life Sunday night. The funeral was held in the Episcopal church at Santee. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones. It is a true saying, "What is a home with-

out a mother?"  
The civil war in Mexico is on in dead earnest. One of the natives lost his life in the last battle. He was in full retreat and drowned while trying to swim the river and get on American soil.  
**May 12, 1921**  
Deputy Sheriff Kellogg was here Sunday and picked up a couple of young soldiers who were wanted by the U.S. Government and who left the army without Leave of Absence.

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The Williams, Coons, and Lutt fishing party returned about midnight loaded down with fish tales—the biggest of the season.  
**May 9, 1946**  
John Andy McNunn, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNunn, enlisted in the Regular Army Air Corps Tuesday at the recruiting office in the American Legion building here. The Niobrara recruiting offices first enlisted went to Omaha Wednesday for his physical examination at Fort Crook.  
Robert Blankenfeld met with an accident Sunday afternoon which resulted in a simple fracture of one rib and a multiple fracture of another on the right side. He was helping around the cattle at the Emil Peterson home when a yearling calf with a stub horn butted him. In the wrestle to throw the calf he received the fractures.  
Major General Lewis A. Pick expected to attend a valley-wick meeting at Ainsworth May 13. Discussion of river matters in the way of development of the Niobrara basin are scheduled. It is expected delegations from all river and valley towns will attend the meeting.  
**May 13, 1971**  
Seniors of the Week:  
Terri Colwell, a senior, lists her hobbies as sewing, writing letters and listening to the radio. She plans to attend Kearney State College.  
Kelly Barnes likes to hunt and fish. His plans after graduation are to attend trade school and then go into the service.  
Barbara Drake chooses horseback riding, reading, ceramics, and sewing as her favorite things to do. She plans to attend Kearney State College in the area of education.  
Bonnie Drake lists her hobbies as sewing, working, ceramics, horseback riding, music and just enjoying life and the people in it. She plans to attend Kearney State College majoring in special education or psychology.



N/C Cougar Andrea Sucha qualified for the Norfolk Classic Meet in the High Jump. She placed fifth clearing 5 feet. Courtesy photo

### Cougar boys' and girls' teams both bring home Boyd County Meet runner up plaques

By Dana Konopasek  
Track Coach

The N/V Cougar Boys' Track Team and Girls' Track Team both brought home runner-up plaques from the Boyd County Meet. "This is a first since the start of the sports co-op," said coach, Dana Konopasek. "We had a very busy week. We participated in the Boyd County Invite on Tuesday. Andrea Sucha competed in the Norfolk Classic Thursday, and then on Saturday the Cougars headed to Atkinson for the NVC high school and junior high meet.

Once again bringing home hardware, breaking school records, bringing home plaques and setting personal bests were achieved once again this week.

The team just continues to be proving themselves on the track and in the field events.

#### Boyd County Invite Girls' Results:

Long Jump, Bree Breithaupt, 13'10, third place, Chloe Reynolds, 12'3  
Triple Jump, Andrea Sucha, 32'8.5, first place; Bree Breithaupt, 30'3.5, fifth place; Billie Pritchett, 26.5  
Shot Put, Emily Parks, 30-9, fifth place; Anna Rudloff, 26'5.5, Chaney Konopasek, 27'5, Liv McCormick  
High Jump, Andrea Sucha, 5'0, first place  
Discus, Emily Parks, 91'10, Anna Rudloff, 94'1, fifth place, Chaney Konopasek, 90'5  
100 Hurdles, Andrea Sucha, 17.20, second place  
100 Meters, Summer Vesely, 14:33, fourth place, Anna Rudloff, 16.02  
400 Meter Dash, Josilyn Miller, 1:06.94, fifth place; Chloe Reynolds, 1:13.46  
800 Meters, Michaela Ravenkamp, 3:01.76, fifth place  
200 Meters, Billie Pritchett, 30.02, sixth place; Summer Vesely, 30.30, Chloe Reynolds, 32.03  
3200 Meters, Michaela Ravenkamp, 15:23.06, second place; Danika Runnels, 15:52.81, third place; Cil McCormick, 17:47.41, fourth place  
1600 Meters, Summer Vesely, 6:51.08, Michaela Ravenkamp, 7:06  
4x100 Relay, second place, 54.65, Bree Breithaupt, Billie Pritchett, Summer Vesely and Emily Parks  
4x400 Relay, third place, 4:44.13, Bree Breithaupt, Billie Pritchett, Chloe Reynolds and Andrea Sucha  
4x800 Relay, fourth place, 13:03.80, Heidi Hollmann, Liv McCormick, Cil McCormick, Danika Runnels  
**Boys' Results:**  
Triple Jump, Trey Sucha, 37'11.5, third place  
Long Jump, Trey Sucha, 18'7.5, first place, Will Drobny, 10'10  
High Jump, Coltin Vargas, 5'4, fourth place  
Shot Put, Gavin Chohon, 41'1.5, second place; Beau Hrbek, 33'3.5, Brandon Nelson, 31'8  
Discus, Brandon Nelson, 119'1, third place; Beau Hrbek, 86'4.5  
110 Hurdles, Gunner Vargas, 18.72, first place  
100 Meters, Gavin Chohon, 12.01, third place; Beau Hrbek, 14.34, Brandon Nelson, 12.50

400 Meter Dash, Gavin Chohon, 58.72, second place; Ethan Uhler, 1:03.90  
800 Meters, Daniel Pavelka, 2:20.42, fourth place; Coltin Vargas, 2:20.82, fifth place  
200 Meters, Ethan Uhler, 28.96, Will Drobny, 34.57  
3200 Meters, Daniel Pavelka, 12.59.27, second place  
300 Hurdles, Gunner Vargas, 47.07, first place  
4x100 Relay, third place, 49.39, Gavin Chohon, Brandon Nelson, Coltin Vargas, Trey Sucha  
4x400 Relay, first place, 3:50.14, Coltin Vargas, Gunner Vargas, Daniel Pavelka, Trey Sucha  
4x800 Relay, 10:06, fifth place, Gunner Vargas, Daniel Pavelka, Coltin Vargas, Dontae Justo  
**Norfolk Classic Meet**

On April 29, Andrea Sucha qualified for the Norfolk Classic Meet in the High Jump.

This is a special meet where the top eight field event athletes and runners are chosen from Northeast Nebraska to participate in this meet.

This is an all class meet. So participants can be competing against Class A schools.

Coaches enter times and distances and then patiently wait to see if their athlete makes it to the top eight. A

Andrea Sucha competed against some good competition and came away from the meet with a fifth ribbon place clearing 5 feet. Winning the meet was Hunter Wiebelhaus from North Central who cleared 5'4.

The team was very excited and proud of Andrea for achieving this goal. Keep soaring!

#### Niobrara Valley Conference Meet

On Saturday, the team went to Atkinson for the NVC meet.

This was a big meet with 11 high school and junior high teams competing against each other.

The boys' team finished in eighth place with 38 points.

The girls finished in sixth place with 49 points.

West Holt boys won with 119 points.

North Central girls were the champions with 138 points.

"We had some Cougar records set," Konopasek said.

"The 4 x 100 girls' relay team beat their record they already set this season.

Coltin Vargas set the high jump at 5-10, which was held by Camden Liska at 5-8 in 2011.

Andrea Sucha beat her own triple jump record with her jump.

The 4 x 400 boys are just hundredths away from breaking that record. T

rey Sucha is just inches away from breaking the triple and long jump records.

Gunner Vargas is just seconds away from breaking the hurdle records, too.

"We will see if we can achieve these in our next meets."

Results were as follows:  
**Girls' results:**  
Long Jump, Bree Breithaupt, 14'8.75, fifth place; Chloe Reynolds, 13'3  
Triple Jump, Andrea Sucha,

34'1.5, first place; Bree Breithaupt, 31'6, eighth place; Billie Pritchett, 27'1.5

Shot Put, Emily Parks, 29'11, eighth place; Anna Rudloff, 29.5, Chaney Konopasek, 28'

High Jump, Andrea Sucha, 4'10, fifth place

Discus, Emily Parks, 82'8, Anna Rudloff, 82'4, Chaney Konopasek, 96'2, fourth place

100 Hurdles, Andrea Sucha, 4'10, fifth place

Discus, Emily Parks, 82'8, Anna Rudloff, 82'4, Chaney Konopasek, 96'2, fourth place

100 Hurdles, Andrea Sucha, 17.88, third place

100 Meters, Summer Vesely, 14.36, Anna Rudloff, 16.45, Emily Parks, 14.67

400 Meter Dash, Josilyn Miller, 1:05.35, fifth place; Chloe Reynolds, 1:11.80

800 Meters, Michaela Ravenkamp, 14:46.23, seventh place; Danika Runnels, 17:10.56

1600 Meters, Cil McCormick, 7:45.77

4x100 Relay, third place, 54.24, Bree Breithaupt, Billie Pritchett, Summer Vesely and Emily Parks

4x400 Relay, third place, 4:39.41, Bree Breithaupt, Billie Pritchett, Chloe Reynolds and Andrea Sucha

4x800 Relay, sixth place, 12:38.53, Chloe Reynolds, Liv McCormick, Cil McCormick, Michaela Ravenkamp

Freshman Relay, second place, 1:07.52, Summer Vesely, Heidi Hollmann, Cil McCormick, Olivia McCormick

**Boys' results:**  
Triple Jump, Trey Sucha, 39'2, fifth place

Long Jump, Trey Sucha, 19.6, fifth place, Will Drobny, 11'5.5

High Jump, Coltin Vargas, 5'10, fourth place

Shot Put, Gavin Chohon, 408.3.5, third place; Beau Hrbek, 33'6.5, Brandon Nelson, 32'7.5

Discus, Brandon Nelson, 114'6, seventh place; Beau Hrbek, 99'7

110 Hurdles, Gunner Vargas, 18.37, fifth place

100 Meters, Gavin Chohon, 12.21, Beau Hrbek, 14.75, Brandon Nelson, 12.86

400 Meter Dash, Gavin Chohon, 1:00.40, Ethan Uhler, 1:10.37

800 Meters, Coltin Vargas, 2:18.51, seventh place

200 Meters, Ethan Uhler, 27.92, Will Drobny, 34.55

3200 Meters, Daniel Pavelka, 13:59.40

300 Hurdles, Gunner Vargas, 45.08, third place

4x100 Relay, 48.35, Gavin Chohon, Brandon Nelson, Coltin Justo, Ethan Uhler.

The Cougars were scheduled to play Tuesday in Atkinson for the Stuart Invite. This will be the Cougar's last meet before District's next Wednesday.

Emily Parks  
Vargas, Trey Sucha  
4x400 Relay, first place, 3:46.96, Coltin Vargas, Gunner Vargas, Daniel Pavelka, Trey Sucha

4x800 Relay, 12:04.22, Beau Hrbek, William Drobny, Dontae Justo.

The Cougars have the Class D District Meet at West Holt on Wednesday, May 12.

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
Crofton Community Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 10, 2021  
7:00 PM  
Posted Locations:  
Crofton Journal  
<https://www.croftonschools.org/>  
Posted Date: 5/3/2021

**Agenda:**  
1. CALL TO ORDER  
1.1. Acknowledge placement of Open Meetings Act poster  
1.2. Roll Call  
1.3. Motion to legally convene  
2. CONSENT AGENDA  
2.1. Approve previous minutes  
2.2. Approve Secretary - Treasurer reports  
2.3. Approve District bills  
3. Public Comment  
4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS  
4.1. Elementary Principal  
4.2. High School Principal  
4.3. Activity Director  
4.4. Superintendent  
5. NEW BUSINESS (Review, discuss, and take all necessary action)  
5.1. COVID-19  
5.2. Renew Food Service Contract - Set Lunch and Breakfast prices for 2021-2022  
5.3. Amend 2021-2022 Certificated Teacher Agreement  
5.4. Update Policy 5421 - Use of Restraints and Seclusion  
5.5. Approve 2021-2022 Calendar Updates  
5.6. SMART Board Purchase  
5.7. Vehicle Purchase  
5.8. School Grounds Water Well  
5.9. Student Option Enrollment Applications  
5.10. Staffing  
6. ADJOURN

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**C18-M6**

**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION of CEDAR RIDGE RV PARK, LLC**  
Notice is hereby given that Cedar Ridge RV Park, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its designated office at 54674 897 Road, Crofton, Nebraska 68730.  
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**C18-M6, M13, M20**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
Niobrara Public School  
Agenda-Monday May 10, 2021  
6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
Call meeting to order.  
Open meeting law posted.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Approval of Agenda/roll call  
Public Comment  
Approval of Minutes  
Presentation of Bills  
Approve Financial Report  
Correspondence  
Agenda Items:  
Personnel: Consider, discuss, and take necessary action on employee contracts and personnel changes for the 2021-2022 School Year.  
Depreciation Fund Purchase: Lunch-room table replacement.  
Early Childhood Program Report  
High Ability Learning Program Report  
Teacher Reports  
Administrative Reports  
Work Session  
Other  
This agenda contains a list of subjects known at the time of its distribution on April 30, 2021. A copy of the agenda reflecting any changes will be kept in the Superintendent's office and will be readily available for public inspection during normal office hours. Except for items of emergency nature, the agenda will not be enlarged later than twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting. The Board reserves the right to change the order of business discussed.  
**N8-M6**

**NOTICE OF MEETING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:**  
That a regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2021, in the Board of Supervisors' meeting room at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; however, the Board upon convening shall have the right to modify the agenda. The agenda is also available for viewing on the Knox County website at [www.co.knox.ne.us](http://www.co.knox.ne.us).  
**Joann M. Fischer**  
Knox County Clerk  
**C18-M6n/c**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
The Cedar Knox Rural Water Project will hold its regular monthly Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, the 13th day of May 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District office located at 608 N. Robinson Ave., Hartington, NE. A current agenda is on file at the District office. This meeting is open to the public.  
**C18-M6**

## Vet Stories: 325th Glider Infantry in World War II

NOTE: In our ongoing series called, "Veteran Stories," this week we feature Gaylord Meyer, who served with the 325th Glider Infantry in the 82nd Airborne during the end of World War II.



Gaylord Meyer served in World War II in the 325th Glider Infantry.

Gaylord Meyer was born the second of seven children of George and Caroline Meyer, on Dec. 29, 1922 on the farm south west of Crofton. He attended country school at District 42, Dolphin Township through the 8th grade. On Sept. 8, 1943, he married Violet Hennings. That next spring, the couple started farming eight miles south and one mile east of Crofton.

He was called into the armed services on Aug. 24, 1944, with the 325th Glider Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division in the European Theater in the last year of World War II. By September, the 325th was participating in the largest airborne operation ever conducted, called Market Garden. The 325th landed among German positions that had surrounded other elements of the 82nd. The glider attack is said to have turned the tide of battle. In December, the Germans launched a surprise attack through the Ardennes Forest, catching the Allies off guard. Two days after the assault, the 82nd joined the fight and blunted the German's north penetration at the American lines. The 325th dug in around a crossroads and held, and during the fight, they decimated two German Divisions.

Early in 1945, found Meyer and the 325th still fighting into the deep parts of enemy lines in Germany. Finally, the war officially ended in Europe on May 5, 1945. On Apr. 26, 1946, Meyer was discharged and finished the year working as a hired hand for John W. Arens. In 1947, he rented a farm two miles west and three miles south of Crofton.

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
The Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District will hold its regular monthly Board of Directors meeting on Thursday the 20th day of May 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Lewis & Clark NRD Office, Hartington, Nebraska.  
A current agenda is on file at the District Office. This meeting will be open to the public.  
**C18-M6**

**NOTICE OF MEETING BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:**  
That a regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2021, in the Board of Supervisors' meeting room at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; however, the Board upon convening shall have the right to modify the agenda. The agenda is also available for viewing on the Knox County website at [www.co.knox.ne.us](http://www.co.knox.ne.us).  
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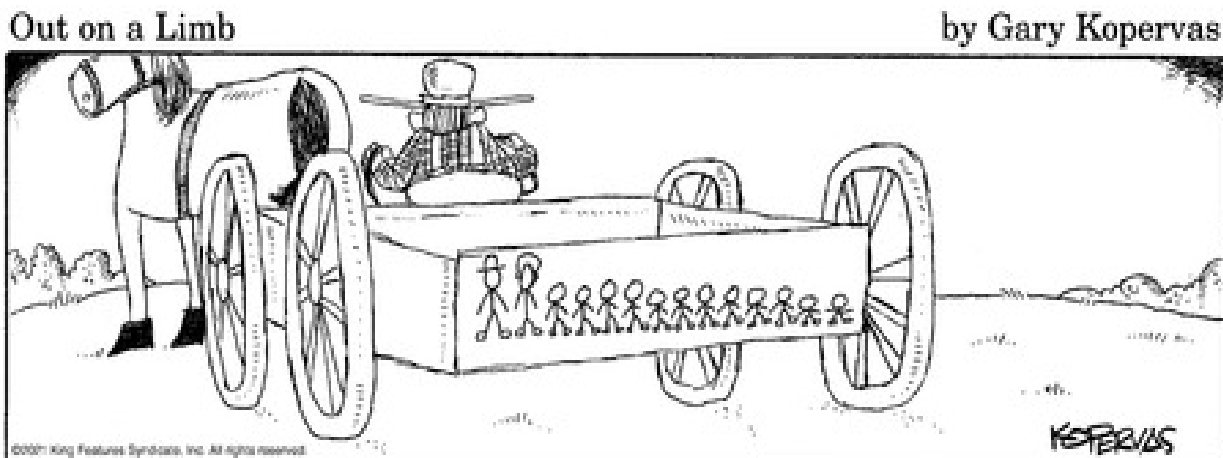
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# Senior Spotlight



## Brittany Tramp

Brittany is the daughter of Lonnie and Beth Tramp. She is the older sister of Megan Tramp.

Throughout high school she has been involved in Volleyball for 4 years, Speech for 1 year, Track for 2 years, One Act for 4 years, FCCLA for 4 years, National Honor Society for 2 years, Yearbook for 1 year, Wrestling statistician for 2 years, Softball, 4 years, and Art for 2 years. She also was the Vice President and Creed Speaking Champion for FCCLA, and received outstanding actress awards each year in One Act, the volleyball team captain her senior year.

Her favorite memories from Crofton were the Friday night football games each week.

Some advice she has for the underclassmen is to be like a duck. Remain calm on the surface and paddle like crazy underneath.

Her plans after high school are to attend Wayne State College and major in Business Management.



## Wayne Bilka

Wayne is the son of Duane and Theresa Carr.

He is the older brother of Emma Bilka.

Throughout high school, Wayne has been involved in football, track, and chorus for 4 years, yearbook for three years, and show choir and FBLA for 1 year.

His favorite memory from high school is making the state playoffs his senior year of football.

Some advice he would give to the underclassmen would be to go out for as many activities as you can and make the most of every moment.

After high school, Wayne plans on attending Wayne State and majoring in exercise science and dietetics and potentially competing in Track and Field.



# Warriors prepare for District invitational

By: Wayne Bilka  
CCS Journalism

The Warrior track team competed at the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Invitational on April 22.

The team took fourth-place overall. The Warriors won fourth-place with 74 team points. Laurel-Concord-Coleridge won first with 148 points; Tri County Northeast was second with 94 and Ponca was third with 86. Winside rounded out the top five with 45 team points on the men's side.

The Lady Warriors fared almost exactly the same with a fourth-place, 89-point overall team finish. Pender was first with 122, TCNE was second with 109 and Ponca was third with 94.

The Warrior Track Team will compete at the C-4 District track invite in Ponca on Thursday, May 13. Those qualifying for the State invite will travel to Burke Stadium in Omaha on May 21-21 for the Class C events.

Girls 100m dash: 4, Ellie Tramp, 13.4 secs; 5, Jayden Jordan, 13.7 secs

Girls 200m dash: 6, Allie Dahl, 29.17 secs

Girls 800m run: 3, Elizabeth Wortmann, 2:47.92

Girls 1600m run: 1, Jordyn Arens, 5:31.17

Girls 3200m run: 1, Jordyn Arens, 11:49.23

Girls 4x100m relay: 1, Jayden Jordan, Kaley Einrem, Caitlin Guenther and Ellie Tramp

Girls 4x800m relay: 1, Elizabeth Wortmann, Kiera Altwine, Kelsey Schieffer and Kaylee Mauch

Girls High Jump: 2, Kaley Einrem, 4-8; 4, Allie Dahl, 4-4

Girls Pole Vault: 1, Jayden Jordan, 9-10

Girls Triple Jump: 3, Caitlin Guenther, 31-6

Girls Discus: 2, Caitlin Guenther, 106-8

Boys 400m dash: 4, Colby Zuhlke, 55.95

Boys 800m run: 1, Connor Arens, 2:11.43; 5, Simon McFarland, 2:22.76; 6, Kody Kleinschmit, 2:31.61

Boys 1600m run: 2, Connor Arens, 5:00.69; 5, Austin Guenther, 5:25.69

Boys 3200m run: 4, Austin Guenther, 11:49.97

Boys 110m hurdles: 4, Colby Zuhlke, 17.52 secs

Boys 4x100m relay: 4, Samuel Tejral, Wayne Bilka, Brady Anthony, Mayson Ostermeyer, 48.73

Boys 4x400m relay: 4, William Poppe, Mayson Ostermeyer, Colby Zuhlke and Wayne Bilka 3:52.97

Boys high jump: 4, Simon McFarland, 5-2

Boys Pole Vault: 1, Mayson Ostermeyer, 11-10

Boys Triple Jump: 2, Nate Stevens, 37-8; 6, Jimmy Allen, 35-1

Boys Shot Put: 5, Paxton Bartels, 38-11



## Connor Johnathon Arens

Connor Arens is the son of Jason and Jayne Arens and is the sibling to Haley, Tanner, Jordyn, Rylie, Kaden, Avery, Myla, Skylar, Xander, and Braden.

Arens was involved in cross country, track, One-Act, speech, High Ability Learners, Student Wellness Advising Group, and FFA for four years. In FFA he was an officer for two years. Arens was in the NHS and a class officer for three years. He was in the Wellness Group, Circle of Friends, chorus, and Student Council for two years, where he was an officer for one year. Arens was also in basketball for one year. He was on Honor Roll for four years, Academic All State Cross Country for three years, and Academic All State Track for one year.

Connor's favorite memory at Crofton High was bus rides with his teammates.

Arens's advice for underclassmen: "You are the one who decides what you can and cannot do, don't be your limiting factor."

After graduation, Connor plans on attending South Dakota School of Mines and majoring in exploratory engineering.



## Erica Rose Tindle

Erica is the daughter of Lois Tindle. She has one older sister Taylor Tindle.

Her activities throughout high school include Choir for 4 years, Volleyball for 4 years, FFA for 3 years, basketball 1 year, NHS junior and senior year, and softball for countless years.

Her best memory at Crofton High School is playing Just Dance in Mrs. Pier's class.

Some advice she would give to the underclassmen is to be as involved as you can and step out of your comfort zone and try new things. You'll be surprised by some things you'll end up liking that you didn't think you would.

Her plans after high school are to attend Northeast Community College and major in Pre-Veterinary Technology.

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