



Lainey Smith

## Smith running for Hay Days Queen

It was brought to our attention that Lainey Smith was inadvertently left off of the front page of last week's Graphic with the rest of the Hay Days King and Queen candidates. Below is Smith's profile.

My name is Lainey Rae Smith and I am the daughter of Brad and Connie Smith. I was born in Atkinson Nebraska on April 11, 2006, I have lived in Atkinson my whole life. I attend West Holt high school and I will be graduating in the spring of 2024. I love to be active and involved with my school and peers. The activities

that I participate in are volleyball, basketball, FFA, National Honors Society, choir, and Dance team. For the last three years I have played on a traveling volleyball team in the spring through Nebraska d-league. I plan to attend college in the fall of 2024 and study some type of agriculture. During the summer I work for my grandpa, Verdon Smith working on the farm mowing hay in the hayfield and checking pastures. My favorite hobbies during the summer include going to concerts, playing softball, going to the lake, and spending time with friends and family

## Second clue revealed for 2023 Hay Days Mr./Mrs. Hay

By Blake Hilkemeier  
Graphic Staff

This year's Atkinson Hay Days celebration will be held on Thursday, August 17 until Sunday, August 20. The official "countdown" begins this week for the annual contest to predict who exactly is Mr. Hay, Mrs. Hay, or Mr. and Mrs. Hay.

The contest is sponsored by the Atkinson Hay Day Committee, with Sheryl Fix being the one providing this years' clues. Fix is the only person who knows the identity of Mr. or Mrs. Hay.

The winner of this year's contest

will receive a prize from the Atkinson Hay Days Committee.

To win, one must read the clues carefully and send their educated guesses to the address placed at the bottom of this story.

More clues will be published in future issues of the Atkinson Graphic.

If you have any questions contact Rhonda Olson at 605-661-7154.

### CLUE NUMBER TWO

**Jingle Bells  
Wedding Bells  
There's been a lot of hotels  
Maybe a few shells**

Send your guesses to:

**Sheryl Fix  
406 N. Hyde St.  
Atkinson, NE 68713**

**Two guesses per week  
per person. Only post-  
marked guesses count.**



Members of the city council during the special meeting

Photo by: Blake Hilkemeier

## Special City Council meeting called on July 20

By Blake Hilkemeier  
Graphic Staff

On Thursday, July 20 the Atkinson City Council called an emergency meeting with only eight topics on the agenda.

The meeting began with the council taking roll call as well as approving the minutes for the July 10 meeting.

The big topic of discussion for the night was the discussion of approving Officer Jimmy Collins as the new Interim Chief of Police at \$35 an hour with no benefits.

This brought up several questions and discussions from the crowd, most curious about what the plan was for when Officer Mincer returned. The final verdict was that Collins would stay as the Interim Chief of Police until Mincer was able to return. Once

Mincer was able to return, the position would be open for anyone to apply for, as it is an equal opportunity position. Meaning that for Mincer to get that position, he would have to apply for it.

After a long debate, with members of the community speaking their minds, it was decided that Collins would take over as the Interim Chief of Police for the City of Atkinson, with only one no across the board.

After Mincer gets his final clearance to begin working again, the position of Chief of Police will open up for applicants. Collins made it clear that he was not interested in taking on the position full time. Mincer stated that he was cleared for work on his shoulder and ankle and is now awaiting clearance on his back to return to the City of Atkinson Police Department.

Following the approval of Officer Collins, the council approved the purchase of a new gun safe for the Police Department, hoping to shop locally for the new item.

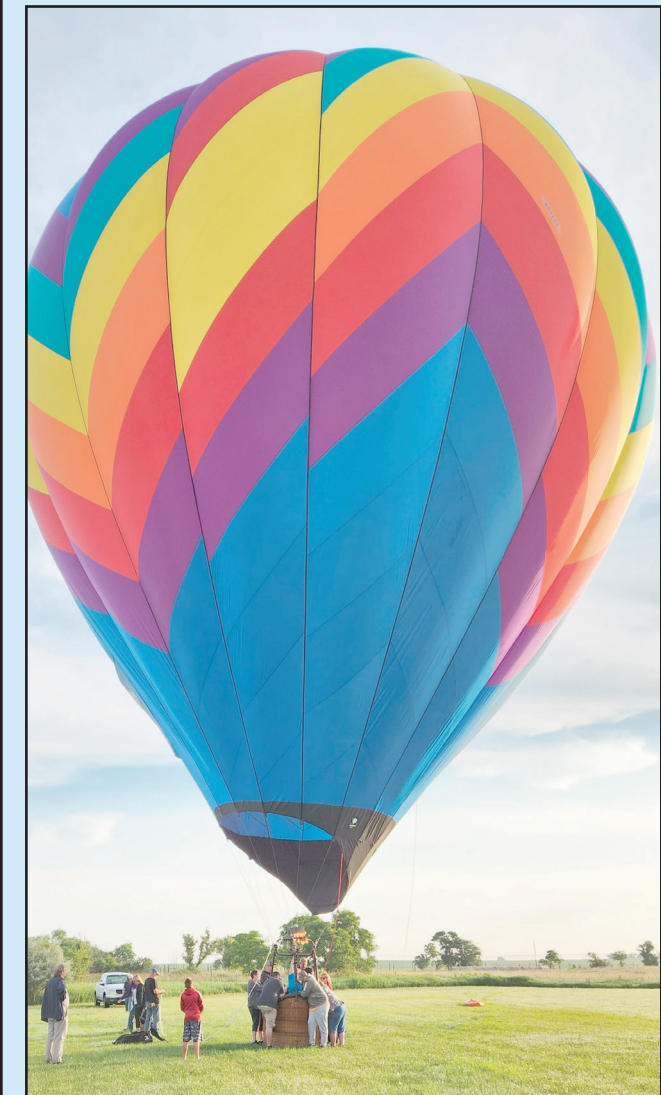
The final discussions for the nearly hour-long meeting were the approvals for a building permit for 6 Pack LLC to construct two different wood frames for 108 East South Street and 510 South Williams Street. Both were approved, with the Council wanting a sidewalk installed as well at the property on 510 South Williams Street.

The meeting adjourned shortly after, ending the meeting at around 50 minutes.

The meeting is available on The Atkinson Graphic YouTube channel to watch.



Jean Mellor (Pictured third from right) Sitting in the hot air balloon with her daughter Dianne Dunkle and niece Nancy Lambertson, anxiously anticipating takeoff



The hot air balloon, measured at over 100 feet tall

## Mellor lives out dream of ballooning at 94

By Blake Hilkemeier  
Graphic Staff

At 94 years old, Jean Mellor always envisioned how fun it would be to ride in a hot air balloon, but never believed she'd get the chance to act upon that dream.

Fortunately for Mellor, an opportunity came knocking on her door on the weekend of Saturday, July 8, during her family reunion. The reunion was held just north of Atkinson, featuring from family across the country. Included in this reunion was Mellor's niece, who just so happens to own a hot air balloon.

Mellor's niece, Nancy Lambertson of Colorado, had impulsively bought her balloon just a few years ago. Seeing it at a convention and following what her gut was telling her.

"She hadn't even gotten her pilots license yet," Mellor said. "Imagine if she wouldn't have been able to get it. She would've just been stuck with the balloon."

Lambertson was fortunately able to receive her license shortly after her purchase and found her new love in flying. For the past few years, Lambertson had been trying to get the balloon to Nebraska to fly with her family, but weather had prevented that.

That was, until this year, when Lambertson made the trip, with the weather being perfect for flying.

For Mellor, it took little-to-no convincing to get her up in the balloon. "I knew right away I wanted to go up," she stated.

The balloon stood at over 100 feet tall and flew to perfection. While they're unsure of the exact height their balloon was at, the typical hot air balloon flies from anywhere between 1,000 and 3,000 feet off of the ground, high enough to make people look like ants.

The flight lasted around 45 minutes, long enough for Mellor to soak in all the beauties of the farmland around her.

"You know all of those farm

ponds the guy's fish in around here?", Mellor asked. "Well, I could see all of those ponds!"

The balloon flew with no destination in sight. The crew had a chase car following to make sure they didn't get lost, but everything went smoothly, according to Mellor and family.

The ride was described as quiet and peaceful, due to the balloon's engine-less way of flying. With the weather making it a 'bluebird day' for Mellor and family.

After over a half-hour in the sky, the balloon and its three riders landed safely in one of Goeke's fields.

When asked if she would do it again, Mellor's answer was simple. "Definitely," she said, smiling from ear to ear.

Mellor now proudly wears a colorful hot air balloon pin on her left shoulder as a showcase of her willingness to try new things.

Photos courtesy  
LuAnne Davis



Mellor smiling while looking down at the countryside



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR.

**Thursday, July 27**

11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Benefit Lunch and Lemonade Stand at Atkinson City Park House

**Sunday, July 30**

5:30-8:00 - Chicken Fry at Atkinson American Legion

**Tuesday August 1**

Regular Auction, Atkinson Livestock Market

Friday, August 4 - 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Baker's Dozen at Atkinson Farmer's Market

**CHECK TO SEE IF  
REGULAR MEETINGS  
ARE BEING HELD**

**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 - 7:00 p.m. -** 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 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 12:00 to 5:00 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.

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**Community Thrift Shop Hours**

**Wednesday**

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Friday**

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday**

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Atkinson-Stuart**

**Food Pantry**

**1st and 3rd Wednesdays**

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Send Your  
Community Calendar  
Items to:**  
news@atkinsongraphic.com

**or call them to:**  
402-925-5411



Joyce Huston and Patsy Raymer receive the Big Apple Award for the most participants using the Food Pantry in a rural area in Northeast Nebraska.. The award was presented at the Kearney Food Pantry. Courtesy photo

## Atkinson-Stuart Food Pantry numbers down

by Lorraine Lieswald  
Graphic Reporter

Participants to the Atkinson-Stuart Food Pantry are receiving half the amount of food distributed to them during Covid.

Director of the food pantry, Joyce Huston, said each family is given at least 15 lbs. of food twice a month and once a month receive a 15 lbs produce box. "We try to give a protein each time," she said. Fresh chicken and fish are the meats frequently used for the protein. "We are given canned pork but we don't see much beef unless it is something we are given through an outside source", Huston explained.

While food distribution was increased to once a week then, it is now back to the original distribution days of twice monthly on the first and third Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The amount of families receiving food is also down from 200 to an average of 130-140 each distribution.

Huston said Food Bank of the Heart Land, Omaha that furnishes most of the food for state food pantries are being given half the amount of food today. "The Government cut the supplies by 20% this year," Huston said. "We are being told they will cut another 20% next year, too." According to Huston, they are writing grants and looking for other outside food sources.

The food pantry accepts overflow of garden produce including lettuce, potatoes, apples and other fruits and vegetables. Check with the food pantry office before bringing fresh garden supplies.

Other items needed are paper supplies (toilet paper, tissues etc.), cereal, soups, cake, brownies, and muffin mixes, flour, sugar, oil, juice, ramen noodles, peanut butter, jelly, pastas and sauces, canned fruit, canned vegetables, hamburger helper, ground beef or any type of processed meat.

If you have questions about the food pantry call 308-548-8044.

## Letter to the Editor

Enjoyed Reporter Lieswald's editorial on "growing up movies".

We really enjoyed Saturday evening movies at the Stuart Movie Theater next to the light plant. Doris Day and Judy Garland were my favorites. Of course these were favorites later - after the 60's after my Korean tour. My best over all favorite was "The Sound of Music". They don't make good and decent movies anymore. Most have much violence,

sex, bad language and other low morality issues. We now watch and enjoy the old westerns/shows - Gunsmoke, Virginian, Laramie, Bat Masterson, and most Jimmy Stewart, Audie Murphy, Audrey Hepburn, Julie Andrews, and Doris Day shows/movies. We like very few modern day stuff.

Edmund Kaup  
Lindale, TX



## Quilt Walk winners named . . .

Winners at the Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored Quilt Walk were first place, Connie Bradley, second place, Amy Mueller, and third place Sandra and Emily Heerten. Also, winners of \$25 in Atkinson Bucks were Lori Stolcpart, Lura Goeke, Joyce Seger, and Wilda Leisy. Courtesy photos



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July 27-30: Adventure Together 4-H Camp, Louisville, NE,  
<https://4h.unl.edu/camps-register>  
July 28: Nebraska Turfgrass Field Day, East Campus Turf Research Center, East UNL Campus, Lincoln, NE

August 2: Youth Crop Scouting Competition, ENREC, Mead, NE,  
<https://newsroom.unl.edu/announce/4hstaff/15981/88659>  
<https://cropwatch.unl.edu/crop-scoutingcompetition>

August 5-6: Holt County Shooting Sports Competition, Holt County Fairgrounds, Chambers, NE

August 7-12: Holt County Fair  
August 10: DUE: State Fair Online Entries

August 19-20: Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop, Sportsman Club, West Point, NE,  
<https://newsroom.unl.edu/announce/4hstaff/15981/88627>

August 21: DUE: Non-Perishable State Fair 4-H Exhibits in the Office  
August 22: DUE: Perishable State Fair 4-H Exhibits in the Office



## Menu from Atkinson Senior Center

Friday, July 28 - Hot Beef  
Mon. July 31 - Salisbury Steak  
Tuesday, August 1 - Baked Ham  
Wednesday, August 2 - Idaho Taco  
Thursday, August 3 - Chicken Biscuits  
Friday, August 4 - Tuna Noodle Casserole

Call before 9:30 a.m. or the day before you wish to eat 402-925-5827 or 402-340-4571.

## Churches will hold service together

The Atkinson Presbyterian Church and the Stuart Community Church will be holding services at Stuart Community Church in Stuart on Sunday, July 30th at 10:30 a.m.

There will be a pot luck dinner following the service.

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## 2023 Atkinson Hay Days Parade Entry Form

Registration is underway for the 2023 Hay Days Parade.

If you would like to have an entry in the parade, please supply the following information. Entries may be mailed to Hay Days Parade, c/o Betty Ziska, PO Box 55, Atkinson, NE 68713, or email to bziska1921@gmail.com

Parade theme is

**"Sunshine Fun in the Summer Days"**

Title of Float: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter what you want the announcer to say about your float: \_\_\_\_\_

(Keep this to 1 or 2 lines so we can keep things moving)

List the names of people on your float. If there are no people on your float - enter none. Don't forget about the driver!  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your float to be judged? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Entries received after August 15 will **NOT** be judged!

This is who will be notified of your position in the parade.

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions may be referred to Betty Ziska via email  
[bziska1921@gmail.com](mailto:bziska1921@gmail.com) or 720-260-1920



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# Friends and Family



## Church youth served on mission trip . . .

On July 5-8 Youth from the Atkinson Methodist Church went on a mission trip to serve at the Lake Traverse reservation in Sisseton SD. Service projects included painting the house of a disabled man and town beautification. The kids were a part of a large group from 4 states that served through the Youthworks program. This was the first ever mission trip for the kids of this church. Courtesy photos



## Obituaries

### Alexis Laible, 12

A Funeral Mass for Alexis Laible, age 12, of Emmet, Neb. was held on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Atkinson with Rev. Bernard Starman officiating.

Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20, 2023 at Biglin's Mortuary in O'Neill, Neb.



Burial followed in O'Neill Cemetery. Lunch was served in O'Neill following the burial. The family requested casual attire be worn at the visitation and the funeral.

Alexis passed away as the result of an ATV accident on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 near her home in Emmet.

Alexis Rose Laible was born on September 9, 2010 in Sioux City, Iowa to Dustin and Lori (Nordby) Laible. She attended O'Neill Public Schools, where she enjoyed socializing with her friends and cheering on her siblings.

Alexis liked to talk – non-stop it seemed. She enjoyed singing karaoke, movie night with her family and she loved a good dance party. Alexis appreciated every minute of being in nature - enjoying camping, riding her bike, and swimming in the pool.

Spending time with family was important to Alexis. She was the life of the party of the cousin crew. Alexis could oftentimes be found playing for hours with any and all animals she could get her hands on.

Alexis is survived by her parents, Dustin and Lori Laible; siblings, Kiley, Gus, and Reid Laible, all of Emmet; grandparents, Steve (Marti) Nordby of Coleridge; Tom (Bonnie) Steinhauer of Creighton, and Ron (Joyce) Laible of Shelby; great grandmother, Punk Steinhauer of Stuart, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements were entrusted to Biglin's Mortuary of O'Neill.

### Cecilia E. Hampton, 74

Funeral services for Cecilia Elaine (DiCarmine) Hampton, 74, of Plattsmouth, (formerly of Norfolk and Plainview) were held Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at Northern Heights Baptist Church in Norfolk.

Pastor Matt Gilmore officiated, and burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk.



She was born on December 19, 1948, in Louisville, Ky., the daughter of James and Mary Rose (Colvin) DiCarmine, and she died on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at Page, after a short battle with cancer.

She graduated high school and earned her bachelor's degree in education.

She married the love of her life, Dennis Hampton, on August 15, 1969 in Louisville, Ky.

She was remembered by family with: "One word that described Elaine was servant. She had a servant's heart and genuinely invested in people. She cared about all of those around her, especially her children and grandchildren. She was a wonderful teacher, homemaker, mentor, cheerleader, and friend. She believed that God has a plan for everything, and even when we don't understand His plans, God is still good."

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Mary Rose DiCarmine, and her husband, Dennis Hampton.

Cecilia Elaine (DiCarmine) Hampton is survived by her four children: Jeremy (Anita) Hampton of Page, Christy (Jess) Underwood of Oshkosh, Hannah (John) Eckerman of Plattsmouth, and Joel Hampton of Pahoa, Hawaii; her grandchildren: Taylor (Dalson) Hitz, Morgan, Ty, and Madison Hampton, Jordan and Javis Underwood, Bailey and Evan Eckerman, and great grandchildren: Drexyn and Hestyn Hitz and her three sisters: Jackie (Bill) Lawson, Texas, Anita Cozzolino, Ky., and Cindy (David) Tribble, Ky. and one sister-in-law, Debby (Gene) Cox, Ga.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Elaine Hampton Memorial Fund to be used towards children's ministry.

## Funeral Services

### Phyllis E. Weinacht, 79

Phyllis E. Weinacht, age 79 of Omaha, passed away July 18, 2023.

A wake service will be held on Monday, July 24 at 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at John A. Gentleman Mortuaries, 14151 Pacific St., Omaha with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25th at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 11802 Pacific Street, Omaha.

Inurnment will be at Omaha National Cemetery at a later date.

Phyllis Weinacht is survived by her husband, Bob; daughters, Michelle (Scott) Myers and Kimberly (Paul) Mayes; grandchildren, Rob Myers and Kaia Mayes.

Memorials are preferred to The Friends of the Atkinson Library Foundation, 88364 478th Ave, Atkinson, Neb. 68713.

### Blanche Ziska, 88

Memorial Services for Blanche Ziska, age 88 of O'Neill, will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 28, 2023 at Biglin's Mortuary in O'Neill with Rev. Paul Harder officiating.

Visitation will be prior to the service on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until service time at Biglin's Mortuary.

Private family burial will be at a later time in the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Atkinson.

Blanche passed away on Monday, July 24, 2023 at Avera St. Anthony's Hospital in O'Neill. Memorials are suggested to her family for future designation. Arrangements are entrusted to Biglin's Mortuary of O'Neill.

## News from Delta Kappa Gamma

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a teacher honorary, is offering scholarships to local young people who have chosen to pursue a career in the field of education. Interested students with at least 60 college credit hours may apply. Please send an official transcript from your

college along with a short statement (200-300 words) about why you decided to enter the field of education as a career to DiAnne McNutt, PO Box 43, Long Pine, NE 69217. Scholarship winners will be announced August 30. Applications must be postmarked before August 20.



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## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Schroeder honored at NECC

Forty-five Northeast Community College student-athletes were named to one of the All-Academic teams of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) for their work in the classroom over the last season.

Student-athletes are eligible to earn the honor by achieving an overall GPA of 3.60 or higher for the 2022-23 academic year. Eleven student-athletes were named to the first team (4.0 GPA), 12 were named to the second team (3.80-3.99 GPA) and 22 were named to the third team (3.60-3.79 GPA).

In addition, seven athletic programs at Northeast were named a 2022-23 NJCAA Academic Team of the Year. The volleyball (3.48 GPA), women's soccer (3.44 GPA), women's basketball (3.43 GPA), men's golf (3.33 GPA), baseball (3.29 GPA), softball (3.27 GPA) and men's soccer (3.17 GPA) programs all received the honor.

Northeast student-athlete named to one of the NJCAA All-Academic teams included Lexi Schroeder, NECC basketball athlete from Stuart, Neb.



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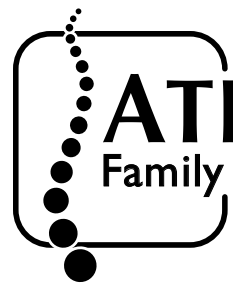
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**August 2023 ~ Atkinson Senior Center Menu ~ 402-925-5827**  
Call by 9:30 a.m. on the day you wish to eat or the day before.

Tues., 8 - 1 - Baked Ham	Wed., 8 - 16 - Ham Loaf
Wed., 8 - 2 - Idaho Taco	Thurs., 8 - 17 - Oven Fried Chicken
Thurs., 8 - 3 - Chicken Biscuit	Fri., 8 - 18 - Potato Bar with Beef/Ham
Fri., 8 - 4 - Tuna Noodle	Mon., 8 - 21 - Meat Loaf
Mon., 8 - 7 - Pork Chop on Rice	Tues., 8 - 22 - Pork Chop, Dressing
Tues., 8 - 8 - Swiss Steak	Wed., 8 - 23 - Beef Noodle Casserole
Wed., 8 - 9 - Sloppy Joe	Thurs., 8 - 24 - Dorothy Lynch Chicken
Thurs., 8 - 10 - Chicken Spaghetti	Fri., 8 - 25 - Polish Sausage
Fri., 8 - 11 - Tater Tot Tacos	Mon., 8 - 28 - Roast Pork/Gravy
Mon., 8 - 14 - Birthday Dinner-Baked Ham	Tues., 8-29 - Spaghetti and Meat Sauce
Tues., 8 - 15 - Hamburger Steak	Wed., 8-30 - Stuff French Toast Casserole
Menu Subject to Change Margarine Served Daily	
Thurs., 8-31 - Baked Chicken	

## Hay Days Fun Run, Walk & Ride

**Sponsored by: Atkinson Fire & Rescue**  
**Saturday, August 19th**  
**Registration - 6:00 a.m. to 6:45 a.m.**  
**RACE STARTS at 7:00 a.m.**

Race begins at the Atkinson Fire Hall - Please park behind the Fire Hall  
For more info call or text: Renae Osborne - 402-560-7327 - osbornenae@gmail.com

**Entry Fees: \$25<sup>00</sup>** (Includes T-Shirt)  
**\$20<sup>00</sup> for 13 & Under** (Includes T-Shirt) **\$15<sup>00</sup>** (NO Shirt Included)  
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Adult: S M L XL XXL XXXL No T-Shirt Desired \_\_\_\_\_  
Male Female Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Kids Run 13 & under: ½ mile run 2 mile run 2 bike ride 5 mile bike ride

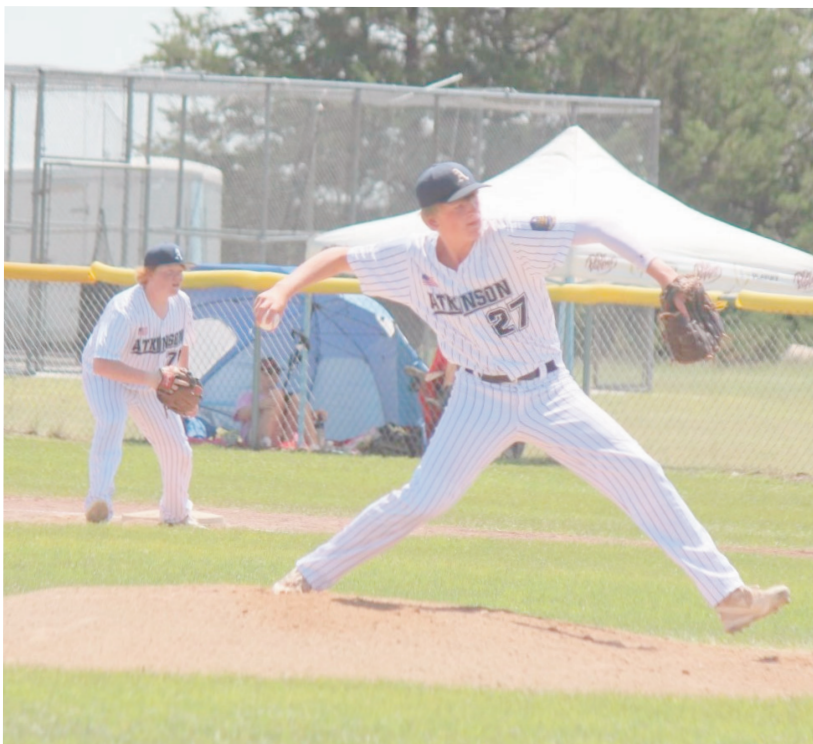
Waiver: In consideration of you accepting my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages against the Atkinson Hay Days Committee, The City of Atkinson, Atkinson Fire and Rescue, Meet Officials and any Sponsors for any injuries, illness, COVID 19, and or damages I may suffer as a result of my participation in this event. I further certify that I am in good enough physical condition to participate in this event. I understand that entry fees are non-refundable.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of participant or parent if under 18 years of age.  
Please use a separate form for each participant.  
Registrations must be received by 7-31-23 to ensure a t-shirt on race day.  
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# Local



Zach Hooley firing a pitch home while Nolan Hoffman prepares at first base  
Photo courtesy of Miechelle Davis

## Legion season comes to an end

By Blake Hilkemeier  
Graphic Staff

The Atkinson American Legion Post 86 senior team saw their season come to an end at the Class C Area 7 tournament on Sunday, July 23 in Valentine.

The team had high hopes heading into the tournament as they sat at the top seed, with a bye in the first round. After defeating Valentine on day one, it would be Gordon-Rushville taking on Atkinson in the second round of the tournament on Saturday.

After a short rain delay and a tough first inning, the score was knotted at 1-1 heading into the top of the second. Atkinson would continue putting pressure on the basepaths, and eventually found themselves up by a score of 4-1.

Heading into the fifth inning, Atkinson had the lead at 4-3, when everything came crumbling down. Atkinson couldn't seem to find the

strike zone, and when they did, G-R capitalized, soon Post 86 would find themselves down 14-4 and were unable to bounce back. This loss would send Atkinson to the bottom half of the bracket to face Hershland in an elimination game.

Unfortunately for the young squad, things ended similarly in game two. While the boys were able to take an early 1-0 lead, the weekend would belong to someone else, and Atkinson would find themselves bounced from the area tournament by Sunday afternoon with their loss to Hershland.

Atkinson couldn't find a way to get over their end-of-season struggles with the bats, which would end up being their downfall. The boys would end their season with a record of 11-10. Looking at the positives, the team loses no one to the age limit this summer, meaning the entire team is eligible to return next year for another shot at a district title.



Outfielders (L to R) Grant Osborne, Kruz Jelinek and Caleb Davis strategize during pitching change  
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## Stuart Raceway results from 7-23-23

Stock Car IMCA ~ Stuart Concrete			
No.	Name	City	Points
93S	Jake Kubik Bassett	34	
7SK	Mark Krieger	Stuart	33
29B	Blaine Fix	Atkinson	32
4W	Tim Delaney	Sargent	31

Northern SportMod IMCA ~ Frontier Diesel			
No.	Name	City	Points
66M	Kevin McCarthy	Naper	34
11M	Kendell McCarthy	Naper	33
21	Lee Hoerle	Burwell	32
23T	Christopher Troidl	Stuart	31

Hobby Stock IMCA ~ Mitchell Equipment			
No.	Name	City	Points
17A	Austan Korus	Genoa	31

RaceSaver Sprint IMCA ~

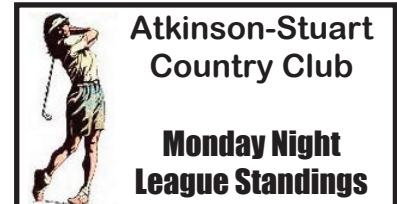
NAPA Auto Parts/Turps Automotive			
No.	Name	City	Points
17D	Bob Dvorak	Stuart	34
42AJ	Adam Walton	Atkinson	33
02	Mitchell Dvorak	Stuart	32
15F	Danial Frickel	Atkinson	31

Stock Non-Wing NOW600 ~ Sandhill Equipment			
No.	Name	City	Points
22A	Carson Anderson	Bassett	120
5s	Zak Swanson	Bassett	116
8	Cory Bennett	Neligh	112
49	Justin Mitchell	Amelia	108
7M	Rutten Reid	Gregory	103
1	Jordan Vosika	Gregory	101

Winged A NOW600 ~ Brad Fox Hay Grinding			
No.	Name	City	Points
22A	Carson Anderson	Bassett	

119			
5S	Zak Swanson	Bassett	117
0	Curtis Kubik	Stuart	112
1	Jordan Vosika	Gregory	108
49	Justin Mitchell	Amelia	104
7M	Rutten Reid	Gregory	100
99	Cory Bennett	Neligh	96

Restricted 'A' NOW600 Brad Fox Hay / Sandhill Equipment			
No.	Name	City	Points
11S	Drake Shutt	Atkinson	120
17	Cassidy Heermann	Spencer	116



Monday First Half Leaderboard as of Monday, June 5, 2023

Team	Name	Total
1	Elm, Larson	.4
2	Cadwallader, Owens	.6
3	Osborne, Schrunck, Judge, Osborne	.4
4	Olberding, Vrooman	.2
5	Myers, Frickel, Schmitz	.2
6	Kerkman, Kerkman	.2
7	Vogel, Langan	.6
8	Frickel, Coburn	.6
9	Ketteler, Heermann	.0
10	C. Schaaf, K. Krieger	.0
11	A. Schaaf, M. Krieger	.6
12	Wolf, Dredge	.4
13	Batenhorst, Kohle	.6
14	Schurman, Flannery, Hooley	.2
15	Gokie, Kunz, Sholes	.4
16	Bauer, Deseive, Peek, Dockter	.0
17	Frickel, Kracht	.4
18	Oligmueller, Miller	.4
19	Braun, Braun, Theisen	.0
20	Norton, Mincer	.0



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## West Holt shows off talent at team camp . . .

The West Holt football team showcased their grit at an EPIC team camp in North Bend recently. West Holt would be one of four teams at the camp, using the opportunity to get better and show what they were made of. The Huskies would walk away with two prestigious honors. One being the title of champions in the tire flip contest. Participatns of the champion tire flip team were as follows: Pictutred above, (L to R): Beau Dahacheck, Grant Osborne, Lincoln Konrad, Ian Laetsch, Caleb Davis, and (front row) Mason Crumrine. To go along with his participation in the tire flip crown, Osborne also earned himself the title of Lineman of the Day at the camp. The Huskies made the most of their trip to North Bend with the season just around the corner.



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## News from Atkinson Senior Center

### Margaret Linse, Secretary

"Hello August, please be a good month that brings smiles and happiness to our lives!"

On Tuesday, July 18, we held our annual election of officers for the Center. The following officers were elected: President, Doug Kubic; Vice President, Darrel Smith; Secretary, Margaret Linse; and Treasurer, Agnes Carey; Janet Kliment is the other board member.

We appreciate Ray W. for donating and replacing the latch on the inner door of the Center when the old one broke.

Activities in July included the Center being open to display quilts for the Atkinson Chamber of Commerce Quilt Walk. We had a Continental Breakfast Fundraiser on July 16th, with a nice attendance. We're happy to report that we have received enough money to pay for the new flooring. We want to thank everyone that donated food, monetary donations and the workers. A big thank you to the community that attended and donated. On July 25th, we had an evening meal which was a picnic with grilled hamburgers and brats and all the fixings.

Sharon R. donated a beautiful quilt to be raffled. We also have a Silent Auction with some of the unique and fun items to bid on, so be sure to come in the Center and get a raffle ticket and place your bids! This will end on August 19th.

On Saturday, August 19th, we will be having our annual Hay Days Breakfast from 7:30-10:00 a.m., before the grand parade. We'll be serving sausage gravy on biscuits, eggs, sweet rolls, etc. Make sure to make plans to come and share breakfast with us!

This may seem early, but don't forget our annual Holiday Décor Rummage Sale on Saturday, November 4th. Start sorting through your decorations to donate.

August birthdays to celebrate are: 3- Dorothy Straka; 4-Richard Flannery; 10-Zoe Claussen; 15-Jim Davis; 16-Margaret Henning; 23-Dennis Rupert; 25-Norma Cullen and Nadine Sammons.

You are welcome to come and take part in our activities. The following are planned for August:

Coffee groups - Every Day - the coffee pot is always on!

Low Impact exercises - Every Tuesday & Thursday @ 11 a.m.

10 point pitch cards - August 3, 17, and 31 @ 1:00 p.m.

Bridge Cards - August 9 & 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Pinochle cards - August 10 & 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Board of Directors - August 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Blood Pressures - August 17 at 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers - August 17 at 12:30 p.m.

Hay Days Breakfast - August 19 at 7:30-10:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a good meal and social time with friends. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon and you must register the day before or by 9:30 a.m. on the day you plan to eat. After hours, call the Center at 402-925-5827 and leave a message on the answering machine. The monthly menu is printed in the Atkinson Graphic, advertised daily on KBRX at 7:20 a.m., or you can pick up the menu at the Center. The Center is open every weekday from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## News from Holt County Court

Isaac Mike Schlenger, Anthon, IA, Fugitive from justice

Kyrsten A. Jellico, Chambers, \$50, No proof of ownership, State Patrol Officer Russell S. Dostal

Ryan Michael Magnuson, San Diego, CA, \$25, Speeding 6-10 MPH, State Patrol Officer Russell S. Dostal

Robert Daniel Earl II, Eustace, TX, \$75, Speeding 11-15 MPH, State Patrol Officer Seth R. Miller

Abhinay Dornala, Omaha, \$75, Speeding 11-15 MPH, State Patrol Officer Seth R. Miller

Creed Daniel Gilter, Hereford, TX, \$25, Speeding 6-10 MPH, State Patrol Officer Bryan M. Walter

Timothy Anthony Dustin, Russell, PA, \$75, Overweight on axle or group, State Patrol Officer Brian M. Detlefsen

Larry D. Haake, Thedford, \$75, Overweight on axle or group, State Patrol Officer Brian M. Detlefsen.

Alan Donald Wecker, Chambers, \$50, CMV Marking, State Patrol Officer Paul G. Asche

Alan Donald Wecker, Chambers, \$50, CMV Brake general, State Patrol Officer Paul G. Asche

Tina A Anderson, Lincoln, \$100, Drive under susp/before reinstated, State Patrol Officer Paul G. Asche

Estel Aden Higgs, Ewing, \$50, Overweight capacity plates, State Patrol Officer Paul G. Asche

Estel Aden Higgs, Ewing, \$25, Overweight on axle or group, State Patrol Officer Paul G. Asche

Richard Eugene Burival, O'Neill, \$150, Overweight on axle or group, State Patrol Officer Paul G. Asche

Tyler C. Bain, Stuart, \$150, No proof of insurance, O'Neill Police Officer Kipton Krysl

Tyler C. Bain, Stuart, \$500, No proof of insurance, O'Neill Police Officer Kipton Krysl

Tyler C. Bain, Stuart, \$7,847.08, No proof of insurance, O'Neill Police Officer Kipton Krysl

Lucas Mark Kardell, Ames, NE, \$75, Speeding 11-15 MPH, O'Neill Police Officer Kipton Krysl

Jayden D. Garrett, Newport, \$150, No proof of insurance, Holt County Sheriff Steven Binkerd

Jayden D. Garrett, Newport, \$50, Motor vehicle sale not in writing, Holt County Sheriff Steven Binkerd

July 18 a marriage license was issued to Ben Hans Vrba of Schuyler and Rachel Marie Schmitz of O'Neill.

July 21 one was issued to Jose Francisco Gueta Lopez of Inman and Ivette Aldaz Armen Dariz of Douglasville, GA. On July 24 one was issued to Scott Nathan Holtgrew and Sandra Ann Ekberg, both of Atkinson.

## Grab your flip-flops & shades and meet us there!

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### Thursday, August 10th

#### Free Carnival

5:30 p.m. .... Cirque Adventure  
6:15 p.m. .... Ak-Sar-Ben Award  
6:30 p.m. .... Mutton Bustin'  
7:00 p.m. .... Ranch Rodeo

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### Friday, August 11th

#### Free Carnival

4:00 p.m. .... Cirque Adventure  
5:00 p.m. .. Market Livestock Bonus Auction  
5:30 p.m. .... Free Will BBQ  
6:00 p.m. .... Cirque Adventure  
6:15 p.m. .... AK-SAR-BEN Award  
6:30 p.m. .... Mutton Bustin'  
7:00 p.m. .... Amped Up Bull Tour  
8:00 p.m. .... Cirque Adventure  
9:00 p.m. .. Casey Meussingman Band

### Saturday, August 12th

#### Free Carnival

2:00 p.m. .... Cirque Adventure  
3:00 p.m. .... Kid's Pedal Pull  
4:00 p.m. .... Cirque Adventure  
4:00-6:00 p.m. .... Rib Cook Off  
(while ribs last)  
6:00 p.m. .... Cirque Adventure  
6:30 p.m. .... Demolition Derby  
9:00 p.m. .... Midnight Rodeo Band

## Friday, August 11

# Amped Up Bull Tour



### 7:00 p.m.

Mutton Bustin' @ 6:30 p.m.

## Saturday, August 12

# Demo Derby



### 6:30 p.m.

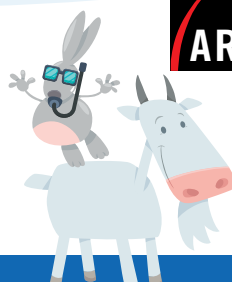
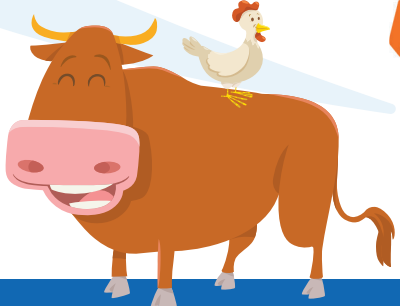
Car Raffle during Derby



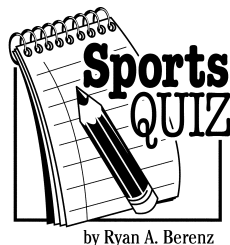
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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Eden Park, Sky Stadium and Forsyth Barr Stadium are all soccer/rugby arenas located in what country?

2. What former Major League Baseball player went by the unusual nickname "Pronk"?

3. Soccer player Andres Escobar, who was murdered in 1994 as retaliation for inadvertently deflecting the ball into his own net at the FIFA World Cup, played for what national team?

4. The National Softball Hall of Fame and Museum is located in what U.S. city?

5. Physician and Olympic decathlete Tom Waddell organized what sports event that first took place in San Francisco in 1982?

6. Name the NASCAR driver, winner of the 1992 Daytona 500, who was killed in a helicopter crash in July 1993.

7. Larry David provided the voice of what real-life sports team owner in the TV comedy series "Seinfeld"?

### Answers

1. New Zealand.
2. Travis Hafner.
3. Colombia.
4. Oklahoma City.
5. The Gay Games (founded as the Gay Olympics).
6. Davey Allison.
7. George Steinbrenner.

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# Local

## City of Atkinson Proceedings

Council Proceedings  
July 10, 2023  
The city council of the City of Atkinson met in regular session in the Council Chambers on July 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Present: Mayor Erickson. Council members: Asher, Krysl, H Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane.  
Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Atkinson Graphic and notice of the meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council prior to the meeting. Public was informed of the location of the Open Meetings Act poster in the council chambers.  
Asher/H. Olson to approve the minutes of the June 29th meeting. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
The Treasurer's Report for June was discussed and placed on file.  
The council acknowledged receipt of the June minutes of the Library, Chamber, Park Board/Tree Board meetings and the Union Street Duplex Financial Report.

Sheryl Hiatt with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development presented a Certificate to the City of Atkinson for completing all the requirements to recertify as a Leadership Certified Community.  
Charlene Paris was present to update the council on the Bluebird Trail after the joint Park and Tree Board meeting. She stated that a water line would be needed for just a brief time to help the new plants take root, but they should not need the line once the plants are established. Asher stated that he talked to the individual who would clear the brush and the project would not be done until winter. Grants will be sought for the payment of these projects.  
Bev McConnell addressed the council regarding 621 South Main Street. She said that the property just keeps going downhill and the house has been empty now for several years. The house has missing windows and is unlivable. The council will have someone contact the property owner to address the issue, and if no progress is seen, a nuisance will be filed against the property.  
Bev McConnell addressed the council regarding the Boyd-Holt E911 Assessment. She is asking the council not to pay the assessment this year until some changes are made with the E911 Board. She stated that when she was a dispatcher, her former supervisor had the dispatch center operating in the black, but now it is op-

erating in the red and has been for some time. Bev said that she feels the dispatchers are not being trained correctly and there is no retention of staff. Nick Schrunk stated that he does not want the city to not pay the assessment as we need the local dispatch center. It was asked if Atkinson has a representative on the E911 Board and it was stated that we do not. Boyd-Holt E911 is a non-profit organization that contracts with counties and municipalities to manage the dispatch services in Boyd and Holt counties.  
Osborne/Shane to approve Resolution 23-07, which authorizes the LARM participation discount of 5% for the October 1st renewal of the liability insurance policy. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Krysl/Shane to increase the restricted funds by 1% for the 2023-2024 budget year. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Asher/Krysl to approve a Special Designated Liquor permit for the Knights of Columbus #4707 at the Atkinson Farmers Market for the Hay Days Coronation Dance on August 18, 2023, from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Osborne/H. Olson to approve a Special Designated Liquor permit for FIBR, Inc. for a concert at the Atkinson Farmers Market on July 28, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Asher/H. Olson to approve a Special Designated Liquor permit for American Legion Farley-Tushla for a cornhole tournament at the ballfield behind the Legion Hall on August 18, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
H. Olson/Osborne to approve a building permit for Christy Deseive for a 24' x 50' x 14' wood frame building to be located at 1007 North Carberry Street. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Shane/H. Olson to approve LB840-136, Property Improvement Program reimbursement grant for Eclectic Taste, LLC for façade improvement in the amount of 50 percent of the project not to exceed \$10,000.00. The estimated request is \$7,923.32. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Osborne/R. Olson to rescind the previous full water main bid approval to re-evaluate it. After the previous meeting on June 29th to approve the bid based on the knowledge that the city would be able to use General Ob-

ligation bonds, Lisa Giesbrecht, Environmental Specialist, with the State Revolving Fund Section of Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy stated that she gave us the wrong information and that only a third of the debt for the project could be funded by General Obligation bonds. The rest of the project, after applied grants, would have to be paid for with utility funds. This would cause utility rates to increase. The council stated that we could possibly downsize the project and instructed Gary Thurlow to check with Miller and Associates, the city's engineer, to see what could be done. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Asher/Shane to approve hiring Officer Steven Binkerd part time to help fill shifts in the Police Department. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Asher/Osborne to change the status of Gabby Wright from part-time to full-time employee in the maintenance and parks departments. This will enable her to accrue paid time off and be eligible for benefits. Krysl felt that now was not the time to change the status of this employee. Other members of the council felt that Gabby is doing a good job and is working full-time hours helping in both departments already. RCV: Ayes: Osborne, Shane, Asher, H. Olson, R. Olson. Nay: Krysl. Motion Carried.  
H. Olson/Osborne to approve the delinquent utilities report in the amount of \$1,462.36. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Krysl/Asher to approve the claims as prepared. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Shane/R. Olson to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Bills:  
Payroll, sal . . . . .04,969.94  
FED/FICA, sal . . . . .21,298.18  
NE w/h, sal . . . . .2,965.16  
NE Rev Dept, taxes . . . . .1,684.17  
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Kramer Mfg., Repair . . . . .64.92  
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Taylor Made Printing, Fee . . .92.75  
West Holt Med Svcs, Grant Reimb . . .175,229.50  
WinSupply Norfolk NE, Supplies . . .473.57  
WM Krotter Co, Supplies . . .569.47  
Great Plains Comm, Fee . . .150.23  
Kenny's Service, Rep . . . .197.68  
Visa-TCB, Sup . . . . .798.12  
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Precision IT, Fee . . . . .356.25  
Black Hills Energy, Fee . . .1,030.63  
NPPD, Fee . . . . .4,368.31  
Country Embroidery, Uniforms . . .399.30  
American Legion Aux, Fee . . .600.00  
Atkinson Athletic Club, Fee . . .600.00  
White's Service, Fuel . . . .1,476.10

Core & Main, Sup . . . . .967.26  
Brauns, Sup . . . . .144.92  
Ameritas, Fee . . . . .191.68  
CO Enterprises, Fuel . . . . .645.52  
Great Plains Small Eng, Rep/Sup . . .988.11  
Atkinson Lumber, Sup . . . .108.19  
Stuart Concrete, Rep . . . .2,995.00  
Ernies Body Shop, Rep . . . .676.62  
Don's Auto Repair, Rep . . . .15.50  
Midwest Laboratories, Fee . .129.15  
Olson Repair, Rep . . . .14,316.27  
NE Office of Rural Health, Fee . . .30,000.00  
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RF Goeke, Sup . . . . .43.91  
Diane Rentschler, Fee . . . .100.00  
Gotschall & Sholes, Fee . . .2,372.50  
Atlas Automation, Rep . . . .594.00  
Post Office, Fee . . . . .79.20  
Colonial, Fee . . . . .1,079.30  
United Healthcare, Fee . .16,974.40  
One Office Solution, Sup .1,086.15  
R. Scott Fix, Reimb . . . . .621.70  
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Cheryl Ziska, Reimb . . . .1,039.06  
Great America Financial, Fee 172.50  
Precision IT, Fee . . . . .84.00  
Hartford, Fee . . . . .49.65  
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CNEDD, Fee . . . . .4,080.00  
Six Star Sanitation, Fee . .13,214.25  
NE DED, Fee . . . . .2,842.87  
Barco Mun Products, Sup . .125.78  
City of Atkinson, Fee . . . . .87.92  
City of Atkinson, Fee . . .48,193.20  
City of Atkinson, Fee . . .24,826.80  
**LIBRARY:**  
Braun's, Sup . . . . .93.47  
CPLS, Fee . . . . .10.00  
Judy Hagan, Reimb . . . . .801.19  
Mastercard, Sup . . . . .35.86  
Baker & Taylor, Books . . . .247.88  
Family Handyman, Fee . . . .39.60  
Petty Cash, Sup . . . . .9.60  
ARSL, Fee . . . . .50.00  
**DUPLEX:**  
CNHO, Fee . . . . . \$27.00  
CNEDD, Fee . . . . . \$150.00  
Vickie Seger, Fee . . . . .75.00  
D&J Construction, Repair .140.00  
Jennifer Ruda, Repair . . . .240.00  
Total . . . . .534,867.60

## City of Atkinson Proceedings

Council Proceedings  
July 20, 2023  
The City Council of the City of Atkinson met in special session in the Council Chambers July 20, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. Present: Mayor Erickson. Council members: Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane.  
Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting notice, as shown by the affidavit of publication and notice of the meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council prior to the meeting. Public was informed of the location of the Open Meeting Act poster in the council chambers.  
Shane/H. Olson to approve the minutes of the July 10th meeting. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Asher/H. Olson to approve Mayor Erickson's appointment of Officer James Collins as the City of Atkinson Interim Chief of Police at \$35.00 per hour with no benefits. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, Osborne,

Shane. Nay: R. Olson. Motion Carried.  
Discussion was held on the purchase of a gun safe for the police department. Chuck Asher had talked to Jeff Hamik about purchasing a gun safe, but Jeff stated that gun safes are not something they sell. It was mentioned that Mitchell Equipment sells gun safes, and the city will look into purchasing it from them.  
Osborne/Asher to approve the building permit for 6 Pack LLC to construct a 70' x 26' wood frame home at 108 East South Street. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Asher/Shane to approve the building permit for 6 Pack LLC to construct a 50' x 42' wood frame home at 510 South Williams Street contingent on the enforcement of the sidewalk ordinance. The sidewalk must be replaced that was removed at this property. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Shane/R. Olson to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. RCV: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## City of Atkinson Proceedings

Public Notice  
In accordance with Section 19-1102 of the Nebraska State Statutes, the following employee job titles and their current salary on August 1, 2023 corresponding to such titles, is published as follows:  
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Police: Chief 5,526/mo; Sgt.4,886/mo; Officer 4260/mo; Interim Chief 35.00/hour; Part-time of-

ficer 30.00/hour  
Library: Director 22.00/hr; Asst. Librarian 16.00/hr; Library Aide 16.00/hr  
Utilities: Superintendent 25.50/hr; Sewer 21.91/hr; Street 20.50/hr; Water 20.75/hr; summer help 13.00/hr  
Pool: Mgr. 15.00/hr; Asst: 13.50/hr; Guards: 10.50/hr to 13.00/hr  
Park: Maintenance 13.00 hr to 18.500/hr



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Holt County Board of Supervisors
Proceedings

July 17, 2023  
O'Neill, Nebraska  
The Holt County Board of Supervisors met as a Board of Equalization with all members present except Tielke. County Assessor Tim Wallinger, County Treasurer Shelly Ross and County Clerk Cathy Pavel were also in attendance. This meeting was 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 July 6, 2023, in the Atkinson Graphic.

Chairman Frahm convened the meeting at 8:46 A.M. with the flag salute.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Neiman, to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2023, meeting as printed. Voting Aye: Treptow, Keyes, Butterfield, Breiner, Paxton and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Tielke. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Report of Destroyed Real Property in Holt County for 2023.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Breiner, to approve the Report of Destroyed Real Property in Holt County for 2023, on parcel numbers: 450009600, 450022383, 450000094, 450350000 and 450177000 as submitted by the Assessor. Voting Aye: Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Treptow and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Tielke. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tielke arrived at 8:48 A.M.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Neiman, to approve the valuation listing as submitted by the Assessor, for the overvalued parcels of real estate in Holt County for 2023. Voting Aye: Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Tielke, Treptow, Keyes and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Neiman, to acknowledge receipt of the Assessor's 3 Year Plan of Assessment. Voting Aye: Breiner, Paxton, Tielke, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Keyes, to acknowledge receipt of the list of exempt Cemetery Properties in Holt County. Voting Aye: Paxton, Tielke, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman, Breiner and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

County Assessor Tim Wallinger requested that a series of documents setting forth the process used in determining the assessed valuation along with the property record card of each parcel being protested be made a part of the official record.

Said request was granted by the Chairman.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Tielke, to recommend reducing the assessed value of the 18,000 square foot building and reduce the total assessed value on Parcel #450011109 from \$446,583.00 to \$390,639.00 based upon the Assessors recommendation. Voting Aye: Tielke, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Tielke, after reviewing protests #10, 12, 14 & 16 on file to accept the recommendation of the Assessor, which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within statutory range. Voting Aye: Treptow, Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Tielke and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Time was allowed for the Board to hear a protest from Steve Selejman with Flanagan/Bilton, LLC on parcel #450576300.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Tielke, to adjust the assessed value for 2023 on parcel #450576300 from \$2,235,788.00 to \$1,884,119.00 based upon the Assessors recommendation. Voting Aye: Keyes, Neiman Breiner, Paxton, Tielke, Treptow and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Frahm recessed the meeting at 9:14 A.M. until the mail is received due to July 15th being the deadline for the Report of Destroyed Real Property.

Acting Chairman Tielke adjourned the meeting 11:19 A.M.

Doug Frahm, Chairman  
Cathy Pavel, Clerk

July 17, 2023  
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 July 6, 2023, in the Atkinson Graphic.

Chairman Tielke convened the meeting at 9:15 A.M. and informed the public of the location of the Open Meeting Poster.

The Board offered their sincere sympathy to Supervisor Frahm regarding the loss of his wife.

Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Neiman, to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2023, meeting as printed. Voting Aye: Treptow, Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and placed on file.

The Board accepted the Semi-Annual Treasurer's report and placed it on file with the County Clerk.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Claims on file were reviewed.

Courthouse Custodian Rick Slaymaker gave an update on maintenance in and around the Courthouse.

Diana Steskal was present to ask for clarification on her Point of Interest issue from the June 30, 2023, meeting and asked if the public comment time could be moved to the end of the Supervisor meetings.

Motion by Keyes, 2nd by Neiman, to approve the application to the Nebraska Liquor Commission for Sheryl L. Winkler as the manager for O'Neill Lanes LLC. Voting Aye: Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Sara Twibell, Mindy Spencer and Heidi Kuklis with North Central District Health Department were present to update the Board on their department and to inform the Board on the Miles of Smiles Program and to ask the County to renew their 5 year commitment.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Treptow, to renew the Miles of Smiles Program contract with NCDHD for Pre K - 8th grade children in Holt County for another 5 year period. Voting Aye: Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Keyes and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Bill Babutzke presented his Quarterly Department Activity Report and asked permission to budget for the possibility of a force spray in Holt County.

The Finance Committee reported that the County Officials had remitted their monthly fees to the County Treasurer as required.

Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Paxton, to approve the following claims except claim #23070161 for \$300.00 to Doug Frahm, claim # 23070135 for \$275.00 to Mary Breiner and claim #23070054 for \$1,380.10 to J&S Electronics. Voting Aye: Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Keyes, 2nd by Paxton, to approve claim #23070161 for \$300.00 to Doug Frahm. Voting Aye: Paxton, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman, Breiner and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: Frahm. Motion carried.

Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Treptow, to approve claim #23070135 for \$275.00 to Mary Breiner. Voting Aye: Frahm, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman, Paxton and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: Breiner. Motion carried.

Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Breiner, to approve claim #23070054 for \$1,380.10 to J&S Electronics. Voting

Aye: Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: Treptow. Motion carried.

General Fund Claim Total: \$326,742.29

Anson Insurance Services, Inc., Ins, \$68,128.72; Antelope County Sheriff, Serv, \$200.00; Appera, Serv, \$191.93; Applied Connective Technologies, Serv, \$2,739.40; Atkinson Graphic, Print/Pub, \$670.55; Babutzke, William, Travel, \$9.19; Beam Insurance Administrators, LLC, Ins, \$435.92; Bergman, Robert, Prior Service, \$66.00; Big Red Motorsports, Rep, \$16.97; Biglin's Mortuary, Inc., County Burial, \$3,000.00; Binkerd, Steven, Travel, \$42.69; Black Hills Energy, Serv, \$254.82; Bomgaars, Parts/Supp, \$222.84; Bouska, R. F, Prior Service, \$108.00; Boyd-Holt E911, Communication, \$34,284.38; Bruner Frank Shumacher Husak, LLC, Atty Fes, \$141.00; C&R Supply, Inc., Supp, \$51.17; C&S Repair, Rep, \$951.89; Campbell, Ivan, Prior Service, \$18.00; Carhart Lumber Co., Supp, \$93.75; Century Link-Probation Office, Serv, \$178.24; Century Link-Sheriff & Courthouse, Serv, \$823.19; CIOX Health, Serv, \$40.00; City of O'Neill, Serv, \$1,006.36; Clearly Communications, Serv, \$331.37; Clerk of District Court, Passport Postage Reimburse, \$144.75; Comfort Inn, Travel, \$409.85; Connot Tire Service, Rep, \$22.00; Cornhusker State Industries, Off Equip, \$9,546.00; Danko Emergency Equipment, Communications Equip, \$6,442.91; DAS State Accounting, Data Process, \$432.88; DeVall, Gary, Prior Service, \$18.00; Dollar General, Supp, \$214.00; Don's Auto Repair, Rep, \$241.52; Elkhorn Valley Family Medicine, Medical, \$237.00; Ernie's Body Shop, Rep, \$500.00; Fox's Food Plaza, Fuel Tax, \$174.86; Frahm, Doug, Mileage, \$804.26; Fusion Cloud Services, LLC, Serv, \$241.25; Galyen, Boettcher & Baier PC, LLO, Atty Fees, \$9,359.25; Gokie Oil Co., Fuel, \$364.99; Gokie Oil Co., Assessor Fuel, \$13.36; Gokie Oil Co., Extension Fuel, \$80.56; Gokie Oil Co., Veteran's, Fuel, \$115.61; Gotschall & Sholes, Atty Fees, \$3,298.80; Great America Leasing Co., Off Equip Lease, \$1,408.79; Great Plains Communications, Inc., Serv, \$188.54; Grenier, Frank, Prior Service, \$60.00; Haggerty, Tim, Prior Service, \$42.00; Holt County Independent, Print/Pub/Sub, \$237.37; Holt County Sheriff, Serv, \$24.85; Holt County Court, Court Costs, \$346.00; Holt County District Court, Court Costs, \$108.00; Holt County Treasurer, Misc, \$69.50; J&S TV & Electronics, Security Equip, \$1,380.10; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, Supp, \$318.57; KBRX Radio Station, Adv, \$72.00; Kersenbrock Dental Care PC, Medical, \$84.00; Kirschmer, Alexis, Prior Service, \$42.00; Klein, Martin, Atty Fees, \$716.13; Knox County Treasurer, Hazard Mitigation, \$3,028.99; Krysl, Kipton, Prior Service, \$30.00; Meritain Health, Ins, \$125,000.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., Off Equip Lease, \$246.00; Mips, Inc., Data Process, \$2,121.94; Munoz, Kelli, Supp/Travel, \$2,452.57; Nebraska Association of County Officials, Registration, \$270.00; Nebraska Health & Human Services, Serv, \$93.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Serv, \$3,182.80; Nebraska Tech & Telecommunications, Inc., Serv, \$467.25; Nebraska Gov, Subscription, \$8.50; Netcom, Inc., Rep, \$1,905.00; NFS Fire Shop, Misc, \$126.00; Niobrara Valley Electric, Serv, \$18.38; North Central Nebraska RC&D, Dues, \$200.00; Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Service, Serv, \$2,543.75; O'Neill Car Wash, Serv, \$82.93; O'Neill Chemical Co., Supp, \$950.23; O'Neill Family Pharmacy, Medical, \$923.86; O'Neill Pest Control, Contract Labor, \$80.00; O'Neill

Shopper, Off Supp, \$111.40; O'Neill Super Foods, Supp, \$279.62; Office Products Center, Off Equip/Rep, \$322.12; Ogden's Ace Hardware, Supp, \$161.93; One Office Solution-Clerk, Off Equip/Supp, \$4,784.44; One Office Solution-District Court, Off Supp, \$23.60; One Office Solution-Jail, Off Supp, \$17.60; One Office Solution-Probation, Off Supp, \$462.37; One Office Solution-Public Defender, Off Supp, \$85.51; One Office Solution-Sheriff, Off Supp, \$42.78; One Office Solution-Treasurer, Off Supp, \$194.99; One Office Solution-Weed, Off Supp, \$6.59; Petty Cash-Sheriff, Postage Reimburse, \$78.00; Petty Cash-Treasurer, Postage Reimburse, \$139.55; Petty Cash-Weed, Reimburse, \$25.50; Pinkerman, Delmar, Prior Service, \$6.00; Postmaster-Clerk Annual Box Fee, \$178.00; Prairie Hills Ford, Rep, \$109.16; Quill Corporation-Clerk, Off Supp, \$104.57; Quill-Extension, Off Supp, \$60.40; Ranchland Auto Parts, Rep, \$169.92; Region IV Behavioral Health System, 1st Qtr 2023-2024, \$8,100.75; Region IV, Inc., 1st Qtr 2023-2024, \$5,548.00; Reiser Insurance Group, LLC, Bond, \$43.00; Schmit, Eileen, Prior Service, \$30.00; Seger, Ralph, Prior Service, \$18.00; Smith, Darla, Contract Labor, \$1,600.00; Smoke It Up Welding, Rep, \$189.54; Strong, Geneen, Prior Service, \$8.00; Summerland Advocate, Print/Pub, \$45.86; Thomas, Judith, Prior Service, \$96.00; Three River Communications, LLC, Serv, \$217.09; Timmerman, Amy, Mifi Card, \$90.04; Torpin's Rodeo Market, Supp, \$159.77; US Bank, Misc/Off Supp/Training, \$725.31; Verizon, Serv, \$32.22; Verizon Wireless, Serv, \$313.76; Village Market, Supp, \$1,235.41; Walnofer, Deb, Postage Reimburse, \$10.05; Werth, LaDonna, Mileage, \$75.98; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$2,342.18; Zelle Human Resource Solutions, Serv, \$3,000.00

Road Fund Claim Total: \$878,347.17

AKRS Equipment Solutions, Inc., Parts, \$487.22; AMG (Prev Avera Med Group), Medical, \$150.00; Appera, Serv, \$357.62; Applied Connective Technologies, Serv, \$15.30; AT&T, Serv, \$64.85; Atkinson Feed & Supply, Supp, \$6.50; Atkinson Graphic, Print/Pub, \$38.50; Atkinson Lumber, LLC, Supp, \$274.57; Avera St. Anthony's Hospital, Medical, \$486.00; Bartak Glass, Parts/Rep, \$400.00; Black Hills Energy, Serv, \$122.84; Blackburn Mfg Co., Barricades/Flags/Flares, \$213.72; Bomgaars, Parts/Supp, \$2,397.92; Breiner Welding & Fabrication, Parts/Supp, \$85.46; Breiner, Mary, Clay, \$275.00; Carroll Olson Enterprises, Parts/Supp, \$292.65; Carson, Shane, Erosion Control, \$150.00; Century Link-2377 Road, Serv, \$80.63; Century Link-2831 Road, Serv, \$80.63; Century Link-3888 Road, Serv, \$156.08; Century Link-5440 Road, Serv, \$64.60; Chambers Auto Body and Sales, Rep, \$70.00; Chambers Shopper, Print/Pub, \$40.00; City of Atkinson, Serv, \$83.34; Cole Petroleum, Fuel, \$22,190.00; Cole Sand & Gravel, Gravel, \$14,332.12; Connot Tire Service, Parts/Rep, \$2,949.10; Connot, Gary, Dues/Rep, \$160.00; Dexter Diesel, LLC, Parts/Rep, \$536.13; Don's Auto Repair, Parts/Rep, \$1,520.53; Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, Serv, \$158.27; Elkhorn Sand & Gravel, LLC, Gravel, \$61,357.43; Emme Construction, Gravel/Machine Hire, \$35,668.43; Emme Construction, Gravel/Machine Hire, \$32,935.82; Emme Sand & Gravel, Dirt, \$11,988.85; Engelhaupt Truck & Trailer Repair, Parts/Rep, \$1,051.69; Ewing Family Foods, Supp, \$15.68; Ewing Feed & Supply, Parts/Supp, \$195.45; Farmers Pride, Fuel, \$8,676.86; First Stop, Fuel, \$197.39; Frahm, Doug, Hay Bales, \$300.00; Fusion Cloud Services, LLC, Serv, \$78.04; Galyen Energy Supply, Fuel, \$10,338.46; Garrett En-

terprises, Inc., Chains/Tires, \$524.54; Gokie, Jerry, Dirt, \$1,705.00; Great America Leasing Co., Off Equip Lease, \$184.15; Great Plains Communications, Inc., Serv, \$53.68; Green's Service, Fuel/Supp, \$5,869.61; Harmony Inn and Suites, Travel, \$267.00; Holt County Independent, Print/Pub, \$132.25; J&J Sanitation - 3051-1421, Serv, \$268.79; J&J Sanitation - 3051-1859, Serv, \$166.73; Jebro, Inc., Bituminous Surfacing, \$585,792.21; John's Repair, LLC, Parts/Rep, \$225.82; K & M Telephone Co., Serv, \$36.01; Kimball Midwest, Serv, \$311.54; Laquinta Inn By Wyndham, Travel, \$504.00; Lorenzen, Mike, Sand, \$8,316.00; Mahony, Curt, Fence/Machine Hire, \$8,321.00; Mitchell Equipment, Inc., Parts, \$1,934.38; Motor Fuels Division, Fuel Tax, \$5,993.00; Municipal Power, Serv, \$207.75; Nebraska Public Power District, Serv, \$339.71; Nebraska Safety Center, Training, \$420.00; Netcom, Inc., Rep, \$125.00; NMC, Grease/Parts/Oil/Rep, \$8,846.45; North Central Public Power, Serv, \$83.41; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., Serv, \$45.80; O'Neill Auto Supply, Inc., Parts/Supp, \$866.37; O'Neill Printing Co., Off Supp, \$233.95; O'Neill Shopper, Print/Pub, \$176.92; O'Neill Super Foods, Supp, \$91.05; Occupational Health Services, Serv, \$115.00; Ogden's Ace Hardware, Supp, \$65.15; One Office Solution, Off Supp, \$261.15; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc., Chains/Tires, \$2,497.96; Power Plan, Parts/Rep, \$10,638.52; Ranchland Auto Parts, Parts/Supp, \$1,724.25; Reiman's Body Shop, Parts/Rep, \$5,102.64; Road Builders Machinery & Supply Co., Parts, \$951.20; Rose Equipment, Inc., Parts, \$1,600.25; Schrunck, Harlan, Sand, \$3,128.00; Seger & Sons Repair, Inc., Parts, \$38.25; Shamrock Diesel Repair, Parts/Rep, \$929.11; Southside Mini Mart, Fuel, \$562.75; Summerland Advocate, Print/Pub, \$57.00; The Seedhouse, Erosion Control, \$75.29; The Verdigre Eagle, Print/Pub, \$604.50; Town and Country Autobody, Parts/Rep, \$1,073.56; Triple R Tire, LLC, Chains/Rep/Tires, \$1,544.71; Truck Center Co., Parts, \$409.92; US Bank, Fuel/Postage/Rep, \$774.48; Verizon, Serv, \$785.95; Verizon Wireless, Serv, \$202.37; Village of Chambers, Serv, \$90.00; Waldo, Nick, Hay Bales/Mulching, \$900.00; Warp Networks, Inc., Serv, \$60.99; Welsh Welding & Repair, Parts, \$91.71; Westend Mini Mart, Fuel, \$281.86; White's Service, Fuel, \$261.75; Wm. Krotter Co., Parts/Rep, \$235.05;

WPCI, Serv, \$198.00

Visitor's Promotion Fund Claim Total: \$2,769.08

Havranek, Lauri, Mileage, \$121.11; Nebraska Travel Association, Member Dues, \$400.00; O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, Contract Labor, \$1,302.97; Sowders, Advertising, \$245.00; St. Joseph School, Duelling Pianos, \$700.00

Stop Program Fund Claim Total: \$1,200.00

US Bank, Emergency Mgmt, \$1,200.00

Motion by Neiman, 2nd by Frahm, to re-appoint Grace Coleman to the Planning and Zoning Board for a 3 year term ending December 2025. Voting Aye: Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. Motion Frahm, 2nd by Keyes, to set bid date for Projects C45(547) on a bridge replacement project & C45(552) a bridge superstructure replacement on August 16, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. Voting Aye: Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Keyes and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Joe Pongratz was present to request a stop sign at 874 Road & 488 Avenue intersection.

Road Superintendent Gary Connot presented his Department Activity Report.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Frahm, to approve the government equipment rental agreement through NMC with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation and Holt County on a 2023, 289D3 Caterpillar Compact Track Loader for \$8,500.00 for 12 months or 250 hours. Voting Aye: Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 11:05 A.M. Supervisor Frahm was excused to attend the National Legion Shooting Sports competition.

Chairman Tielke adjourned the meeting at 12:02 P.M. until July 31, 2023, at 9:15 A.M.

William J. Tielke, Chairman  
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First a big thank you for our 70th Anniversary reception and Murray's 93rd Birthday on June 10. A special thank you to Parkside Manor for letting us use their facility that day.

Thank you, Sharie Flannery, for presenting the Quilt of Valor to Murray. He was so pleased and uses it every day.

Thank you for the lovely flowers and for all the cards we have received even after our anniversary and for your friendship.

Our next special event was the Mellor family reunion in Spencer where we met relatives we hadn't seen for a number of years.

On July 7-9 the Johnson family reunion was held at the Eagle Spring Lodge. Very early Saturday morning everyone gathered to assist and watch our niece, Nancy Lambertson and her sister, Cindy, prepare her hot air balloon for flight. This balloon is so beautiful. The lucky passengers to ride in the balloon with Nancy were her cousin, Dianne Dunkle and Nancy's Aunt Jean. It was great and we would do it again.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for making these two months so special for us.

Murray and Jean Mellor

### CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to the Atkinson Chamber of Commerce for the 2nd Place prize I won during the Quilt Walk! What a nice surprise! Also, Thank You to the chamber businesses who donated the great prizes! We always enjoy this event and love seeing all of the amazing quilts! Thanks again!

Amy Mueller

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals for the construction of one bridge replacement project and a bridge superstructure replacement. The bridge replacement project is a 28'-6" wide by 45'-0" long single span bridge with a 25 degree skew Left Hand Back on 494 Avenue over an Unnamed Tributary, Bridge No. C004516510 - Project C45 (547). The second bridge is a two-span superstructure replacement 20'-4" wide by 53'-3 1/2" long on 857 Road over the South Folk Elkhorn River - Bridge No. C004519005 - Project C45 (552). The sealed proposals shall include the removal of the existing structure at 494 Avenue and construction of a new bridge and removal of the twin span superstructure at 857 Road and construction of the new superstructure including materials, labor, equipment, tools, along with appurtenances and accessories for Holt County, Nebraska. The proposals will be received by the Holt County Clerk, Cathy Pavel, in her office at the Holt County Courthouse, until 11:00 am local time, on Wednesday August 16, 2023, and thereafter will be opened and publicly read on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 11:00 am, at the Holt County Supervisor's meeting room, Holt County Courthouse, 204 North 4th Street, O'Neill, NE 68763. Holt County Clerks' mailing/shipping address is: 204 North 4th Street (P.O. Box 329) O'Neill, NE 68763.

Proposals will be taken for the construction work listed above by unit process, as an aggregate bid for the entire projects.

The 857TH Road Superstructure Replacement Project crosses the South Fork Elkhorn River and from Chambers, NE travel 1.0 mile east on Hwy 95, travel 3.0 miles North on 488 Avenue, travel 0.1 mile East on 857TH Road to the jobsite. Bridge No. C004519005

The 494TH Avenue Bridge Replacement Project crosses an Unnamed Tributary and from Chambers, NE, travel 5.0 miles East on Hwy 95, travel 1.0 mile South on Hwy 281, travel 2.0 miles East on 853RD Road, travel 0.4 mile South on 494TH Avenue to the jobsite. Bridge No. C004516510

Plans and specifications, together with the General Conditions and Instructions to Bidders may be seen, examined, and secured at the office of the County Highway Superintendent, Mr. Gary Connot, 1806 108 Road, O'Neill, NE 68763. Phone: 402-366-3888.

All proposals for said work must be made on blanks furnished by the County Highway Superintendent and must be accompanied by bid security of not less than 5% of the amount bid. Bid security to be made payable to the County Clerk of Holt County, Nebraska, and will be held by Holt County as liquidated damages in case the bid is accepted and the bidder neglects or refuses to enter into contract and furnish bond in accordance herewith.

The Holt County Supervisors reserve the right to waive informalities and irregularities and to make awards on bids that furnish the material and construction that will, in their opinion, serve the best interests of Holt County, Nebraska. The Holt County Supervisors also reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

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## Sunflowers blossoming . . .

With August just around the corner, wild sunflowers are blossoming all around the countryside. The picture above was taken on the old highway 20, just about five miles east of Atkinson. Photo by Blake Hilkeleier



## Gleanings from 1973 . . .

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## 10 and under team members named . . .

Atkinson B T-Shirt Baseball: Back L to R: Coach Trevor Gotschall, Hayden Leisy, Coach Tyler Schaaf, Coach Jeff Poessnecker, Coach Chris Skrdla Middle L to R: Barrett Poessnecker, Diego Sanchez, Beau Gotschall, Jett Schaaf, Brantley Schaaf Front L to R: Ruger Skrdla, Kason Thomassen, Jacoby Slaymaker, Kiptyn Bauer, Kaden Keogh, Blake Keogh (Not pictured - Gus Nowlin)



Atkinson A T-Shirt Baseball: Back L to R: Coaches Dirk Mitchell, Kole Olberding, Bubba Kramer, Jared Wolf. Middle L to R: Jaksen Adkisson, Charlie Pistulka, Jack Pistulka, Carson Wortman, Bryson Olberding, Owen Kramer, Jake Klemesrud, Camden Kreitel Front L to R: Gunner Farewell, Jase Wolf, Liam Langan, Gage Mitchell

Photos courtesy Becky Skrdla



Teagan Butterfield won honors showing her cattle at the Huron show.

## Butterfield, Gotschall show at National "Classic"

Teagan Butterfield and Beau Gotschall made the trek to Huron, SD to represent Holt County in the American Gelbvieh Junior Association (AGJA) National "Great Dakota Classic", July 2nd - 7th. More than 175 youth and 355 head of cattle from 17 states converged on Huron to compete in a week full of activities. Competitions varied from photography and pod casts to fitting contests and quiz bowl. Of course, the main event was Showmanship and the National Gelbvieh Show, where contestants had the opportunity to show the calves they had raised all year long. The Theme of the week was "Keeping Beef at the Center of Your Plate".

It was the first Junior Nationals for Beau Gotschall, the 10 year old son of Trevor and Tiffany Gotschall. He competed in Junior Showmanship, placing high in his class, and with a Balancer Breeding Heifer. Beau was also on the Reserve Champion quiz bowl team, as well as competing in team fitting, skill a thon, sales talk, and dodge ball. A great first year for Beau.

Teagan Butterfield is the 16 year old daughter of Dave and Jackie Butterfield. She placed 4th in Senior Showmanship out of 55 competitors, 1st in class with a Balancer Junior

Breeding Bull, 2nd in class with a Balancer Breeding Heifer, 3rd in class with both of her Gelbvieh Breeding Heifers, and she showed a Balancer Cow/Calf Pair. Teagan was also the Senior Prepared Speaking Champion, Reserve Champion in Sales Talk, 5th in Creative Writing, 7th in Skill-a-Thon, and 7th in Graphic Design. This was Teagan's 3rd year of Junior National Competition.

When asked how she got involved in this level of competition, Butterfield stated, "I showed calves in 4-H since I was eight years old, but I really expanded my involvement in the cattle industry through my Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) in FFA. Through our SAE we are encouraged to develop a business plan and participate in career building activities. My SAE involves building my cattle head and raising and marketing show cattle. I will be marketing some of the cattle I raised in Hutchinson, KS at the Mid-America Classic in October.

Both Teagan and Beau expressed their appreciation of the support they received from their parents, families, and friends. Beau stated "I can't believe all the people who drove all the way to Huron just to watch us show calves!"



Beau Gotschall, age 10, competed for the first time at Junior Nationals.



Caia Deseive



Cale Deseive

## Deseive girls compete at All American Junior Sheep Show . . .

The Deseive girls travelled to Madison, WI from June 28-July 2 for the All American Junior Sheep Show. They were part of the 11 Nebraska participants competing. Cale earned Champion Hamp Wether, Reserve Champion Southdown Wether, and 3rd Heavyweight Natural Wether. Caia earned 4th Lightweight Natural Market Lamb and 3rd Overall 8 and Under Showman. Camry and Caia participated in many activities, including virtual shearing, skill-a-thon, Livestock judging, Ag Olympics and the cornhole tournament.



Cale Deseive



Camry Deseive



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## Staff Spotlight

### Kim Tielke

Patient Financial Counselor



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Do you have any kids? Tell us about them!

2 girls - Both married-Heather is married to Brian Swanson-They both work at BD in Holdrege. Brian recently retired to work on their van that they are converting into an RV. They are YouTube vloggers and will soon be living their dream vlogging full time and traveling. Check out their channel - LifeOnTheBlackTop. Hannah is married to Tyler - They have 4 kids together and live in Lincoln. Being a grandma is the best!

What is your favorite hobby?

Picking asparagus, fishing especially deep sea fishing and I want to learn how to paint

Anything else everyone should know?

I was taught how to surf by Crocodile Dundee's son while in Fiji. Played quarters with Kenny Chesney on his tour bus (many moons ago).I was a certified weather/tornado spotter for the Weather Channel while living in Phelps County before moving to Atkinson. I was a professional photographer for over 25 years. I love to travel, drink dry red wines, be outside in my garden and can my produce, and spoil the grandkids.

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