



2023 Hay Days Royalty Candidates, pictured left to right: Katelynn Kratz, Makinley Cadwallader, Ian Laetsch, Miya Carey, Rylee Poessnecker, Braydon Olson, Elley Engelhaupt, Lainey Smith, Abigail Mathis



2023 Hay Days King and Queen winners: Ian Laetsch and Miya Carey

2023 Hay Days Royalty announced at coronation dance

On Friday, August 19 the Atkinson Farmers Market held the 2023 Hay Days Coronation dance. The dance featured live music, a beer garden, and food trucks for everybody to enjoy. By the end of the night, the new Atkinson royalty was crowned. Taking home the highest honors of King and Queen were Ian Laetsch and Miya Carey. Earning the title of Prince and Princess were Breydon Olson and Rylee Poessnecker. Carey also earned the award for 'Most Hay Days Tickets Sold'. Having the honor of crowning the new royalty were last years' King and Queen winners Tyler Jelinek and Maci Nemetz.



"A League of Their Own" by the Greater Sandhills Clinic proved that they were in fact in a league of their own with their first place winning float



Parade float winners announced . . .

The parade float contest is historically a hard fight for some bragging rights around the town of Atkinson, and this year the competition did not disappoint. With many solid floats and some great candy being tossed out, the crowd fell in love with almost every float the parade had to offer, but three stood out above the rest, going above and beyond to entertain the community. This year's float winners were as follows: 1st place, "A League of their Own", by Greater Sandhills Clinic. 2nd place, "Fishing for a Good Book" by the Atkinson Public Library. 3rd place, "Come on Salty Let's Go Party", by the Salty Blonde.



The Atkinson Public Library Float "Fishing for a Good Book" earned 2nd place in the float category



"Come on Salty Let's go Pary" by the Salty Blonde won third place

Mr/Mrs. Hay revealed



Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Pat Wax were crowned the 2023 winners of Mr. and Mrs. Hay at the 2023 Hay Days coronation dance hosted at the Atkinson Farmers Market on Friday, August 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Wax were both teachers in Atkinson for many years, shaping the youth of the community. For the past number of decades, Mr. and Mrs. Wax have been selfless and helpful members of the city of Atkinson. Their hard work and dedication towards bettering the environment around them has earned them this prestigious award.

Both Barb Stout and Sandra Dostal were able to guess the winners of this award correctly prior to the ceremony. Stout and Dostal both submitted their correct guesses on the same day, August 9, making both of them the winners of the guessing contest.

Final teacher spotlight: Ms. Rhiannan Smalley

By Blake Hilkemeier
Graphic Staff

With the school year quickly approaching, it's time to meet the new hires at West Holt Public Schools. Throughout the past few weeks, there has been a spotlight on each of the three new teachers joining West Holt. This week the spotlight is on our final new teacher, Ms. Rhiannan Smalley.

Smalley is a graduate from Boyd County High School, and originally grew up in the small town of Butte. Following her graduation from BCHS, Smalley attended Wayne State College, where she earned her degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Early Childhood Development.

Smalley has two cats at home, named Walter and Benny, and enjoys baking in her free time as well as going on long walks. Her favorite television show is 'Friends' and enjoys

eating anything pasta-based. Smalley will be teaching the three-year-old preschoolers at WHPS, and is highly anticipating meeting all of her students and growing a bond with them throughout the year.



Ogden opens new storage building on east end of town

By Blake Hilkemeier
Graphic Staff

Brent Ogden has officially thrown his name into the hat of storage facility owners, opening up his new building and offering the people of Atkinson a safe place to store their antiques, boats, knick knacks and more.

Newly built and ready for use, Ogden is officially opening the doors

for customers to his newly finished storage buildings located just on the east edge of town.

The storage building includes a total of 18 different units, varying in size, with large doors providing entry into the individual units. With options of 50 square feet, 30 square feet and 20 square feet, customers are given a wide range to choose from.

Just off of South Hansen Street,

north of Wettlaufer's Flower Shop, the location of the building provides plenty of space for loading and unloading, as well as enough seclusion to provide the customer with plenty of privacy.

For more information about storage options, Ogden is opening his phone line for calls at 402-340-5117. One could also get ahold of him via email at Brentogden117@gmail.com.

Community

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, August 24

West Holt and Stuart XC at Burwell
West Holt VB at Elkhorn Valley
West Holt Girls Golf at Ainsworth
Varsity at 6:00 p.m. - Stuart Volleyball with Twin Loup at Stuart

Friday, August 25

7:00 p.m. - West Holt Football vs Valentine at West Holt
2:00 p.m. - Stuart Football with Shelton

Saturday, August 26

9:00 a.m. - Stuart Volleyball at Plainview Quad

Sunday, August 27

5:30 to 8:00 p.m. - Monthly Chicken Fry at Atkinson American Legion

Monday, August 28

4:00 p.m. - West Holt JH VB vs. Stuart
7:00 p.m. - West Holt Speech/Drama Night
Stuart FFA POA worknight

Tuesday, August 29

2:30 p.m. - Stuart Cross Country at Gregory
5 to 8 p.m. - Makers Market at the Atkinson Farmer's Market venue

Thursday August 31

9:00 a.m. - West Holt Girls Golf at ASCC
3:30 to 7:00 p.m. "Kickoff Party" Open House at Uptown Hair Design and Boutique
4:00 p.m. - West Holt JH and HS Cross Country
5:00 p.m. West Holt HS JvV Volleyball at Burwell
5:00 p.m. - Stuart Volleyball Triangular at Stuart

Friday, Sept. 1

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Baker's Dozen at Atkinson Farmer's Market
2:00 p.m. - Stuart Football with S.E.M.

Friday, September 15

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 7:15 p.m. - Atkinson Knights of Columbus regular monthly meeting.

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.

Atkinson 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.

News from Holt County Court

Court News for week up to August 19

Megan L. Dempsey, O'Neill, \$25, speeding 06-10 MPH. Officer Russell Dostal, Nebraska State Patrol

Raymond Bryant Elliot, Flint, Tex., \$75, Speeding, 11-15 MPH. Officer Russell Dostal, Nebraska State Patrol
Vincent James Terrio, Sioux Falls, SD, \$125, Speeding 16-20 MPH. Officer Russell Dostal, Nebraska State Patrol

Christine Ann Dulak, New Albany, IN, \$75, Speeding 11-15 MPH. Officer Russell Dostal, Nebraska State Patrol

George B. Jensen, Wolbach, Neb., \$200, No valid registration/truck, \$50, No proof of ownership, \$50, No proof of ownership, Overweight on axle or group of. Officer Paul Asche, Nebraska State Patrol

Charles Arnold Hansen, Emmet, Neb., \$50, CMV-Brake general. Officer Paul Asche, Nebraska State Patrol
Jeffrey A. Winings, O'Neill, Neb., \$50, CMV-Brake general, Officer Paul Asche, Nebraska State Patrol

Sergio Cabrera-Vazquez, O'Neill, Neb., \$50, CMV-Brake general, Officer Paul Asche, Nebraska State Patrol
Ryan D. Alliy, O'Neill, Neb., \$125, Speeding 16-20 MPH Municipal, \$75, No operator's license. Officer Robert Jensen, O'Neill Police

Dane L. Brandt, O'Neill, Neb., \$10, Curfew violation. Officer Robert Jensen, O'Neill Police

Charles D. Harris, O'Neill, Neb., \$10, Curfew violation. Officer Robert Jensen, O'Neill Police

Rhonda S. Schumacher, Howells, Neb., \$75, Speeding 11-15 MPH Municipal. Officer Kipton Krysl, O'Neill Police

Ronald M. Allison, O'Neill, Neb., Sexual assault/child-3rd degree, Contribute to delinquency of child, 3 counts of Deli/D/D/M/P Contr subs near playground or school. Officer Michael Ross, O'Neill Police

Bobbie I. Kleinberg, O'Neill, Neb., Assault- 1st degree, Terroristic threats, False imprisonment - 1st degree, Tamper with witness/informant, Sexual assault/forcible-1st d. Officer Michael Ross, O'Neill Police

Ivan Radis, Bothell, WA, \$100, Careless driving. Officer Corina Strider, Boyd County Sheriff Department

Marriage license was issued on August 15 to Drew Lester Loberg and Brianna Morgan Parks, both of O'Neill, Neb.; on August 17 to Jaren Michael Cline and Elle Nicole Schmaderer, Stuart; and on August 18 to Colby James Harris and Shelby Lynn Heilbrun, both of Atkinson.

Graphic Gleanings

In 1973...1973 Hay Queen Bonny Ziska was presented to her subjects at the end of a western skit at the Sunday night program in which the five girls were mysteriously missing, or kidnapped, only to be rescued by the valiant efforts of five young cowboys who rode off in pursuit. In this case it was around the stage. As each rider emerged with the rescued maiden, they were introduced to the audience by master of ceremonies Phil Davis. The last riders appeared with Princess Barb Wolcott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O. Wolcott, and the radiant queen, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ziska. Barb was "saved" by Bob Kennedy and the Queen by Brad Heermann.

Local trophy winners at the 2nd Annual Atkinson High School Rodeo included Bruce Boettcher, who won 1st place in bull riding; Kathy Walnofer of Stuart was 2nd in polo bending; Becki Wolcott was 2nd in break away roping. Hard luck trophy went to Kirk Shane of Atkinson who drew a brouc that wasn't about to be ridden. Kirk received a fractured wrist as a result.

Golfers began playing on the new grass greens this week at the Atkinson-Stuart Country Club with com-

ments, "a bit bumpy but much better than sand. Greens received the second dressing this week and playing on them will actually help the grass thicken out, according to officials.

Peaches were 29 cents per pound and grapes were 39 cents per pound at Tablemanor.

Atkinson's new resident dentist, Dr. John Alden, has arrived here and is making plans to install equipment in an office. He is living in the former Juracek residence. Dr. Alden is a graduate of Georgetown Dental School, Washington, D. C. and has been practicing at Silver Springs, Md. He will begin his practice here after meeting with the state board sometime in August.

Kurt Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Olson, has been chosen to accompany the New Way Singers on its concert tour this summer. In addition to singing with the group, he will be playing trumpet solos.

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Menu from Atkinson Senior Center

Friday Aug. 25 - Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut

Monday, Aug. 28 - Roast Pork

Tuesday, Aug. 29, - Spaghetti

Wednesday, Aug. 30 - Stuff

French Toast Casserole

Thursday, Aug. 31 - Baked Chicken

Friday, Sept. 1 - Baked Indian Taco

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

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Rescue
- Ozone, for one
- Protracted
- Carolina college
- Roswell sighting
- Falco of "The Sopranos"
- "Game on!"
- Snitch
- Service charge
- Rowing need
- Road curves
- Schlep
- Deity
- Everglades wader
- Cure-all
- Bump into
- "Terrific"
- Astronaut
- Armstrong
- Tennis tactic
- Tea biscuit
- Present location?
- Expected
- Thesaurus compiler
- Drone
- Airline to Sweden
- Awestruck
- "We should discuss this"
- Actress Gilpin

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- Env. insert
- Hybrid fruit
- Adolescent
- Bonfire residue
- Inlets
- David Bowie
- Rhyming tributes
- Egyptian river
- Hair goops
- Sulk
- A billion years
- Words at the start of a lesson
- Talk on and on
- Ambulance VIP
- Earth (Pref.)
- Gym unit
- Skillet
- Biz bigwig
- Aachen article
- Pub pint
- Repair
- Cauldron
- Totals
- Hollanders
- Engrossed
- Curved molding
- Impale
- Coop group
- Long tale
- Friend
- Aspen gear
- Meadow
- Vat

DOWN

- Narcissist's love
- Sheltered
- Cast a ballot
- Em halves
- Soviet labor camp
- Miles away
- Tofu source
- #1 hit by

Extension Calendar

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

August 25: CLOSED: Holt and Boyd County Extension Offices

August 25-27: 4-H Weekend at the Nebraska State Fair

August 25-Sep 4: Nebraska State Fair

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Located at The Atkinson's Farmers Market Venue

August 29th 5-8pm

Legion Chicken Fry



Everyone Welcome! Come join us!
We thank you for your support!

Sunday, August 27

Serving 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

¼ Chicken - \$9.00 - ½ Chicken - \$12.00

For Take-Out, Call 402-925-5069

Legion Hall, Atkinson

"Kickoff" Party Open House

at Uptown Hair Design and Boutique!

Thursday, August 31

3:30 to 7:00 p.m.

• 15% Off Storewide

• Hidden Footballs for Prizes and Extra Discounts

• New Releases of Game Day Apparel

• Gameday Snacks

First 12 Customers Who Spend \$65 or More Will Receive a Free Tailgating Tote of Snacks!



West Holt HUSKIES



WH High School Football vs. Valentine

Friday, August 25

Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Speech and Drama Night
Monday, August 28
Beginning at 7:00 p.m.



West Holt Girls Golf
Thursday, August 31

Beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Dueling Pianos

FEATURING:
Colorado Keys

Saturday, September 9, 2023
Atkinson Farmer's Market

Social Hour starting @ 5:30 P.M. | Dinner: 6:00 P.M. | Show: 7-10 P.M.
Tickets: \$75 | Reserved Table of 8: \$650

Ticket includes: Dinner and Show | must be 21+ to attend
Benefiting St. Joseph School

Tickets available through August 26th

To reserve your tickets, contact:

Jenna Dvorak 402-340-5554; Becky Skrdla 402-984-4394
Stop in @ R.F. Goeke Variety or the St. Joseph School office

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Friends and Family

Community fund sponsors scholarships

Chiana Tubbs, a 2023 Stuart graduate, was awarded the Charles Skopec scholarship (Science). Chiana is the daughter of Dr. John and Erica Tubbs. She will be attending Morningside University in the fall. Maci Nemetz, a 2023 West Holt graduate, was also awarded the Charles Skopec scholarship (Science). Maci is the daughter of Chris and Lindsey Nemetz. She will be attending Mount Marty College in the fall.

Trenadi Dodds, a 2023 Stuart graduate, was awarded a Geraldine Skopec scholarship (Education). Trenadi is the daughter of Jennifer Hipke and Justin Dodds and will be attending UNK in the fall. Isaac Pistulka, a 2023 West Holt graduate, was also awarded the Geraldine Skopec scholarship (Education). Isaac is the son of Paul and Corrine Pistulka and will be attending Doane University in the fall.

The above scholarships were made possibly through the contributions of Gary and Caroline Aten to the Stuart Community Foundation Fund.

The Stuart Community Foundation Fund, through its affiliation with the Nebraska Community Foundation, receives tax deductible charitable donations to fund numerous community betterment projects in Stuart. If you would like to contribute to the Stuart Community Foundation Fund for scholarship support or other community betterment projects, contact the Stuart Community Foundation Fund, PO Box 85, Stuart, NE., 68780.



Jim Puckett and Grace with his restored pickup.

“The Puckett Pickup shows in parade”

by Lorraine Lieswald
Atkinson Graphic Reporter

When Jim Puckett hitched his trailer to his pickup that early spring morning in May of 2007. His intention was to load the trailer with an antique cast iron eagle that had sat outside a Case Implement dealership, he would buy at an antique auction in Sargent. Plans changed when the eagle brought more than Puckett wanted to spend. “I was looking around and saw this old 1935 Chevy truck that was the same age as I was and so I decided to buy it,” Puckett explained. Although the truck looked every year her age, Puckett was able to start her up and drive her onto his empty trailer. Hauling her home, Puckett's mind was whirling with thoughts of how he could have his find able to take him down the road.

Puckett had Strobel Industries in Central City give the old lady new life with a Ford rear end and a Mustang front end, an automatic transmission sitting alongside a 350 cubic inch

Chevy motor. Puckett let her keep her original body and had it spruced up with a custom paint job - a white under coat and a red base, topped with a flat black finish sanded down in spots to allow the red to be exposed thus giving it an aged look.

With the finished look, the original grill complete with a crank hole was used for the front. The two original kerosene flares that sat at the front of the pickup box were cleaned up and



Truck door painted with the ranch brand and the party line rings

reinstalled. To add personality to his lady, Puckett had a Puckett Ranch logo painted on each door displaying the ranch brand his dad shared with him. Also on the logo was the party line ranch phone ring – 2 long and a short. Inside Puckett had installed a Sirius radio along with A/C and heat.

He wanted to find something to make her upholstery stand out. He found just that on a trip back from Mexico when he came upon a roadside stand selling Indian blankets. He bought them all and used them as the

material for upholstering his prize. Two race car seats were upholstered and installed.

“It turned out the way I was hoping,” Puckett emphasized.

She's not a disappointment in her performance, Puckett explained. Her gas mileage is from 16-17 miles per gallon. He's had her up to 100 miles an hour but that's not a speed she was built for. “I thought I would go in the ditch.” Traveling smooth road speed is about 70 miles an hour.

Puckett's prize is not kept under lock and key.

He drives her.

She's taken him to Texas, Utah, (Salt Flats) North Dakota, and the Tour Nebraska several times. His lady is rock solid dependable taking him over 300 miles in a day. She loves to be the center of attention and gets it from Puckett's work with the Nebraska Rod and Custom Association. “I am a longtime member of the Nebraska Rod and Custom Association and am currently on the Board of Directors.”

Puckett doesn't ride alone. His riding partner is Grace, his longtime significant other. “I don't like to drive the pickup because it is too hard to shift. I did once and that was enough,” Grace admitted.

The little lady's trunk in back holds tools and a battery, just in case!

As to dates she's never disappointed!



Restore inside of Jim Puckett's 1935 truck

Obituaries

Dorothy Lambert, 94

A Celebration of Life Service for Dorothy Lambert, age 94 of rural Ewing, Neb., was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 19, 2023 at Bethany Presbyterian Church in rural Ewing.

Visitation was from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 18, 2023 at Biglin's Mortuary in O'Neill with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.

Burial followed in the Valley View Cemetery.



Dorothy Joyce Bowman was born to Thomas Benjamin Bowman, Jr. and Mary Lucile Kirk Bowman on June 3, 1929 at Clarkson Maternity Hospital in Omaha, by cesarean, a rarity at the time. Dorothy passed away on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at the Arbor Care Center in Neligh, Neb.

Her family farmed near Albion where she graduated from Albion High School in 1947. Dorothy attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She majored in Home Economics and was a member of the Mortar Board Honor Society when she graduated in 1951.

Dorothy met Stanley Lambert when his Farmhouse Fraternity Quartet would serenade the Love Hall girls. After Stan graduated and moved home to the family farm near Chambers, the two wrote letters back and forth for a year before they married on June 10, 1951 at Albion United Methodist Church. The newlyweds made their home on the Lambert place near Chambers. To this union were born three children: Franklin, Timothy, and Linda.

She taught Junior High and High School students for several years at Chambers. She then took a job at the O'Neill High School, teaching Home Economics. At both schools, she started and sponsored the FHA Chapters (now FCCLA). She retired in the early 1980's due to a paralyzed vocal cord. Dorothy was a lifelong learner, teacher, and avid reader. One summer she spent three weeks in New York City studying textiles.

She had a flare for art. She painted many pumpkins and gourds. She also liked to sew, quilt and crochet. She enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking, and baking, and judged at many county fairs. She and Stan loved to travel, especially with Stan's 70th Division Army Reunion tour groups in the US and central Europe. She had an incredible memory and valued each person, able to learn and remember everyone's name when on trips with many people. Dorothy had a happy personality and a joyous laugh!

She was a faithful and active member of the Bethany Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Women, Happy Home Makers Extension Club, American Legion Auxiliary, and Holt County Historical Society. Dorothy also helped with the United States Census in 1980.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Stan Lambert in 2017; one great grandson, Kelby Ray Lambert; her brother, Kirk Bowman; her sister, Lucile Zeller; and an infant sister, Louise Bowman.

Dorothy Lambert is survived by her three children, Frank (Leslie) Lambert of Minden, Neb., Tim (Kerrie) Lambert of Chambers, and Linda Lambert of Atkinson; eight grandchildren; four step grandchildren; four great grandchildren, with several more on the way; and many nieces and nephews, and friends.

Memorials may be directed to the Lambert Family Trust to be distributed to Molly's Miracle Makers, Holt County Historical Society, and the Bethany Presbyterian Women.

Arrangements were under the direction of Biglin's Mortuary in O'Neill.

Doris Johring, 105

Memorial Services for Doris Johring will be held at 10:00 a.m., September 9, 2023, at the First Christian Church, O'Neill, Nebraska.

Interment will be at Prospect Hill Cemetery, O'Neill.

Doris Gail Wehrly was born June 22, 1918, to Asa Charles and Marie Liebig Wehrly in Davenport, Nebraska. She passed away at age 105 in the Pathways Hospice facility in Fort Collins with her family at her side. She was the second of four children- Bill, Ruth, and Richard. The family moved by railroad to Holt County and settled in rural Atkinson. She attended “country school” until second grade when her father transferred her to Atkinson Public School. Bill and she drove a horse cart the three and one-half miles to school. She remembered many details of that experience. She and Bill were great friends as they were close in age. Ruth and Doris shared a lifetime of friendship in their adult years. Richard was born with handicaps and was loved by everyone.

She loved artwork and had many abilities in that field. She sewed her family's flour or chicken feed sack clothing in wartime. Then when fabric became available, she embroidered, smoked, crocheted, and used lots of lace.

She learned cake decorating at the state fair and loved her beautiful house, yard and large vegetable and flower garden. She fed her family year-round from that garden. She developed a love of reading and read her Bible through several times. She found foreign language intriguing and always desired to learn more. In her senior year, she was asked to substitute for teachers who needed time off. This was in addition to her own full schedule of classes which included preparatory classes for her teaching certificate. She graduated in 1936 as valedictorian of her class. She taught in rural schools, grades K-12 in Pleasantview and Opportunity areas. She had many fond memories of time spent with her beloved students, saying “I loved them and think they loved me!”. Robert and Marvin Young and Clayton Goeke, her former students, still live in the community. She walked one and a half miles to school every day in all seasons, only canceling school when none of her students could get there. The school's one room had no electricity, had heat from a coal stove and an outdoor hand pump for water. She read Zane Grey's family history to the older students in the wintertime for two successive years at their request. The Laddie books by Albert Payson Terhune were also favorites. Holidays were made much of by a school program, handmade decorations and candy making at school (and allowed to eat it!). They had a very spindly Christmas tree with lots of tinsel.

She and Melvin F. Johring were married June 22, 1939, and began a series of moves to rented ranches. They suffered a lifelong sorrow in the loss of their first-born son Jerry at 8 months of age. With their meager funds they donated Bibles in his memory. They were eager to learn who may have come to the Lord because of those Bibles. In 1947 they purchased the Simonson homestead north of O'Neill, Nebraska, where they raised their three children and where Kent now ranches. The famous blizzard of 48-49 dumped 100 inches of snow and they were snowbound for weeks.

In the final 9 years of life, Doris lived in Colorado with daughter Rosemary and family. The family was grateful to spend time and hear the many stories of yesteryear. Although she loved her family in Colorado, and they shared many happy times, her heart remained in Nebraska with the ranch, her home and family there.

Doris's faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior secured her hope of eternal life as she often said, “In God's heaven where He has gone to prepare a place for us”. Her service to others in the church body guided her life's direction.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, infant son, daughter Gail (Daniel) Odegard, sister Ruth, brothers, William and Richard and many friends and relatives.

Doris Johring is survived by two children, Rosemary (Andrew) Stoddard of Fort Collins, Colorado and Kent Johring of O'Neill, Nebraska; six grandchildren- Melanie Stoddard, Amanda (Daniel) Filler, Sarah (Ryan) Stewart, Abigail (Clint) Novak, Seth (Brooke) Forwood, and Emily (Chris) Liepe-all of Colorado; 21 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, 2 sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law.

Just as Doris's faith and hope were based on the life, death and resurrection of God's son, Jesus Christ, memorials will be used to share that hope with others.

Online condolences can be communicated at www.goesfuneralcare.com



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Fire District #8
IN
Holt County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 11 day of September 2023, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. at Fire Hall in Stuart Nebraska for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2021-2022 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 88,434.51
2022-2023 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 142,287.33
2023-2024 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 286,694.00
2023-2024 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 55,224.40
2023-2024 Total Resources Available	\$ 341,918.40
Total 2023-2024 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 121,641.30
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ -

Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$ 77,756.30
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$ 43,885.00

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Hay Days Snaps & Smiles





Atkinson went home with the championship trophy after winning the final winner-take-all championship game

Slow pitch softball league champs, runners-up crowned . . .

The 2023 Hay Days mens slow pitch softball tournament was held on Sunday, August 20. There were a total of five teams from the league competing in the double elimination tournament, including two Atkinson teams and two Stuart teams. The double-elimination tournament concluded around 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, with Atkinson being crowned the champions.



Stuart's team receiving the plaque for league runner-up



Escape Room deemed a success

The first EVER Escape Room in Atkinson was a smashing success. Teams had 45 minutes to bat their way through cobwebs, mouse droppings (colored rice), spiders and snakes to find buttons, puzzle pieces and foam letters to solve the clues! Calculating the D&D Quilting In-

voice provided the code to open the combination lock to Escape the Attic!

The winning team, Fast & Furious, escaped the Attic with 33.56 minutes left followed closely by The Outstanding Olsons with 33.38 minutes remaining, and even the teams that didn't escape said they had a great

time trying. "That was very challenging and fun", said Cheryl. "Awesome, I loved it", said Nancy. There were many requests for another Escape Room next year at Hay Days so remember to sign up early as we had to turn several people away.



Football line featured at appreciation meal

By Blake Hilkemeier
Graphic Staff

Throughout the history of football, the attention has been heavily focused on the skills players, such as the quarterbacks, wide receivers and running backs.

They're the ones who get the girls, get their names in the paper, and seemingly have all the fun. But what about the linemen? The ones who are on their hands and knees all game, and seemingly have all the fun. But what about the linemen? The ones who are on their hands and knees all game, and seemingly have all the fun. But what about the linemen? The ones who are on their hands and knees all game, and seemingly have all the fun.

Monday night, just four days away from the first game of the season, the hard-working offensive and defensive line of the Huskies got a taste of the sweet life thanks to the help of coach Lucas Troyer.

After a full day of school and football practice, coach Troyer got to

work on the grill, making up a variety of steaks and hamburgers, corn on the cob, baked potatoes, and some green beans with bacon. Come 7:00 p.m., with all the steaks and burgers and fixings laid out, the Huskies linemen arrived at the school to feast. Those who passed their conditioning tests throughout the week were awarded a steak, those who did not were still shown that they were appreciated with a hamburger.

This linemen's supper has become somewhat of a tradition now at West Holt, as this year was the second straight year coach Troyer had put together the meal.

"I actually took the idea from my parents," Troyer said. "When I was playing, every year after spring football, we would feed all of my offensive line teammates. It was a way to signify that we had made it through the toughest part of the year together."

As the boys shared a meal together,

you could both hear and see the joy it brought them. Through laughter and jokes, a bond was made as the team enjoyed the savory flavor of a fresh steak off the grill, accompanied by a fresh baked potato and corn.

After the meal, the boys sat for a while, bellies full, thanking coach Troyer for their supper and enjoying each other's company for a few extra minutes. Avoiding the homework that waited for them back at their homes.

"I think these kinds of gestures are important," Troyer said. "Most of the acknowledgement linemen get is negative. The only time they get their name called during a game is for a penalty or an injury. This dinner was a good way of saying 'I see what you're doing and you're doing a good job.'"

The linemen have their first test of the season coming on Friday, August 25, when Valentine comes to town for the season opener.

Girls golf under way

By Blake Hilkemeier
Graphic Staff

The 2023 West Holt girls golf season is officially underway as of Thursday, August 17 when the team travelled 18 miles east to O'Neill for their first meet of the season.

The team was blessed with great weather to kick off the season, with the high being in the mid-70's. The Huskies were allowed to take five varsity golfers as well as two junior varsity golfers to the meet to compete for medals as well as a team plaque.

This was no ordinary first meet of the year, with 10 teams from across the state coming to compete at the long par-36 course.

The Huskies came out hot on the front nine, posting a team score of 204 to sit them comfortably in second place, just behind the home team O'Neill. Leading the way on the front nine was freshman Daleni Knust with a 45, as well as senior Abby Mathis and junior Brooklynn Butterfield, who both shot 51 respectively.

The back nine was similar for the Huskies, with the girls' shooting just a few strokes worse than the front nine for a consistent score of 204-207 for a total of 411 on the day. The 411 would be good enough to earn the Huskies second place as a team, with four golfers earning individual medals on the day.

The top three schools from the meet were O'Neill, who earned first place with a 404 team score, West Holt with a 411 and Pierce with a 423.

Individual placings for the meet were as follows:



(Left to Right) Ansley Cadwallader, Brooklynn Butterfield and Brinley Kerkman discuss their upcoming putt at the West Holt scramble on Tuesday

1 Kaylin Gaughenbaugh, O'Neill, 87
2 Taylor Beierman, Boone Central, 89
3 Rylee Altwine, Pierce, 91
4 Molly Heimes, Battle Creek, 91
5 Daleni Knust, West Holt, 97
6 Maci Schommer, Cedar Catholic, 99
7 Ashley Wacker, Pierce, 100
8 Abby Mathis, West Holt, 103
9 Brooklynn Butterfield, WH, 103
10 Cecelia Mlnarik, O'Neill, 103
11 Keira Hestekind, Battle Creek, 105
12 Claire Popkes, O'Neill, 106
13 Presley Wolf, Battle Creek, 107
14 Brinley Kerkman, West Holt, 108
15 Suhani Chaudhari, O'Neill, 108

Following the O'Neill Invite, the Huskies held their own meet on Tuesday, August 22 at the Atkinson Stuart Country Club in Atkinson. This meet would feature just four teams and would be a scramble-format.

Due to the heat, the tournament would be cut from 18 holes to just nine, forcing the girls to get warmed up and ready to go right away with less room for error.

The lady Huskies split up into four teams of three based on individual season average. Although there were no team plaques or medals for this tournament, the competition was fierce, and the Huskies had their eyes set on being the best on the course. Leading the way for the Huskies was the team of Abby Mathis, Daleni Knust and Catarina Ketteler who shot 39. Also shooting a 39 for the Huskies was the team of Brinley Kerkman, Brooklynn Butterfield and Ansley Cadwallader. Those two teams would tie for second overall. Coming in fourth overall was the team of Madisyn Hilkemeier, Aubrei Clouse and Shaylee Campbell, who would shoot a 48. Finally, coming in fifth overall was the team of Alyssa Dobias, Miya Carey and Elizabeth Olson with a team score of 52.

The Huskies look to continue their improvements and success on Thursday, August 24 when the team travels to Ainsworth.

Atkinson Livestock Market

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Tuesday, August 29th

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9:00 a.m. - Slaughter Cattle

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Tuesday, September 19th - No Sale

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

FRANCIS TOWNSHIP
IN
HOLT County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 28 day of AUGUST 2023, at 8:00 o'clock PM at ARDEN GARWOOD RESIDENCE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2021-2022 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 2,520.56
2022-2023 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 10,211.65
2023-2024 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 84,000.00
2023-2024 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 459.36
2023-2024 Total Resources Available	\$ 84,459.36
Total 2023-2024 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 19,928.58
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ -

Breakdown of Property Tax: Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$ 19,928.58
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$ -

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Public Notices

Stuart Public School Dist. 44 Proceedings

August 14, 2023
Present: Kaup, Kohle, Stracke, Miksch, Paxton, Wolf
Also Present: Robert Hanzlik, Travis Ludwig, Dillon Cleary, Natalie Owen

The President opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and the notice of the meeting was posted at three locations: United State Post Office, Tri-County Bank, and the door to the main entrance of the school. It was also published in the Atkinson Graphic and The Wrangler. An advance agenda was given to the president of the Board and all members prior to the meeting date. All visitors were welcomed and informed this meeting was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the Open Meeting Laws are posted for inspection at any time.

Public Comment.
Moved by Paxton, seconded by Kohle to approve the consent agenda, which includes: regular board minutes; student fee, parent involvement, anti-bullying and internet safety hearing minutes; treasurer's report and pay bills. Roll call vote. 5-yes, 1-absent Carried

The next regular meeting will be September 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., preceded by the Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m., Levy Hearing at 6:45 p.m. and Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Dillon Cleary and Natalie Owen gave an overview of the school insurance and options for the school board to consider to lower the premium. Dillon and Natalie will research and present their options at the special school board meeting on August 24, 2023.

Moved by Wolf, seconded by Miksch to approve the 400 policies in the final reading. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

Moved by Paxton, seconded by Kohle to approve the 500 policies in the second reading. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

Moved by Kohle, seconded by Miksch to approve the 600 policies in the first reading. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

Moved by Wolf, seconded by Kaup to adopt policies 502.02 (Non Resident Students/Option Enrollment), 504.11 (Weapons), 506.02 (Student Organizations), 508.18 (Administration of Naloxone [Narcan]), 508.19 (Behavioral Points of Contact), 605.07 (Part-Time Enrollment), 611.07 (Graduation Requirements), and 801.01R1 (Foster Care Transportation Plan) in the final reading as presented. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

Moved by Paxton, seconded by Miksch to waive the first and second reading and to adopt in the final reading policies 604.15 (Information Relating to Dyslexia), 604.16 (Use of Artificial Intelligence in the School), 605.02 (Alternative Education Program), 612.01 (Free Appropriate Public Education), 612.04 (Full Educational Opportunity Goal), 612.03 (ChildFind), 612.04 (Evaluation Procedures), 612.05 (Individualized Education Program and Family Services Plan), 612.06 (Transition Children from Part C to Preschool Programs), 612.07 (Participation in

State and District Wide Assessments), 612.08 (Procedural SafeGuards), 612.11 (Transportation), 612.12 (Personnel Qualifications), 612.13 (Confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information), 612.14 (Suspension and Expulsion Rates), 612.15 (Access to Instructional Materials), 612.16 (Over-Identification and Disproportionality), 612.17 (Prohibition on Mandatory Medication), 612.18 (Appointment of Surrogates), 612.19 (Consent for Early Intervention Services), 612.20 (Disciplinary Removal of Children with Disabilities). Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

Moved by Kohle, seconded by Kaup to approve elementary and safety manual for the 2023-24 school year in the final reading. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

Moved by Paxton, seconded by Wolf to approve the preschool, student, faculty, coaches/sponsor and 1:1 handbooks in the first and second reading for 2023-24 school year. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

Moved by Kaup, seconded by Paxton to approve the 2023-24 COVID Plan in the final reading. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

Moved by Miksch, seconded by Kaup to approve the 2023-24 Modified Learning Plan in the final reading as presented. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

Mr. Hanzlik informed the Board the building project was nearing completion and we would be able to start school on August 17th. An open house will be held after Labor Day.

Principal's report: Administrator Days, impact testing, participation numbers, start of the year items, schedule, substitutes for 2023-24, SRP trainings, band trip to state fair

Superintendent's report: NASB Area Membership meetings, school budget review, special meeting and budget workshop, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant, graduation, bus storage

The President adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Darby Paxton, Secretary,
District 44

Aquaphoenix Scientific LLC,
Elementary-Grant . . . \$10,365.00
Atkinson Graphic,
Advertising \$100.52
ATT, Telephone \$56.44
Avera St Anthonys Hospital,
Special Ed Services \$233.14
Bartak Glass Inc,
Building Upgrade \$5,175.00
Carlson West Povondra Architects, .
Architectural Services . . \$9,179.11
Cash, Postage \$100.00
D & M Construction,
Construction Services . \$12,124.00
Eakes, Copier/Fax \$253.90

Ecolab, Pest Control \$70.20
Educational Service Unit #8,
Special Ed Services . . \$33,261.17
Farr, Perri, Registration . . \$385.00
Hanzlik, Robert
Transportation Reimbursement \$264.71
Hausmann Construction Inc,
Construction Services \$192,446.70
Heartland Fire Protection Company,
Inspection \$928.72
Holiday Inn Kearney,
Lodging \$519.80
Hometown Market,
Classroom \$14.44
Hudl, Subscription \$2,547.00
Innovative Office SolutionsBuilding,
Classroom \$402.70
Island Supply Welding Co,
Building \$77.50
Ixl Learning, Classroom . \$3,563.00
Jim Borg Trucking Inc,
Rock \$600.00
Journeymen.Com Inc,
Subscription \$500.00
KL&S Inc,
Construction Services . . \$7,859.15
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc,
Classroom \$39.98
Miksch, Marvin,
Construction Services . . \$7,350.00
Municipal Power, Utilities \$2,914.04
Nebraska Council Of Sch Adm,
Registration \$450.00
Neligh Oakdale Public School,
Technology \$1,818.18
NNTC, Telephone \$149.45
O'Neill Public School
Special Ed Services . . . \$2,555.93
Proquest LLC,
Subscription \$2,752.11
Renaissance Learning,
Subscription \$1,568.32
Scholastic Inc, Classroom . \$285.97
Seesaw Learning,
Subscription \$2,412.50
Shad's Electric LLC
Construction Services . \$13,942.85
Southside, Fuel \$382.33
St Boniface Church,
Pre-School Rent \$1,000.00
Stadium Sports,
Misc. Activities \$3,056.43
Sterling Computers,
Technology \$614.00
Stuart Concrete,
Construction Services . . \$6,445.10
Studies Weekly,
Elementary-Grant \$5,382.00
Visa
Building, Classroom, Fees, Supplies \$3,162.87
Wheeler Central Schools,
Special Ed Services \$620.02
Wm Krotter Co, Building \$9,617.54
General Fund Total . . \$ 347,546.82
Hausmann Construction Inc \$ 120,502.30
Construction Services \$ 120,502.30
Building Fund Total . . \$ 120,502.30
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Tate Mathis holding the flag during the National Anthem

Ranch Rodeo a success . . .

The 2023 Hay Days Ranch Rodeo was held at the Atkinson Rodeo Grounds on Friday and Saturday August 18 and 19. With plenty of participants and volunteers to run the show, the event went smoothly.

Photos Courtesy of David Armstrong



Talon Mathis putting in work on the dirt



Breydon Mlady and Jake Judge using teamwork to their advantage



Atkinson-Stuart Country Club

Thursday, Aug. 24 - Men's League 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 27 - One Man Scramble - 10:00 a.m.
Monday, Aug. 28 - Women's League - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 30 - Men's League, 4:00 p.m.

HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statutes 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 31st day of August, 2023 at 11:30 o'clock, A.M. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

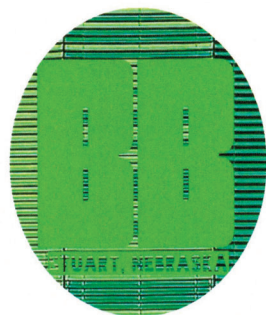
FUNDS	Actual Disbursements 2021-2022 (1)	Actual Disbursements 2022-2023 (2)	Proposed Budget of Disbursements 2023-2024 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (6)
General	\$ 13,548,471.88	\$ 10,298,889.21	\$ 12,348,933.60	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 3,778,933.60	\$ 8,820,000.00
Road	\$ 8,852,148.80	\$ 7,542,931.17	\$ 7,876,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,876,000.00	\$ -
Road-Bridge	\$ 303,587.00	\$ 307,452.00	\$ 957,751.34	\$ -	\$ 957,751.34	\$ -
Constr. Asphalt	\$ 1,555,902.83	\$ 1,160,176.12	\$ 3,668,267.90	\$ -	\$ 3,668,267.90	\$ -
Interlocal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,050.67	\$ -	\$ 45,050.67	\$ -
Equip. Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,522.27	\$ -	\$ 78,522.27	\$ -
Veterans' Aid	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 25,275.01	\$ -	\$ 25,275.01	\$ -
Inheritance	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 680,220.66	\$ 2,054,469.87	\$ -	\$ 2,054,469.87	\$ -
Reg. of Deeds PM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,077.50	\$ -	\$ 58,077.50	\$ -
Bond	\$ 1,173,664.55	\$ 1,178,170.00	\$ 1,182,971.50	\$ -	\$ 654.00	\$ 1,182,317.50
Visitor Prom.	\$ 81,024.56	\$ 92,538.37	\$ 104,442.53	\$ -	\$ 104,442.53	\$ -
Visitor Imprv.	\$ 49,694.07	\$ 62,080.26	\$ 124,902.17	\$ -	\$ 124,902.17	\$ -
Fed. Grants	\$ -	\$ 17,836.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ -	\$ 22,000.00	\$ -
Misc. Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.12	\$ -	\$ 20.12	\$ -
Juv. Justice Gr.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,743.34	\$ -	\$ 5,743.34	\$ -
Law Enfr. Contr.	\$ 48,534.99	\$ 28,083.84	\$ 61,550.00	\$ -	\$ 61,550.00	\$ -
Datamaster	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,197.65	\$ -	\$ 5,197.65	\$ -
Commissary	\$ 3,410.42	\$ 6,321.87	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
COVID Am. Resc.	\$ -	\$ 1,284,726.29	\$ 737,082.72	\$ -	\$ 737,082.72	\$ -
STOP	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 4,650.03	\$ -	\$ 4,650.03	\$ -
Fed. Forfeiture	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,000.00	\$ -	\$ 140,000.00	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 26,624,919.08	\$ 22,860,525.79	\$ 29,515,908.22	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 19,763,590.72	\$ 10,002,317.50

Breakdown of Property Tax	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
\$ 1,182,317.50	\$ 8,820,000.00	\$ 10,002,317.50	
Unused Budget Authority created for next year			\$ 507,789.22

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 18th day of September, 2023 at 11:30 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2022	2023	Change
Operating Budget	29,165,197.97	29,515,908.22	1%
Property Tax Request	\$ 9,786,000.00	\$ 10,002,317.50	2%
Valuation	2,911,317.481	3,080,478.027	6%
Tax Rate	0.336136	0.324700	-3%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.317678		



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West Holt Public Schools District #239 Proceedings

WEST HOLT PUBLIC
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ATKINSON, NEBRASKA
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, August 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of West Holt Public Schools, District #239, was held on Monday, August 14, 2023, in the Board Meeting Room. Meeting opened at 8:03 p.m. by President Jelinek. A complete copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted inside the meeting room, and a copy of all materials provided to the board was made available to the public in a folder.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on the West Holt Public School's website on July 23, 2023, and thereafter, and in the Atkinson Graphic on August 3, 2023, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously sent to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice as is the notice to the members of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public. The agenda for the meeting is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Kelly Jelinek, Susan Judge, Brenna Schaaf, Nick Konrad, and Scott Gotschall. Brian Mlady was absent. Also present were Paul Pistulka, Cody Havranek, Tracy Larson, & Jenna Welborn

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Mr. Gotschall, seconded by Mrs. Schaaf to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023 regular meeting as printed. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Mlady absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Mlady and Mr. Havranek arrived.

Moved by Mr. Konrad, seconded by Mr. Gotschall to approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$144,389.21. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mrs. Larson gave the elementary

school principal report to include handbook update, summer school and open house.

Mr. Havranek gave the junior/senior high school principal report to include handbook changes, back to school updates and FCS grant project.

Mr. Pistulka gave the superintendent report to include finances, insurance rates, personnel, buildings/grounds, and review of agenda action items.

Discussion was held on the 2023-24 budget and bus barn and possible renovation.

Moved by Mr. Jelinek, seconded by Mrs. Judge to set the Budget Hearing for September 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jelinek, seconded by Mr. Mlady to set the Hearing to Set Final Tax Request for September 11, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Judge, seconded by Mr. Mlady to approve the updated student handbooks for West Holt Public Schools. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Jelinek appointed American Civics committee members.

Members appointed were Mr. Mlady, Mrs. Schaaf, and Mr. Konrad.

Moved by Mr. Gotschall, seconded by Mr. Jelinek to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A special meeting will be held on Friday, August 25, 2023, at 7:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. preceded by the Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. and the Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 7:30 p.m.

Brian Mlady, Secretary

WEST HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL FUND BILLS FOR August 14, 2023

Admin Cell Service, ..	Elementary
Principal - Reimbursement	\$70.00
JH/HS Principal -	
Reimbursement	\$ 70.00
Superintendent -	
Reimbursement	\$70.00
Amazon Capital Services,	
Tech Supplies	\$747.74
Elementary Supplies	\$49.72
Office Supplies	\$3.80
Superintendent Supplies	\$39.99
General Supplies	\$764.31
Andrew Goebel,	

Lawn Seeding	\$950.00
Apple, Inc,	
Technology Order	\$2,998.50
Atkinson Fertilizer,	
Lawn Maintenance	\$639.10
Atkinson Graphic,	
Advertising	\$163.44
Atkinson Lumber,	
Custodial Supplies	\$446.91
Avera St Anthony's,	
SPED Services	\$416.27
Bio Corporation,	
JH/HS Supplies	\$316.21
Black Hills Energy,	
Gas Service	\$136.62
Branding Barn,	
General Supplies	\$144.50
Braun's Food Center,	
Elementary Supplies	\$43.61
Butleyes Fire Sprinkler,	
Fire Extinguisher & Pipe Inspection	\$1,212.49
Carroll Olson Enterprises,	
Maintenance Supplies	\$35.03
CenturyLink,	
Telephone Service	\$5.84
The Ceramic Shop,	
Art Supplies	\$809.33
Championship Productions,	
JH/HS Supplies	\$128.96
City of Atkinson,	
Utilities	\$759.06
Coach Masters,	
Bus Service / Repairs	\$14,684.55
Dave Schaaf Cabinets,	
Cabinets	\$645.00
Discount School Supply,	
Preschool Supplies	\$48.74
Dover Publications,	
JH/HS Supplies	\$174.85
Eakes Office Solutions,	
Office Supplies	\$194.85
Custodial Supplies	\$657.52
Elementary Supplies	\$24.15
Essential Screens,	
Fees	\$8.21
ESU 1,	
SPED Services	\$1,487.70
ESU 8,	
SPED Services	\$24,645.53
Non Public Grant - Training	\$80.00
Training	\$20.00
First Stop,	
Suburban/Van/Bus Fuel	\$107.11
Flinn Scientific,	
JH/HS Supplies	\$876.62
Gradwear, Inc,	
Choir Robes	\$3,265.90
Greater Sandhills Family Healthcare,	
DL Physical	\$193.00
Grizzly Industrial Inc,	
JH/HS Supplies	\$114.50
Hampton Inn - Kearney,	
Travel Expense	\$779.70
Home Depot Pro,	
Custodial Supplies	\$438.38
Hometown Leasing,	
Copiers/Printers Lease	\$2,869.28
Houghton Mifflin,	
Elementary Supplies	\$439.52
HW Wilson,	
JH/HS Library Books	\$295.00
Island Supply Welding Co.,	
Ag Shop Supplies	\$158.72
K L & S Inc.,	
Maintenance Supplies	\$46.01
KBRX-FM,	
Advertising	\$312.00
KSB School Law,	
Legal Services	\$350.00
La Quinta,	
Travel Expense	\$98.00
Lakeshore,	
Elementary Supplies	\$1,620.25
Preschool Supplies	\$513.93
SPED Supplies	\$137.97

McGraw Hill,	
Elementary Books	\$2,231.57
SPED Books	\$1,650.95 *
Mitchell Equipment,	
Custodial Supplies	\$40.90
NCSA,	
Membership	\$635.00
Nebraska Public Power District	
Electricity	\$3,225.37
Northeast NE Regional Deaf,	
Education	
SPED Services	\$180.00
O'Neill Pest Control,	
Extermination Service	\$440.00
Onesource,	
Payroll Services	\$19.00
Overhead Door,	
Maintenance Repairs	\$163.00
Popplers Music,	
JH/HS Supplies	\$1,825.99
Quacient Finance USA, Inc.,	
Postage	\$503.46
Region III NSASSP,	
Membership	\$20.00
Scholastic,	
Elementary Subscriptions	\$1,446.57
Schoolmate,	
Elementary Planners	\$769.60
HS Planners	\$1,044.00
School Specialty,	
JH/HS Supplies	\$2.52
Elementary Supplies	\$48.03
Security Shredding Services,	
Shredding	\$70.00
Six Star Sanitation, LLC,	
Sanitation Service	\$1,460.00
State Of Nebraska,	
Ethernet Services	\$193.49
Thomas Keogh,	
Bus Storage	\$400.00
Transfer to	
Petty Cash Fund - Mastercard,	
Travel Expense	\$687.86
Registrations	\$100.00
Van/Suburban/Bus Fuel	\$345.51
Membership	\$53.75
Principal Supplies	\$76.70
Payroll Services	\$12.60
Postage	\$10.65
JH/HS Supplies	\$740.73
Custodial Supplies	\$83.58
Elementary Supplies	\$27.47
Preschool Supplies	\$1,722.29
Transfer to Petty Cash Fund - Reimb.	
Telephone Service	\$190.98
Maintinence Supplies	\$1,322.99
Mileage - Summer Services	\$150.65
Postage	\$500.00
Service Charge	\$11.12
Triple R Tire LLC,	
Mower Repair	\$35.00
West Holt Memorial Hospital	
SPED Services	\$237.82
Western Oil II	
Van/Suburban/Bus Fuel	\$335.99
Mower/Car Fuel	\$268.10
Wettlaufer Landscapes &	
Garden Center,	
Grounds Maintenance	\$899.96
Whites Service Inc,	
Weed Eater Fuel	\$4.30
Van/Suburban/Bus Fuel	\$243.99
WM Krotter Company,	
Custodial Supplies	\$193.49
TOTALS	\$28,756.24
SPED	\$3,078.50
GRANTS	\$59,098.66
GENERAL FUND	\$90,933.40
Depreciation Fund	
Bills for August 14, 2023	
Central NE Refinishing &	
Repair, LLC,	
Bored Under Sidewalk for West	
Power	\$400.00
G&S Accoustics,	
Gym Sound Panels	\$8,855.00
Johnson's Inc,	
Boiler Installation	\$39,500.00
Root Electric,	
Electrical Upgrades	\$4,700.81
TOTAL	\$53,455.81
ZNEZ	

City of Atkinson Proceedings

Council Proceedings
August 7, 2023
The city council of the City of Atkinson met in regular session in the Council Chambers on August 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Present: Mayor Erickson. Council members: Asher, H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane, Absent: Krysl, Osborne.

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 council prior to the meeting. Public was informed of the location of the Open Meetings Act poster in the council chambers.

Asher/Shane to approve the minutes of the July 20th meeting. RCV: Ayes: Asher, H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

The Treasurer's Report for July was discussed and placed on file.

The council acknowledged receipt of the July minutes of the Library, Elkhorn Meadows, Airport, RC&D meetings, and the Union Street Duplex Financial Report.

Asher/R. Olson to approve the purchase of a new concession stand/storage facility for the ballfields. Bids were received from three individuals and after some discussion it was decided to approve the bid from Jeff Kraus for \$12,974.28. RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

H. Olson/R. Olson to approve Dennis Ryan to a five-year term on the Elkhorn Meadows Board. Dennis will replace Mike Skulavic who resigned his position on the board. RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne.

Dan Schaaf was present to ask the council if he could construct a fence in his backyard at 203 North Madison of tin that he would paint brown to look like wood. Zoning regulations list the accepted materials that a fence can be constructed of, and tin is not one of the materials. Dan stated that he understood and is going to look into one of the accepted materials to construct the fence.

Patty Skrdla was present to ask the council's permission to replace the Christmas tree lights that cross over the city's main square with Trim Light Globe Lights. She stated that the lights are programable to change colors. Electrical needs and Wi-Fi will need to be checked out to be sure that the lights will work. The council felt that it would be a nice addition to the downtown area and gave Patty permission to place the new lights downtown if everything with the electricity and the Wi-Fi work.

Asher/Shane to approve a Special Designated Liquor permit for the Knights of Columbus #4707 for the "Dueling Pianos" at the Atkinson Farmers Market on September 9, 2023. RCV: Ayes: R. Olson, Shane, Asher, H. Olson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

Asher/R. Olson to approve a Special Designated Liquor permit for the Knights of Columbus #4707 for a wedding dance at the Atkinson Community Center on August 26, 2023. RCV: Ayes: Shane, Asher, H. Olson, R. Olson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

H. Olson/R. Olson to approve a building permit for Mark and Victoria Johnson for an 8' x 41.8' wood frame addition to the residence at 109 West Lincoln Street. RCV: Ayes: Shane, Asher, H. Olson, R. Olson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

Asher/Shane to proceed with the revised Water Main Improvement project. The new project would be \$560,000.00, which includes \$50,000.00 for contingencies. Funding for the project would be \$217,517.00 in ARPA grant money, \$154,117.00 in loan forgiveness, leaving \$188,366 financed at 0%. Two-thirds of the loan must be financed through the receipt of utility payments and the remaining one-third can be financed with General Obligation Bonds. Utility rates will need to be raised \$.90 per meter per month to help pay for the project and this will be in addition to the already scheduled \$1.00 per meter per month increase that was to occur October 1, 2023. RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

Amanda Sindelar updated the council on the progress of the grant applications for the Bluebird Trail. Amanda stated she received notice from the Holt County Visitors Committee that they tabled the application submitted to them to see if other grant funding can be obtained to help fund the project.

The September city council meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Asher/H. Olson to approve the delinquent utilities report in the amount of \$2,213.07. RCV: Ayes: R. Olson, Shane, Asher, H. Olson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

Asher/R. Olson to approve the claims as prepared. RCV: Ayes: Shane, Asher, H. Olson, R. Olson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

H. Olson/R. Olson to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

Claims:	
Payroll, Sal	74,276.87
FED/FICA, Sal	15,287.52
NE w/h, Sal	2,157.84
NE Rev Dept, taxes	2,188.03
Mitchell Equipment, PTC/TIF	5,314.57
Great Plains Comm., Fee	324.27
Grant Hitchcock, Reimb.	59.39
K L & S, Supplies/Rep	2,215.16
Visa - TCB, Sup	488.09
6 Pack LLC, LB840 Grant	4,580.00
Agland Electric, Rep	1,507.52
First Stop, Fuel	84.11
Great Plains Comm., Fee	150.49
Precision IT, Fee	213.75
S C & D Trucking, Fee	883.26
Es Op USA LLC, Sup	1,125.00
Vortex Optics, Sup	467.98
Hay Days Committee, Adv	1,000.00
Atkinson Graphic, Fee	194.74
City of Atkinson, Fee	140.00
City of Atkinson, Fee	19.00
Post Office, Fee	238.45
Summit Carbon Sol., Dep Ret	75.00
Black Hills Energy, Fee	496.97
West Holt Memorial Hospital, Fee	87,614.75
Atkinson Vet Clinic, Fee	118.33
Tri County Bank, Fee	17,552.32
One Call Concepts, Fee	22.62
K L & S, Supplies, Rep	176.54
Atkinson Lumber, Sup	294.24
AKRS Equipment, Sup	23.19
Cline Willimas, Fee	1,861.50
Gotschall & Sholes PC, Fee	2,075.00
R. Scott Fix, Reimb	621.70
Whites Service, Inc., Fuel	1,820.72
Midwest Laboratories, Fee	223.57
Braun's, Sup	81.72
C O Enterprises, Fee	561.61
WM Krotter Co, Sup	120.41
Welsh Welding & Repair, Rep	143.00
NE Generator Service, Rep	352.75
Kenny's Service, Rep	259.43
Team Lab, Sup	1,051.00
Triple R Tire, Rep	735.35
Precision IT, Fee	190.00
Freeman Remodel, Rep	750.00
Village of Stuart, Rep	18,670.80
Atkinson Fertilizer, Sup	646.01
Wetlaufer's, Sup	114.99
Vogel Grain, Sup	1,188.01
Es Op USA LLC, Sup	2,250.00
ITD, Sup	11.60
NE PHE, Fee	711.00
Ameritas, Fee	215.92
Six Star Sanitation, Fee	13,222.75
One Office, Sup	163.38
O'Neill Shopper, Fee	113.09
Eclectic Taste, LB840 Grant	4,800.00
Great Plains Comm, Fee	336.22
Verizon Wireless, Fee	248.31
Niobrara Valley Electric, Fee	290.85
Rod's Locksmith, Sup	31.00
Atkinson Vet Clinic, Fee	40.00
Harford, Fee	33.97
Miller & Associates, Fee	2,626.50
Holt County Treasurer, Taxes	323.36
City of Atkinson, Fee	51,176.00
Atkinson Senior Center, Fee	225.00
Lincoln National Life, Fee	125.25
Post Office, Fee	79.20
United Healthcare, Fee	10,304.26
Great America Fin. Svcs, Fee	172.50
Colonial Life, Fee	906.76
Cheryl Ziska, Reimb	1,039.06
West Holt School District, Fee	2,200.00
Aflac, Fee	517.96
City of Norfolk, Fee	150.00
Ziska Construction, Rep	554.65
First Stop, Fuel	294.61
L A R M, Fee	8.55
Butler County Landfill, Fee	33,717.29
LIBRARY:	
ARSL Conference, Fee	295.00
Baker & Taylor, Books	290.33
Judy Hagan, Reimb	1,012.10
Heartland Fire Protection, Fee	119.25
K L & S, Rep	46.68
Mastercard, Sup	718.55
METL Sandblasting, Fee	400.00
NE Library Commission, Fee	500.00
The Pioneer Woman, Fee	29.97
West Holt Public Schools, Sup	591.54
DUPLEX:	
CNEDD, Fee	\$150.00
Chem-Dry of Siouxland, Rep	\$668.75
Zane Pease, Dep	220.00
CDS, Fee	200.00
K L & S Inc., Rep	31.92
Total	382,920.70
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Public Notices

Holt County Board of Supervisors Proceedings

August 16, 2023
O'Neill, Nebraska
The Holt County Board of Supervisors met as a Board of Equalization with all members present. County Assessor Tim Wallinger, County Treasurer Shelly Ross and County Clerk Cathy Pavel were also in attendance. This meeting publicized pursuant to Section 84-1411 R.R.S. 1943. Notice of meeting given in advance thereof by publication in paper as shown by Affidavit of Publication on August 3, 2023, in the Atkinson Graphic.

Chairman Frahm convened the meeting at 9:00 A.M. with the flag salute.

Motion by Breiner, 2nd by Paxton, to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2023, meeting as printed. Voting Aye: Treptow, Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Tielke and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Frahm convened a public hearing at 9:00 A.M. to receive public comment on the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications submitted by: Avera St. Anthony's Hospital on a 2009 Ford F250 and a 2014 Chevrolet Express Van and Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson on a 2003 4 wheel trailer. No one appeared to comment.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Neiman, to approve the tax list correction #23-016 as submitted by the Assessor. Voting Aye: Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Tielke, Treptow and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Tielke, to adjourn from public hearing at 9:03 A.M. and return to regular session. Voting Aye: Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Tielke, Treptow, Keyes and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Treptow, to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications submitted by: Avera St. Anthony's Hospital on a 2009 Ford F250 and a 2014 Chevrolet Express Van and Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson on a 2003 4 wheel trailer. Voting Aye: Breiner, Paxton, Tielke, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman and Frahm. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Frahm adjourned the meeting at 9:13 A.M.
Doug Frahm, Chairman
Cathy Pavel, Clerk

August 16, 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 August 3, 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.

Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Paxton, to approve the minutes of the July 31, 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 reviewed claims on file.
Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Paxton, to acknowledge receipt of the District Warrant Report presented by County Treasurer Shelly Ross verifying the Sheriff's final collection report and place report on file with the County Clerk.

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

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Keyes, pursuant to Nebraska State Statute #77-1738 the Holt County Treasurer presented a list of Personal Property Taxes to the Board asking for approval to strike parcel #10002004 & #19001832. Voting Aye: Neiman,

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

Holt County Treasurer Shelly Ross explained a new service to taxpayers where County offices would be able to text out notices and information to taxpayers with a new service called TextMyGov.

Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Neiman, to subscribe to TextMyGov for an initial term of 3 years with the first year cost of \$7,500.00 and the 2nd & 3rd year cost of \$5,000.00 for 100,000 text messages per year with an option to purchase additional text messages. Voting Aye: Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Neiman, to approve the quote from Timmerman Painting for \$2090.00 to paint the Assessor's office. Voting Aye: Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman, Breiner and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Breiner, to approve the quote from Applied Connective Technologies for \$7,680.00 to update the network equipment in the courthouse that will serve the courthouse, road department and annex. Voting Aye: Frahm, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

John Robert Smith with CASA of North Central Nebraska was present to request funding from Holt County for funding for the current fiscal year. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates; these volunteers represent abused and neglected children involved in the court system.

Motion by Keyes, 2nd by Paxton, to provide a total funding of \$10,000.00 to CASA of Northcentral Nebraska to train and support community volunteers to provide court-based advocacy for abused and neglected children involved in the court system and to provide Holt County with an annual progress report and expenditure report. Voting Aye: Treptow, Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.
Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Keyes, to acknowledge the notice from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement that Holt County Jail is in full compliance. Voting Aye: Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the preliminary levy allocation requests from the political subdivisions.

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

Time was allowed to review the budget.

RESOLUTION #2023-08 OF THE HOLT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SIGNING OF THE COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE 2023

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121 and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Holt County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Supervisor Paxton, who moved its adoption. The motion was

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

Gary Connot Road Superintendent presented his Department Activity Report.

11:00 A.M. being the time advertised bids were opened and read for Projects C004519005 C45(552) Superstructure Replacement & C004516510 C45(547) Bridge Replacement. Bids were as follows: C45(552), C45(547), Total, Start Date Norfolk Contracting, \$169,945.00, \$228,889.00, \$398,834.00, September 14, 2023

Midwest Infrastructure, \$183,517.70, \$343,919.93, \$527,437.63, September 25, 2023

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Frahm, to accept the low bid for Projects C45(552) & C45(547) from Norfolk Contracting for a total of \$398,834.00 as per bid specifications. Voting Aye: Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

John Christensen and Eddie Bomar with NMC CAT presented a skid steer lease for a 2023 289D3.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Breiner, to approve the lease with NMC CAT, Norfolk NE for a 2023 289D3 for \$8,500.00 for 250 hours. Voting Aye: Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman, Breiner and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the traffic study the Road Department conducted on 874 Road & 488 Avenue. No action was taken.

Jeff Wagner with Mainelli Wagner Engineering was present to discuss the Honey Creek Project with the Board.

Motion by Keyes, 2nd by Frahm, to approve the following claims. Voting Aye: Frahm, Treptow, Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

General Fund Claim Total: \$216,742.00

American Express, Data Process/Postage, \$736.48; Anson Insurance Services, Inc., Ins, \$20,852.00; Appera, Serv, \$193.27; Applied Connective Technologies, Serv, \$4,301.85; Atkinson Graphic, Print/Pub, \$290.10; Avera St. Anthony's Hospital, Medical, \$2,020.00; Babutzke, William, Travel, \$18.38; Beam Insurance Administrators, LLC, Ins, \$439.50; Black Hills Energy, Serv, \$223.53; Bomgaars, Supp, \$242.40; Bouska, Gerry, Mileage, \$23.58; Bruner Frank Shumacher Husak, LLC, Atty Fees, \$592.00; C&S Repair, Rep, \$62.00; Campbell, Robert, Mileage, \$39.30; Carhart Lumber Co., Supp, \$568.05; Century Link-Probation Office, Serv, \$105.91; Century Link-Sheriff & Courthouse, Serv, \$815.44; Charm-Tex, Provisions, \$8.55; City of O'Neill, Serv, \$989.46; Clearly Communications, Serv, \$331.37; Clerk of District Court, Postage Reimburse, \$115.80; Cobblestone Hotel & Suites, Travel, \$190.00; Coleman, Grace, Mileage, \$6.20; Connot Tire Service, Rep, \$447.07; DAS State Accounting, Data Process, \$596.00; DeKay, Kevin, Mileage, \$22.27; Don's Auto Repair, Rep, \$236.37; Eakes, Lease Admin Fees, \$253.88; Ertz, Dave, Travel, \$36.91; Ewing Family Foods, Supp, \$683.22; Forker, Don, Travel, \$617.71; Fox's Food Plaza, Fuel, \$110.43; Fusion Cloud Services, LLC, Serv, \$239.49; Galyen, Boettcher & Baier, PC, LLO, Atty Fees, \$545.00; Gladstone, Inc., Off Supp, \$805.75; Gokie Oil Co., Fuel, \$510.98; Gokie Oil Co. - Ext, Fuel, \$131.70; Gotschall & Sholes, Atty Fees, \$530.00; Graham Tire Norfolk, Rep, \$568.00; Grass, Daniel, Mileage, \$17.03; Great America Leasing Co., Off Equip Lease, \$1,408.79; Great Plains Communications, Inc., Serv, \$166.52; Hilltop Drugs, Medical, \$4.50; Holt County Independent,

Print/Pub, \$851.60; Holt County Assessor, Postage Reimburse, \$24.39; Holt County Court, Court Costs, \$437.00; Holt County District Court, Court Costs, \$256.00; Holt County Treasurer, Postage Reimburse, \$372.20; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, Supp, \$635.67; Johnson's, Inc., Building Rep, \$1,685.43; Kaczor, Bill, Supp, \$256.00; Kaczor, Mary, Mileage, \$39.30; KBRX Radio Station, Print/Pub, \$105.00; Klein, Martin, Atty Fees, \$973.71; Krysl, Josh, Mileage, \$36.68; Leafy Spurge Working Task Force, Conference/Dues, \$250.00; Liewer, Mark, Travel, \$67.38; May, Keith, Mileage, \$31.44; McIntire, Micky, Postage Reimburse, \$6.18; Meritain Health, Ins, \$125,000.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., Off Equip Lease, \$246.00; MIPS, Inc., Data Process, \$2,121.94; NACVSO, Registration, \$350.00; Nebraska Association of County Officials, NACO District Mtg-Norfolk, \$20.00; Nebraska Health & Human Services, Serv, \$90.00; Nebraska Health & Human Services System, Maintenance Charges, \$183.00; Nebraska County Attorneys Association, Association Dues, \$2,426.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Serv, \$3,392.84; Nebraska Tech & Telecommunications, Inc., Serv, \$468.26; Niobrara Valley Electric, Serv, \$23.43; North Central District Health Dept, Miles of Smiles, \$4,636.00; O'Neill Car Wash, Serv, \$47.84; O'Neill Chemical Co., Supp, \$745.75; O'Neill Electric Motor Services, Supp, \$285.00; O'Neill Family Pharmacy, Medical, \$232.79; O'Neill Printing Co., Off Supp, \$15.00; O'Neill Shopper, Print/Pub, \$1,747.92; O'Neill Super Foods, Supp, \$11.79; Office Products Center, Data Process/Rep, \$311.96; Ogden's Ace Hardware, Supp, \$30.97; One Office Solution-Assessor, Off Supp, \$182.70; One Office Solution-Brent Kelly Law, Off Supp, \$212.23; One Office Solution-Clerk, Off Supp, \$33.89; One Office Solution-Ext, Off Supp, \$197.05; One Office Solution-Jail, Off Supp, \$20.07; One Office Solution-Probation, Off Supp, \$643.91; One Office Solution-Public Defender, Off Supp, \$62.52; One Office Solution-Sheriff, Off Supp, \$26.15; One Office Solution-Treasurer, Off Supp, \$865.45; One Office Solution-Veteran's Service, Off Supp, \$27.41; One Office Solution-Weed, Off Supp, \$28.78; Pavel, Cathy, Mileage, \$53.92; Paxton, Darrin, Mileage, \$685.13; Petty Cash-Sheriff, Postage Reimburse, \$26.01; Petty Cash-Treasurer, Postage Reimburse, \$121.15; Petty Cash-Weed, Postage Reimburse, \$8.56; Physicians Laboratory P.C., Autopsy Costs, \$3,211.00 PIP, Off Supp, \$783.07; Powertech, Main/Rep, \$465.00; Quality Alignment & Repair, Rep, \$664.92; Quill Corporation-Clerk, Off Supp, \$251.41; Quill Corporation-County Court, Off Supp, \$180.55; Quill-Extension, Off Supp, \$449.00; Regroup, Dues/Reg/Sub, \$3,000.00; Rotherham Tire Service, Rep, \$64.50; Rowse, Brian, Mileage, \$23.58; Schaecher Electric, Rep, \$387.33; Schindler Elevator Corporation, Main/Rep, \$3,639.84; Seger Funeral Home, Inc., County Burial, \$510.00; Smith, Darla, Contract Labor, \$1,600.00; Stenka, Ken, Mileage, \$38.70; Summerland Advocate, Print/Pub, \$142.43; Sure Stay Plus Hotel By Best, Travel, \$171.00; Swenson, Roy, Mileage, \$58.95; Three River Communications, LLC, Serv, \$219.11; Tielke, Bill, Mileage, \$443.44; Timmerman, Amy, Mifi Card/Travel, \$100.04; Top O' Rock Designs, Off Supp, \$177.75; Torpin's Rodeo Market, Supp, \$890.82; US Bank, Misc/Off Supp, \$34.04; Val Verde, Regina, Off Supp, \$82.96; Vanguard Appraisals, Inc., Appraisal Exp, \$175.00; Verizon, Serv, \$56.85; Verizon Wireless, Serv, \$314.72; Werth, LaDonna, Travel, \$169.91; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$2,482.21; Zelle Human Resource Solutions,

Serv, \$3,128.38; Ziems, Dennis, Mileage, \$39.30; 4 Seasons Lawn Care, Maintenance, \$60.00

Road Fund Claim Total: \$890,520.95

Ag & Industrial Equipment, Parts, \$17.40; AKRS Equipment Solutions, Inc., Parts, \$749.44; Appera, Serv, \$331.89; Applied Connective Technologies, Serv, \$15.30; AT&T, Serv, \$64.95; Atkinson Graphic, Print/Pub, \$147.00; Atkinson Lumber, LLC, Parts, \$11.98; Atkinson Township, Mail Route, \$21,875.00; Avera St. Anthony's Hospital, Medical, \$60.00; B's Enterprises, Inc., Erosion Control, \$1,310.00; Bartak Glass, Rep, \$39.00; Black Hills Energy, Serv, \$115.80; Bomgaars, Parts/Supp, \$2,530.86; Carroll Olson Enterprises, Parts/Supp, \$209.40; Century Link-2377 Road, Serv, \$78.07; Century Link-2831 Road, Serv, \$78.07; Century Link-3888 Road, Serv, \$172.08; Century Link-5440 Road, Serv, \$62.06; Chambers Shopper, Print/Pub, \$20.00; Chambers Township, Road Maintenance, \$9,213.03; Chemsearch, Supp, \$1,695.80; City of Atkinson, Serv, \$87.34; Cole Petroleum, Fuel, \$22,300.12; Cole Sand & Gravel, Gravel, \$28,130.16; Connot Tire Service, Parts/Rep, \$1,096.82; Dobias Excavating, Machine Hire, \$4,241.00; Dobias Sand & Gravel, Gravel, \$11,880.00; Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, Serv, \$77.25; Elkhorn Sand & Gravel, LLC, Gravel, \$77,655.96; Emme Sand & Gravel, Gravel, \$49,876.62; Engelhaupt Truck & Trailer Repair, Parts, \$65.12; Ewing Feed & Supply, Parts/Supp, \$56.74; Farmers Pride, Fuel, \$13,916.30; Farmers Store, Fuel, \$550.12; First Stop, Fuel, \$143.70; Fusion Cloud Services, LLC, Serv, \$46.01; Galyen Energy Supply, Fuel, \$11,187.84; Gentele Trucking, LLC, Gravel, \$3,454.00; Great America Leasing Co., Off Equip Lease, \$184.15; Great Plains Communications, Inc., Serv, \$53.69; Green's Service, Fuel, \$6,024.58; Heartland Fire Protection, Serv, \$118.00; Holt County Independent, Print/Pub, \$63.25; Holt County Tire, Parts, \$220.95; Husker Engineering, Box Culverts, \$222,782.31; J&J Sanitation - 3051-1421, Serv, \$268.79; J&J Sanitation - 3051-1859, Serv, \$166.73; Jebro, Inc., Bituminous Surfacing, \$167,365.27; John Prouty Construction, Inc., Gravel, \$30,240.00; John's Repair, LLC, Parts/Rep, \$202.38; K & M Telephone Co., Serv, \$36.01; Kaczor, Bill, Supp, \$512.00; Krael Irrigation Co., Parts, \$91.48; LCL Truck Equipment, Inc., Parts, \$1,322.64; Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc., Engineering Fees, \$68,086.72; Midwest Service & Sales Co., Steel Products, \$15,520.80; Mitchell Equipment, Inc., Parts, \$1,810.30; Municipal Power, Serv, \$213.99; Nebraska Public Power District, Serv, \$319.42; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., Parts, \$685.00; Netcom, Inc., Radio Rep, \$890.00; NMC, Parts/Rep, \$17,921.69; North Central Public Power, Serv, \$83.51; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., Serv, \$45.80; O'Neill Auto Supply, Inc., Parts, \$254.14; O'Neill Electric Motor Services, Rep, \$352.50; O'Neill Shopper, Print/Pub, \$383.33; Occupational Health Services, Serv, \$115.00; Ogden's Ace Hardware, Supp, \$31.91; Overhead Door Company of Norfolk, Rep, \$2,762.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc., Chains/Tires, \$1,194.00; Power Plan, Parts/Rep, \$8,279.67; Quality Alignment & Repair, Parts/Rep, \$1,093.12; Ranchland Auto Parts, Parts/Supp, \$1,224.77; Reiman's Body Shop, Parts/Rep, \$1,504.70; Road Builders Machinery & Supply Co., Parts, \$791.80; Rose

Equipment, Inc., Parts, \$2,043.39; Ryan's Truck & Tractor Repair, Parts/Rep, \$1,870.64; Shamrock Diesel Repair, Parts, \$66.27; Southside Mini Mart, Fuel, \$256.75; Speece Lewis Engineers, Engineering Fees, \$20,910.00; Stuart Township, Road Maintenance, \$44,000.00; Summerland Advocate, Print/Pub, \$171.00; The Seedhouse, Erosion Control, \$138.00; Torpin's Rodeo Market, Supp, \$30.21; Triple R Tire, LLC, Rep, \$50.00; Truck Center Co., Parts, \$1,391.39; US Bank, Fuel/Parts/Travel, \$335.48; Verizon, Serv, \$785.95; Verizon Wireless, Serv, \$202.38; Village of Chambers, Serv, \$89.00; Warp Networks, Inc., Serv, \$60.99; Welsh Welding & Repair, Parts/Rep, \$363.83; Westend Mini Mart, Fuel, \$356.05; White's Service, Fuel, \$449.03; Wm. Krotter Co., Parts/Supp, \$138.96; WPCI, Serv, \$33.00

Visitor's Promotion Fund Claim Total: \$8,560.17

Above The Garage Studio, Website, \$142.24; Atkinson Hay Days, 2023 Hay Days, \$6,000.00; Discover Northeast Nebraska, Advertising, \$1,600.00; O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, Contract Labor, \$322.93; Shamrock Ringers Horseshoe Pitchers, Tournament, \$250.00; Sowers, Advertising, \$245.00

Visitor's Improvement Fund Claim Total: \$10,000.00

Village of Stuart, Stadium Project, \$10,000.00

COVID American Rescue Plan Fund Claim Total: \$21,474.00

FCF Construction, Rep, \$20,054.00; Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc., Serv, \$1,420.00

Jail Commissary Fund Claim Total: \$1,500.00

Cidnet, Data, \$1,500.00

Motion by Keyes, 2nd by Paxton, to hold the 2023/2024 Budget Hearing for Holt County at 11:30 A.M. on August 31, 2023, at the conclusion of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting. Voting Aye: Treptow, Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Keyes, 2nd by Frahm, to submit for public hearing on September 18, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request and adopt the proposed 2023/2024 County Budget. Voting Aye: Keyes, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Tielke adjourned the meeting at 12:09 P.M. until August 31, 2023, at 9:15 A.M.

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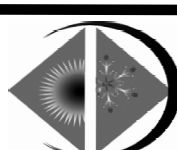
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Thank you!

Cindy Poessnecker

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I would like to thank the Atkinson-Ettes for organizing the Hay Days Coronation and exciting evening. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets from me and voted for me for royalty. It was a fun weekend and such an honor to represent our community as the HayDays Queen.

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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Carroll G. Olson, Deceased Estate No. PR 22-5

Notice is hereby given that a final accounting and report of administration and a Petition for Complete Settlement after Informal Testate Proceeding have been filed and are set for hearing in the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, located at 204 N. 4th Street, O'Neill, Nebraska 68763 on September 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

-s-Laura Reynoldson (SEAL) County Clerk Magistrate/Registrar

PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY:

Laura K. Essay (Bar ID #24337) Patrick K. Kenney (Bar ID #27344) DVORAK LAW GROUP, LLC 9500 West Dodge Road, Suite 100 Omaha, NE 68114 (402)934-4770 lessay@ddlawgroup.com

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA IN THE MATTER OF CONNIE SCHAAF, deceased Case No. PR 23-25

NOTICE OF FORMAL PROBATE, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of July, 2023, in the Holt County Court, the Court formally probated the will of CONNIE SCHAAF, Deceased.

Brent M. Kelly, who resides at P.O. Box 910, Atkinson, Nebraska 68713, has been appointed personal representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must present their claims on or before October 17, 2023

-s-Laura Reynoldson SEAL Clerk of the County Court Address of County Court: 204 N. 4th St. O'Neill, Nebraska 68763

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/s Shelly Wieneke
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Treasure Hunt winners told

Winners of this year's Hay Days Treasure Hunt were Kim and Caleb Thompson.

They found the treasure hidden underneath the bleachers at the football field. Kim and Caleb won \$100 in Atkinson Bucks

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1. The treasure is hidden, we ain't a kiddin. Put on your shoes, it's always in the news.
2. A King and Queen will be crowned without a frown.
3. Look high, look low, you could be hot or cold. Careful not to fall!
4. So many shoes, so little time, this type of running isn't a crime.
5. Pitter Patter the crowd will gather. Come and listen to all the chatter.
6. Follow your nose, the aroma is in the air! Treats can be eaten here and there!
7. Cheering and laughter all around, maybe some music can be found
8. Tick tock watch the clock, you can also get there with a walk.



Olberdings help animal shelter

Breck and Brileigh Olberding have been Inspired by the book, "Brave Like That" read as part of Atkinson Public Library's summer book club. During Hay Days they hosted a lemonade and treat stand to raise money to support the Holt County Animal Shelter. They were open from 10am until 8pm. During that time they raised \$500 for the shelter.

They presented the Holt County Animal Shelter with the money on Monday, August 21st.

The kids would like to extend a big

Fixes and Corrections

Editor's note: in last week's Graphic, the story below looked good on the proof copies, but when it was sent to the printer, a portion of the story was cut off the end. To present the entire article, it appears again below ~BDC

Mellor receives Quilt of Valor . . .

On June 10, 2023 Murray Mellor received his quilt of valor. For most, that would be enough cause for celebration, but Mellor tacked on a couple extra milestones on the day as well.

To go along with receiving the coveted quilt, Mellor also celebrated his 93rd birthday, and 70th anniversary with his wife, Jean Mellor.

Putting together the quilt was the team of Bonnie Lech and Shari Flannery. Lech had the task of piecing together the quilt before Flannery quilted.

Mellor served for the United States in 1952 in Texas and Denver, where he worked as a nurse helping wounded soldiers.

Murray Mellor enlisted in the Army January 18, 1952, assigned to Company D, 5421st Army Sustainment University (ASU) in Camp Crowder Mo. where he served January through the first part of February, 1952 before being assigned to

the Co. D 2nd Medical Training Battalion (MTB) being moved to Camp Pickett, Va. Here he would be trained as a medical student serving three months before having to move to Sam Houston, Texas where he was then again moved to the

Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Denver, Colo. spending time as a trainee.

He received a Hardship Discharge, as he was requested to return home in order to take care of the family Ranching Operation.



Mellor wrapped in his quilt of valor.

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Happy 50th Anniversary
Mike and Kathy Osborne
From Your Family

Cheers to Mike and Kathy Osborne on their remarkable 50 years of love, companionship, and shared adventures. May the next chapter be as beautiful and joyful as the last.

Mike and Kathy were married on September 1, 1973, in Laurel, Neb. They have four children, Corey (Jen) Osborne of Lincoln, Adam (Ellen) Osborne of Omaha, Mark (Sheena) Osborne of Sioux City, and Joel (Renata) Osborne of Omaha. They have been blessed with 8 grandchildren, Caddie, Payne, Margy, Cash, Crew, Swayze, Parker, and Josie.



The crowd at the Community Hay Days Church Service

New venue for Church . . .

The Sunday morning Hay Days Community Church Service this year was held at a new venue, the Atkinson Farmer's Market on south main, downtown Atkinson.

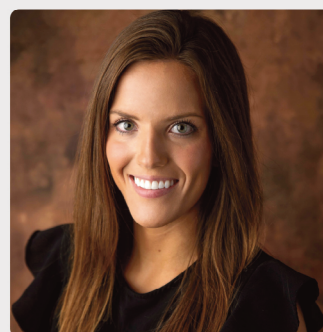


Dr. Kari Galyen was the speaker at the church service



Sisters featured at museum...

The sister team of Ellen Ogden, Cheryl Cambras and Raedeen Gentile put on a reenactment at the Sturdevant-McKee museum as an extra added attraction for this year's Hay Days celebration.



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