

Fritz is new General Manager at NVEMC

Submitted Article

Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corporation Board of Directors has announced that Matt Fritz is their new General Manager.



Fritz came to Niobrara Valley Electric with 20 years of industry experience in operations and safety.

Prior to accepting the General Manager position, Fritz started as an apprentice lineman with Nebraska Public Power District based in North Platte and Lincoln.

He then moved to North Central Public Power District in Creighton where he held positions of Journeyman Lineman, Special Operations Tech, Safety Director and Assistant Operations Manager.

Fritz possesses an Associate's Degree from Northeast Community College in Utility Line and Business

Management and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Bellevue University.

"I would like to thank the Board of Directors for this opportunity, and I look forward to building relationships with Niobrara Valley's members and staff," Fritz said. "Growing up in Northeast Nebraska will help me understand the culture and challenges the electric industry faces in our community and state. My focus is to provide the best cost-effective electrical service that our members can be proud of."

He started with the Niobrara Valley team in August. He, his wife Amber, and their three children have joined the Atkinson community. They



look forward to meeting new people and serving the members of Niobrara Valley.

Hollingsworth dealt with many medical issues in 2021

By Lorraine Lieswald, Atkinson Graphic reporter

This is another in our medical series of articles.

Roxanne Hollingsworth has mixed emotions in sharing her story.

"Everyone has troubles and so many times those troubles were much worse than anything that I've gone through," she said.

That being said, Hollingsworth, after weighing both sides, decided she needed to be an advocate of this community and to share her feelings and encourage support to Atkinson, the community doctors, and the staff at West Holt Memorial Hospital.

"Going through the medical issues I did last year brought me to realize what a blessing it is to have a good medical community here and to live with neighbors who care."

Hollingsworth's journey to realizing how blessed she was to live where she lives began with January 14 where after feeling a bit uncomfortable for several days, she realized she couldn't burp or flatus (pass gas) and knowing something was wrong took herself to the emergency room at West Holt Memorial Hospital for help.

There Dr. Sholes diagnosed her as having gall stones and Hollingsworth made the first of several trips to the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk by ambulance where an MRI detected a large gall stone embedded in a bile duct.

Doctors at Norfolk were hesitant to "blast" the large stone until further tests were done to determine if Hollingsworth had other medical issues.

Instead, they inserted a stint in the bile duct to bypass the large gall stone. With an "all clear" from testing, the gall stone was blasted on March 30, and she came home.

"I wanted to do as much as I could locally in support of that saying, 'shop locally'. I feel that means medical too, especially since Atkinson has a great medical community," Hollingsworth explained.

For six weeks Hollingsworth felt she was making great strides in improvement and scheduled to have her gall bladder removed.

Each year to examine the health of her colon, she has provided a stool sample to be examined. In May when she sent her yearly stool sample in the report suggested she undergo a colonoscopy. This forced her to cancel the scheduled gall bladder surgery and undergo a colonoscopy.

"A non-cancerous polyp was removed."

Now she was ready to have her gall bladder removed and on June 9, Dr. Akainda at West Holt Memorial Hospital (WHMH) performed the procedure in the hospital's newly modern

surgery suite.

Hollingsworth said she felt the worst was over and she would soon be recovered but that was not to be when a blood clot was discovered in her leg, and she was put on blood thinner for six months.

And there was more to come. Later that month when Hollingsworth started experiencing shortness of breath, a chest x-ray at WHMH showed pneumonia. This meant another trip by ambulance to Norfolk Regional in Norfolk where tubes were inserted in her lower left lung to remove the fluid.

Along with pneumonia, tests revealed a severe bacterial infection along with sepsis, and a large abscess located behind her liver. Her heart was placed on a monitor.

"I didn't know I was that sick," Hollingsworth remembered.

Faith Regional kept her as a patient until efforts to control the raging bacterial infection was under control. When it was safe for her to be transported to a facility that could keep the two tubes, one in her lung, the other in the abscess, cleared she asked to be sent back to Atkinson.

"I wanted to come back to Atkinson."

To do this Hollingsworth needed to be admitted to a local facility where staff were versed in how to keep the two tubes inserted in her chest cleared twice daily. The local nursing home, Good Samaritan Society, had the staff to do this.

Hollingsworth's son Jerry brought her from Norfolk to Atkinson and stayed long enough to make plans for his mother to be moved when she was stronger to an assisted living site near Sioux City where he works as a medical physician.

Hollingsworth was a resident at Good Samaritan for four weeks while she slowly gained strength as the antibiotics and physical and occupational therapy combated the infection.

"I have to give credit to the P.T. and O.P. teams who worked at Good Sam for helping me to regain my strength. They were great," she explained.

By August 11th the infection was gone, and the tubes were ready to be cut from her chest which was to be done in Norfolk, but Faith Regional was not ready to have Hollingsworth admitted as a patient. The staff there was concerned about COVID.

Hollingsworth praised Dr. Sholes for convincing Faith Regional that her patient was free from COVID and would not contaminate its facility.

"I was probably not a good patient by now," she said.

Although she had great support from her brother Clancy who was with her early in her medical "experience" and her sister Pam later on, Hollingsworth said her patience was at an end. She wanted those tubes out now!

After agreeing to admit Hollingsworth, the tubes were cut and she was sent back home where she has made great progress in regaining

Chamber to meet Thursday, Jan. 13

The Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce will hold their January meeting on Thursday, January 13 at 12:00 noon at the Flat Iron Bar & Grille in downtown Atkinson.

Hay Days group to meet Jan. 19

The Atkinson Hay Days Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. at The Alley.

Agenda items include setting the 2022 dates, parade theme, and any other related issues.

Anyone and everyone is invited to attend and voice their opinions or ideas.

Questions may be directed to Chris Winer at 402-340-7425 or Bev McConnell at 402-340-1961.

Bloodmobile held in Stuart, Jan. 5

The Red Cross Bloodmobile was held Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at the Stuart Auditorium.

They were able to collect 59 units of blood for patients in need.

The Bloodmobile was sponsored by the Stuart American Legion Auxiliary.

Stoltenberg retires at TCB after 36 years of service

Mardell Stoltenberg recently retired from her role as Vice President of Operations at The Tri-County Bank (TCB) in Stuart, after 36 years of service.

Stoltenberg began her career at TCB as an intern her senior year of college in 1984. She attended Chadron State College and during her Christmas break she worked as a teller at the Stuart branch.

Upon graduation, Stoltenberg came back to the area to work full-time at TCB. She quickly transitioned from her teller position to working in the Operations Department. One of the first projects she tackled was converting the bank to an in-house computer operating system with Fiserv in 1988.

Stoltenberg eventually earned the title of Vice President of Operations in which she was integral in leading the operations team to bring new tech-

nologies, products, and IT security programs to TCB.

She also assisted with the accounts payable duties and financial reports for the bank.

When Stoltenberg started working at TCB in 1985 there was only one bank location in Stuart. Since that time, locations in Atkinson, Bassett, and O'Neill were added, increasing the need for new technology.

"We went from a single computer running the entire bank to having the need for a dedicated server room which houses several servers, routers and switches. The infrastructure has expanded and more equipment has been added to ensure TCB has the latest banking technology to serve its customers," shared Stoltenberg.

Stoltenberg and her team were instrumental in integrating many programs and applications used by TCB customers today allowing the bank to stay on the forefront of technological innovations in the industry.

"Mardell has had first-hand experience with the digital transformation of the Community Banking Industry. Her contributions to our organization

are immeasurable, as she has worked at all hours to ensure our employees and customers have been able to access the information they need," expressed TCB President and CEO Jon Schmaderer.

TCB has been working on a transition plan for the past six months with Joel Steinhauser assuming the role of Chief Operations Officer, Ashley Hipke as Operations & IT Officer, and Drew Klatt hired as the new Operations & Financial Officer.

Stoltenberg retired from her role at TCB on December 31, 2021, but plans to work at Reliable Tax Solutions, LLC in Stuart assisting with tax preparation and bookkeeping. She looks forward to spending more time with her family and especially her grandchildren.

Stoltenberg was honored at TCB's employee Christmas party and was presented with a personalized, 36 years of service clock.

"The most memorable part of working at TCB has been the lifelong friends I have made. It has definitely felt like a family," expressed Stoltenberg.

Lange Irrigation receives award

Reinke Manufacturing, has recognized Lange Irrigation in Stuart with a Diamond award in recognition of their success in the past year.



"We are proud to honor the team at Lange Irrigation with this award," said Chris Roth, Reinke president.

"They've dedicated themselves to supporting the growers in their area. We appreciate those efforts as Reinke continues

to develop and implement irrigation equipment and technology designed to increase agriculture production."

Reinke dealerships from across the United States and Canada come together annually for the company's sales convention to recognize select Reinke dealers for their hard work and commitment to serve growers.

The Reinke Pride awards are determined as part of an incentive program that distinguishes superior achievement levels according to an evaluation based on a dealership's exterior and interior housekeeping and maintenance, and other criteria.

Schroder hits 1000 point mark for Lady Broncos



Stuart senior Lexi Schroder achieved over 1,000 career points in her basketball career at Stuart Public Schools.

The achievement came in a recent game against Creighton where Schroder scored 14 points.

This season, Schroder has averaged 16 points, six rebounds, three steals, and three assists.

State Board of Education candidate to be in O'Neill

Elizabeth Tegtmeier, candidate for Nebraska State Board of Education District 7, will be at a meet and greet in O'Neill.

Join Politics Uncorked for a chance to meet Tegtmeier on Thursday, January 13 at 87541 Hwy. 281.

The meeting will begin with a

potluck at 6:30 p.m. The program is at 7:00 p.m.

She will share information about her campaign and hear concerns about education in our state.

Contact Jason Schindler at (402)961-9499 for any questions regarding location.

COVID-19 updates given by NCDHD

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been made aware of 256 new COVID-19 cases in the district since last reporting period on January 3, 2022.

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination updates:

- Pfizer shortens the time between the completion of primary vaccination of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and booster dose to at least five months.

- Pfizer booster doses approved for individuals 12+ by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) through Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

- A third Primary Dose of Pfizer for

individuals 5 to 11 years of age with immunocompromising conditions is approved through EUA. This third dose needs to be administered at least 28 days or longer following the second dose of the two-dose regimen.

People should talk to their health-care provider about their medical condition, and whether getting an additional primary shot is appropriate for them.

The full updated recommendation can be found on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Pfizer-BioNTech.html#:~:text=Booster%20Shot%3A%20Everyone%20ages%2012,BioNTech%20COVID%2D19%20vaccine%20booster>

COVID-19 Isolation period for positive individuals and quarantine period for exposed individuals have been updated.

If you test Positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status:

- Stay home for at least 5 days
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.

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Doing some skating . . .

This pair of ice skaters were spotted at the Mill Race Park above the dam last week. They skated over to where the photo was being taken and were identified as West Holt 6th grader Kamrynn Slaymaker with her mom Karla Slaymaker. Photos by Lorraine Lieswald

Community

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 13
12:00 noon - Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting at the Flat Iron Bar & Grille
4:00 p.m. - West Holt High School Girls' and Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball at North Central in Bassett
6:00 p.m. - West Holt Wrestlers at Hartington CC and Crofton

Friday, January 14
12:30 p.m. - Early Dismissal at West Holt Public Schools
1:30 p.m. - West Holt Wrestlers at West Holt Invite
6:15 p.m. - Stuart Girls' and Boys' High School Basketball versus Elgin High-Pope John at Stuart

Saturday, January 15
7:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast and Devotion at Lighthouse Assembly of God at Atkinson
Stuart Speech at Valentine
9:30 a.m. - Stuart Junior High Boys' Basketball at Stuart Invite
9:30 a.m. - West Holt Junior High Boys' Basketball at Stuart Invite
9:30 a.m. - West Holt 9/10 Girls' and Boys' Basketball at Plainview Tournament
2:00 p.m. - Stuart Junior High Girls' Basketball at Stuart Invite

Sunday, January 16
Atkinson Sons of the American Legion Ice Fishing Tourney

Monday, January 17
NO SCHOOL at Stuart Public Schools - Teacher Inservice
NO SCHOOL at West Holt Public Schools - Teacher Inservice
Beginning at 4:00 p.m. - Stuart JV and Varsity Girls' and Boys' Basketball versus Twin Loup at Taylor
5:30 p.m. - West Holt Wrestlers at O'Neill JV Invite
6:00 p.m. - West Holt Junior High Boys' Basketball at St. Mary's

Tuesday, January 18
9:00 a.m. - Slaughter Cattle; 12:00 Noon - Breeding Cattle at the Special Breeding Cattle Auction at Atkinson Livestock Market
4:00 p.m. - West Holt High School Girls' and Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball at Plainview
7:00 p.m. - Broncos Building The Future Meeting at Stuart Public School

Wednesday, January 19
6:30 p.m. - Atkinson Hay Days Committee Meeting at The Alley

Thursday, January 20
4:00 p.m. - West Holt High School Girls' and Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball at Boyd County at Spencer
4:30 p.m. - West Holt Junior High Boys' Basketball versus Summerland at West Holt
5:00 p.m. - West Holt Wrestlers at Niobrara Valley Conference Meet at Summerland
6:00 p.m. - Stuart Girls' and Boys' High School Basketball at Valentine

Friday, January 21
1:00 p.m. - Holt County Spelling Bee at O'Neill Elementary
4:45 p.m. - West Holt High School Girls' and Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball versus EPPJ at West Holt
6:00 p.m. - Stuart Girls' and Boys' High School Basketball versus Santee at Stuart

Saturday, January 22
Stuart Speech at Summerland
West Holt Speech at Summerland
9:00 a.m. - Stuart Junior High Boys' Basketball at West Holt Invite
9:00 a.m. - West Holt Junior High Boys' Basketball at West Holt Invite
10:00 a.m. - West Holt Wrestlers at Neligh Invite

Sunday, January 23
7:00 p.m. - Broncos Building The Future Meeting at Stuart Public School

Monday, January 24
4:30 p.m. - West Holt Junior High Boys Basketball versus Boyd County at West Holt

Tuesday, January 25
Special Feeder Calf Auction at Atkinson Livestock Market
4:00 p.m. - West Holt High School Girls' and Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball at Neligh-Oakdale
6:00 p.m. - Stuart Junior High Boys' Basketball at West Holt

Wednesday, January 26
10:00 a.m. - LATE START at West Holt Public Schools

Thursday, January 27
4:45 p.m. - West Holt High School Girls' and Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball versus O'Neill at West Holt
6:30 p.m. - Stuart Girls' and Boys' High School Basketball at St. Mary's

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 - Atkinson American Legion Post #86 Meeting at the Legion Hall
Third Thursday of the Month - Atkinson American Legion Unit #86 Legion Auxiliary meeting at the Legion Hall
Fourth Monday of the Month - 6:00 p.m. - Atkinson Antiquers meeting. Location changes monthly

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

Atkinson Community Thrift Shop Hours
Wednesday
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Friday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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:
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or call them to:
402-925-5411

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West Holt Public Schools announces Honor Rolls

West Holt Public Schools has released their second quarter honor rolls for the 2021-22 school year.

2nd QUARTER SUPERINTENDENT'S HONOR ROLL

7th Grade - Brody Galyen, Marley Intlekofer, Daleni Knust, London Konrad, Emersyn Mlady, Dominick Ogden, Peyton Olberding, Andrew Schulte, Harlow Stracke, Hunter Wettlaufer

8th Grade - David Armstrong, Monica Chavez, Cale Deseive, Ava Hoffman, Madison Kratz, Pavan Larson, Adrianna Mincer, Morgan Mitchell, Aleigha Ogden, Taylor Peek, Madalyn Pistulka, Morgan Schaaf, Taylor Walnofer

Freshmen - Mason Crumrine, Drake Nemetz, Grant Osborne, Andrew Rentschler, Makenna Schaaf, Lily Vogel

Sophomores - Sidney Burkinshaw, Makinley Cadwallader, Carter Gotschall, MaryBelle Hamilton, Addison Karo, Abigail Thiele

Juniors - Maci Nemetz, Kelcie Osborne, Madeline Rentschler, Emilee Walnofer

Seniors - Sadie Jarecke, Caid McCarty, Landyn Mlady, Lucas Olson, Nate Wallinger, Kristen Welling

2nd QUARTER HONOR ROLL

7TH Grade - Chance Bardwell, Brooke Carey, Taylor Gardner, Madisyn Hilkemeier, Max Karo, Kearsten Keogh, Brinley Kerkman, Felicia Kerkman, Bethany Leisy, Daphne Mitchell, Kayli Monasterio, Jacob Pannng, Taylor Schaaf, Ian Shane, Jamison Slaymaker, Blair Stracke, Maggie Stracke, Miley Winer

8th Grade - Alexander Gotschall, Lane Keogh, Zeke Klabenes, Anel Monasterio, Kellen Monasterio, Maria Mora Gallardo, Cameron Pacha, Carson Wieneke

Freshmen - Vincent Blackford, Brooklyn Butterfield, Abbygail



Juniors - Brittany Beckwith, Tyler Jelinek, Mackenzie Kaup, Broghan Lech, Asher McCart, Isaac Pistulka, Ella Schulte, Alexis Stracke

Seniors - Samantha Camp, Cash Gardner, Dawn Guthmiller, Brynn Hilkemeier, Courtney Kellner, Jaden Mathis, Rylan Olson

Davis, Ainsley Galyen, Marak Geisler, Nicholas Hansen, Kruz Jelinek, Lincoln Konrad, Madysen Kramer, Andrew Martin, Ryanna Mathis, Hannah Olson, Trayton Olson, Naomi Sanchez, Kyle Schmidt, Kimberly Wettlaufer

Sophomores - Brianna Anderson, Shaylee Campbell, Miya Carey, Aubreionna Clouse, Samantha Coffin, Caleb Davis, Madison Davis, Elley Engelhaupt, Jack Hoffman, Garrett Kaup, Luke Klabenes, Katelynn Kratz, Ian Laetsch, Caeden Lech, Olivia Micheel, Julio Mora Gallardo, Braydon Olson, Rylee Poessnecker, Madison Ruda, Itzel Sanchez, Cadey Schaaf, Hadleigh Stracke

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Protecting Nebraska's water rights for generations to come

By Governor Pete Ricketts

January 11, 2022
Major Stephen Long described the Plains as the "Great American Desert" when his expedition studied our region in 1820. "It is almost wholly unfit for cultivation, and of course, uninhabitable by a people depending upon agriculture for their subsistence," wrote his group's geographer. Fast forward 200 years, and Nebraska has developed into a global powerhouse of agricultural production. We rank #1 in the nation in agricultural cash receipts per capita.

How have Nebraskans transformed the "Great American Desert" into some of the most productive ag land in the world? Through our inventive and responsible use of water resources. While we've used these resources wisely, the actions of our neighbors in Colorado threaten to deplete them.

The water we depend on for agriculture, drinking water, and other uses isn't confined within our state's borders. The Ogallala Aquifer underlies eight states, and rivers like the Republican River and Platte River flow across state lines in and out of Nebraska. Over the years, we've negotiated agreements with surrounding states regarding our shared water resources.

One such agreement is the South Platte River Compact that Nebraska signed with Colorado nearly 100 years ago, in 1923. It regulates the use of the waters of the South Platte River, which originates in the Rockies and flows through Colorado into Nebraska.

Colorado is currently planning nearly 300 projects and over \$10 billion of expenditures to ensure no "excess" water leaves its state. This threatens to choke off the flow of water into Nebraska.

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR)—working with the Attorney General's Office, natural resources districts (NRDs), and public power districts in our

state—has been vigilantly watching developments in Colorado. NeDNR estimates that Colorado's plans, when fully implemented, will cause a nearly 90% reduction in flows coming into Nebraska from Colorado.

This would dramatically impact Nebraskans. Colorado's plans to siphon off water from the South Platte River would decrease agricultural water supplies and raise pumping costs for our residents. It would jeopardize municipal water supplies for Lincoln, Omaha, and other Platte River communities. The loss of water would threaten the cooling water supplies for Gerald Gentlemen Station, Nebraska's largest electric generation facility. The decreased flow would also undercut our capacity to generate hydroelectric power in Nebraska. The reduction in water would almost surely increase costs and regulatory burdens for the State, our NRDs, and water users.

The good news is that the South Platte River Compact entitles Nebraska to construct a canal to ensure access to our fair share of the South Platte River's water. The agreement specifically provides Nebraska authority over water and land in Colorado for the project.

On January 10th, I announced Nebraska's intention to construct this canal—pending the Unicameral's approval—to protect our water users from reduced South Platte River flows. My mid-biennium budget recommendation for the Legislature will include \$500 million for the canal project. Upon approval, we'll engage stakeholders on project location and design.

Constructing the canal is the primary means for Nebraska to exercise our legal rights to water flows from the South Platte River. If we fail to act now, Nebraska could see sharply reduced inflows from the South Platte River. As I already mentioned, this would have a devastating impact on our state. By taking initiative to build the canal, we're protecting Nebraska's water rights for our kids,

grandkids, and generations beyond. Given the State's strong financial position, budget resources are available to undertake this historic project without incurring a penny of debt.

Nebraska's way of life depends on access to our state's abundant water resources. We've been great stewards of our water through the years. For example, we've maintained the Ogallala Aquifer, on average, within one foot of where it was in the 1950s. We've done all of this while developing into a global leader in agricultural irrigation.

Inventions like the center pivot, the development of drought-resistant hybrid crops, and the use of precision irrigation techniques have optimized our use of water resources. The Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute estimates that crop water productivity for corn and soybeans in Nebraska increased 75% from 1990 to 2014. In other words, our farmers are continuously growing more crops with less water.

All of Nebraska stands to gain when we preserve, protect, manage, and engage in good stewardship of our water supply—and all stand to lose if we fail to do so. Our ag producers are reliant on water supplies as they work to feed the world. Communities from Ogallala to Omaha depend on the Platte River for drinking water. We use water from the Platte River to generate power, and the river is crucial to the quality of our natural environment as well.

I urge the Legislature to act now and protect our water supplies from being irreversibly diminished. You can help by reaching out to your State Senator to make your voice heard. Their contact information is available at www.NebraskaLegislature.gov.

If you have questions about the proposed canal, write me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call 402-471-2244. Let's seize the moment to make sure future generations of Nebraskans can enjoy the water resources they're entitled to.

Senator Brewer's Weekly Update

By Senator Tom Brewer
43rd District

1-7-2022
The second session of the 107th Legislature has convened. Second sessions are short, sixty legislative days. Bills introduced but not passed in the first session carry over into the second session. The current end of the session is scheduled for the 20th of April.

I have introduced sixteen bills so far this session. The last day of bill introduction is the 20th of January. I think I will be introducing a few more bills. I want to devote the next several weekly updates to explaining what these bills are about.

My priority bill is LB 773. This is commonly referred to as "Constitutional Carry."

This would change Nebraska's law to allow the carrying of concealed weapons without a permit. Five of our six neighboring states already have this law. The bottom line is simple; citizens should not have to pay money to lawfully exercise their constitutionally guaranteed rights. I am hopeful I have the five votes needed in the Judiciary Committee to advance this bill. This bill will receive a hearing very soon. I urge citizens interested in supporting the second amendment to contact the senators on this committee and ask them to support the bill. If I am forced to, I will use the "pull motion" rule to advance this bill to the full legislature for debate.

There are other bills coming this session the public should take note of. The Convention of States resolution (LR 14) by Sen. Steve Halloran will be up for debate next week. This

measure petitions the Congress under Article V of the United States Constitution to call a convention of the states for the purposes of limiting the size and scope of the federal government's authority, placing fiscal constraints on the federal government, and limiting terms of federal elected office. LB 364 is Senator Lou Ann Linehan's bill to provide tax-credit scholarships so poor school children can attend a quality private school. Senator Julie Slama's LR3CA would amend the Nebraska Constitution to require photo identification to vote. This will require thirty votes of the legislature to pass, so there is also a people's ballot initiative that does the same thing. One way or another, I hope to see this question on the ballot next November.

Nebraska has about \$1.1B in various, one-time, federal money to spend. Bright ideas for spending this money abound. Personally, I would

COVID-19 updates given by NCDHD

- Must continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.
- If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19, are fully vaccinated and have received your COVID-19 booster dose if eligible:
- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.
- If you develop symptoms stay home and consider getting a test.
- If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 and are not fully vaccinated:
- Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you can't quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days.
- Test on day 5 if possible.
- If you develop symptoms stay home and consider getting tested.

NCDHD does not currently have J&J (Janssen) COVID-19 Vaccines available. If/when J&J vaccines are available, NCDHD will notify media.

VACCINATION CLINICS
NCDHD has the following vaccination clinic times available for walk-ins during the noted times below. If interested in getting a COVID-19 vaccine or booster dose at your local hospital/clinic, please call your local hospital/clinic for their vaccine schedule and availability.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at NCDHD Office in O'Neill - ALL

Thursday, Jan. 20, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at NCDHD Office in O'Neill - ALL

NCDHD will be offering COVID, flu, Tdap, Pneumonia, and Shingles vaccines.

CASE COUNT
Case count update as of January 10, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.: 7,749 Total Cases (TC), 7,108 Recoveries (R) and 95 Deaths (D). There have been 415 Total Cases (TC) reported in the last 14 days.

Case count update for the last seven days: 256 Cases (C), 278 Recoveries (R), and 2 Deaths (D).

If interested in county-level data, the CDC has data available at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view> or on the DHSS website https://datanexus-dhhs.ne.gov/views/Covid1_HospitalCapacity?isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&embed=y

Now here's a tip!!
by JoAnn Derson
Freshen stuffed animals by securing a few in a pillowcase and adding a fabric softener sheet. Put in the dryer on low heat for 20 minutes, then remove and brush out the fur, if necessary, while still warm.

"Keep a quart container in the freezer and whenever you have a small amount of leftovers, chop them up and add it to your container. When it's full, thaw it. Add some of your favorite soup beans, pizza sauce, milk and cheese, and you have a unique and delicious soup."

-- M. from Pennsylvania
If you've been decluttering as a part of your New Year's resolutions, and you came across old pairs of eyeglasses, know that you can donate them to any Lions Club in your area. They redistribute the glasses to those who cannot afford them. You don't have to know the prescription, and they take reading glasses, too!



Pepper plants are perennials, propagated by seeding directly in the soil or by transplanting seedlings started in greenhouses. Pepper fruits come in many shapes and sizes. Traces of them have been found in prehistoric ruins in Peru and Mexico, and the plants were widely grown in Central and South America by pre-Columbian civilizations. Its seeds were carried to Spain in 1493, and spread rapidly throughout Europe.

- Brenda Weaver

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Friends and Family

Obituaries

Linda Nekuda, 60

A funeral service for Linda Nekuda, age 60, of Stuart, Neb. was held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Stuart Community Church in Stuart. Pastor Wayne Owens officiated.

Visitation was held on Saturday, January 8 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Burial was in the Stuart Community Cemetery at Stuart. Pallbearers were Waylon Campbell, Kurt Kaup, Shawn Alder, Ron Krysl, Leo Seger, and Reggie Alder.

Linda was born on June 7, 1961, in Atkinson, Neb. to Glen and Anna Marie (Weichman) Cadwallader and died on January 4, 2022, at her home in Stuart.

She went to school in Stuart, where she met Richard Nekuda and married him on June 11, 1977. To this union one son Darrick Nekuda was born. They later divorced.

She met Norman Meehan and to this union one son Kenny Meehan was born.

She lived most of her life in Stuart, where she was active in the church and food pantry. She was the director of church school and the Atkinson-Stuart Food Pantry at West Holt Health Ministries, and Home Health Care.

She loved to help people. The food pantry was her life. She always put other people first before herself. If you ever needed anything you could just ask her if she didn't have it, she sure tried to find it.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother Dave Cadwallader. Linda Nekuda is survived by her two sons Darrick Nekuda of Stuart and Kenny Meehan and his wife Michelle and their children Jasmine and Tristan all of Stuart; brother Harold Cadwallader and wife Judy of Buffalo, Mo.; two aunts and two uncles Dean Cadwallader of Malcolm, and Donald Cadwallader of Fremont; many nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Seger Funeral Home of Atkinson was in charge of the arrangements.

Mack John Schneider, 69

A graveside service, with Air Force honors, for Mack John Schneider, age 69, of Coahoma, Tex. was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the Coahoma Cemetery.

Visitation was held on Monday, November 22, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring, Tex.

Mack John Schneider was born July 22, 1952, in Atkinson, Neb. to Gilbert and Adeline Schneider, and died on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at Coahoma, Tex.

He graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Atkinson, Neb. in 1970.

He served in the United States Air Force and was discharged when Webb Air Force Base closed.

He worked as a pumper in the oil field for over 30 years until November 3, 2021.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and gambling.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his uncle John Mack.

Mack John Schneider is survived by son Chris Schneider and wife Christina of San Angelo; daughter Andi Schneider of Coahoma; son Bill Murphy of Omaha; 10 grandchildren Nathan Schneider, Zackry Schneider, Jonathon Schneider, Summer Schneider, Logan Schneider, Christy Murphy, Jordan Murphy, Amika Gonzalez, Rolando Gonzalez, and Brittany Galan; and a sister Trisha Bondi of Iowa.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Joyce Byerly, 64

Word has been received of the death of Joyce Byerly, age 64, of Atkinson, Neb.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 14, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Atkinson.

Burial will be at a later date.

A complete obituary will be published at a later date.

Ferne C. Slaymaker, 94

A funeral service for Ferne C. Slaymaker, age 94, of Atkinson, Neb., was held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at the Faith Wesleyan Church in Atkinson. The officiant was Myron Buller.

Music was by singers Karla Slaymaker and Crystal Lendt and pianist Karen Sperling.

Visitation was held on Friday, January 7, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service.

Visitation continued on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until the service time at the church.

The Atkinson Fire Department stood honor-guard at the Church.

Burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery at Atkinson. Pallbearers were Benjamin Slaymaker, Jesse Slaymaker, Brian Slaymaker, Brentley Slaymaker, Scott Walton, and Jason Borg.

Ferne Charlene Freouf was born to Charles and Hazel (Fowler) Freouf on March 29, 1927, and died on January 4, 2022 at her home, after a two-year battle with Alzheimer's/Dementia.

She was the second oldest of four children and grew up in a ranching family and was no stranger to hard work, loyalty, and dedication. She was raised in a generation where you respected and listened to your parents and she did her best to instill those qualities in her own children.

Growing up, she enjoyed being part of the Glee Club and was the only girl on the baseball team.

She had hopes of becoming a nurse, but Latin kept her from achieving that goal, as that was a principal component of obtaining a nursing certificate back then.

She moved on and focused her secondary education on a teaching certificate instead and began teaching a few years after her high school graduation in 1945 from Atkinson High School. She taught for over two years before getting married to Robert "Bob" O. Slaymaker, on December 16, 1948 in Fremont, Neb.

Their union began her new adventures in marriage and raising her own family. Their family began with the births of their three daughters, starting in 1949, with the birth of Evelyn. Dorothy followed in 1950 and then Bonnie in 1951. Their boys followed a few years later, with the birth of Robert "Bob" in 1954. Edward "Ed" joined the family in 1957 and the baby of the family, Roger, was welcomed into the world in 1959. She worked hard daily raising the six children with all the responsibilities that come along with that. She was also helping her husband daily with the duties of their ranch.

Once her children began entering school, the outside workforce was seeking her. They were literally reaching out to her, to offer her occupations outside the home. She never applied for any job she held outside the home, they always found her. Once Roger was in school she began accepting those employment opportunities, which began with working for the Svoboda and Froelich families, doing anything that was needed, from cooking to cleaning to mending.

Her career continued on with restaurant and laundry occupations. Jenny's Kitchen and her brother's Triple F restaurant were the places she wore the chef apron all the while working a second job in the laundry department at the Atkinson hospital. She always worked two jobs at once and continued that trek when the restaurants closed, she started doing the laundering for the local ambulance crew.

Even in her working years, her love of family and caring for them did not waver. She was the proud and loving grandmother of 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was an active member of the Faith Wesleyan Church and her faith is what kept her going year after year.

She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Hazel Freouf; brother Vernon Freouf; brother-in-law Lawrence Rowse; sister Celia Freouf Rowse; granddaughter Tabitha Slaymaker; husband Robert O. Slaymaker; sons-in-law Larry G. Walton, and Al Pena; sister-in-law Lorraine Freouf; grandparents; aunts; uncles; and other in-laws.

Ferne Charlene Freouf Slaymaker is survived by her brother Albert Freouf of Ericson; sister-in-law Ida Freouf of Oregon; her daughters Evelyn Pena of Klamath Falls, Ore., Dorothy Campbell of Atkinson, Bonnie Walton of O'Neill; sons Robert "Bob" Slaymaker of Blanchard, Okla., Edward "Ed" and Ki Slaymaker of Atkinson, and Roger Slaymaker of Atkinson; her grandchildren Sherri Pena Cox of Oregon, Allan Pena of Oregon, Scott and Jen Walton of O'Neill, Crystal Walton Lendt of Iowa, Bryan and Amber Slaymaker of Atkinson, Brent Slaymaker of Oklahoma, Austin and Alyssa Slaymaker of Ecuador, Jesse and Karla Slaymaker of Atkinson, Jennifer and Miguel Cancino of Tennessee, Kylee and Jason Borg of Stuart, and Ben Slaymaker of Kearney; 21 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; cousins; and friends.

Seger Funeral Home of Atkinson was in charge of arrangements.

To leave online condolences, visit www.segerfuneralhome.net.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Mlady on Mount Marty Dean's List

Mount Marty University in Yankton, S.D., is pleased to announce the Fall 2021 Dean's List Honorees. The Dean's List Honoree at Mount Marty University is defined as a full-time undergraduate student completing a full-time load of graded course work with a minimum term grade point average of 3.5.

The fall 2021 Dean's List honorees includes Leighton Victoria Mlady of Atkinson.

UNK announces list for fall 2021

The University of Nebraska at Kearney announced students who earned a place on the dean's list for the fall 2021 semester.

Students who are on the dean's list must have completed 12 credit hours or more of classes with a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale. Students earn a 4.0 for an "A," 3.0 for a "B" and 2.0 for a "C."

Courses taken on a credit/no credit basis – such as internships and student teaching – aren't included among the necessary 12 credits.

Students who earned a place on the dean's list included the following.

From Atkinson – Benjamin Slaymaker, Alexis Chavez Monasterio, and Kelsi Jo Williams.

From Stuart – Chris Schaaf, Jordyn Laible, and Alyssa Terese King.

Cleone Adair, 90

A private family funeral service for Cleone Elizabeth Adair, age 90, of Atkinson, Neb. will be held on Friday, January 14, 2022, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Atkinson. Father Luke Steffes and Deacon Jim Doolittle will officiate.



Music will be by soloist Bonnie Krysl and organist Terri Vrooman.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 13, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a 7:00 p.m. rosary at Seger Funeral Home in Atkinson. Masks are recommended.

Burial will be in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery at Atkinson. Pallbearers will be Tammi Gubbels, Damian Adair, Elisha Hernandez, Bobbie Adair, Robert Adair, and Jason Gubbels.

Cleone Elizabeth was born at Amelia to Art and Luelia (Kennedy) Doolittle on March 10, 1931, and died on January 10, 2022, at West Holt Memorial Hospital in Atkinson.

She graduated from Atkinson High School in 1949. She took normal training in Wayne and Fremont and taught country school.

She married Robert Glen Adair on February 20, 1954 in Amelia, and they had four children: Jerry, Diane, Jean and Robert.

She will be remembered for her love of gardening, playing cards, embroidery, and feeding and watching birds.

She loved her family dearly especially her morning phone calls with her granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Robert on January 20, 1977; son Jerry in 1989; one sister Delores; brothers- in-law Gary, O.E. "Short", and Ray.

Cleone Elizabeth Adair is survived by her children Diane (John) Alden of Atkinson, Jean of Phoenix, Ariz., and Robert (Aimy) of Wagner, S.D.; grandchildren Tammi (Jason) Gubbels, Damian Adair, Elisha Hernandez, Bobbie Adair, and Robert Adair; great-grandchildren Daiten Gubbels, Arianna Hernandez, and Noah Adair; several step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, and step-great-great-grandchildren; her sister Ramona Short of Grand Junction, Colo.; brother Dale (Donna) Doolittle of Amelia; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Seger Funeral Home of Atkinson is in charge of arrangements.

Algene "Genie" Briese, 90

A funeral service for Algene "Genie" Briese, age 90, of Dallas, Texas and formerly of Atkinson, Neb. was held on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Atkinson. Father Joseph Sund officiated.

Music was by singer Leanna Vrooman and organist Terri Vrooman.

Visitation was held on Sunday, January 9, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service at Seger Funeral Home in Atkinson.

Burial was in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery at Atkinson next to her son Kevin.

Pallbearers were Eric Seger, Nicholas Andrews, Tanner Andrews, Kevia Cook, Audrey Seger-Sprain, and Amanda Andrews.

Honorary pallbearer was Jared Seger.

Algene Ruth Carol Warne - Grubaugh was born on May 27, 1931, to Carol Ruth (Rolofofson) and Elmo Warne in Lincoln, Neb., and died on January 5, 2022, at Jackson's Place in Dallas, Tex.

She and her sister Dorothy (Romscheck) lived in Lincoln with their mother after her mother and Warne divorced.

When her mother and Richard H. Grubaugh married in 1940, he adopted both girls and they moved to David City, Neb. where she graduated from Aquinas High School.

In 1951, she married Frank Svoboda and began the Svoboda family which brought 11 children into this world. For many years, the Svoboda's lived in the sandhills of Nebraska where they farmed, ranched, and operated Svoboda Sales which later became the Stuart Fertilizer Plant.

In 1974, after her divorce, she moved to Lincoln with the goal of providing greater opportunities for her and her family.

In 1978, she married Larry Briese, and after the last of her children were grown, she moved back to her much beloved small-town Nebraska. "Genie B" as she was known by then enjoyed living in Friend and Crete for many years before retiring to Dallas, Tex. where she was lovingly cared for by her daughter Melissa Todora through her final days.

She will be remembered fondly by her family, the many neighbors, and friends she made everywhere she lived, especially in Atkinson, Stuart, Friend, and in her last year's Dallas.

She was well known for her sewing, cooking, and baking, especially her infamous cinnamon rolls and kolaches.

Her passion and gift was sewing, anything she or you could imagine, she could make it. An extremely talented seamstress, she sewed clothes for her family, countless neighbors, and friends. She created award-winning wedding dresses. The first was for herself and later for her daughters. She tailored or sewed countless dresses and bridesmaid gowns for women all across Nebraska.

Her sewing legacy will live on through her children (and some grandchildren) who she taught how to sew, mend, and design, as well as the many businesses that she started using her sewing and entrepreneurial gifts.

Sewing provided income and enjoyment for her, her children, and many others who were employed through those businesses in Nebraska, including most notably, Genie B's Specialties, Inc. She will be remembered for her almost iconic basement sewing shops where often after a full day's work, you could hear her serger buzzing away or find her sewing her infamous sheets and pillowcases for hours into the night.

According to her family, "she was truly a force of nature. She had a strong, beautiful, brash, hard-working, creative, entrepreneurial, stubborn, and fearless spirit, a heritage she passed on to her 11 children and her grandchildren. She had a way that was tenacious, charming, spirited, unrelenting, and yet hopeful, which was loved and admired by many. She was imperfect and flawed, as we all are, and always strived to rise above herself, be better than before, persevere through all that life handed her, make lemonade out of lemons, and be a blessing wherever and however she was able."

During retirement, she filled her walls with what seemed to be hundreds of pictures of her family, sewing for as long as her body would allow, and enjoying ice cream shakes all year round.

A lifetime member of the Catholic Church, she believed in God and acknowledged His mysterious ways and hand on her life. She always pushed herself and her children to just keep going no matter what, to chart their own paths in hope and the ambition to rise up with each subsequent generation.

She and her children will always be grateful for Ferne Slaymaker who they considered family. Ferne supported Genie with childrearing, cooking, canning, and caretaking in Atkinson for years. In God's amazing plan, Ferne passed just one day before Genie.

She was preceded in death by her parents Richard and Carol Grubaugh; Elmo Warne; son Kevin Fredrick Svoboda; grandson Blake Svoboda Shinkel; great-grandson Max Seger; sister Dorothy Romscheck; brother-in law George Romscheck; nephew Denny Romscheck; her first husband Frank Svoboda; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins from the Grubaugh, Rolofson, Svoboda, and Briese families.

Algene "Genie" Briese is survived by her children Nick Svoboda of Omaha, Pat and Kathy Svoboda of Bucyrus, Kans., Makayla and Orville Seger of Gilbert, Ariz., Rhonda Svoboda and Pete Cook of Colorado Springs, Colo., Vanessa Bauer of Omaha, Frank and Cynthia Svoboda of Mansfield, Mass., Genie and Bruce Andrews of Adams, Neb., Melissa and Michael Todora of Dallas, Tex., Michael "Mike" and Yadira Svoboda of Prosper, Tex., Martin "Marty" Svoboda and wife Magdalena Araya Maroto of Adams, Neb.; her second husband Larry Briese; 22 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

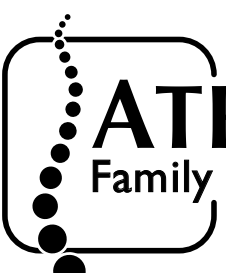
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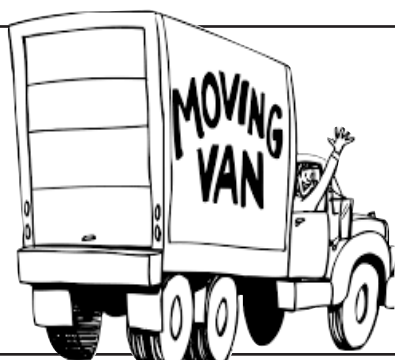


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Lady Broncos finish second Husky wrestlers compete at Burwell Wrestling Tournament

By Coach Colin Schurman

The Lady Broncos traveled to Randolph for this year's holiday tournament.

The four teams participating in the tournament were Stuart, Randolph, Osmond and Winside.

Stuart drew the Lady Cardinals for the first round. The five-day holiday break did not slow the Lady Broncos down as they handled the Lady Cardinals 61-19.

Ten of the Lady Broncos scored in the contest.

Emma Alder led the team with 11 points.

Seniors, Taya Schmaderer, Cadence Kramer and Lexi Schroder, each chipped in with nine points.

Sarah Wallinger and Abigail Tubbs led the team in rebounds with five each. Tubbs and Wallinger each had four points.

Lexi Schroder handed out a team high six assists.

Lacey Paxton came off the bench and scored eight points for the Lady Broncos.

OSMOND GAME

In the championship, the Lady Broncos squared off against Osmond. Osmond went into the half with a 27-26 lead.

The Lady Tigers slowly slipped away and beat the Lady Broncos, 50-37.

Lexi Schroder paced the Lady Broncos with 17 points, eight rebounds, six assists and four steals.

Taya Schmaderer had eight points for the contest and Cadence Kramer ripped down six rebounds for the Lady Broncos.



Extension Calendar

January 17 - Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day

January 18 - Land Management, Farm Resiliency Workshop, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Senior Citizens Center, 411 Grand Ave, Burwell, Registration required: <https://cap.unl.edu/management/land-management-farm-resiliency-workshops-planned-statewide>

January 18 - Land Management, Farm Resiliency Workshop, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm, Holt County Annex, O'Neill, Registration required: <https://cap.unl.edu/management/land-management-farm-resiliency-workshops-planned-statewide>

January 20 - Private Pesticide Training with a focus on Range and Pastures, 10:00 a.m. (MST), Community Center, Cody

January 20 - Private Pesticide Training, 1:00 p.m., Antelope County Fairgrounds, Neligh

January 20 - Private Pesticide Training, 6:00 p.m., Antelope County Fairgrounds, Neligh

January 27 - Commercial/Non-Commercial Pesticide Recertification, 8:30 a.m. Holt County Annex, O'Neill, Registration: pested.unl.edu

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By Coach Randy Schroeder

Last Friday the Huskies started the new year by attending the Burwell wrestling Tournament.

Placing were Asher McCart 3rd, Caleb Davis 4th, and Isaac Pistulka 4th.

Asher McCart started the meet with a loss. He came back winning the next five matches to place third. McCart has been focusing on the entire match. We have a tendency of scoring points but giving up leads. This week, we were able to hang on to the lead for the win.

McCart also showed that he can battle back from a deficit. In the match to medal, he fell behind by a score of 8 to 2. He was able to come back with a 10 to 8 win. The monkey rolls in practice seemed to have paid off.

Caleb Davis dominated in his first two matches. His first lost came by a close decision to the Number 1 rated wrestler in class D. Davis could have very easily come out on top in this match.

He bounced back with a close decision to earn his way back into the consolation finals. There we started slow. In the third period, Davis turned it on and out-wrestled his opponent but unfortunately it was too little too late. We'll have to put together an entire match like this to come out on top against quality opponents.

Isaac Pistulka came away with fourth place. Pistulka also started the

day with two dominating wins by pin. In his third match we lost by fall.

He also came back in his next match to win by pin putting himself into the consolation finals. There we wrestled a tough match losing at the end by a single point. We'll have to stop making minor mistakes to come out on top in these matches.

Channing Ogden wrestled well. He was one match from placing. The number one seeded wrestler was upset in the semifinals dropping down into the consolations. Unfortunately, this is who we had to defeat to make it to the medal round.

Davis competes at Malcolm

By Coach Randy Schroeder

The West Holt Girls' Wrestler traveled to Malcolm last Saturday for the Malcolm Girls' Wrestling Tournament. We picked up this tournament because not all tournaments have a Girls' Division.

We need to get Madison Davis some matches to help with her development and experience on the wrestling mat. It also allows us to see competition that we may see at the Girls' District Tournament which will help in seeding and a gauge to see where we set for the District Meet.

Davis did a great job. She pinned her way to the first-place medal.

"For her first year of wrestling, she is doing a great job. She works hard

The rest of the team showed improvement. We'll have to continue working on the basics and conditioning to improve on the mat.

Individual Results

106 - Carter Bourquin - Lost by pin to Robbie Fisher (CB) 0:25; Lost by pin to Clayton Scoville (SEM) 0:44

113 - Braydon Olson - Lost by dec. to Morgan Bunner (CB) 6-2; Lost by dec. to Carter Homer (LB) 8-2

120 - Nathaniel Nelson - Lost by pin to Nicklaus Busse (St.P) 3:10; Won by pin over Nathaniel Cook (WR) 0:33; Lost by pin to Grady Rasmussen (Rav) 4:04

in practice and is very coachable. We'll have to continue with this attitude and not be satisfied at where we set. Our opponents are working to improve, and we need to stay a step ahead of them."

Individual Results

132 - Madison Davis = 1st - Won by pin over Cydnee Loos (Malcom) 0:42; Won by pin over Ann Mari Melman (Omaha North) 2:31; Won by pin over Marke Zeleny (Wahoo) 3:16; Won by pin over Naveah Kern-Cal-loway (Omaha North) 0:38; Won by pin over Morgan Hensch (Conestoga) 3:06

The girls' team will compete at Hartington C.C. on Thursday and the West Holt Wrestling Tournament on Friday.

138 - Asher McCart - 3rd - Lost by pin to Kaden Reeves (ArL) 3:45; Won by pin over Alex Rodriguez (WR) 3:50; Won by dec. over Reece Jones (SEM) 6-4; Won by dec. over Sam Mueller (GICC) 10-8; Won by Inj. Default over Dillon Stark (AnLi); Won by Match Limit over Caden Larsen (Rav)

145 - Kruz Jelinek - Lost by pin to Carson Gruntorad (EC) 5:02; Lost by dec. to Chase Rager (Rav) 10-1

145 - Channing Ogden - Won by dec. over Gave Bojorquez (LB) 10-8; Lost by dec. to Benjamin Klemesrud (NC) 6-2; Won by pin over Jaden Stoklasa (CL) 1:54; Won by pin over Chase Rager (Rav) 2:17; Lost by pin to Owen Sack (St.P) 0:43

145 - Trayton Olson - Lost by dec. to Garret Trampe (EC) 16-10; Lost by Inj. Default to Owen Blumenstoc (Ain)

152 - Caleb Davis - 4th - Won by pin over Jorge Morales (LB) 3:05; Won by dec. over Maddox Jones

(SEM) 11-2; Lost by dec. to Levi Lewis (NC) 9-6; Won by dec. over Bryson Thomsen (St.P) 2-1; Lost by dec. To Archer Grint (TL) 9-2

160 - Isaac Pistulka - 4th - Won by pin over Brandon Placzek (AL) 1:28; Won by pin over Gabe Trampe (EIC) 0:45; Lost by pin to Hunter Douglas (Rav) 1:53; Won by pin over Garrett Schneider (TL) 3:53; Lost by dec. to Wyatt Tramp (CB) 6-5

170 - Grant Osborne - Won by pin over Lucas Williams (GICC) 2:50; Lost by pin to Chase Stieb (AL) 0:37; Lost by pin to Gavin Cole (AL) 2:37

West Holt has a busy week coming up.

Thursday, the Huskies travel to Hartington for a triangular with Crofton/Bloomfield and Hartington/Hartington C.C. Wrestling starts at 6:00 p.m.

Friday the Huskies host the West Holt Wrestling Tournament. Wrestling starts at 1:30 p.m.

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Ava Hoffman
Madison Kratz
Pavan Larson
Adrianna Mincer
Morgan Mitchell
Anel Monasterio
Kellen Monasterio
Aleigha Ogden
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Taylor Peek
Madalyn Pistulka
Morgan Schaaf
Taylor Walnofer

Freshmen

Mason Crumrine
Ainsley Galyen
Drake Nemetz
Grant Osborne
Andrew Rentschler
Makenna Schaaf
Lily Vogel

Sophomores

Sidney Burkinshaw
Makinley Cadwallader
Carter Gotschall
MaryBelle Hamilton

Addison Karo

Caeden Lech
Hadleigh Stracke
Abigail Thiele

Juniors

Maci Nemetz
Kelcie Osborne
Madeline Rentschler
EmiLee Walnofer

Seniors

Sadie Jarecke
Caid McCart
Landyn Mlady
Lucas Olson
Nate Wallinger
Kristen Welling

2021-2022 FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

7th Grade

Chance Bardwell
Ansley Cadwallader
Brooke Carey
Taylor Gardner
Madisyn Hilkemeier
Max Karo
Kearsten Keogh
Brinley Kerkman
Felycia Kerkman
Bethany Leisy
Daphne Mitchell
Jacob Pannng
Taylor Schaaf
Ian Shane
Blair Stracke
Maggie Stracke
Miley Winer

8th Grade

Alexander Gotschall
Lane Keogh
Zeke Klabenes
Maria Mora Gallardo
Carson Wieneke
Freshmen
Vincent Blackford
Brooklyn Butterfield
Abbygail Davis
Marak Geisler
Nicholas Hansen
Kruz Jelinek
Lincoln Konrad
Madysen Kramer
Andrew Martin
Ryanna Mathis
Hannah Olson
Trayton Olson
Naomi Sanchez
Kyle Schmidt
Kimberly Wettlaufer

Sophomores

Brianna Anderson
Shaylee Campbell
Miya Carey
Aubreyonna Clouse
Samantha Coffin
Caleb Davis
Madison Davis
Elley Engelhaupt
Jack Hoffman
Garrett Kaup
Luke Klabenes
Katelynn Kratz
Ian Laetsch
Olivia Micheel
Julio Mora Gallardo
Braydon Olson
Rylee Poessnecker
Madison Ruda
Itzel Sanchez
Cadey Schaaf

Juniors

Brittany Beckwith
Tyler Jelinek
Mackenzie Kaup
Broghan Lech
Asher McCart
Isaac Pistulka
Ella Schulte
Alexis Stracke
Seniors
Samantha Camp
Cash Gardner
Dawn Guthmiller
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Jaden Mathis
Rylan Olson



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Community

Bronco boys take on Boyd County and Neligh-Oakdale

Submitted by Sandy Miller

The Stuart Bronco Boys Basketball Team traveled to Spencer last Tuesday for a marathon day of basketball. The Junior High played a full game and came out on top playing pressure defense and having balance scoring.

The "B" Junior High played an extra quarter and won 10 to 0. It was a good night with both the Junior Varsity and Varsity also getting wins.

On Saturday Neligh-Oakdale came to town with the Bronco JV's taking the lead and never looking back winning 34 to 8. The Varsity played an athletic team in N-O but also came out on top after a strong third Quarter.

VARSITY vs. BOYD COUNTY
JANUARY 6, 2022
SCORING BY QUARTERS
Stuart — 13 - 12 - 16 - 9 = 50
Boyd Co. — 11 - 6 - 11 - 14 = 42

Leading Scorers
Schuyler Mustin20
Ryan Steinhauser13
Cameron Sattler6
Anthony Heiser4
Tyson Stracke4
Ben Paxton3

Rebounders
Schuyler Mustin6
Tyson Stracke5
Ryan Steinhauser4
Cameron Sattler4

Steals
Schuyler Mustin6
Tyson Stracke3

Assists
Cameron Sattler3
Tyson Stracke2
Anthony Heiser2

BRONCO JV vs. BOYD COUNTY
JANUARY 6, 2022
SCORING BY QUARTERS
Stuart JV — 6 - 4 - 12 = 22
Boyd Co. JV — 7 - 6 - 6 = 19

Leading Scorers
Hunter Tubbs9
Ben Paxton6
Gavynn Mustin6

BRONCO JUNIOR HIGH vs. BOYD COUNTY
JANUARY 6, 2022
SCORING BY QUARTERS
Stuart JH — 12 - 8 - 10 - 15 = 45
Boyd Co. JH — 5 - 7 - 4 - 8 = 24

Leading Scorers
Owen Littau15
Kayde Ramm8
Zane Duke8

Cameron Kaup6
Drew Schmaderer4

VARSITY vs. NELIGH-OAKDALE
JANUARY 8, 2022
SCORING BY QUARTERS
Stuart — 14 - 10 - 12 - 10 = 46
N-O — 8 - 9 - 4 - 18 = 39

Leading Scorers
Anthony Heiser16
Schuyler Mustin10
Ryan Steinhauser9
Cameron Sattler4
Tyson Stracke4
Ben Paxton3

Rebounders
Ryan Steinhauser7
Anthony Heiser7
Schuyler Mustin5
Cameron Sattler4

Steals

"You drank what?" asked by Graphic reporter

By Lorraine Lieswald,
Atkinson Graphic reporter

On these cold January days, when in the olden days the teakettle was put on the back of the wood burning stove which burned constantly to keep the non-insulated house one shared with their parents and siblings, some what warm you start to remember.

For me those days were lived with the bare necessities and sometimes not even those.

Even so, they were happy times, because we had learned early to be creative and didn't want for what we didn't have.

One of those items we never had was pop. In a phone conversation with Cindy down at The Graphic, we were talking about this when she suggested I ask other senior citizens if they had pop when they were kids, and if they did what was the flavor.

In questioning a cross section of the community I learned orange flavored pop came out on top. I also learned that I wasn't the only kid growing up in tough times that didn't have the luxury of being a constant pop drinker.

Following are some answers to Cindy's question: "What kind of pop did you drink when you were a kid?"

Nancy - "I drank Coke even when I was growing up. I still do. I got it

Ryan Steinhauser3
Anthony Heiser2

Assists
Schuyler Mustin3
Tyson Stracke3
Anthony Heiser2

BRONCO JV vs. NELIGH-OAKDALE
JANUARY 8, 2022
SCORING BY QUARTERS
Stuart JV — 17 - 17 = 34
N-O JV — 5 - 3 = 8

Leading Scorers
Hunter Tubbs15
Ben Paxton8
Blake Wallinger5
Will Paxton3
Gavynn Mustin2
Jameson Estill1

when we went to Amelia and stopped at the creamery there. We kept the extra bottle in our flowing well."

Ruby - "We lived out in the country and we didn't think about pop. We drank water. Today, I drink 7-Up or Pepsi, but not that often."

Corinne - "Nesbitt Orange. I only drank it when we got to town. Then I would go into the cafe. Today I drink Sprite. It makes me feel really burpy."

Joyce - "We really didn't have much pop when we were growing up. When we were sick mom gave us 7-Up to drink. She said it would make us feel better."

Jan - "We didn't get pop. If we did, it was grape and there was one bottle that we shared among five kids."

Murray - "We had very little pop. My parents didn't spend money for drinking pop. When I did get to have a bottle of pop it was always grape."

Delores - "We didn't have money for things like pop. When I did get to have a bottle of pop I would choose strawberry because I like the color of red."

Sharon - "We never had pop at home. We didn't have a fridge and we didn't have electricity. If I did have pop, I suppose it would have been grape or orange."

LaVonne - Chocolate milk pop. I loved that stuff! We bought it at Horle's Station and he would put it at the very end of the open pop tub where you put in a nickel and then moved the pop through a twisting alley until you got it to the gate where you could take it out. There was ice and water in the bottom of the tub."

Gerald - "Loved Nesbitt Orange. I loved that pop. I still drink orange."

Dorothy - "We didn't have pop. If we did it was seldom and always when we went somewhere. At home we drank whatever kind of Kool-Aid we had. Today, I drink Sprite pop."

Robert - "Drinking pop changed my teen-age life. My parents had left on a trip and I was all alone. I decided to do a little partying that lasted three

Huskies now 2-1 in NV Conference

By Coach Todd Hale

The Huskies hosted Summerland last Friday and came away with a hard-fought win to move their conference record to 2-0.

The Bobcats came into the game with good wins over Plainview and North Central earlier in the week, so we knew they'd be playing with some confidence.

We played a little zone in the first quarter to maybe gain a bit of advantage and we did run out to a 19-15 lead after one quarter.

We got into a little foul trouble in the second quarter, but the guys responded well to hang in there to get to half-time without any more foul issues.

The game went back and forth in the second half until early in the fourth quarter when we knocked

down a couple shots to go up enough to stall and shorten the game. We hit enough free throws in the last couple minutes to come away with a victory.

SCORING BY QUARTERS
West Holt — 19 - 5 - 12 - 10 = 46
Summerland — 15 - 8 - 12 - 6 = 41

The JV team got another victory by a score of 51-44 to get to a record of 6-1.

ELKHORN VALLEY GAME
We then traveled to Tilden to take on the 7-2 Elkhorn Valley Falcons.

Again, we had a solid start, got in a bit of foul trouble in the second quarter but got to half in good shape.

We then took a lead and felt like we had control of the game in the third quarter.

A change in defense by EV during the fourth was something we didn't adapt to very well and we let too many possessions end negatively for us. In other words, we needed to finish possessions better.

It was encouraging though that we played winning basketball for three quarters. We need to handle game situations better and that will help cut down the turnovers.

In both games last week we averaged 20 turnovers and that's too many wasted possessions.

There was no JV game.
SCORING BY QUARTERS
West Holt — 8 - 10 - 13 - 3 = 34
Elk. Valley — 7 - 11 - 8 - 13 = 39



News from Good Samaritan Society

By Sheena Uecker
Activity Director

Hello from the Good Samaritan Society-Atkinson. I hope everyone stayed warm last week with those frigid temperatures. We stayed busy last week with our activities and visits.

On Monday we started our week with January Chit Chat. We learned some interesting facts about the month and discussed what we can look forward to in January. We gathered in the activity room to get us moving with group exercise followed by kickball. In the dining room, before lunch, we had our daily devotional and prayer.

In the afternoon, we enjoyed having manicures in the activity room.

On Tuesday we started our day with Sit and Fit in the activity room to get us moving. At Prairie Winds, we had group exercises midmorning in the front room. Father Sund held Mass for us in the chapel.

In the afternoon, we gathered in the dining room for our weekly game of Bingo.

On Wednesday we watched a video during our Bible Study in the activity room. After Bible Study we raced our cars around the track during our favorite race car game.

On Thursday we started our day with Sit and fit in the activity room.

News from Elkhorn Meadows

By Corinne Gentele,
Reporter

Hello! Welcome 2022. I am sure we are all hoping it will be a better year than 2021.

Several here got the dinner from the Legion for Veterans Day.

Elkhorn Meadows had their special meal on the 18th. Many came out for it and brought salad or dessert.

Corinne Gentele went to grandson Pat Gentele's for Thanksgiving dinner. Many got to go out for dinner on the weekend.

Things are much the same here. Coffee is at 8:00 a.m. Puzzles are going for whoever wishes to work them. Only one person is allowed in the mail room, and also in the laundry.

Darlene Schaaf had rolls for her birthday on the 13th at coffee.

A group of carolers came in late afternoon on the 22nd. Their singing was very appreciated.

Ken Gentele took Corinne to Rod and Christi Roth's for Christmas dinner. Some of the residents had Christmas dinner on a later day.

Corinne Gentele had rolls for her birthday on the 31st.

Everyone who wished to came for a New Year's Eve pizza party in the social room. It was a very nice get together, but we didn't make it until midnight. Everyone went home for the rest of the evening.

We all miss Marie Hansen since her passing. She was a great card player.

We all wish everyone a Happy New Year and warmer days.

Wishing you a good 2022 and God bless.

Atkinson Livestock Market - "The Old Reliable"

Tuesday, January 18th Special Breeding Cattle Auction 9:00 a.m. – Slaughter Cattle 12:00 Noon – Breeding Cattle Bred Heifers

Tyson Shoemaker (402-340-0317), 35 Blk 1st Calf Hftrs, bred to LBW Angus Bulls, calve March 10th, 60 days

Bobby & LaNett Bartos (402-497-3432), 30 Blk 1st Calf Hftrs, AI to Raven Powerball, calve February 22nd, cleanup w/ LBW Angus Bulls, 45 days

Dale Paxton (402-340-0005), 23 Blk 1st Calf Hftrs, Bred to LBW Jorgensen Angus Bulls, calve April 1st, 30 days

Tim Borer (402-340-4851), 20 Blk 1st Calf Hftrs, AI Bred to Tahoe, calve March 5th

Ed Peter (402-340-6683), 20 Blk/Bwf 1st Calf Hftrs, Bred to LBW Angus Bulls, calve March 20th, 30 days

Kevin Hild (402-309-5256), 16 Blk 1st Calf Hftrs, Bred to LBW Angus Bulls, calve April 9th, 21 days

Scott & Jerilee Wright (402-485-2644), 15 Blk/Bwf 1st Calf Hftrs, Bred to LBW Angus Dubas Bulls, calve March 15th, 21 days

Roger Wentworth (402-497-3170), 13 Red Angus 1st Calf Hftrs, Bred to Hereford & Angus LBW Bulls, calve March 1st, 30 days

Tyson Shoemaker (402-340-0317), 10 Blk 1st Calf Hftrs, AI to Allied, calve March 1st

Grant Nielsen, 10 hd Angus 1st Calf Heifers, Bred to Sons of Justified, calve March 15th, 30 days

Wes Kilmurry (402-340-4225), 8 6-Blk/Bwf 1st Calf Hftrs, AI Bred to Hickok, calve February 25th; 2-Red Angus 1st Calf Hftrs, AI Bred to No Worries, calve February 25th

Bred Cows

CBR Ranch (402-370-5322), 75 Complete Dispersion, Blk 5th-7th calvers, Bred Angus, calve March 25th, 70 days

Steve Naprstek (402-722-4247), 40 Age Dispersion, Blk/Bwf 8 yo & older, Bred Hereford Angus, calve February 10th, 70 days

Steve & Traci Hytrek (402-689-0902), 30 Age Dispersion, Red 4th - 5th Calvers, Bred to Dvorak Red Angus Bulls, calve February 20th, 70 days

Tim Borer (402-340-4851), 20 Blk 2nd Calvers, AI Bred to Acclain, calve March 20th

Chance Nielsen (402-640-2178), 20 Complete Dispersion, Blk/Bwf Running Age Cows, Bred Blk Angus, calve March 15th, 70 days

Bobby & Calvin Bartos (402-497-3423), 8 Blk 3-6 yo Cows, Bred to Blk Angus, calve March 10th, 60 days

UPCOMINGS

Tuesday, January 25th – Special Feeder Calf Auction
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Public Notices

Holt County Board of Supervisors Proceedings

January 6, 2022
O'Neill, Nebraska
The Holt County Board of Supervisors met in statutory session with all members present except Keyes. 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 December 30, 2021, in the Atkinson Graphic.

The meeting was called to order by the County Clerk, Cathy Pavel, at 9:45 A.M. with the flag salute. The Clerk informed the public of the location of the Open Meeting Poster.

The first order of business being the selection of a Chairman for the Board of Supervisors for 2022.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Breiner, to nominate Bill Tielke to serve as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2022. Voting Aye: Treptow, Butterfield, Breiner, Paxton and Frahm. Abstain: Tielke. Absent: Keyes.

Supervisor Tielke was declared elected and began presiding over the meeting.

Motion by Butterfield, 2nd by Paxton, to nominate Doug Frahm to serve as Chairman of the Board of Equalization for 2022. Voting Aye: Butterfield, Breiner, Paxton, Treptow and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: Frahm. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

The Board will continue with the policy when the Chairman for the Board of Supervisors or Chairman for Board of Equalization is absent the other Chairman will preside over that meeting.

Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Paxton, to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2021, meeting as printed. Voting Aye: Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Butterfield and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Paxton, to designate the Board of Representatives and Delegates and Committee assignments for 2022 as follows:

Bonds: Paxton, Frahm and Tielke
Bridge: Frahm, Paxton and Keyes
Claims: Frahm and the entire Board
Courtroom: Frahm, Breiner and Treptow
Finance: Tielke, Paxton and Frahm
Insurance: Paxton, Keyes and Breiner
Joint Provision of Services: Tielke, Paxton and Keyes
Personnel: Frahm, Butterfield and Paxton
Road: Butterfield, Keyes and Paxton
Safety: Treptow, Connot and Wallinger
RC&D Representative: Lynn Sobotka
Developmental Disabilities Board of Representative (Region 4-Northeast): Keyes (Norfolk Region 4)
Region IV Mental Health Board Representative: Butterfield
Lower Niobrara NRD Representative: Breiner
Upper Elkhorn NRD Representative: Keyes
NE Nebraska Juvenile Detention Facility Representative: Frahm
NE Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Representative: Butterfield – 3 yr. term
Board of Equalization Chairman: Frahm
Housing Authority Commissioner: Treptow
LB757 On-Site Safety & Health Consultation Program Coordinator: Jr. Young
Central Nebraska Community Services Director: Frahm
Holt County E911 Administrative Board Members: (2) Treptow & Breiner
Ex Officio Member of Holt County Weed Control Authority: Breiner
9 County Public Health Dept. Board (2): Breiner & Therese Sullivan
Holt County Housing Representative: Treptow
Building: Slaymaker, Frahm & Pavel Visitors Committee Representative: Tielke – Alt-Treptow
Voting Aye: Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Butterfield, Breiner and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Frahm,

to re-appoint Gary Connot as Road Superintendent (Class A License #S-1159), Mike Durre as Planning and Zoning Administrator, Deb Hilker as Emergency Manager and Ken Stenka as Veterans Service Officer. Voting Aye: Frahm, Treptow, Butterfield, Breiner, Paxton and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

Motion by Butterfield, 2nd by Frahm, to hire Todd Schneider as the Holt County Mechanic at \$25.00 per hour. Voting Aye: Butterfield, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Butterfield, to approve the nomination of Dr. Richard Fitch to the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging to the Advisory Board for a three-year term. Voting Aye: Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Butterfield and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed personnel and wages.

Motion by Butterfield, 2nd by Paxton, to set the annual salary for the Courthouse Custodian salary to \$42,000.00. Voting Aye: Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Butterfield, Breiner and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

Motion by Frahm, 2nd by Paxton, to set the annual salary for the Veterans Service Officer at \$50,700.00. Voting Aye: Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Butterfield, Breiner and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

Motion by Butterfield, 2nd by Frahm, to set the annual salary for the Planning and Zoning Administrator to \$8,200.00. Voting Aye: Frahm, Treptow, Butterfield, Breiner, Paxton and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Frahm, to set the annual salary for the Emergency Manager to \$28,000.00. Voting Aye: Treptow, Butterfield, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paxton, 2nd by Frahm, to set the salary of the Road Superintendent to \$74,200.00 a year which includes the full \$9,750.00 stipend that is received from the State for the Road Superintendent to have a Class A Bridge Inspection license. Voting Aye: Butterfield, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

Motion by Butterfield, 2nd by Breiner, to increase the hourly road department employees' wages \$.50 per hour. Voting Aye: Butterfield, Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

The Board will continue with the policy that all hourly road employees will receive \$.05 for every consecutive year of service to Holt County. The \$.05 increase will be added to each employee's base pay. This increase will be earned every calendar year. Every employee has to complete 1 full year of service before becoming eligible.

Motion by Butterfield, 2nd by Frahm, to set the salary for the Grading Supervisor salary to \$59,200.00 a year. Voting Aye: Breiner, Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Butterfield and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

Motion by Butterfield, 2nd by Frahm, to set the salary for the Asphalt Supervisor salary to \$59,200.00 a year. Voting Aye: Paxton, Frahm, Treptow, Butterfield, Breiner and Tielke. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Keyes. Motion carried.

Chairman Tielke adjourned the meeting at 12:48 P.M. until January 18, 2022, at 9:45 A.M.

William J. Tielke, Chairman
Cathy Pavel, Clerk

Now here's a tip!!
by JoAnn Derson
Empty spice containers can be used to hold different hardware in the shop or in your toolbox.

City of Atkinson Proceedings

The city council of the City of Atkinson met in regular session in the Council Chambers on January 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Present: Mayor Corkle. Council members: Asher, Krysl, Lech, 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 council prior to the meeting. Public was informed of the location of the Open Meetings Act poster in the council chambers.

Lech/Shane to approve the Dec 5th minutes. RCV: All Ayes Carried.

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

Council acknowledged receipt of the December minutes of the Library, Elkhorn Meadows, HCED meetings and the Union Street Duplex Financial Report.

Lech/Asher to approve Resolution 22-01 which calls for redemption GO VP Bonds, Series 2017, dated May 8, 2017. RCV: All Ayes. Carried.

Osborne/Lech introduced and waive the three readings of Ordinance 1178: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION VARIOUS PURPOSE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$550,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE CITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR A SINKING FUND AND FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES TO PAY SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOND PROCEEDS AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM. RCV: All Ayes.

Osborne/Lech to adopt Ordinance 1178. RCV: All Ayes. Carried.

Discussed the purchase of sewer cameras for the sewer jet and residential lines. Asher/Osborne to purchase a sewer camera for the sewer jet and a push camera with a line locator for the residential lines at a project cost of \$28,633. RCV: All Ayes. Carried.

Krysl/Olson to approve the delinquent utilities report in the amount of \$2,169.44. RCV: All Ayes. Carried.

Krysl/Lech to approve the bills. RCV: All Ayes. Carried.

Krysl/Lech to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. RCV: All Ayes. Carried.

Bills:
Payroll, sal71,331.29
FED/FICA, sal15,345.04
NE w/h, sal2,247.54

NE Revenue, s tax1,312.88
Stoper & Gotschall, fee717.50
Rembolt/Ludtke, fee3,780.00
Barco, sup33.01
Visa, sup491.90
NPPD, ut3,772.23
Graphic, fee361.49
Century Link, ut8.96
AFLAC, fee641.30
BHE, ut1,362.37
Post Office, postage200.05
Visa, sup106.99
GWB, bond pmt1,512.00
NE Clerks Academy, fee223.00
Braun's, sup166.53
Wm Krotter, sup3,457.90
Verizon, ut163.07
REA, ut106.26
Gt America, fee172.50
Six Star, fee10,463.50
Hartford, fee62.80
Andrea Connot, fee650.00
One Call, fee6.92
Core & Main, sup7,263.58
Post Office, sup92.80
Strope & Gotschall, fee457.50
Office Solution, sup114.19
City of Atkinson, PR28,000.00
R Scott Fix, re400.40
Ameritas, fee284.26
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Mitchell Equip, rpr97.59
MacQueen, rpr880.75
Hendricks Repair, rpr597.34
Erickson Repair, rpr138.50
Barco, sup1,630.85
GP Small Engines, rpr58.53
NE PHE Lab, fee48.00
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Hawkins, fluoride1,040.23
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Laure Collins, re30.20
Keating Resources, PIP10,000.00
UHC, fee15,983.66
Gary Thurlow, fee1,800.00
Whites Service, fuel1,153.48
LIBRARY:
Visa, sup214.98
Braun's, sup14.61
Judy Hagan, re690.64
Do It Yourself, sup19.96
Baker & Taylor, sup390.58
Jimmy Corkle, snow25.00
Graphic, fee152.38
City of Atkinson, trash16.50
DUPLEX:
CNEDD, fee150.00
-s-Nancy Kopejtko
Clerk-Treasurer

News from Holt County Court

The following cases were heard in Holt County Court last week.

Andrew J. Koehlmoos of O'Neill, \$25.00, No valid registration – car/pickup. Nebraska State Patrol Officer Raymond Johnson

Richard A. Mahler of Lincoln City, Ore., \$100.00, Violate load contents requirement. Nebraska State Patrol officer Paul G. Asche

Jorge I. Hernandez Romo of O'Neill, Class I Misdemeanor, False imprisonment – 2nd degree, \$315 in fines and other charges, probation enrollment and monthly fee. O'Neill Police Officer Robert Jensen

Drake D. Ruegge of O'Neill, Class IV Felony, possess controlled substance (alprazolam); Class IV Felony, Possess controlled substance (oxycodone); Class IV Felony, Tamper with physical evidence; Class I Misdemeanor, Dom. Assault – initial cause body injury. District Court January 24. O'Neill Police Officer Robert Jensen

Amanda S. Lemburg of Atkinson, \$150.00, No proof of insurance. O'Neill Police Officer Kipton Krysl

William F. Schmit of Randolph, \$75.00, Speeding 11-15 MPH Municipal. O'Neill Police Officer Kipton Krysl

Kathy J. Hohbein of O'Neill, \$75.00, Violate stop or yield sign. O'Neill Police Officer Kipton Krysl

Timothy J. Hansen of Butte, \$25.00, No valid registration – car/pickup. O'Neill Police Officer Kipton Krysl

Dustin L. Wimmer of O'Neill, \$20.00, Dog running at large. O'Neill Police Officer Preston Hoffman

Ethan Tanner Mellott of Big Cove Tann, Penn., \$200.00, Speeding 21-35 MPH County/State. Holt County Sheriff Officer Mark Liewer

Dustin Giles of Kansas City, Mo., \$200.00, Speeding 21-35 MPH County/State. Holt County Sheriff Officer Mark Liewer

MARRIAGE LICENSE
Joshua Kyle Carroll of Atkinson and Kelli Jo Guill of Atkinson

Lower Niobrara NRD Expenditure Statement

Lower Niobrara NRD Expenditure Statement January 3, 2022		Total:\$6,392.26
Taxes:		Building Maintenance:
ACH draw District\$3,108.22		Gene Soukup\$420.00
ACH draw WKRWD\$1,859.65		Heartland Fire Protection\$124.00
ACH draw WQ\$1,324.00		License:
Auto & Truck:		Agnursery\$85.07
Pinnacle Bank\$235.09		Personnel:
Wm Krotter's\$300.00		Pinnacle\$125.57
Employee Benefits:		Miscellaneous:
Nationwide Financial\$2038.18		Rixstine Recognition\$82.59
NARD Risk Pool Assoc.\$8142.73		Nebraska Life Mag\$25.00
AFLAC\$60.45		WEST KNOX RWS
Salaries:		Salaries:
Total\$21,241.23		Total\$7,993.17
Utilities:		Taxes:
Village of Butte\$79.60		LNNRD\$2,179.70
NPPD\$77.82		Employee Benefits:
SAPP\$69.89		Nationwide Financial\$1,274.28
Telephone:		Aflac\$221.58
Verizon\$205.19		Project O & M:
NNTC\$168.54		Bartlett & West\$645.00
Legal Notices:		LNNRD\$11.39
Atkinson Graphic\$46.26		Dana F. Cole & Co, LLP\$800.00
Crofton Journal\$43.31		Independent Pest Mgmt\$73.85
Springview Herald\$71.97		USA Bluebook\$92.54
Holt Co Independent\$5.10		Tom's Family Foods\$30.38
Verdigre Eagle\$56.87		Verdigre Farm Service\$43.26
Stock for Resale:		Schreier's Lumber\$5.35
Arrow Seed Co\$449.48		Jedlicka's Hardware Hank ..\$105.40
Information & Education:		One Call Concepts\$13.81
Simple Solutions\$489.88		Insurance:
NARD\$1,020.00		Butte State Agency\$17,318.00
Hollman Media\$70.00		Legal Notices:
AVG/Service Contract:		Atkinson Graphic\$11.78
Office Products Center\$126.81		Water Test:
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Butte State Agency\$19,308.00		Electricity:
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Dana F. Cole & Company\$1,600.00		Miscellaneous:
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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
TL CONSTRUCTION, LLC, A Nebraska Limited Liability Company, with its registered address at 707 N Williams Street, Atkinson, Nebraska 68713, filed Statement of Dissolution with the Nebraska Secretary of State on December 30, 2021. Any claim against TL CONSTRUCTION, LLC, shall be barred unless an action to enforce the claim is commenced within five years after the publication date of the third required published notice. Any claims against TL CONSTRUCTION, LLC, shall be mailed to Brent M. Kelly at BRENT KELLY LAW, LLC, P.O. Box 910, Atkinson, Nebraska 68713. The terms of the dissolution provide for distribution of assets net of liabilities. Matthew T. Laetsch, the President of the Limited Liability Company, is to manage the corporate affairs, wind up and liquidate its business, and distribute its assets.

BRENT M. KELLY
Attorney for Members
Brent Kelly Law, LLC
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WINKLER RECYCLING, LLC, A Nebraska Limited Liability Company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with LEE J. WINKLER as its registered agent for services of process of the company, and with an office at 47804 876th Road, Atkinson, Nebraska 68713. The initial designated office for the company is at 47804 876th Road, Atkinson, Nebraska 68713. The general nature of its business is to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska; and for all other purposes authorized by law, to the same extent as natural persons might or could do. The limited liability company was formed on December 30, 2021 and has perpetual existence. Its affairs shall be conducted by the Members pursuant to the Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company.

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NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS
Atkinson Dog Licenses for 2022 are due now and payable at the Atkinson City Office. Please bring proof of rabies shots when purchasing your license. All dogs are to be licensed and either tied up or fenced in. Any dog running at large will be impounded and disposed of after five (5) days. The owner will be charged a \$25 impound fee plus boarding fees to be paid at the City office. License fees are \$6.25 for a new dog or renewal by January 31st; after January 31st, renewal licenses are \$11.25. Tim Larby
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF HOLT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND HOLT COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
Notice is hereby given that meetings of the Holt County Board of Supervisors and Holt County Board of Equalization will be held on January 18, 2022 in the County Board Meeting Room of the Holt County Courthouse in O'Neill, Nebraska. The County Board of Equalization meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. The Supervisors meeting will begin at 9:45 a.m. Both meetings are open to the public. Agendas for such meetings are kept continuously current and are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk in the Holt County courthouse, O'Neill, Nebraska.

-s-Cathy Pavel
Holt County Clerk
Publ. January 13, 2022 2-1ZNEZ

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES
Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 53-135.01 that a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2022 for the following retail liquor license:
Simran Inc. dba First Stop
802 E. Hwy 20
Atkinson, NE
Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the City on or before February 10, 2022 in the office of the City Clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.
Nancy Kopejtka
City Clerk-Treasurer
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Nancy Kopejtka
City Clerk-Treasurer
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING STUART PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Notice is hereby given that a Special meeting of the Stuart Public School Board of Education, Stuart, Nebraska, will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 18, 2022 at the Stuart Public School gym. The purpose of the meeting is to present information in regards to the school bond proposal. The meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting is available for inspection in the Superintendent's Office.
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING STUART PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Notice is hereby given that a Special meeting of the Stuart Public School Board of Education, Stuart, Nebraska, will be held at 3:00 p.m. on January 23, 2022 at the Stuart Public School gym. The purpose of the meeting is to present information in regards to the school bond proposal. The meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting is available for inspection in the Superintendent's Office.
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Senator Tim Gragert's Legislative Update

Legislative Update
By Senator Tim Gragert

January 7, 2022
After a three month break, the Legislature convened on Wednesday, January 5, to begin the One Hundred Seventh Legislative Session, Second Session.

Senators were called into special session in September to complete the redistricting process, based on new census data. Legislative District #40 no longer contains Boyd or Rock Counties.

Rock and Boyd Counties are now part of Legislative District #43, represented by Senator Tom Brewer. Legislative District #40 also lost the southern portion of Dixon County, which will be covered by Senator Joni Albrecht, who represents Legislative District #17.

Legislative District #40 gained Antelope County and the northern half of Pierce County. Holt, Knox, and Cedar Counties were not altered and remain in Legislative District #40.

Legislative sessions in even-numbered years last for sixty days.

During the short session, senators

make necessary adjustments to the two-year budget developed during the ninety-day session in 2021.

However, this year, with approximately \$1 billion in federal funding available because of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), senators will devote a much larger portion of time to budget issues.

The Governor has strongly suggested that only one-time projects are funded with the ARPA money, to prevent an ongoing financial obligation. Furthermore, unlike other years in which the Legislature has had to make budget cuts, projected state revenue is exceeding state spending, allowing for the rare opportunity of additional tax relief.

Bills are introduced during the first ten days of the legislative session, which will fall on January 20th this year. I have introduced three bills this past week. One would authorize Nebraska College Savings Plan accounts (NEST 529) to be used for qualified education loan repayment.

Another would eliminate the 10-year limitation on National Guard members' use of the tuition benefit.

The final bill makes some common-sense changes in the child labor laws and gives the Commissioner of the Department of Labor more flexibility in implementing the short-time compensation plan.

I plan to introduce legislation that

would implement a recommendation from the Healthy Soils Task Force report regarding best management practices for soil health and water quality.

I also introduced a resolution to recognize the service of former Senator Cap Dierks, who represented this area of the state for twenty years. All 48 senators signed on to the resolution, sending our condolences to the family of Cap and Gloria Dierks.

Until early March, the Legislature will meet in the mornings, beginning debate on carry-over legislation from last year. In the afternoons, senators will break into various committees for public hearings.

Again this year, I will serve on the Business and Labor Committee on Mondays, the Agriculture Committee on Tuesdays, and the Natural Resources Committee the remainder of the week.

Beginning on March 8, after public hearings have been held on every bill introduced, the Legislature will meet in full-day debate.

The Legislature has a website - NebraskaLegislature.gov - which contains a wealth of information. Viewers can read the text of bills introduced, search statutes, find their senator, follow the progress of legislation, read the Unicameral Update, and watch the Legislature live through video streaming.

After serving our country for 40

years in the military, our flag is very important to me.

Over the interim, I worked with the Department of Administrative Services to ensure that every U.S. flag purchased by the State of Nebraska is made in the USA. The Governor was supportive of my idea and the new policy was put in place on January 4.

With the beginning of session, I will be in Lincoln during the week and home in Creighton on the weekends.

My office is still located on the 11th floor, due to the HVAC project. The general public doesn't have access to the 11th floor, however if you are in the Capitol and would like to visit with me, please call my office and my staff will escort you up the elevator.

Turner Adams serves as my administrative assistant and Kim Davis as my legislative aide. Turner will be the one answering the phone and is responsible for my calendar. Kim works on legislation and constituent issues.

In order to effectively represent District #40, I encourage your input. I can be reached at tgragert@leg.ne.gov.

My mailing address is District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln NE 68509 and my telephone number at the Capitol is (402) 471-2801.

New Federal rule impacts Nebraska CDL drivers

The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles will begin enforcing a new federal rule in February 2022 that establishes new requirements for some Commercial Driver's License (CDL) applicants and CDL training providers.

The new rule from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will require drivers seeking their first CDL or those applying to upgrade their CDL class to receive federally approved Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT). This requirement only applies to new applicants. All drivers who hold a CDL issued before February 7, 2022, will be exempt from this requirement, unless they later choose to upgrade their CDL class or seek endorsements including passenger (P), school bus (S), and hazardous materials (H).

To receive ELDT, new applicants will have to receive the training from a FMCSA approved provider. Third party training providers who charge for ELDT training will need to be approved by the Nebraska DMV as an official Driver Training School. Companies or trainers who do not charge for training, such as companies that internally train their own employees,

are exempt from the state requirement, but will still be subject to federal requirements.

Training providers who are required to become an approved Driver Training School should apply as soon as possible, as the approval process may take up to one month.

"This new rule will make a significant impact on those who want to obtain a CDL as well as CDL training providers," said Sara O'Rourke, Administrator of the Driver Licensing Services Division. "It is important to remember that anyone who currently has a CDL will not be required to receive this training, unless they someday apply for an upgraded CDL class or a passenger (P), school bus (S), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement."

More information about the new CDL training rules can be found on the Nebraska DMV's website at dmvr.nebraska.gov/dl/training-and-testing or at the FMCSA's website at tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov. Training providers who are required to become an approved Driver Training School should contact the Nebraska DMV directly at 402-471-3861.

Birth order makes difference

**By LaDonna Werth,
Extension Educator**

All children are unique and have different needs. Sometimes these needs can be influenced by a child's birth order or if he or she is an only child.

Often, first-born children are raised differently from later-born children. Parents give the first-born child more attention, more talking, more holding and take more photographs. First-born children are more serious and more sensitive to their parents' expectations. They are more conscientious on observing rules and demonstrate a leadership role, as well as a sense of dependency from parents. Research psychologists found that first-borns have higher motivation to achieve than their younger siblings. When a second child arrives, the first-born may feel dethroned. With this role comes a new responsibility.

Middle-born children tend to avoid conflict and are negotiators. They don't have the authority of the oldest and the freedom of the youngest. They may feel they are "squeezed in the middle." Middle-born children seem more friendly and easygoing because they usually learn to be cooperative and sociable. In most cases, they are less concerned about winning approval than the oldest siblings, but they may be concerned with fairness.

Youngest-born children receive the attention of parents and siblings al-

most as much as first-born children. That helps a youngest child build a sense of security from having family members' emotional and physical support. They also learn how to relate with and influence others. Youngest-born children have more freedom than older siblings and can do many things on their own.

An only child may become very verbal and intelligent or shy and helpless. They may feel they are special and entitled to have their own way. The only child may also become resourceful since they spend more time alone.

Sometimes, the number of years between children will assume a psychological position different from their actual birth order position. Moreover, the sex of children, physical differences or disabilities, blended families, the birth order position of the parents and the relationships between the parents can affect the constellation.

Although these are general remarks, this information can remind us that each child, no matter what the birth order is, deserves parents' attention and individualized love. Regardless of the birth order, parents should treat each child lovingly and warmly, and accept the child just because of who he or she is.

Source: Nina Chen, Ph.D., CFLE, Human Development Specialist, Jackson County, University of Missouri Extension

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2022 legislative session kicks off with variety of bill introductions

**By Hanna Christensen
Nebraska News Service**

The 2022 legislative session kicked off Jan. 5 with proposals from senators regarding abortion, gun rights and more. It is a 60-day session and the second session of the 107th legislature.

New bills can be introduced through the first 10 days of the session, or until Jan. 20. Here are some of the major bills introduced so far:

The Heartbeat Act, LB781

Sen. Julie Slama of Sterling introduced a bill on Jan. 5 that would prohibit abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected, which is typically about six weeks after conception. Providing an abortion after heartbeat detection would be a felony and the bill would have the state prosecute those who do so.

The right to carry a concealed handgun without a permit, LB773

Sen. Tom Brewer of Gordon introduced a bill that would prohibit cities, villages and counties from requiring a permit to carry a concealed handgun and therefore would also waive the requirement to undergo training. He is making it his priority bill, which means the hearing will be early on in the session.

According to Nebraska Public Media, Brewer said it is a constitutional right for people to be able to carry a weapon, but not everyone can afford the cost of a permit, which he said is about \$125 to \$200. Much of that cost goes toward training. He said that doing away with the training requirement would make individuals responsible for their own decisions.

Health standards in schools, LB768

Thurston Sen. Joni Albrecht proposed a bill that would prohibit the State Board of Education from adopting health education standards. A previous controversy about sex-education standards in schools, specifically regarding information on various sexual practices and differences between biological sex and gender identity, was put on hold. Albrecht said she wants to keep those standards from coming back, according to Nebraska Public Media.

Redistricting commission, LR269CA

In an effort to reduce partisanship

during redistricting, Sen. Megan Hunt of Omaha introduced a resolution for an independent commission to recommend redistricting maps to the legislature rather than having senators redraw the maps themselves. This proposal is a constitutional amendment, so, if senators approve it, it would be on the ballot to be voted on by Nebraskans as well.

Recall power, LR268CA

Albion Sen. Tom Briese introduced a proposal to grant voters the power to recall governors and senators.

Casino limits, LB876

Briese also brought forth a bill that would prohibit new casinos to be built within 50 miles of another casino. There are existing proposals for new casinos and racetracks across the state. This bill may threaten proposals in Bellevue and York, and there is another in Norfolk that may be near the limit. The bill also describes procedures for creating a "self-exclusion list" of people who are not allowed on the track property.

Vaccine exemptions, LB906

Blair Sen. Ben Hansen introduced a bill that would require employers to provide a vaccine exemption form for Nebraska residents.

Remove sales tax on feminine products and grooming products, LB881

Sen. Terrell McKinney of Omaha introduced a bill to remove the sales tax on grooming products including soap, shampoo and toothpaste. The bill would also remove the sales tax on tampons, panty liners, menstrual cups and other feminine hygiene products, and it would require detention facilities to provide feminine hygiene products to prisoners free of charge.

Officer misconduct list, LB882

McKinney also proposed a bill that would require cities, counties and the state to make a public list of law enforcement officers whose misconduct has impaired their personal credibility to testify in a court of law. It would also require maintenance of Brady and Giglio lists. Brady and Giglio lists name law enforcement officers who have sustained incidents of untruthfulness, candor issues, criminal convictions or some other type of incident

that places their credibility into question.

Requirement for all city-county health departments to obtain approval for health mandates, LB859

Elmwood Sen. Rob Clements introduced a bill that would require the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department to get approval from the Nebraska Health Department before issuing directed health measures, such as mask mandates. Under current law, The LLCSD has had more authority to act independently from the state health department, unlike the state's other 15 local health departments. Some Lincoln city officials have stated that, since Lincoln's health department has existed since 1889 and predates the state law recognizing health departments, it should have more authority when public health is at risk.

Nebraska Department of Corrections

The Department of Corrections announced Jan. 7 that it would need more than \$220 million to rehabilitate the Nebraska State Penitentiary. Lawmakers also gave the go-ahead for work on finding a location for a new prison. There are six sites under consideration in Douglas, Lancaster and Dodge counties. The site will be about 160 acres.

Source: Unicameral Update

Graphic Gleanings

In 1982 . . . Officers elected at the Presbyterian Church were Dennis Hickok, Clarence Focken and Clint Philson, elders; Don Rzeszotarski, Sunday School Superintendent; Beth Hickok, assistant superintendent; Ann Philson, treasurer; Ferne Shane, memorial fund treasurer; Jean Mellor and Jean Andersen, organists and choir directors; Clint Philson and Darrel Smith, Cleveland Camp Board.

Members of the West Holt High School journalism who wrote the Husky Happenings were Cindi Seger, Angela Root, Gloria Shellhase, Terri Weigel, Liz Watson, Kim Bouska, Sheri Welsh, Steve Schaaf, Mike Vanderbeek, and Audrey LeMunyan.

Members of the West Holt Drill Team were Audrey LeMunyan, Susan Krieger, Alisha Obermire, Karmen Pacha, Lisa Fox, Nancy Tasler, Patti Schaaf, Sandra Krieger, Natalie Slaymaker, Nancy Osborne, Sonia Poessnecker, Lonna Franssen, and Susan Obermire.

In 1992 . . . Holt County Supervisors were Jim Davis of Stuart; Dean Funk of Atkinson; Gene Schaaf of Emmet; Harold Melcher of Page; Mel Seltling of O'Neill; Fred Krugman of O'Neill; and Robert Young of O'Neill. The County Clerk was Gary Devall.

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