



Nathaniel Nelson



Jaegher Ogden



Ben Slaymaker



Demolition begins . . .

Osborne Construction began the demolition of the old Round Up Bar in downtown Atkinson on Tuesday. Sealed bids were opened at the February 3rd Atkinson City County meeting and Osborne Construction was selected to demo the property.

Photo courtesy Amanda Sindelar, Atkinson Economic Development Director

Huskies qualify for State Meet

The NSAA State Wrestling Championships will be held at the CHI Health Center in Omaha beginning on Thursday.

West Holt has three wrestlers who qualified at the Class D-3 meet held at Southern Valley last weekend. Qualifying for the Huskies were Nathaniel Nelson, Jaegher Ogden, and Ben Slaymaker.

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camera equipment must follow clear bag policies.

- No camera tripods
- No extension cords

No large or oversized purses, backpacks or fanny-packs will be allowed past security. Anyone who enters the building with unapproved items will be asked to dispose of them at their own discretion, or return the items to a vehicle. MECA employees are not allowed to hold or check bags during an event.

However, MECA understands the importance of recognizing our guests' medical needs. For that reason, after a brief search upon entry, bags of medical necessity will be tagged and admitted into the facility. Individuals carrying medical bags are simply asked to identify the bag to security checkpoint personnel.

Photos courtesy Sara Kraus

CHI Policies

Before entering the arena, spectators are asked to take note of the clear bag policy recently implemented by the Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA).

The policy states the following items are permitted inside the CHI Health Center Omaha arena:

- Clear plastic bags, measuring 12 inches tall, 12 inches long, and 6 inches wide
- Small or clutch-sized purses or wallets, not exceeding 4.5 inches tall by 6.5 inches long
- One-gallon, clear plastic freezer bags are permitted
- One bag is permitted per person
- No diaper bags, items must be in a clear bag.
- Extended camera lenses and other

Election filings list updated

The last day for incumbents to file for the Nebraska Primary Election which will take place on May 12, 2020 was Tuesday, February 18.

Non-incumbents have until Monday, March 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to file to run for election.

As of Tuesday morning, Holt County Clerk Cathy Pavel has reported the names of those who have filed for which offices.

Supervisor #2 - Vote for ONE - Steve Boshart, Republican; Dustin Breiner, Republican

Supervisor #4 - Vote for ONE - Robert E. Snyder, Republican

Supervisor #6 - Vote for ONE - Darrin Paxton, Republican

City of Atkinson - Vote for up to THREE - Ruth Brotsky; Riley Olson; Jerry Osborne; Stuart Dockter

City of O'Neill - Vote for ONE (each of four Wards) - Ward I -

Michelle Liewer; Ward II - Susie Kramer; Ward III - Quana J. Kelly; Ward IV - Timothy Gleason

O'Neill Public School - Vote for up to THREE - Bill Price; Michael J. Hammler; Amy Jo Rowse; Joseph Jeffrey

Stuart Public School - Vote for up to THREE - Darby D. Paxton; Michael Stracke

Atkinson West Holt School - Vote for up to THREE - Mike Fredrick; Kelly Jelinek; Scott Clark Gotschall

Chambers Public School - Vote for up to THREE - Mark W. Dexter; Jeremy Sladek

O'Neill Airport Authority - Vote for up to ONE - A.J. Smith; Steven Lind

Atkinson/Stuart Airport Authority - Vote for up to ONE - Atkinson - NO FILINGS; Stuart - Ivan Campbell

Pipeline construction hearing to be held

The Holt County Board of Supervisors will be holding a Public Hearing on Friday, February 28 at 1:30 p.m. to hear public comment on the TC Energy Pipeline Construction Permit Application in Holt County.

The meeting will be held in the Holt County District Court Room at the Holt County Courthouse in O'Neill.

Hemp Forum to be held in Neligh

After educating over 700 farmers at five Hemp Farmers Forums in Clatonia, David City, Pilger, York and Syracuse; Midwest Hemp Forum has announced the upcoming February 21st Neligh Hemp Farmers Forum, hosted by the Neligh Office of Economic Development and Antelope County Ag Society.

The Neligh Hemp Farmers Forum will be taking place from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Antelope County Ag Society Exhibit Building, located at 709 E. US-275 in Neligh.

Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. Tickets can be claimed at midwesthempforum.com or hempfarmersforum.com



Derek Seger, Cal Seger, Lucas Seger and Todd Seger in the shop area of Seger and Sons.

Todd Seger wanted to "work on trucks"

By Lorraine Lieswald, Atkinson Graphic reporter

It took some convincing but after looking the situation over and realizing the situation the banker gave Seger the thumbs up.

"Back then when we were looking for a location we purchased four and a half acres of land from Garold and 'Rocky' Rothchild and had Dan Ziska Construction build a 60 by 100 building to hold a work area, office and counter space," Seger said. "Right now we are in the fertilizer preparation season where fertilizer trucks need to be looked over and repaired. We are busy and always seem to be behind."

Hard work and the willingness to satisfy their customers has been the company motto and has made Seger and Sons the business it is today.

Seger credits his wife Julie, the office manager, with keeping the bottom line of the business out of the red; a son Derek for his abilities as a mechanic; another son Lucas, who is the jack-of-all trades for the company and then, of course, his dad Calvin who works part-time and is the official popcorn taster during daily breaks whether or not he's "on the clock".

Those first years of business, Seger said, were tough years and the company was barely squeaking out living expenses.

"We just kept doing what we do and over the years our clientele grew."

The local ethanol plant and the need for semi-trucks to move agriculture products was a shot in the arm, too.

"The train ran by our place in those early years and when it was taken off the tracks semis started doing the work the trains had done. This meant the agriculture community would have to find new ways for transporting its products," Seger said. "They started buying semis."

Today, some farmers have as many as four, five or even six semis to get produce to market. Those semis need repair and Seger and Sons business has had a great surge because of this.

Today Seger and Sons have customers in three states. To satisfy their customers they keep their doors open weekdays from 8:00 in the morning to late afternoon and on Saturday morning or for the hours needed to get that particular semi back on the road.

"We strive to do the best we can and so far we have never dealt with a big problem with a customer. It helps that we have always had good customers," Seger said.



Julie Seger is the office manager at Seger and Sons.

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Letter of Intent signed . . .

Joseph Seger signed with Concordia University to play football. Pictured are sitting West Holt Head Football Coach Steve Neptune and Seger. Standing are Defensive Coordinator Chris Nemetz, and Seger's parents Leo and Vickie Seger.

Photo courtesy Steve Neptune



Sweetheart royalty were crowned at the dance on Saturday evening. Pictured are Laney Paxton, Kyle Steinhauser, Ryan Steinhauser, Wade Paxton, Tyler Steinhauser, Reagan Engel, Alyssa King, Emma Alder, Sydney Estill, and Alex Jarecke.

Photo courtesy Lorena Riha

Stuart Sweetheart Dance held, royalty crowned

Stuart Public School hosted the Sweetheart Dance for the high school students on Saturday evening.

Freshman sweethearts were Sydney Estill daughter of Justin and Becky Estill, and Kyle Steinhauser son of Casey and Jen Steinhauser.

Sophomore sweethearts were Emma Alder daughter of Steve and Jenny Alder and Ryan Steinhauser son of Dana Steinhauser and Jacque Steinhauser.

Junior sweethearts were Alyssa King daughter of Tara King and the

late Aaron King and Wade Paxton son of Dana and Amanda Paxton.

The Senior sweethearts were Reagan Engel daughter of Charity and Kelly Myers and Jake Engel, and Tyler Steinhauser son of Casey and Jen Steinhauser.

Homecoming King Alex Jaracke son of Justin and Holly Jarecke and Jeff and Amber Skrdla, and Homecoming Queen Laney Paxton daughter of Darrin and Sharon Paxton, did the honors of crowning the sweethearts of each class.

Community

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, February 20
State Wrestling Meet in Omaha
State FFA Officer Visit to Stuart Public School
NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten through 6th Grades at West Holt Public School - Teacher In-Service 9:15 a.m. - Sit and Fit; 10:00 a.m. - Rosary; 11:45 a.m. - Dining Devotions; 11:00 a.m. - Pastor Owens; 1:00 p.m. - Mail Call; 2:00 p.m. - Movie and Popcorn; 3:30 p.m. - Prairie Winds; 7:00 p.m. - Snack Cart at Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson
TBA - Girls' Basketball Sub-Districts

Friday, February 21
State Wrestling Meet in Omaha
NO SCHOOL at West Holt Public School - Winter Break
9:00 a.m. - Reading "Bags and Saddles"; 10:00 a.m. - Bowling; 11:45 a.m. - Dining Devotions; 1:00 p.m. - Mail Call; 2:30 p.m. - Show and Tell; 3:00 p.m. - Trivia/Hangman; 7:00 p.m. - Snack Cart at Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson
Beginning at 6:00 p.m. - Stuart Public School Boys' ONLY Basketball vs. North Central at Stuart
Stuart Public School Dance Team Parents' Night

Saturday, February 22
State Wrestling Meet in Omaha
Stuart Speech Team at GINW
West Holt Speech Team at Ainsworth
Stuart Athletic Club Girls' Basketball

1:00 p.m. - Mail Call; 2:15 p.m. - Movie; 6:30 p.m. - Lawrence Welk in Rooms; 7:00 p.m. - Snack Cart at Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson
Sunday, February 23
Stuart Athletic Club Girls' Basketball
10:00 a.m. - Catholic Communion; 11:00 a.m. - Protestant Service; 2:30 p.m. - Ice Cream Social; 7:00 p.m. - Snack Cart at Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Bible Talk and Singing at the Atkinson Public Library
4:00 p.m. - Financial Peace University at Faith Wesleyan Church, Atkinson
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Chicken Fry at Atkinson American Legion

Monday, February 24
10:00 a.m. - Exercise/Game; 11:45 a.m. - Dining Devotions; 1:00 p.m. - Mail Call; 2:30 p.m. - Car Game; 7:00 p.m. - Snack Cart at Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson
TBA - D2-6 Boys' Basketball Sub-Districts - Stuart will be at Elkhorn Valley
TBA - D1-5 Boys' Basketball Sub-Districts - West Holt will be at Neligh-Oakdale

Tuesday, February 25
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Coffee and Rolls for Wayne Baker's Birthday at Atkinson Senior Center
9:00 a.m. - Slaughter Cattle; 1:00 p.m. - Bull Sale at the Regular Auction and Engelhaupt's Hereford and TKR Hereford Bulls and Landmark Angus Bull Sale at Atkinson Livestock Market
9:15 a.m. - Sit and Fit; 10:00 a.m. - Mass; 11:45 a.m. - Dining Devotions; 1:00 p.m. - Mail Call; 2:30 p.m. - Coffee Social after Bingo; 7:00 p.m. - Snack Cart at Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson

Tuesday, March 3rd
Regular Auction at Atkinson Livestock Market
2:15 p.m. - Kindergarten Round-up at West Holt Public School
Thursday, March 5
NO SCHOOL at West Holt Public School - Spring Break
Girls' State Basketball Tournament in Lincoln

tions; 1:00 p.m. - Mail Call; 2:30 p.m. - Mardi Gras Bingo; Coffee Social after Bingo; 7:00 p.m. - Snack Cart at Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson
1:00 p.m. - West Holt Kindergarten/1st Grade at Dino Light in Norfolk
7:45 p.m. - D1-5 Boys' Basketball Sub-District - West Holt will be at Neligh-Oakdale versus Niobrara-Verdigre
7:45 p.m. - D2-6 Boys' Basketball Sub-District - Stuart will be at Elkhorn Valley versus EPPJ

Wednesday, February 26
Ash Wednesday
11:45 a.m. - Dining Devotions; 1:00 p.m. - Mail Call; 1:30 p.m. - Bible Study; 2:00 p.m. - Music and Ice Cream; 3:30 p.m. - Kickball; 7:00 p.m. - Snack Cart at Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson

Thursday, February 27
7:30 a.m. - Stuart FFA Breakfast
9:15 a.m. - Sit and Fit; 10:00 a.m. - Rosary; 11:45 a.m. - Dining Devotions; 1:00 p.m. - Mail Call; 2:00 p.m. - Thirsty Thursday; 3:30 p.m. - Prairie Winds; 7:00 p.m. - Snack Cart at Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson
TBA - Boys' Basketball Sub-Districts

Friday, February 28
West Holt Speech Team at Lutheran High Northeast at Norfolk
9:00 a.m. - Leap Year Fun Facts; 10:00 a.m. - Bowling; 11:45 a.m. - Dining Devotions; 1:00 p.m. - Mail Call; 2:00 p.m. - Drink Cart; 7:00 p.m. - Snack Cart at Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson
11:00 a.m. - House Meeting at West Holt Public School
1:30 p.m. - Holt County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on TC Energy Pipeline Construction Permit Application at the District Court Room in the Holt County Courthouse in O'Neill
2:40 p.m. - Birthday Assembly, and Color Wars at West Holt Public School
TBA - Girls' Basketball District Finals

Saturday, February 29
West Holt Speech Team at Battle Creek
Stuart Speech Team at Orchard
Stuart Athletic Club Boys' Basketball
9:30 a.m. - Holt County Consignment Auction by Holtgrew Auction & Appraisal Co.
1:00 p.m. - Mail Call; 2:15 p.m. - Movie; 6:30 p.m. - Lawrence Welk in Rooms; 7:00 p.m. - Snack Cart at Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson
TBA - Boys' Basketball District Finals

Sunday, March 1
Stuart Athletic Club Boys' Basketball
Monday, March 2
West Holt Speech Team at Niobrara Valley Conference at Keya Paha
Stuart Speech Team at Niobrara Valley Conference at Keya Paha
Kester Herefords Bulls and Heifers Auction at Atkinson Livestock Market
1:30 p.m. - Annual Meeting of

REGULAR MEETINGS
Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m., Weight Watchers at Corkledings Fitness Center
Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous at the Presbyterian Church in Atkinson
First Monday of the Month - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Atkinson-Stuart Food Pantry Open in Atkinson; 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Atkinson-Stuart Food Pantry Open in Stuart. Questions call 402-340-2273.
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.

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Seeger wanted to "work on trucks"

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"When Julie and I started this business we had no idea. I knew I wanted to work on trucks that's about it. With owning a company came providing for the company, liability insurance, health insurance, overhead costs with enough left to put food on the table. And shoes on little boys' feet."

For the Segers that meant their five sons, Casey, Derek, Adam, Lucas and Aaron.

Today Seeger and Sons is easily visible on East Highway 20 where an American flag flies above the building. Where inside several semis are being repaired while outside are more trucks needing repairs.

Seeger and Sons is also a parking lot where truck drivers can leave their trucks.

Seeger said, although he was blindsided and never realized the involvement of owning a business, if he had to do it over again he would do the same thing. After all, developing Seeger and Sons alongside his wife and sons has given him a full life and he's "working on trucks."

In the Spotlight at St. Joseph School

In the spotlight this week at St. Joseph School is Bailey Seeger.

She is married to Derek and their son is Daryn.

Q: How many years have you worked at St. Joseph School?
A: I've been at St. Joseph's for five years.

Q: What is your favorite part of working at St. Joseph School?
A: St. Joe's is such a tight-knit school. We all feel like one big family-God's family. Teaching at St. Joseph's encourages me to be a better Christian and role model.

Q: What is a unique fact about yourself?
A: I have a hidden talent of wigging my ears while the rest of my facial muscles stay still.

Q: What is your favorite movie?
A: "Freedom Writers"

Q: What is your favorite thing to do in your spare time?
A: I love spending time with my son, Daryn in my spare time!

Graphic Gleanings

In 1980 . . . Sarah Ann Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Nelson was only a few hours old when she was presented a toy gift for being the first baby born at West Holt Memorial Hospital during Jayceette Week. She was delivered by Dr. John Hansen.

"Protecting the Right to Bear Arms"

By Governor Pete Ricketts

February 18, 2020
The United States Constitution guarantees the right to keep and bear arms. The first sentence of Article I of the Nebraska Constitution reasserts this right: "The right to keep and bear arms for security or defense of self, family, home, and others, and for lawful common defense, hunting, recreational use, and all other lawful purposes...shall not be denied or infringed by the state or any subdivision thereof."

Over the past few years, my team has worked to safeguard your rights. For example, we have created an on-line process to renew, update, or replace a handgun permit, saving gun owners across the state valuable time. In 2018, I signed LB 902, a bill brought by Sen. Bruce Bostelman of Brainard, which protects the identities of gun owners with concealed carry permits. And when the National Rifle Association (NRA) was under attack, we invited them to Nebraska because the people of our state understand the importance of the Second Amendment.

In addition to protecting the right to bear arms for self-defense, we have worked to position Nebraska as an ideal destination for hunting, offering some of the best turkey and pheasant hunting in the country. Nebraskans shoot clay for recreation. Ranchers across the state carry firearms to protect livestock from predators and to ward off pests that can devastate pastures. Nebraskans also hunt wild game to put food on the table. For these reasons, gun ownership isn't just an abstract right in our state. It's a practical, well-established part of everyday life for tens of thousands of Nebraskans.

Hunter education through the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission makes sure teens and young adults know how to safely and responsibly handle a firearm. The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) provides handgun training so that residents know how to properly hold, load, lock, and fire a gun. The NSP also educates citizens on federal and state gun regulations. These efforts, together with the work done by parents and volunteers around the state, have built a culture of gun safety in Nebraska. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) ranks Nebraska ninth-lowest among states in our per capita rate of gun violence (firearm mortality).

While Nebraska has a long tradition of protecting Second Amendment rights, it's important to be vigilant against legislative attempts to erode them. LB 58, a bill currently under consideration by the Legislature, would infringe on your right to bear arms in Nebraska. The so-called "Red Flag Law" would permit household members or law enforcement to go before a court to "flag" someone as unfit to have a firearm. Based on this allegation, the court could then order a search of the property of law-abiding citizens and the seizure of any guns found. The court order would also prevent the "flagged" person from purchasing a firearm.

Under LB 58, all of this could take place prior to the accused persons having the opportunity to defend themselves in court! This is a clear violation of due process rights under the guise of public safety. LB 58 would create a judicial weapon for anti-gun activists who wish to roll back the gun rights enshrined in both our federal and state constitutions.

As the tragic rise of knife attacks and fatal stabbings in the United Kingdom, Japan, and other countries demonstrate, violence is not due to guns. As a society, we together must confront the root causes of violence, one of which is substance abuse.

To this end, the State of Nebraska has made significant investments to prevent and treat addiction. Last summer, Nebraska became the first state to allocate federal funding to train medical experts to combat addiction.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services launched an addiction medicine fellowship in partnership with the University of Nebraska Medical Center. It addresses substance use disorders, including illicit drug addiction and also the larger public health issues of alcohol abuse and binge drinking. We're committed to reducing opioid misuse and other addictions that can lead to violence.

Protecting the Second Amendment rights of Nebraskans and battling addiction is key to keeping people safe in our homes, schools, and businesses. I hope you will contact your State Senator and let them know you oppose LB 58. You can find their information at www.NebraskaLegislature.gov.

If you have ideas of how to enhance public safety in Nebraska, I invite you to share them with me by email at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or by calling 402-471-2244. My administration will continue its diligent efforts to protect public safety and will oppose legislation that tramples on your constitutional rights.



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News from the Nebraska State Patrol

Registered Sex Offender Jacob Fred Dickau reported on February 11, 2020 that he is now living at 214 W. Benton in O'Neill.

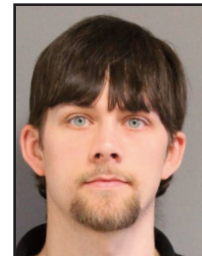
Dickau's date of birth is March 3, 1995. He is 6'2" tall and weighs 170

pounds with brown hair and green eyes.

He was convicted in District Court in Holt County on December 9, 2019 for 3rd Degree Sexual Assault M1 of an adult.

For more information about Jacob Fred Dickau visit the Nebraska Sex Offender site at sor.nebraska.gov.

Local law enforcement is aware of this information.



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Tues., Thurs., Fri. ~ 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Alyssa Reiman ~ 402-340-9760 or 402-924-3317

Come Celebrate Wayne Baker's 80th Birthday with Coffee and Rolls at the Atkinson Senior Center
Tuesday, February 25
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Amendment could eliminate property tax and sales tax

By Hannah Schmidt and Monica Uzpen, Nebraska News Service

Sen. Steve Erdman of Bayard recently proposed a legislative constitutional amendment that he said will hold everyone harmless.

"If we pass this, we will become the most enviable state," he said.

The resolution, heard by the Revenue Committee in the Nebraska Legislature Feb. 12, would replace the income, property, inheritance and sales taxes with a single rate consumption tax, a move that no other state has adopted.

The proposed consumption tax would be taxable upon first purchase, Erdman said in a hearing. The tax would be applied to the consumption of new goods and services, and rather than a tax on what a person provides to the economy is a tax on what a person consumes.

Erdman also discussed a part of the proposal that would help aid lower-income Nebraskans. In order to prevent Nebraskans at the poverty line from paying consumption tax, the senator said that a prebate, an amount of money equal to what that person should pay in consumption tax for that month, will be sent to every Ne-

braskan. As the members of a household increase, so to does the prebate check received to ensure that the proper amount of consumption is accounted for.

This consumption tax and prebate system would be unlike any in the United States currently, but Erdman isn't concerned about being different. "If you're asking me whether we can afford to be different, then I'm going to ask you: How many states have a unicameral? I will say we can afford to be different," Erdman said.

Even though Nebraska would be the first state to replace its tax system with a consumption tax, Erdman said that the Legislature would not have to reinvent the wheel. Instead, the resolution is modeled after one that Alabama has put forth, which Erdman believed would be effective in Nebraska.

"Would you like to live in a state with no property tax, income tax, inheritance tax, or sales tax? If the answer is yes, then help me," Erdman said.

The senator said that the tax would be a dollar for dollar match to the old tax system, bringing in no more or less money than that of the old. With no hidden taxes and a prebate system

aimed to aid low-income households, Erdman said he hopes the amendment will incentivize people to move to Nebraska.

"We'll have so many people who want to live here that we will have to build a wall around the state, and Colorado will pay for it," Erdman said.

But not everyone is as big a supporter of the resolution as Erdman.

Tiffany Friesen Milone, policy director at OpenSky policy institute, opposed the bill at the hearing. Milone said the bill had no definition of what the consumption tax rate would be and there are too few checks on where the money would come from to make up the revenue difference.

Milone said a report by a presidential advisory panel rejected a consumption tax at a federal level in 2005. The proposed consumption tax was similar to the proposed resolution because of the high rate that would be needed to achieve revenue neutrality.

She said, if the bill was passed, households with the lowest incomes would face some relief from taxes but as a result, middle-income households would face heavier taxes.

"Because the wealthy are unlikely to spend so much that they'd pay as much in sales tax as they had been paying in income taxes," Milone said,

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Graphic Gleanings . . .

From the February 14, 1980 Atkinson Graphic - Hospital Gift - Atkinson Jayceettes Becky Schaaf, left, and Cindy Kubik, right presented six pairs of pajamas for small children in observance of National Jayceette Week. Nurse Peggy Jonas (center) accepted the gifts at the local hospital.

News from Elkhorn Meadows

By Corinne Gentele,
Reporter

Hello everyone! January went out in a big foggy mess. If you go by the 90 day prediction like the old timers, look out in April.

I don't know if the ground hog saw his shadow or not, but we will have six weeks of winter anyway.

Alice Fahrenholz had rolls for her birthday on February 4th at morning coffee. Four of her daughters came to help her celebrate.

John Winter is still in Texas, is doing okay as far as we know.

Terry Greger is in the Kearney hospital and wasn't doing well.

Several play cards nearly every night. Two or three put puzzles together.

Turner Klinger stayed with Grandma Gentele while his mother Sarah Klinger got groceries for Grandma.

Bonnie Friesen had to go to the

hospital. She couldn't breathe well. She came home in a couple of days. She feels ever so much better now. We are all glad for her.

We had a Valentine's party here on February 13th at 2:00 p.m. Ice cream sundaes and Valentine cookies were served.

The coffee bunch had a special treat for the 14th. Our friends Marge and Anita sent the Valentine treat cookies to us. We enjoyed them ever so much.

Dennis Gentele took his mother Corinne to get her hair shampooed on Friday, the 14th. Oh, my how the wind was blowing. Great-granddaughter Mykenzie got her groceries.

If you got chocolates, flowers, a pretty card, or a phone call for Valentine's it's the thought that counts. I hope everyone was remembered some way.

God bless and take care of one another.

Northeast in O'Neill to offer CPR/AED and first aid courses

Northeast Community College in O'Neill will offer a class on treating health emergencies by first responders.

Heartsaver Adult/Child/Infant CPR & AED (HLTH 5150/20S & CRN #70005) will be held Thursday, March 5, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Northeast Community College Extended Campus, located at 505 E. Highway 20, Room 104.

This course combines techniques in First Aid and CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) situations - teaching rescuers to recognize and treat cardiac arrest and

choking for adult and child victims, use an AED and First Aid. Topics will cover management of certain environmental reactions; allergic reactions, cuts, wounds, bites, and various situations requiring treatments.

Upon completion of the class, participants will have an understanding of First Aid care and basic CPR and AED procedures for an adult and a child.

There is a cost for the course, with Stephanie Prouty the instructor.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Northeast Community College in O'Neill at 402-336-3590

News from Good Samaritan Society - Atkinson

By Sheena Uecker,
Activity Director

Hello from the Good Samaritan Society-Atkinson. I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather over the weekend. Here at the center we have been busy.

Sunday, February 9th we enjoyed a visit from the West Holt FCCLA group. They played Bingo with us in the afternoon. We are thankful they wanted to kick off FCCLA week with us.

On Monday we started our day with group exercises in the activity room followed by kickball. Monday afternoon we celebrated our February birthdays with our monthly birthday party.

Tuesday we got moving with Sit and Fit in the activity room. Father Luke came and held Mass for us in the Chapel. In the afternoon we gathered in the dining room for Bingo and our coffee social.

Wednesday we enjoyed Chapel service with Pastor Hasskarl. That afternoon we had Bible study with Mary Beth. After Bible study we en-

joyed music and ice cream in the activity room and then played some kickball.

Thursday we started our day with reading time in the aviary. We are really enjoying "Bags and Saddles." Marge battled the cold and came in and held Rosary in the chapel for us.

Thursday afternoon we enjoyed fresh baked pumpkin bread and coffee during our social hour.

Friday we read more of our book in the activity room. After reading we bowled in the activity room working on our strikes.

Lunch on Friday was our special Valentine meal. We enjoyed Swiss steak or shrimp with cheesy hash browns and cherry delight for dessert.

Friday afternoon we had our Valentine's Day party. We played bingo and enjoyed fudge, peanut butter fudge and cupcakes with punch.

Saturday we watched a movie in the activity room.

Sunday we had Chapel service with Mary Beth in the morning. In the afternoon we gathered in the dining room for our weekly ice cream social with family and friends.

News from Parkside Manor

By Lexi Ahrens
Activity Director

Last week on Monday we read "Radigan" by Louis L'Amour; we played horse shoes and had group exercise. After lunch we played 10 point pitch, social gathering, and you and me time.

Tuesday we had manicures and polished some nails, read our book, played basketball and had group exercise. After lunch we had one-to-one time and Bingo, social gathering and current events.

Wednesday morning we read our book, played get to know me ball with a beach ball so I could get to know the residents and they could get to know me a little better, and group exercise.

After lunch we played 10 point pitch, had social gathering and watching the rodeo on TV.

Thursday a few residents had some lotion therapy, bowling, and had group exercise.

After lunch some residents worked on a horse puzzle, played Bingo and valentines jingo, we also had thirsty Thursday with a few drinks and chicken wings.

Friday we had protestant church, played putt putt golf, group exercise. We had a Valentine's Day luncheon with residents and their significant others came and eat in the activity room that was all decorated.

Father Weeder held Catholic Mass.

After Mass we had our monthly birthday party we had cupcakes and ice cream.

Over the weekend we had Husker men's basketball, Presley Country Jubilee, KBRX, Catholic Communion, and watched the Rodeo.

CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 20 - Make a snack for Thirsty Thursday, bowling, and stretch and flex. After lunch activities include puzzles, monthly card party, thirsty Thursday, and news and views.

Saturday, Feb. 22 - The Jack Benny show, Silver screen Cowboys, and Presley's Country Jubilee.

Sunday, Feb. 23 - KBRX worship, Catholic Communion, Movie and a snack, RFD music programs.

Monday, Feb. 24 - Story and adventures, Horse shoes, group exercise, cards, social gathering, and you can me time.

Tuesday, Feb. 15 - Manicures/ nail polish, story and adventures, Frisbee golf, stretch and flex, one-on-one time, Bingo Stuart FFA, social gathering and Current events.

Wednesday, Feb. 26 - Story and adventure, blowing, group exercise, cards, social gathering and rodeo.

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EDUCATION BRIEFS NECC holds ceremony for vet techs

Students enrolled in Northeast Community College's veterinary technology program received their coats and pins at a special ceremony held recently in Norfolk.

Members of the class of 2020 received their veterinary technician pins. Members of the Class of 2021 were awarded a monogrammed white coat to mark their formal acceptance into the program.

Among the veterinary technology students who received their white coats at the ceremony in the class was Breanna Fahrenholz of Stuart.

Dr. Michael Cooper, veterinary technology program director, opened the ceremony followed by comments from Dr. Leah Barrett, president of Northeast. Ryann Henn, veterinary technology instructor, administered the Veterinary Technician's Oath to the students. Veterinary Technician instructors Dr. Amanda Hafer and Josh Schlote, and sophomore class representative Halie Fleecs, Sutherland, also spoke at the ceremony.

The program is designed to prepare entry-level veterinary technicians through classroom study, laboratory, and clinical practice with fundamental veterinary technician skills. After successful completion of the program, students should be able to successfully complete the licensing requirements.

Hafer praised the dedication and patience of the veterinary technician students this year. She said all students at Northeast apply themselves, but the veterinary technology students are special.

"No other students on campus are required to care for live patients seven days a week. I don't think that any other students on this campus have as much outside of class time that they must devote to their area of studies. I'm not saying the other programs on campus aren't difficult or time consuming; all the students at Northeast work hard, but I think that ours are the best."

Guest speaker, Dr. Sarah Keiser Czarnick, veterinarian at Keystone Veterinary Services in Humphrey, offered several pieces of advice to the students, one of which is to for each of them to develop their own story.

"Stop comparing your situation - your life to others. You are unique and your story should be too," she said. "Be proud at what you excel in; what your passions are; always strive to be better than the person you were yesterday; and define your own success, not based on someone else's ideas."

Meyer on Peru State List

Peru State College announced the President's and Dean's Lists for the Fall 2019 semester on February 14. Students representing Nebraska, 28 other states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia and 4 foreign countries were on the lists.

To make the President's List, students must have a grade point average of 4.0 for the semester, have completed at least 12 graded credit hours during the past semester, have no incomplete grades for the semester and be seeking their first degree.

Included on the President's List is Anna Marie Meyer of Atkinson.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 72nd Annual Meeting of the members of Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corporation, O'Neill, Nebraska, will be held on the 2nd day of March, 2020 at **one-thirty (1:30) p.m.**, in the Knights of Columbus Hall in the city of O'Neill, Nebraska; for the purpose of giving reports of the officers, and the election of two directors whose terms are expiring; and for transacting other business as may properly come before the meeting. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

ROGER RUDA
Secretary

MIKE GIVENS
Vice President

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 12:30 p.m.

- Call to Order 1:30 P.M. Mr. Mike Givens, President
- Determination of Quorum Mr. Forrest Peetz, Attorney
- Official Notice of Meeting Mr. John Hoke, Manager
- Recognition of Guests, Attorney and Directors
- Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting Mr. Roger Ruda
- Report of the Treasurer Mr. Kelly Cameron
- Report of the Secretary Mr. Roger Ruda
- Remarks by President Mr. Mike Givens
- Report of the Manager Manager, Mr. John Hoke
- Election of Two (2) Directors
- Old Business
- New Business
- DRAWING OF GRAND PRIZE & ATTENDANCE PRIZES
- Question and Answer Period
- Report of Election of Directors
- Adjournment
- Refreshments

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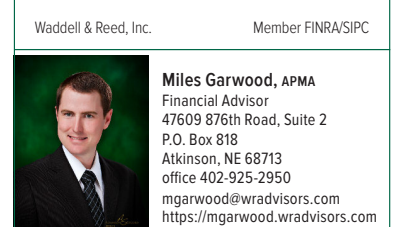
In 1970 . . . Three Atkinson youths left for service in the U.S. Army Wednesday, Feb. 4 and were sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. They were Joseph Wedge, Joseph Schaaf, and Robert Anson.



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Listed on the Candy Strippers Schedule at Atkinson Memorial Hospital were: Diane Mathis, Joan Pospichal, Joan Bonenberger, Bonnie Siebert, Pat Morgan, Sandy Schaaf, Jeanette Morgan, Susan Weichman, Cathy Morgan, Sheryl Schaaf, Janet Kaup, Debbie Anson, Ellen Gotschall, Mary Rose Keating, Mary Winkler, Caroline Krumm, Lorrain Mathis, Barbara Flannery, Patty Kaup, Linda Dobrovoly, Bonnie Addison, Lorraine Hale, and Judy Gant.

West Holt wrestlers won their home invitational. They were coached by Denis Leise and his assistant was Don Hale. Members of the team were Mike Hamik, Clark Gotschall, Gary Lech, Mike Osborne, Tony Everett, Jim Kubart, Wayne Tasler, Warren Osborn, Joe Obermire, Dave Brandt and Gary Friedel.

West Holt wrestlers who qualified for the State Meet were Joe Obermire, Warren Osborn, and Wayne Tasler.

Selected for Boys' State in Lincoln were Tony Everett, and Mike Morgan. The alternates were Mike Hamik, and Everett Vogel.

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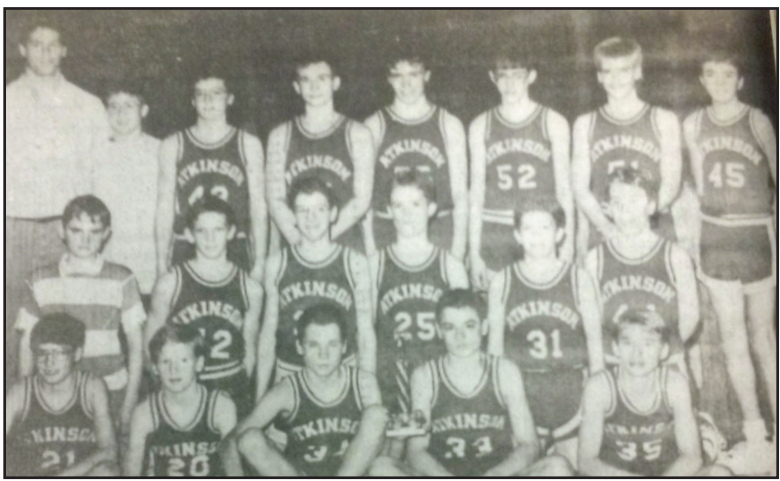
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Sports



Atkinson Junior High won the championship of the Atkinson Lions basketball tournament held last Saturday. Front row, Jeff Skrdla, Shawn Kliewer, Bryan Slaymaker, Jeff Butterfield, Nathan Ries; middle row, Jim Douglas - mgr., Jeremy Verzal, Kurt Green, James Lech, Jeff Galyen, Cory Kramer; back row, Coach Greg Dostal, Jason Funk - mgr., Josh Skrdla, Will Bisenius, Roddy Beckwith, Mark Schaaf, Kelly Smith, and Andy Jonas.

Graphic Gleanings . . .

From the February 15, 1990 Atkinson Graphic



The Stuart Junior High basketball team placed third in the Lions Club Tournament held at Atkinson last Saturday. Members of the team are Dustin Scholz, Steve Alder, J. P. Murphy, Dan Boes, Rich Widdifield, Monte Kramer, Eric Vogel, Chris Kramer, Mike Scholz, David Egge, Jay Addison and Brock Murphy. The Coach was Harv Wewel and Managers were Andrew Wewel and Jayson Alder.

Bronco boys win

Submitted by Sandy Miller

The Stuart Broncos took on the Ainsworth Bulldogs on Tuesday, February 11 and got the win in both JV and Varsity action.

"I thought our team put together a solid second half. We adjusted to the physicality and played a gritty second half."

"There are a lot of small details that we are working to get better at and we need everyone to contribute in different ways for us to be successful. The Season has gone fast with only one regular season game left."

VARSAITY
SCORING BY QUARTERS
Stuart — 6 - 12 - 17 - 16 = 51
Ainsworth — 12 - 9 - 12 - 7 = 40

Scorers
Wade Paxton12
Tyler Steinhauser11
Anthony Heiser10
Cameron Sattler9
Ryan Steinhauser7

Rebounders
Ryan Steinhauser9
Tyler Steinhauser6
Wade Paxton5
Cameron Sattler5

Assists
Cameron Sattler5
Wade Paxton4

Steals
Cameron Sattler4
Ryan Steinhauser3
Tyler Steinhauser3

JV GAME
SCORING BY QUARTERS
Stuart JV — 12 - 15 = 28
Ainsworth JV — 14 - 12 = 26

Scorers
Haden Kaup9
Tyson Stracke5
Anthony Heiser5

Rebounders
Haden Kaup6

Assists
Schuyler Mustin3
Anthony Heiser3

Steals
Haden Kaup2
Anthony Heiser2

Lady Broncos end regular season

By Coach Colin Schurman

The Stuart Lady Broncos ended their regular season this past week as they battled with EPPJ and Ainsworth.

The Lady Wolfpack from EPPJ came to town with a 13-6 record but that didn't faze the Lady Broncos as they defeated the Lady Wolfpack, 51-39.

Lexi Schroder was firing on all cylinders as she recorded 20 points, five steals, three rebounds and two assists.

Reaghan Engel had a nice game with nine points, four assists and four rebounds.

Seniors, Lainey Paxton and Madison Stracke, each had seven points. Paxton led the team in rebounds with eight.

AINSWORTH GAME
The last game of the season came against Ainsworth.

The Lady Broncos found themselves down 22 but came roaring back to get the score to six points in the fourth quarter but couldn't get over the hump. The lost the contest 59-53.

Senior, Reaghan Engel, had a great night. Engel recorded 18 points, six rebounds and four assists.

Lexi Schroder had 17 points and six rebounds.

Lainey Paxton led the team in rebounds with eight. Paxton also chipped in with seven points.

The Lady Broncos will be the Number 1 seed in their sub-district. They took on St. Mary's on Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 in Niobrara.

If they got the win, they were to take on the winner of Bloomfield/Santee on Thursday at 7:00 in Niobrara.

Tasler qualifies for nationals

In the final tune-up for the GPAC Championships next week, the Doane Tigers Track and Field teams competed at the Concordia Invite on Friday afternoon and evening. The Tigers posted 18 marks towards the NAIA qualifying standards, including eight automatic qualifying marks.

On the track, the relay team of Kalen Dockweiler (FR/Callaway, Neb.), Monte McNeil (JR/North Platte, Neb.),

Jordan Tasler (FR/Atkinson, Neb.), and Tanner Harsin (SR/Syracuse, Neb.) qualified for nationals in the 4x800m relay. The team posted a time of 7:57.22, placed second in the meet and became the third GPAC team to hit the automatic standard.

The 2020 GPAC Indoor Championships will be hosted by Dakota Wesleyan for the first time on February 21 and 22 in Mitchell, S.D.



Lady Huskies finish regular season

By Coach Riley Bonifas

Last week saw the West Holt Lady Huskies play Niobrara-Verdigre and O'Neill St. Mary's.

Tuesday night West Holt took on Niobrara-Verdigre (N-V). The Huskies struggled with some turnovers in the first quarter but were able to take a one point lead into the second with the score 9 to 8.

The Huskies had a big second quarter in which they scored 14 compared to N-V's four and took a 23 to 12 lead into half time.

The Huskies maintained that lead for the rest of the game and the final was 44 to 27.

ST. MARY'S GAME
Thursday night the Huskies took on O'Neill St. Mary's.

The first half was an offensive battle. The Huskies scored 22 in the first but were unable to slow St. Mary's shooting as they hit five 3-pointers in the first half with the score ending 28

to 22. St. Mary's continued their hot shooting and finished the game with nine 3-pointers and the Huskies were unable to keep pace with the final ending 55 to 43 in favor of St. Mary's.

West Holt started sub-district play on Monday night as they took on Boyd County in O'Neill at 7:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos JV ends season with nail biter

By Coach Colin Schurman

The Lady Broncos JV team ended their 2019-2020 season with a hard-fought battle with Ainsworth. It was a back and forth game that ended with Ainsworth coming out on top with a 27-23 victory.

Emma Alder led the Lady Broncos with six points.

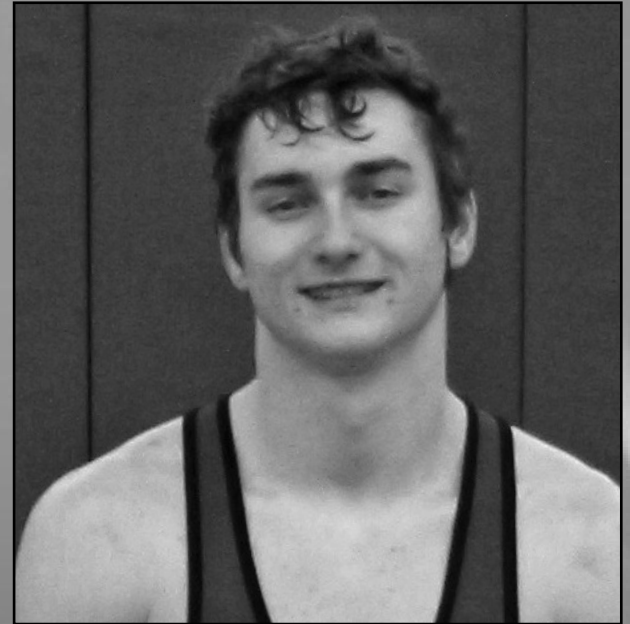
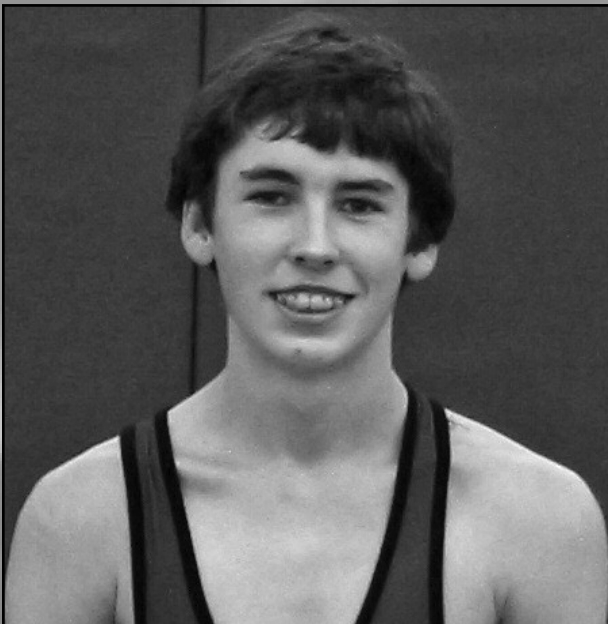
Grace Alder had five points and two rebounds.

Sydney Estill grabbed five rebounds for the Lady Broncos.

Ashlyn Kaup, Whitlee Paxton and Chiana Tubbs all had one steal for the contest.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Good Luck 2020 State Wrestlers!



STATE WRESTLING QUALIFIERS

West Holt had three wrestlers who qualified for the State Wrestling Meet in Omaha this coming weekend. Pictured are State Qualifiers Nathaniel Nelson, Jaegher Ogden, and Benjamin Slaymaker. *Photos courtesy Sara Kraus*

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Sports



Joe Seger, Max Roberts, Garrison Hansen, and Tyler Larby

Huskies wrap up regular season

By Coach Todd Hale

The Huskies finished the regular season schedule this past week with a couple of home contests. Both games were rematches of Niobrara Valley Conference (NVC) tournament games.

The first was the semi-final rematch with Niobrara-Verdigre on Tuesday. The JV got the night off to a good start by downing the Junior Cougars 41-34.

In the varsity game, the Huskies won the first three quarters but struggled to finish the win. We were outscored 2-12 in the fourth quarter to lose the game 40-41.

Defensively, we played pretty well, but didn't execute as well as we could.

SCORING BY QUARTERS

WH --- 14 - 12 - 12 - 2 = 40
N-V --- 11 - 10 - 8 - 12 = 41

ST. MARY'S GAMES

On Thursday, the O'Neill St. Mary's returned to West Holt for a rematch of the NVC finals game.

This time the JV also got to play. The Junior Cardinals bested the Husky JV 39-53.

The Varsity bounced back from the loss in the finals. The boys were much more locked in.

The Cardinals came out with some hot shooting to take a half-time lead 29-34. Their shooting cooled off a bit in the second half, helped along with some good Husky defense.

The Husky offense warmed up in the third quarter to tie up the score at 44. The test would be to finish the game better than we did in the finals. The boys passed.



Jakeem Brown

We defended well and executed very well on offense. We had a two possession lead going into the last two minutes and made enough free throws coming down the stretch to maintain that lead.

In their last game at home, the seniors did a good job of leading the team.

Stats for the varsity games can be seen on the West Holt Website.

The JV finished their season on Saturday in the Old Rangeland 9/10 tournament at O'Neill. The Huskies won their first game against O'Neill 32-24. That set up a rematch with North Central. Earlier in the year, the Huskies dropped the game at Bassett, 30-50. On Saturday, we were headed in that direction again. We were

down 7-16 at half-time. We were impressed with how the boys regained their composure and competed very well in the second half. We didn't come back to win, but played a good second half to lose 27-36. The JV finished the season with a record of 12-11.

SCORING BY QUARTERS

West Holt --- 17 - 12 - 15 - 18 = 62
St. Mary's --- 18 - 16 - 10 - 12 = 56

The varsity ended the regular season with an 18-4 mark and will start post-season play on Tuesday, Feb. 25th at Neligh-Oakdale.

We earned the #2 seed behind a 20-1 Osmond team. We will play Niobrara-Verdigre for the third time in the first round.

"We are looking forward to getting the post-season started and strongly encourage our fans to come cheer on Tuesday."



Logan Wieneke, Joe Seger, Max Roberts, Garrison Hansen, Aaron Kraus



Ben Slaymaker



Channing Ogden

Huskies wrestle at District, three qualify for State Meet

By Coach Randy Schroeder

The West Holt wrestling squad traveled to Oxford last Friday and Saturday for the District Wrestling Tournament at the Southern Valley High School.

Three wrestlers were able to place in the top four qualifying themselves to the State Tournament this week in Omaha.

Those placing were Nathaniel Nelson, Jaegher Ogden and Ben Slaymaker.

Nathaniel Nelson placed fourth at the District meet. He wrestled an exciting first match. Nelson fell behind early in the match but came back with a big pin to win the match.

Nelson lost our second match dropping us down into the wrestle backs. He won his next match ensuring himself of a medal and a trip to the State Tournament. Nelson is a first-year wrestler that worked hard in practice and the hard work paid off.

Channing Ogden started the meet with a quick pin. We dropped our second match in overtime. Ogden came back winning his next two matches in dominant fashion. This put him one match away from medaling. Unfortunately, we fell a little short. It wasn't for a lack of effort.

Isaac Pistulka started the day with

an exciting match. He fell behind early but wrestled back hard only losing the match by a single point. Pistulka pinned his next opponent only to fall in the third match by another close decision. It was good to see that Pistulka put the effort into the matches and never gave up.

Jaegher Ogden placed second. He made quick work of his first two opponents with first period pins. In the semis Ogden fell behind by a score of 4-0 but came on hard in the third period winning the match by a score of 7-4.

In the finals Ogden shot a couple good takedowns but couldn't quite finish them. We ended up losing the match but we did punch our ticket for the State Tournament.

Ben Slaymaker won his first match with a quick pin. This advanced him to the semifinals. Slaymaker just couldn't pull off the win and dropped down into the wrestle backs.

There he won his match by a close decision advancing himself to the consolation finals and a trip to the State Tournament. In this match, Slaymaker took control and finished the match with a pin. This will be his second trip to Omaha.

Asher McCart and Cody Schartz also participated in the District Tour-

nament. Both are freshman and this will be a valuable leaning experience.

District D-3 Team Scores

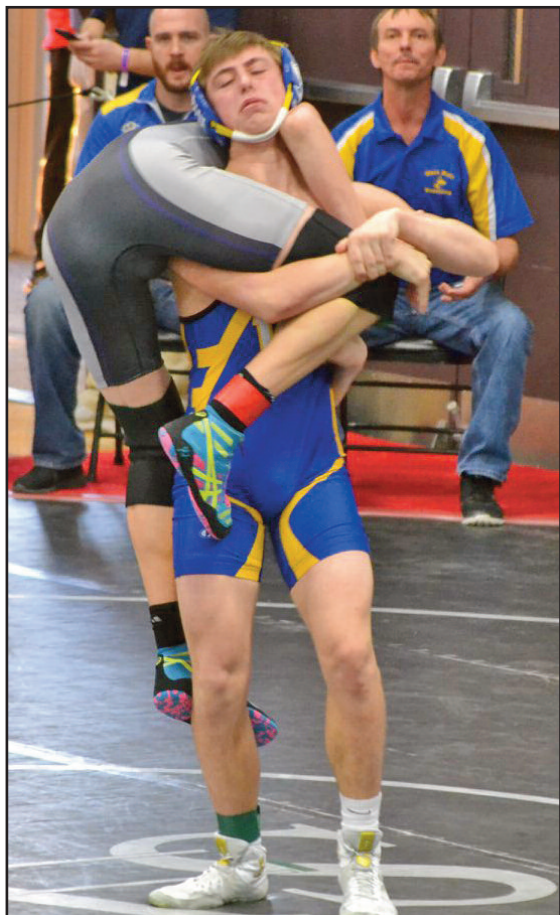
1. Maxwell = 128
2. Ansley-Litchfield = 107.5
3. Weeping Water = 102.5
4. Shelton = 93
5. High Plains Community = 89
6. Elm Creek = 76.5
7. Axtell = 75
8. Southern Valley = 75
9. Nebraska Christian = 63
10. West Holt = 58
11. Southern = 47
12. Kenesaw = 41
13. Pleasanton = 38
14. South Loup = 33
15. Franklin = 26
16. Superior = 25.5
17. Red Cloud/Blue Hill = 25
18. Sumner-Eddyville-Miller = 24
19. Wilcox-Hildreth = 21
20. Harvard = 14
21. Hastings St. Cecilia = 0

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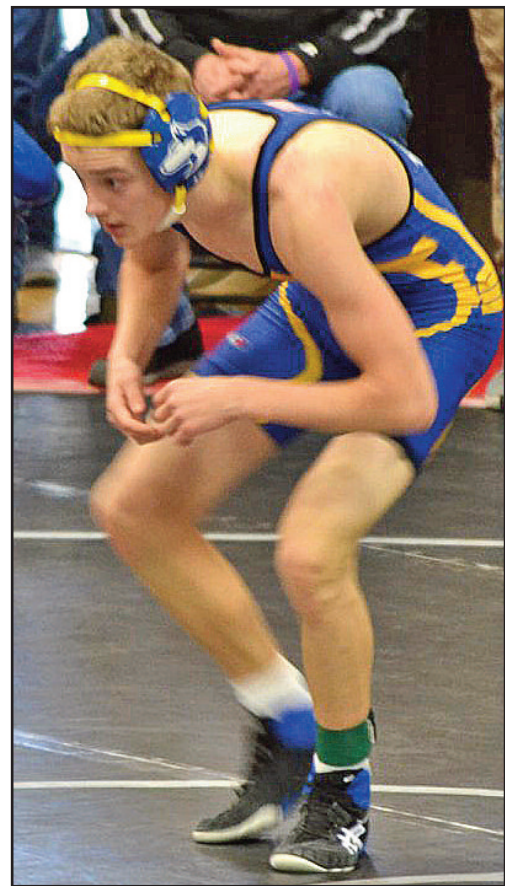
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- 138 - Isaac Pistulka — Lost by dec. to Micah Green (NC) 15-14; Won by pin over Klayton Niles (RCBH) 7-2; Lost by dec. to Mason Noel (SOVA) 7-2
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- 152 - Cody Schartz — Lost by pin to Jason Burch (WW) 0:33; Lost by pin to Skyler Grossnicklaus (SOVA) 0:58
- 170 - Ben Slaymaker = 3rd — Won by pin over Ayden Steffens (Max) 0:34; Lost by dec. to Hunter Arehart (AnLi) 9-4; Won by dec. over Collin Arehart (AnLi) 5-2; Won by pin over Sean Duffy (Ken) 4:31

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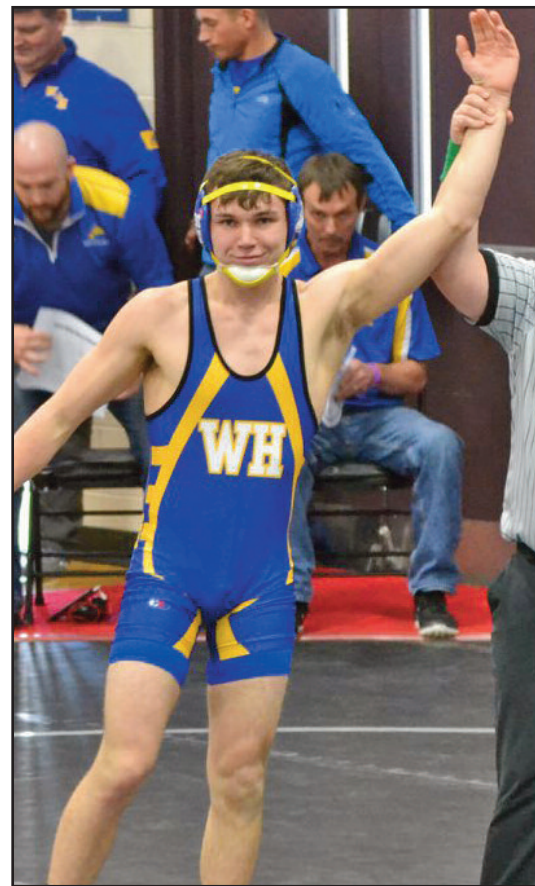
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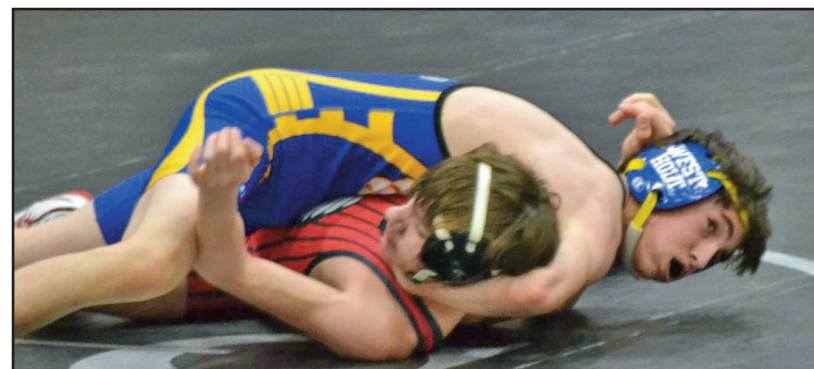
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Community



Placing at the Wausa/Osmond speech meet last Saturday were Madison Tunender, Autumn Hoppe, Haley Peek, Alexis Stracke, and Violet Schwager. Photo courtesy Tina Dohrman

Tough meet at Wausa/Osmond

By Jocelyn Hamilton,
Speech president

With Presidents' Day this week, we can think back on our history of presidents and the many speeches they have given.

One, in particular, is Franklin D. Roosevelt. In his first inaugural address on March 4, 1933, he told the nation "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Whether he had fear when standing on that podium or not, he gave his

speech, just as nineteen West Holt Speech Team members did at the Wausa/Osmond speech meet last Saturday.

Placing second in novice poetry was Alexis Stracke.

Autumn Hoppe placed fifth in humorous prose.

In serious prose, Violet Schwager placed fourth and Madison Tunender placed sixth.

In the varsity division, Haley Peek returned home with a first-place medal in poetry.

Other members who traveled and competed were Madeline Rentschler, Brianna Rentschler, Caid McCart, Hayden Davies, Kristen Welling, Martin Wentworth, Jackson Butterfield, Nathaniel Ketteler, Jordyn Laible, Mackenzie Kaup, Jocelyn Hamilton, Sierra Schartz, Kamry Neptune, and Luke Olson.

"Wish us safe travels to Ainsworth this Saturday, and we will wish you the same as we hope to see you there!!"

Judge featured in UNL Student Spotlight

Jake Judge of Atkinson was featured in the February 3 University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Spotlight.

Judge is a Mechanized Systems Management major and is scheduled to graduate in May of 2021.

Here is his interview.



Why did you decide to come to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln?

"The tight-knit community feeling of East Campus with access to the amenities that downtown and City Campus

have to offer sealed the deal for me. I decided to come to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in my junior year of high school. I had been on campus during State FFA convention and knew I enjoyed the feeling of East Campus and how technologically advanced everything was. After touring and getting to experience that feeling and learn about the numerous opportunities offered it solidified my choice to go to college at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln."

What is your favorite thing about the University of Nebraska-Lincoln?

"For me, it's all about the people. First, the professors and staff of the university are very progressive and work tirelessly to create career-ready students. I love how they have challenged me in ways I didn't think were possible. Occupied with that, I have

met some of my best friends in college. Getting connected with students who are passionate about agriculture and personal growth have helped me be the best version of myself and pushed me to never settle for mediocrity."

How has diversity and inclusive excellence played a role in your CASNR experience?

"Coming from a small town in rural Nebraska I wasn't exposed to a great deal of diversity. In general, most everyone thought, dressed, and looked the same. However, the university has taught me there are so many amazing individuals from across this great state, country, and world. At Nebraska I have been constantly put in situations that have allowed me to communicate with people that grew up very different from myself and allowed amazing conversations. These conversations have helped me to have a greater understanding and gained the ability to empathetic towards everyone I meet."

What is your favorite class you have taken so far and why?

"I absolutely loved my interpersonal skills class. This class taught me many real-world skills which have helped me to better communicate and interact with others. These skills will help immensely when I am working in the agricultural industry."

What are your plans post-graduation?

"I have told my parents all through college, my two requirements for an occupation are directly involved in agriculture and must include working

with people. I have a passion for learning about agricultural technological advancements. My dream job would be working with producers to implement technology into their operation and teaching them how to utilize it is the fullest of its potential."

What's life like outside of school?

"I enjoy staying involved on Campus and traveling. I work in the CASNR deans office giving tours to potential new students, I am a leadership mentor for a youth mentoring program on campus called NHRI Leadership Mentoring. I serve as the president of my professional agricultural fraternity, Alpha Gamma Sigma, and enjoy taking skiing trips with my friends."

Deadline to apply for Natural Resources Conservation funds approaching

Farmers and ranchers have until March 13, 2020, to sign up for funding.

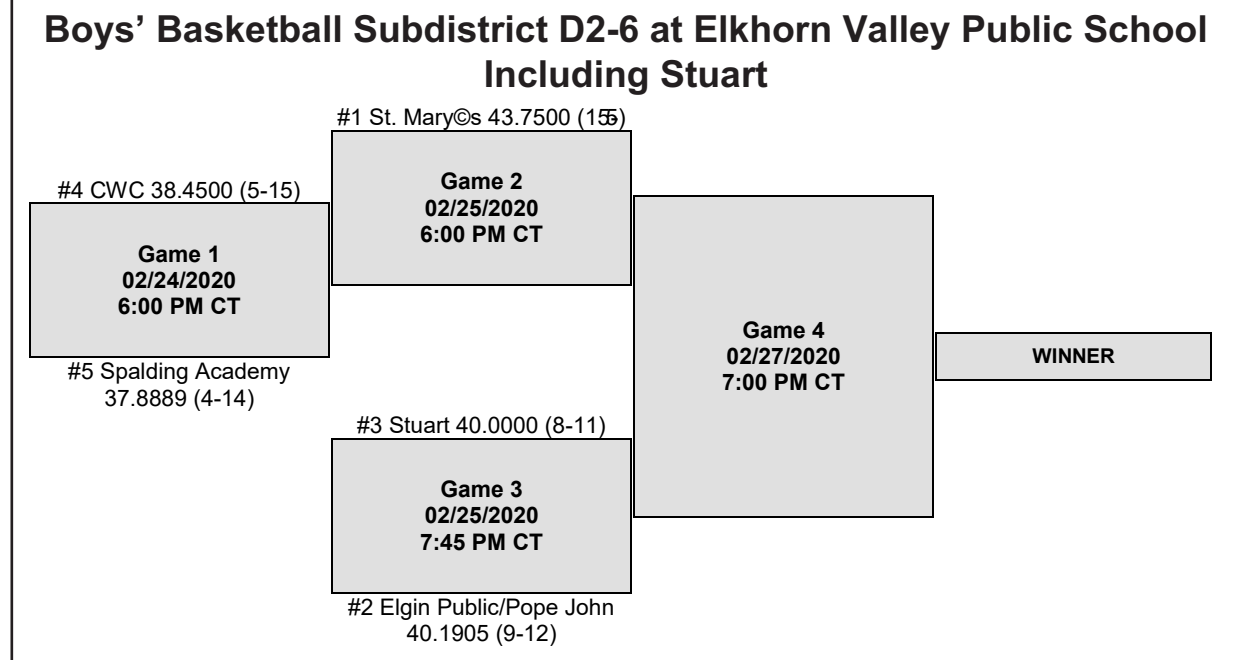
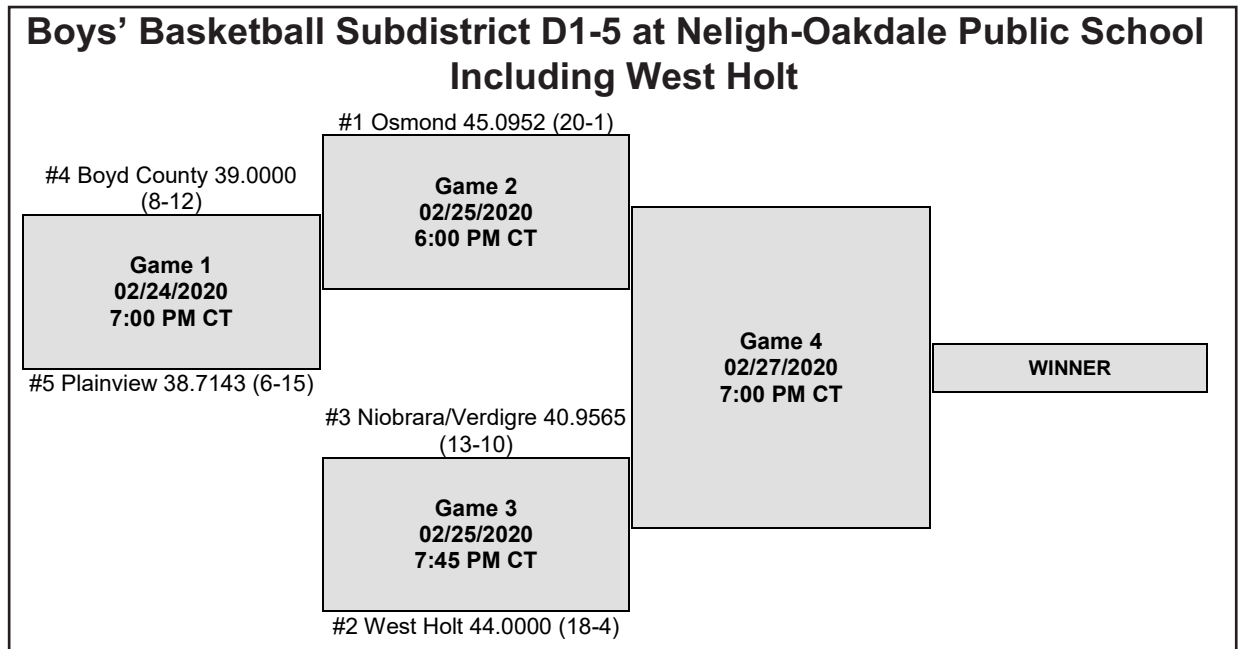
Farmers and ranchers interested in preventing erosion, improving soil health, conserving water and wildlife, or making any other natural resource conservation improvements to their property are encouraged to apply now for funding available from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Those interested in receiving funding should sign up before March 13, 2020.

According to Craig Derickson, state conservationist for NRCS in Nebraska, there are several options



Little Huskies wrestle at Merna . . .

The Little Huskies wrestled in Merna on Sunday. Eight kids wrestled and four left Champions. Pictured are Barrett Poesnecker, Grant Poesnecker, Ethan Hawkins, Keagan Mathis, Jamison Slaymaker, Dominick Ogden, and Kwayd Ogden. Not pictured - Maddox Kerkman. Photo courtesy Michelle Ogden



Nebraska News Service

Committee discusses opioid issue

By Allie Snow
Nebraska News Service

Nebraska lawmakers are looking to address the opioid epidemic in the state.

Supporters of LB1124 testified in front of the Health and Human Services Committee on Thursday. The bill would create the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act.

Sen. Sara Howard of Omaha introduced the bill in January. The purpose of the bill is to provide for the use of dedicated revenue for opioid-disorder-related treatment and prevention. The act would provide education on the epidemic, resources for those affected, and create a network of professionals who provide treatment.

Under the bill, the appropriations committee would decide how the funds are spent. These funds would come through legal battles and settlements from the Department of Justice relating to deceptive opioid practices.

Howard, who is retiring this year, has voiced concern about the opioid epidemic throughout her eight years in office.

For Howard, the topic is personal.

Eleven years ago, Howard's sister Carrie was involved in a car accident, and injured her back. Howard says her sister was prescribed oxycodone, became addicted, and died months

later from an overdose. Since then, Howard has worked on improving access for providers on what medications are prescribed patients.

"If someone asked me what my legacy would be in the legislature, I would tell them it would most likely be the work that I've done with opioid prevention," Howard said.

No one testified against the bill. Sen. Ben Hansen of Blair suggested that the proposed bill include healthier alternatives to opioids, such as chiropractor or physical therapy visits.

"Research has shown chiropractic and physical therapy have been the number one alternatives to opioid abuse," Hansen said.

Nebraska Association of County Officials member Elaine Menzel took a neutral position on the bill.

Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh talked about Howard's efforts, and the impact it's had on her personally. Cavanaugh said she was prescribed opioids multiple times, but decided to stop using the drugs after seeing the work Howard's done.

"I think Carrie would be so proud of you," Cavanaugh said. "Because of the work you've done, it's actually impacted my use of opioids. My awareness of this issue has been raised so much by you, your mother, and the legacy of your sister."

2020 Football schedules told

The NSAA has released the Football Brackets for the 2020 season. Here are West Holt's and Stuart's schedules for the fall season.

D1 West Holt 2020 Schedule

Week 1	Burwell
Week 2	@Lutheran High Northeast
Week 3	Hartington-Newcastle
Week 4	@Summerland
Week 5	Ainsworth
Week 6	@Boyd County
Week 7	@Neligh-Oakdale
Week 8	North Central
Week 9	BYE

Stuart D6 Man 2020 Schedule:

Week 1	BYE
Week 2	@Summer-Eddyville-Miller
Week 3	Hampton
Week 4	Cody-Kilgore
Week 5	@Elba
Week 6	Santee
Week 7	@St. Edward
Week 8	@Heartland Lutheran
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Agriculture

Test beef cattle, bovine viral diarrhea virus

By Steve Niemeyer,
Extension Educator

Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus (BVDV) is among the most important pathogens affecting today's beef and dairy cattle operations. Associated with reproductive, digestive, and respiratory illnesses in cattle, the virus can also create a congenital, persistent infection in calves, greatly aiding the virus' spread within and between herds. Testing and removal of these persistently infected (BVDV-PI) calves is the hallmark of BVDV control and prevention.

How and why should someone go about testing animals for BVDV?

Answers to those questions should start and end with the herd's veterinarian – but some general information is good to have before that conversation takes place.

What are the possible triggers that indicate that I should test my herd for BVDV-PI animals?

Since BVDV causes so many different problems in cattle herds, there's not one single tip-off that BVDV is present. Direct evidence might include abortions and infertility in the cow herd, or calves with birth defects. Mucosal disease, the end result of BVDV-PI illnesses, appears as sudden death, sometimes with acute diarrhea and ulcerations in the mouth and tongue. But the indirect effects of BVDV infection in a herd can also include suppression of the immune system, resulting in increased numbers of calves with pneumonia, scours, and other infections. Any of these situations could arise from BVDV circulating in the herd.

Finding evidence of BVDV in one of these animals – through a necropsy and BVDV test at a veterinary diagnostic lab – is a major indication of

exposure, most likely from a BVDV-PI animal. Herd testing to identify and remove BVDV-PI animals is the key to preventing further related disease issues and keeping herd problems from multiplying by causing more BVDV-PI calves to be born.

What is the desired goal of whole-herd BVDV testing?

In cow-calf and dairy operations, whole-herd testing ensures that BVDV-PI animals are not present in the herd during breeding, where they could infect pregnant cows and create more BVDV-PI animals. Testing calves entering a feedlot will ensure BVDV-PI animals do not infect susceptible animals.

To accomplish this in cow-calf operations, attention needs to be paid to making sure the BVDV-PI status is identified for each animal present during the breeding season. Testing calves while nursing prior to the breeding season enables their removal before the breeding season, and can give an indication of the status of the cow. If a calf is confirmed to be BVDV-PI, its mother should be tested. All bulls, replacement heifers, and held-over open cows should be tested with no exceptions.

What samples does the lab need to determine whether BVDV is present in an animal?

Since BVDV-PI animals have virus throughout their body, a variety of samples can be used. From live animals, blood samples and ear notches are commonly used. In dead cattle, it's best for the veterinarian to submit a complete set of body tissues to the lab, but ear notches can be useful as well if a complete necropsy is not feasible.

Can a BVDV-PI animal be confirmed on the basis of a onetime sample?

No. BVDV test procedures indicate the presence of the virus in the animal on the day the sample was taken. It's possible for an animal to have a temporary (not persistent) infection with BVDV, through exposure to an infected animal or possibly through re-

cent BVDV vaccination with live vaccines. A true BVDV-PI animal will be positive over time. An animal that tests positive for BVDV should be isolated from others and sampled again 3 weeks later. A BVDV-positive result on the second test confirms that the infection was indeed persistent. A negative result on the second test means the animal was only temporarily infected and, if clinically normal, should be able to return to the herd.

What should I do with an animal that's confirmed to be BVDV-PI?

Since animals persistently infected with BVDV serve as a source of infection for other cattle and will eventually die from mucosal disease, they should be euthanized or – if of market weight – sent directly to slaughter as soon as feasible. Under no circumstances should they be kept in the herd or marketed to other operations.

What pitfalls should I be aware of when testing cattle for BVDV?

Some of the laboratory methods used to detect BVDV in an animal sample are sensitive enough to detect the virus from a vaccination. Therefore, it's best to wait at least 3 weeks following BVDV vaccination before collecting samples.

Additionally, BVDV antibodies from colostrum in young calves could interfere with some tests. If testing calves less than 3 months of age, your veterinarian may have to adjust which specific test they request from the lab.

What is my best source of information about BVDV herd testing?

Your herd veterinarian. They will be able to take specific sampling and testing recommendations from the veterinary lab and apply it in the best way possible to your own operation. Asking questions and formulating a plan before any samples are ever taken will help ensure the results are valid and that your time (and money) is spent in the best way possible.

Source: Russ Daly, Professor, SDSU Extension Veterinarian, State Health Veterinarian

Olsons working on organic farming

By Lorraine Lieswald,
Atkinson Graphic reporter

Today one percent of all the nation's farmers are organic farmers and the percentage is growing.

There are many reasons for this growing trend with the final results being more money for the producer with less productivity of yield.

Organic farming promotes the use of crop rotations and cover crops and encourages balanced host/predator relationships. Organic residues and nutrients produced on the farm are recycled back to the soil. Cover crops and composted manure are used to maintain soil organic matter and fertility.

Preventative insect and disease control methods are practiced, including crop rotation, improved genetics and resistant varieties. Integrated pest and weed management, and soil conservation systems are valuable tools on an organic farm.

The World market for organic food has grown for over 15 years with the growth of retail sales in North America being predicted to be 10 to 20 percent per year during the next few years.

Organic farming isn't just a trend as farmers are learning less investment is needed to become an organic farmer with higher profit margins. While yields are less the profits can be 20% to 30% higher than conventional produce making organic farming more successful in a shorter amount of time.

The main reasons farmers state for wanting to farm organically are their concerns for the environment and working with agricultural chemicals in conventional farming systems.

There is also an issue with the amount of energy used in agriculture, since many farm chemicals require energy intensive processes that rely heavily on fossil fuels.

Yields of each organic crop vary, depending on the success of the manager. During the transition from conventional to organic, production yields are lower than conventional levels, but after the three year transition needed to become organic the yields typically increase. (Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs)

Local farmers, Joseph Olson, along with his father Robin, have been slowly transitioning into organic

farming. After hours of online research, countless visits with organic farmers and book research the son/father transitioned a quarter of their farmland into organic farming.

That was back four years ago when corn prices hit a low of \$3 per bushel. "We were farming for nothing and decided to try something else," the younger Olson said. "We had done a lot of research and talked with other organic farmers before deciding to try it. Anything uncertain is always a challenge."

Challenges have been something the Olsons have never backed away from. For this reason the duo approached organic farming with the mindset; "if we try this and it doesn't work for us we can always go back to what we did before."

They knew the 36 months required to transition the land free from GMO (Genetic Modified Organisms) would probably not bring in a good profit so they tightened their belts.

After the land was freed from manufactured pesticides and fertilizers it needed to be certified as free to be organic. To do this a legal certification body inspected the farm to verify it met the organic standard. This is required yearly along with farmers to maintain a document trail for audit purposes.

Olson explained the biggest source of GMO has been the weed killer Round-Up which has proven to not only be harmful to the soil but also to humans.

"Today, many varieties of weeds are becoming immune to Round-Up," Olson said. "This has forced researching new products to kill them, where in organic farming elimination of weeds is done the old fashioned way - by hand."

"Weed control is labor intensive those first years," Olson said. "With crop rotation and time controlling the weeds will require less work, but it will always be a problem for the organic farmer."

"Weed control means running a cultivator through the fields as many times as possible which requires longer hours and more laborers. For this reason it would be impossible for farmers in this area to farm all of their land organically. We don't have the farm workers and we don't have the equipment to do this," Olson explained.

On the plus side, he explained, the biggest investment in equipment would be the cultivator.

The negative side is the time spent producing the crop.

"From the time we start planting until harvest I spend most of the day in the field. We use manure for fertilizer. This is a one-step deal with fertilizing in the spring before we plant and the rest of the growing season we are fighting the weeds. It's long hours and it's almost a 24/7 job. Fertilizer and sprays for organic farming must meet OMRI."

Presently the Olsons have been farming 30% of their farm land organically and will add another 10% this year. They are raising corn and soybeans organically which they rotate yearly for weed control and soil improvement.

While the planting and growing season for organic farming is a full-time plus job, after harvest there's time for being family.

For Olson that means helping care for his 1½ year old daughter Adalynn while his wife Laura teaches part-time at St. Joseph's Catholic School.

"I pick her up at daycare," Olson said.

Special evenings are when the father and daughter attend West Holt High School girls' basketball games to cheer and clap while Mom is helping to coach the team.

When Adalynn is a little older she will be able to help her Dad with haying the cattle herd they operate on the family ranch. Right now, Adalynn is content with spending quality time together and being the "apple of dad's eyes". This means sitting on Dad's lap each evening and listening to him or mom read a bedtime story.

Olson graduated from West Holt High School before earning an Electric Engineering degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln which would allow him to be employed in power distribution. He chose instead to work with his dad in the family farming/ranching operation.

"I like my work. It changes every day. Working with my Dad in a partnership gives me a chance to share ideas and be creative in trying new ideas in different ways. I like that!"

While the Olsons live in Atkinson, their dream is to move to the quietness of the country for their forever after.

Grant funding for ag diversification

By Trenton Buhr,
Policy assistant,
Center for Rural Affairs

Agricultural producers interested in diversifying and taking on a new element to their operation are encouraged to apply for a Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG) through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

USDA Rural Development has \$37 million in grant funding available for this program in 2020. Individuals and groups of producers can apply for grants up to \$75,000 for planning, and \$250,000 for implementation and working capital.

The VAPG program was created to assist producers of raw agricultural products with creating minimally-processed goods, such as making cheese from milk or jam from raw berries. To qualify, the physical state of the raw product must change in a way that enhances the market value of the finished product.

Eligible entities include individual independent land owners, groups of agriculture producers, majority-controlled producer-based business ventures, and farmer or rancher cooperatives.

Assisting with diversification since 2000, VAPG is one of the only grant programs offering assistance to producers in diversifying their operations and helping producers strengthen their business model while also lowering their reliance on volatile commodity markets.

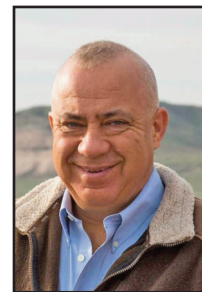
The grant application period is open online until March 5 and until March 10 for paper and in-person applicants. Questions about the program should be directed to the applicant's state USDA Rural Development office. State office information can be found at www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices.

Senator Brewer's Weekly Update

By Senator Tom Brewer
43rd District

2-14-2020

A bill by Sen. Stinner (LB 1165) would do away with the Brand Committee. The constituents who have contacted me have grave concerns with this idea. We have had brand registration and inspection in Nebraska since before we were even a state.



In response to LB 1165, the Brand Committee drafted a bill (LB 1200) and presented it to Sen. Halloran, who chairs the Agriculture Committee.

Since my legislative district is what makes Nebraska "The Beef State," Sen. Halloran asked me if I would like to introduce the bill, and I am glad he did. This is an incredibly important bill to my district, and Sen. Halloran has also agreed to put a committee priority designation on LB 1200. The committee hearing for this bill will be Tuesday the February 18th. I encourage those with an inter-

est in saving the Brand Committee to testify in support during the hearing, or provide a letter of support to the Agriculture Committee if you cannot make the trip.

The Brand Committee has done a good job of updating the law with LB 1200, but there will likely be an amendment to the bill to address some specific details that may need to be changed. I encourage those interested in this to read the bill and give me your feedback. It can be found at: <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/106/PDF/Intro/LB1200.pdf>

In other news, LB 58 (the gun confiscation "Red Flag" law) has been voted out of the Judiciary Committee and advanced to General File. However, the bill has not been prioritized. In the short session (60 days) we are in, bills that have not been prioritized will essentially be dead. I am closely following this bill and will make sure the word gets out if this bill is ever prioritized and put on the agenda. I want to thank the hundreds of people who have contacted me and my staff about this bill. The outpouring of support pledging to fight this bill is simply amazing. Let your voice be heard!

Sen. McCollister's LB 816 will be heard in the Judiciary Committee Friday, February 21st. I am also strongly

opposed to this bill, which would restrict our ability to buy and sell many common rifles and shotguns. I encourage folks who oppose this bill to contact the Senators of the Judiciary Committee and urge them to vote NO on LB 816. I have been told by many gun owners are planning to make the trip to Lincoln for the hearing on this bill. It has also not been prioritized as of this writing. I will keep a close eye on this one as well and be sure to inform the public if this is ever up for debate before the full Legislature.

The plain truth of all this is so simple: these two bills violate the oath senators took to "support and defend" the Constitution. I cannot understand how a person could swear such an oath and then turn around and vote for either of these bills. They are a direct assault on a number of our constitutional rights. On top of this, these bills don't work. Restricting the constitutional rights of law abiding citizens doesn't stop or reduce gun-related violence.

Contact my office with any comments, questions or concerns. Email me at: tbrewer@leg.ne.gov. Mail a letter to: Sen. Tom Brewer, Room #1101, P.O. Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509 or call us at (402) 471-2628.

Ranchers face problems

By Lorraine Lieswald,
Atkinson Graphic reporter

Problems for ranchers just keep growing.

After dealing with a long stretch of very low weather temperatures in middle winter 2019 and then requiring more hay for cattle to keep energy levels high enough to sustain them. Cattle require 52% more energy in cold weather.

Many ranchers were forced to purchase additional hay after wet conditions kept them from getting hay off all their meadows. This was followed by a spring and summer of almost constant rains flooding pastures which reduced the grass quality.

Now, some ranchers are dealing with up to 40%, in some cases, of their breeding livestock being open.

"A cow/heifer needs good nutrition to carry a calf and it wasn't there the last breeding season. Grass was what

we call 'washy grass'. It lacks the nutrition cows need to be healthy to carry a calf," Dr. Ben Welborn at the Atkinson Vet Clinic, explained.

In many cases the calf is smaller and will be 50 pounds lighter when sold. The expense of an open cow to a producer is not only the lost value of a calf but also the cost of maintaining the cow for a year without producing a calf.

Dr. Welborn said there could be a surge in fall calving because of this.

"We pregnancy check in September," Dr. Welborn said.

According to Dr. Welborn some of the ranchers used late fall breeding practices to service their open cows/heifers. Other ranchers, he said, sold their open cows rather than hold them over because of the expense of keeping them.

According to Atkinson Livestock Market manager Wes Kilmurry, sales at the local Atkinson Livestock Market last fall and this winter included more open livestock than usual.

In an average year ranchers will witness from 6% to 10% of open livestock.



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The art of growing seedlings indoors

By Amy Timmerman, Extension Educator

Starting seedlings indoors can be a fun, rewarding hobby for many home gardeners. Growing high quality seedlings indoors isn't difficult. Successfully growing seedlings indoors requires suitable germination materials and just a little skill.

When can I sow seeds indoors? The growth rate of the seedlings and the outdoor planting date determine when to sow seeds indoors. The crop time (number of weeks from sowing indoors to planting outdoors) for several popular flowers and vegetables are as follows:

- 10-12 weeks – geranium.
- 8-10 weeks – petunia, impatiens, salvia and vinca.
- 6-8 weeks – marigold, pepper and eggplant.
- 5-7 weeks – zinnia and tomato.
- 4-5 weeks – cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and kale.
- 3-4 weeks – cucumber, watermelon, muskmelon and squash.

How do I start? When sowing seeds in flats or trays, fill the container with the germination medium to within 1 inch of the top. Firm the medium, water thoroughly, then allow it to drain.

Fine seeds, and those that require light for germination, are sown on the surface of the medium and then lightly pressed into the germination medium. Cover all other seeds with additional medium to a thickness of one to two times the seed's diameter. After sowing the seeds, water the medium by partially submersing the container in water. When the surface becomes wet, remove the container from the water and allow it to drain. Watering from below prevents the washing of seeds on the surface of the medium. The medium can also be moistened with a mist sprayer. The fine mist from the sprayer will not disturb the seeds or the medium.

To ensure a uniform moisture level during germination, cover the container with clear plastic food wrap. Flats can also be covered with clear plastic domes.

Set the container in bright light, but out of direct sunlight. Extremely high temperatures may develop if the covered container is set in direct sunlight. These high temperatures may adversely affect germination. A medium temperature of 70-75 degrees Fahrenheit is favorable for the germination of most flower and vegetable seeds. In cool locations, place containers on an electric heat mat to ensure optimal germination temperatures. Remove the plastic food wrap or dome as soon as germination occurs.

My seeds have germinated. Now what do I do?

Once the seeds have germinated, move the seedlings to an area with slightly cooler temperatures and direct sun, or place under fluorescent or LED lights. Transplant the seedlings growing in flats into individual containers or cell packs when the second pair of "true" leaves appear. Containers with two or more seedlings should be thinned to one seedling per container. Destroy the weak seedlings by cutting them off with a razor blade.

Short, stocky, dark green seedlings are the best quality transplants. For best results, grow seedlings under fluorescent or LED lights. It isn't necessary to have "grow lights" or a fancy light stand. A standard fluorescent fixture with two 32- or 40-watt tubes works fine. Fluorescent lights should be positioned no more than 4-6 inches above the plants. They should be lit 12-16 hours per day. Plants grown in a window often become tall and spindly because of inadequate light.

Thoroughly water the seedlings when the soil surface becomes dry to the touch. If using a commercial potting mix containing a slow-release fertilizer, fertilization should not be necessary. An application of a dilute fertilizer solution once every two weeks should be sufficient for those potting mixes that don't contain a slow-release fertilizer.

Source: Richard Jauron – Iowa State Extension Horticulturist

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Senator Tim Gragert's Legislative Update

By Senator Tim Gragert

February 13, 2020

One of the bills that I introduced this session was LB 770. It authorizes a free lifetime park permit for disabled veterans. This past week, LB 770 was advanced from the Natural Resources Committee on an 8-0 vote, I designated it as my priority bill, and the Legislature gave it first-round approval on a 38-0 vote.



Under LB 770, a veteran would be eligible for the free permit if they are a Nebraska resident, honorably discharged, and rated 50% or more service connected disabled or 100% disabled non-service connected and receiving a pension from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. From my experience in the military, the disabled veteran is the most worthy of receiving this benefit.

I worked with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Department of Veterans' Affairs on this legislation. I suggested an increase in nonresident park permits as a way to compensate for the free park permits to disabled veterans, considering that the vast majority of visitors to Lake McConaughy are from Colorado, where the cost of a park permit is \$80. The commission calculated the projected cost and suggested an increase in the maximum amount they can charge for an annual nonresident park permit, raising the cap to \$65, and increasing the cap on the daily permit for nonresidents from \$8 to \$12.

In researching the park permit fees in other states, I found that of the 40 states that have park permits, 19 offered free permits to disabled veterans. Another 8 states offered free or reduced price park permits to the military, of which 5 states offered benefits to both disabled veterans and the military.

LB 974, the Revenue Committee's proposal for property tax relief, was advanced from the Revenue Committee this past week on a 6-2 vote. It proposes to lower the valuation of property and add a foundation aid factor to the school funding formula. I look forward to debate on this issue, as I think it is the most important topic before the Legislature this year.

Senator Steve Erdman of Bayard introduced LR 300, which is a constitutional amendment that would ban all forms of taxation (including the sales, income and property taxes) and replace them with a consumption tax. If passed by the Legislature, the proposed constitutional amendment would be on the November 2020 general election ballot.

The consumption tax would apply to all new goods and services. The sponsor of the resolution envisions a pre-bate to compensate for taxes paid for necessities up to the poverty level. A pre-bate is similar to a rebate, but given prior to expenditures.

The public hearing on LR 300 CA was held this past week before the Revenue Committee. There are many questions surrounding this resolution, which can be expected as it would radically change our tax system. I signed on as a co-sponsor to LR 300 CA, as I believe that we must explore all options in our quest to provide significant property tax relief to Nebraskans.

With the recent announcement that the final bridge on the state system was reopened as a result of the damage sustained from the March 2019 flood, there have been some questions about the replacement of the bridge across the Niobrara River between Boyd and Holt Counties. This statement referred to bridges on state highways, whereas the Stuart/Naper bridge is on a county road. I have been in contact with the Holt County Supervisor chairman, the Nebraska Department of Transportation, and the engineering company that is working on the project. Bids could be let early this summer. However, the final plan reviews cannot take place until the environmental documents are complete. The Department of Transportation assured me that this project is at the top of their priority list. Funding for the project will come from federal aid and county sources.

The legislative session is more than one-third complete. As the Legislature continues to debate issues before them, I encourage you to contact me with your thoughts and opinions. I have heard from quite a number of constituents expressing their opposition to LB 58, the "red flag" bill. It is good to know their stance on this legislation pertaining to the temporary removal of guns from a person who may present a danger to themselves or others. Should LB 58 be debated by the full Legislature, I am planning to oppose it.

I can be reached at District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509. My email address is tgragert@leg.ne.gov and my telephone number is (402) 471-2801.

Extension farm succession workshop available online

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Nebraska Extension at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has published video resources on farm succession for agricultural landowners, ranchers and farmers thinking about retiring, exiting or transferring the farm or ranch.

"Preparing for the Future: Farm/Ranch Transition and Succession" is a full workshop developed by Allan Vyhnalek, an extension educator who specializes in farm succession. His recent presentation in Cass County was recorded and is available as 12 short segments, organized by topic.

"We broke down the workshop into shorter segments so that you can watch as much as you want at any one time, then come back and watch the rest later," Vyhnalek said. "This or-

ganization will allow you to think about what you have heard before going on."

The segments cover topics like the importance of planning, proper family communication and negotiating, as well as estate planning and financial strategies. "Retiring or passing the farm to the next generation is difficult to think about and is an admission of your own impending demise," Vyhnalek said. "However, it is a necessary step and, with good planning, can be made as painless as possible. I encourage you to get a plan together to prepare for unexpected circumstances that we don't always anticipate."

The video segments and other resources on farm and ranch succession may be found at: agecon.unl.edu/succession.

News from the Atkinson Senior Center

By Mickey Braun, Volunteer Manager

The Atkinson Senior Center had a Valentine Dinner with 25 coming in to eat. There were door prizes along with fellowship and laughter. We had a turkey meal with all the trimmings. The thrift area of the Center has not been busy at all this past week. It will continue to operate as long as there are items to sell and shoppers to buy.

Items can be brought in between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is closed on Saturdays.

Some special meals are being planned for the weeks to come so watch your paper for more details.

The Center will be having our 30th anniversary in 2020. A celebration is being planned for June 14th at which time we will have some special happenings so watch for more details on that in the coming weeks.



Found on Ebay . . .

This postcard was found for sale on Ebay with this description "Stuart, Nebraska Potato Farm Harvest Men Women & Children 1911 Postcard".

"A Renewed Focus on America's Heartland"

By U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

Over the past seven months, our news cycle has centered around deep divisions in Congress. But these divisions do not reflect who we are or what we value as Nebraskans. It is time to move past partisanship and start to work together again towards a brighter future for the people we serve.



That's why I'm happy to announce that I am joining some of my Midwest Senate colleagues to form the Bipartisan Rural Working Group. Organized by Senators Tina Smith (D-Minn.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.), and myself, the group represents a renewed focus on the shared values that bind us, the challenges families are facing, and ways we can work together.

Instead of a top-down approach, the Bipartisan Rural Working Group is an opportunity for senators to hear directly from people on the ground who face these issues firsthand. We also took this opportunity to highlight the successes we've seen in the Heartland and how we can work together to spread that message to the world.

I am looking forward to continuing this bipartisan exchange of ideas that will inform federal policies and empower Nebraska's families and communities to thrive for generations to come. I could not be more excited to move forward together and deliver results for America's Heartland.

With this in mind, farmers in the panhandle have recently received some encouraging news as they continue to recover from last year's Gering-Fort Laramie tunnel collapse and the severe weather conditions.

Earlier this month, the Bureau of Reclamation announced its 2020 spending plan which provides an opportunity for \$2.3 million to be designated toward the repairs of the Gering-Fort Laramie tunnel following the collapse of the canal last summer.

The tunnel is critical for farm families across the Panhandle and to agriculture in our state as a whole. It supplies surface water to approximately 55,000 acres of cropland for corn, sugar beets, and dry edible beans. This funding for the canal's repair was initially not available, but my staff worked hard with the bureau to find a way forward. This funding will help ag producers in western Nebraska recover from the effects of this major disruption to irrigation. Thanks to my staff for a job well done!

For the past two years, significant weather events have also taken a dev-

astating toll on cooperative farmers throughout Nebraska, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming. Farmland throughout these regions experienced freezing temperatures in early October before sugar beets are usually harvested. Growers took all the necessary steps to keep the cooperative manageable, but frozen beets are much more expensive to process and ultimately produce less sugar – and farmers directly cover those costs.

With the immediate future and viability of the cooperative threatened, I joined another bipartisan group of senators in sending a letter to Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue to ask for immediate action in implementing a provision designed to support sugar beet farmers affected by adverse weather. We urged the secretary to expedite this process so that our cooperative farmers have the certainty they need.

Our state plays an essential role in feeding and fueling our world. The Heartland is filled with people, families, and communities that are worth investing in and deserve more attention to the unique challenges they are facing.

I am encouraged by this renewed bipartisan focus and progress we've seen in providing for America's Heartland – and I am excited to move forward together and bring results to Nebraskans.

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The following is a list of all properties on which taxes are delinquent for a half year, or one or more years, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

All delinquent taxes are listed in one amount regardless of years delinquent, but does not include interest or advertising costs. *** Indicates possible prior years delinquent taxes or possible tax sale on property.

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Connie Krotter, Treasurer
Holt County, Nebraska

HOLT COUNTY ADVERTISING LIST O'Neill Village

- 1 0450021562*** O'NEILL V; O.T. BLK 1; LOT 2 1,259.00
- 1 0450021653 O'NEILL V; O.T. BLK. 6 LOT 7 325.33
- 1 0450021674*** O'NEILL V; O.T. BLK. 7 NO. 100' LOT 7-8 703.68
- 1 0450021789 O'NEILL V; O.T. BLK. 13 LOT 9 4,758.14
- 1 0450021946 O'NEILL V; O.T. BLOCK 20 LOTS 1-2-3; E 1/2 LOT 4 1,039.70
- 1 0450021960*** O'NEILL V; O.T. BLOCK 20 LOT 14 274.60
- 1 0450021961*** O'NEILL V; O.T. BLOCK 20 LOT 15 584.06
- 1 0450021962*** O'NEILL V; O.T. BLOCK 20 S 105 FT LOT 16 409.25
- 1 0450022027 O'NEILL V; O.T. BLOCK 22 LOT 21; LOT 22 EXC 5.25' OFF S SIDE 1,485.46
- 1 0450022089*** O'NEILL V; O.T. BLOCK 26 S 85' LOTS 1 & 2 915.40
- 1 0450022214*** O'NEILL V; O.T. BLOCK 28 LOT 6 2,277.70
- 1 0450022216*** O'NEILL V; O.T. BLOCK 29 N 70' LOT 9 660.84
- 1 0450022216 O'NEILL V; O.T. BLOCK 22 LOT 12; W 15' LOT 13 276.38
- 1 0450022217*** O'NEILL V; O.T. BLOCK 30; N 1/2 LOT 2 1,982.52
- 1 0450022217*** O'NEILL V; O.T.; BLOCK 30; LOT 3-4 487.94
- 1 0450022207*** O'NEILL V; O.T. BLOCK 31 S 127' OF LOTS 13 & 14 2,109.07
- 1 0450022209*** O'NEILL V; O.T. BLOCK 31 S 55' OF LOTS 15 & 16 343.12
- 1 0450022274 O'NEILL V; O.T.; BLOCK 35; LOT 6; N 56'8" LOT 7 752.48
- 1 0450022292*** O'NEILL V; O.T.; BLOCK 36 N 120 FT OF LOTS 1 & 2 1,086.26

C&K 3RD ADDITION

1 0450022469 O'NEILL V; C & K 3RD ADD BLOCK 9 LOT 3 244.86

FAHY'S ADDITION

1 0450022710*** O'NEILL V; FAHY'S ADD BLOCK 1 LOTS 13-14 2,384.98

FAHY'S 2ND ADDITION

1 0450022775*** O'NEILL V; FAHY'S 2ND ADD BLK A LOT 7 & W 4' OF LOT 6 9,300.34- 1 0450022878*** O'NEILL V; FAHY'S 2ND ADD BLOCK D S 106 FT OF LOTS 21-22-23 6,947.29

FAHY'S PARK ADDITION

1 0450022979 O'NEILL V; FAHY'S PARK ADD BLOCK E & 35 FT LOT 18; LOT 19 257.64- 1 0450023006*** O'NEILL V; FAHY'S PARK ADD; BLOCK I; LOT 14, W 1/2 LOT 15 1,373.84

1 0450023009*** O'NEILL V; FAHY'S PARK ADD BLOCK K LOT 1 817.28- 1 0450023030 O'NEILL V; FAHY'S PARK ADD; BLOCK L; LOT 3; E 30 FT LOT 4 652.97
- 1 0450023052*** O'NEILL V; FAHY'S PARK ADD BLOCK M LOTS 5 & 6 980.58
- 1 0450023058*** O'NEILL V; FAHY'S PARK ADD BLOCK N LOTS 11 & 12 9,292.91
- 1 0450023073*** O'NEILL V; FAHY'S PARK ADD BLOCK N W 10 FT LOT 5; LOT 6; E 22 1/2' OF LOT 7 2,173.82
- 1 0450023086*** O'NEILL V; FAHY'S PARK ADD BLOCK O LOTS 3 & 4 3,309.37

HAGGERTY ADDITION

1 0450023239 O'NEILL V; HAG ADD BLOCK C S 1/2 LOTS 1 & 2 255.42- 1 0450023376 O'NEILL V; HAGGERTY ADD; BLK I; LOTS 12-13-14 2,885.70
- 1 0450023379 O'NEILL V; HAG. ADD.; BLK. I; LOT 15-16 681.92

HAZELETT'S ADDITION

1 04500233415 O'NEILL V; HAZELETT'S ADD; BLK 4; LOTS 5-6 347.22- 1 04500233417 O'NEILL V; HAZELETT'S ADD; BLK 4; LOT 7 61.56
- 1 04500233427*** O'NEILL V; HAZELETT'S ADD; BLK 5; LOT 1-2 421.30
- 1 04500233435*** O'NEILL V; HAZELETT'S ADD; BLOCK 5; LOTS 9-10-11-12 EXCEPT N 52 FT THEREOF 474.81
- 1 0450023350*** O'NEILL V; HAZELETTE ADD; BLK 19-20 AND ADJOINING VACATED STREETS & LAND MAPPED OUT AS STREET 226.82

MATHEWS ADDITION

1 0450023614 O'NEILL V; MATHEWS ADD; BLK 1; LOT 1-2-3 162.79- 1 0450023617*** O'NEILL V; MATHEWS ADD; BLK 1; LOT 4-5 722.48
- 1 0450023619*** O'NEILL V; MATHEWS ADD; BLK 17; LOTS 6-7-8-9 1,248.97
- 1 0450023631 O'NEILL V; MATHEWS ADD BLK 20 ALL 13.24

MCCAFFERTY'S ADDITION

1 0450023675 O'NEILL V; MCCAFF ADD BLOCK 49 E 25 FT LOT 14; LOT 15 1,132.02- 1 0450023677 O'NEILL V; MCCAFF ADD BLOCK 49 N 85 FT LOT 16 244.22

MCCAFFERTY'S 2ND ADDITION

1 0450023732 O'NEILL V; MC CAF. 2ND. ADD. PT. OF BLK. A; 58.60 X 232.35 AND 6.70 X 132.65 LYING 172 FT S. OF NE CORNER 112.55- 1 0450023833*** O'NEILL V; MC CAF 2ND ADD. BLOCK J LOT 6-7-8 4,141.90

MCCAFFERTY'S ANNEX

1 0450023872 O'NEILL V; MCCAFF ANNEX; BLK 6 95' X 90' 969.90- 1 0450023883 O'NEILL V; MCCAFF ANNEX PT NW1/4 30-29-11 BLK 8 60X135' IN NE CORNER 1,044.88

MILLARDS ADDITION

1 0450023919*** O'NEILL V; MILLARDS ADD BLOCK A W 1/2 LOT 5 253.60- 1 0450023924*** O'NEILL V; MILLARDS ADD; BLOCK B LOT 1 982.66
- 1 0450023935 O'NEILL V; MILLARDS ADD BLOCK B LOT 12 30.78
- 1 0450023936 O'NEILL V; MILLARDS ADD BLOCK B LOTS 13 & 14 444.58
- 1 0450023944*** O'NEILL V; MILLARDS ADD BLOCK D PT LOT 1; 24.5 FT OF VACATED BLAINE ST ADJOINING 475.74
- 1 0450023976 O'NEILL V; MILLARDS ADD BLOCK H W 110 FT LOT 2 446.17

RESSELL ADDITION

1 0450024231 O'NEILL V; RESSELL ADD 19-29-11; PT NE 1/4 SW 1/4 2.15 AC 116.52

CHURCH SUBDIVISION

1 0450024238 O'NEILL V; CHURCH SUBDIVISION; BLOCK A 130.87- 1 0450024239 O'NEILL V; CHURCH SUBDIVISION; BLOCK B 392.63
- 1 0450024240 O'NEILL V; CHURCH SUBDIVISION; BLOCK C 130.87
- 1 0450024241 O'NEILL V; CHURCH SUBDIVISION; BLOCK D 392.63

RIGGS ADDITION

1 0450024269*** O'NEILL V; RIGGS ADD. BLK. 37 LOT 6-7 E 14' LOT 8 995.96- 1 0450024275 O'NEILL V; RIGGS ADD. BLK. 37 LOT 17; N 1/2 LOT 18 822.06
- 1 0450024279*** O'NEILL V; RIGGS ADD. BLK. 37; E 1/2 LOTS 21-23-24 750.38
- 1 0450024309*** O'NEILL V; RIGGS ADD. BLOCK 38 W 68' OF LOT 22, W 68' OF S 28' LOT 23 1,840.75
- 1 0450024377*** O'NEILL V; RIGGS ADD; BLK 43 LOT 5-6 551.72
- 1 0450024378*** O'NEILL V; RIGGS ADD BLOCK 43 LOT 7-8 830.72
- 1 0450024393*** O'NEILL V; RIGGS ADD.; BLK. 44; LOT 7-8 386.40
- 1 0450024398*** O'NEILL V; RIGGS ADD. BLK. 44 W 110' LOT 17, S 1/2 W 55' OF LOT 18 1,057.86
- 1 0450024399*** O'NEILL V; RIGGS ADD. BLK. 44 N 1/2 W 55' LOT 18, W 55' 19-20-21-22 1,766.19
- 1 0450024410 O'NEILL V; RIGGS ADD. BLK. 45 E 60' LOT 1-2-3 474.80

SPELTS RAY SUB-DIVISION

1 0450024425 O'NEILL V; SPELTS RAY SUB-DIV LOT 5 1,309.94

TARA HILL 2ND ADDITION

1 0450024609 O'NEILL V; TARA HILL 2ND. ADD. BLK. 9 LOT 13; E 10 FT LOT 14 1,317.63

TRACTS ALONG RAILROAD

1 0450024710*** O'NEILL V; TRACTS ALONG RAILROAD PART OF SE1/4 SW1/4 30-29-11 189.46

EASTWOOD HEIGHTS ADDITION

1 0450024757*** O'NEILL V; EASTWOOD HEIGHTS ADD BLOCK 5 LOT 5 1,295.60

BODE 1ST ADDITION

1 0450024814 O'NEILL V; BODE 1ST ADD; BLOCK 5; LOTS 1 & 2 1,054.07

NONDESCRIP

1 0450024851 O'NEILL V; NONDES; PT SW 1/4 SW 1/4 29-29-11 1.64 AC 333.99

ANNEXED 1999

1 0450575600 O'NEILL; ANNEXED 1999; NO 33; PT S1/2NW1/4 # 34 & 35 29-29-11 4.40 AC 289.51

Atkinson Village

- 2 0450019624 ATKINSON VI; O.T. ATK. V. BLK. 3 W 68' LOT 1; W 68' LOT 17 545.92
- 2 0450019670 ATKINSON VI; O.T. BLK. 5 LOT 15, S 33 2/3 LOT 16 294.82
- 2 0450019672 ATKINSON VI; O.T. BLK. 5 NO. 13' LOT 16, LOT 17 144.12
- 2 0450019711 ATKINSON VI; O.T.; BLOCK 7; LOT 5 LESS E 20' OF S 46'; 8 LOT 6 249.40
- 2 0450019734*** ATKINSON VI; O.T. BLK. 8; LOTS 7-8-9 1,195.62
- 2 0450019737*** ATKINSON VI; O.T. BLK. 8 LOT 10-11 709.54
- 2 0450019817*** ATKINSON VI; O.T.; BLK. 12 16' OF E. SIDE LOT 6; W 8 FT LOT 7 510.62

BALLONS ADDITION

2 0450019894*** ATKINSON VI; BALLONS ADD; BLK 1; LOTS 1-2-3 785.60

BITNEY'S ADDITION

2 0450019986 ATKINSON VI; BITNEY'S ADD BLOCK 19 LOT 5 288.66

COLLINS ADDITION

2 0450020128 ATK VI; COLLINS ADD; BLK 2 LOTS 21-22 41.60- 2 0450020330 ATK VI; COLLINS ADD; BLK 2; LOT 23 213.88

J.L.P. DEVELOPMENT

2 0450020266 ATK VI; J.L.P. DEV. BLK. 3 LOT 16 29-30-14 1,389.16

KIMBALL & BLAIR'S ADDITION

2 0450020346 ATK VI; KIMBALL & BLAIR'S ADD; BLK. 39 LOTS 1,2,3 137.98

NEWLY ANNEXED

2 0450020636 ATK V; NEWLY ANNEXED; 33-30-14 PT. 017 302.44

NONDESCRIP

2 0450020919 ATK V; NOND NE1/4 SE1/4 32-30-14 N 1/2 #17 289.93

PIONEER T.S. 1ST ADDITION

2 0450021125*** ATK V; PIONEER T.S. 1ST ADD; BLK 45; W 79' LOTS 5-6 530.48- 2 0450021136 ATK V; PIONEER T.S. 1ST ADD; BLK 46; SO 33' LOT 4; LOT 5 111.08
- 2 0450021147 ATK V; PIONEER T.S. 1 ST ADD; BLK 47; S 1/2 LOT 2; LOT 3 292.76

TULLER & MCNICHOLS ADDITION

2 0450021215 ATK V; TULLER & MCNICHOLS ADD; BLK 1; LOT 6; OT 7 14.38

WESTERN TOWNSHIP

2 0450021307*** ATK V; WESTERN TWN LOTS ADD; BLOCK 41; W 65'; LOT 1-2-3; 67.82

WININGS ADDITION

2 0450021370 ATK V; WININGS ADD. PT. SE1/4 SW1/4 29-30-14 2/3 AC 179.95

MOTORHEAD DIVISION ADDITION

2 0450252301 ATKINSON VI; MOTORHEAD DIV. ADD. BLK 1 LOT 2 215.70

Stuart Village

- 3 0450012714*** STUART V; ANNEXED 2006; PT SE 1/4 NE 1/4; 2-30-16 2.80 AC 933.96

CARBERRIES ADDITION

3 0450018360 STUART VI; CARBERRIES ADD. BLK C LOTS 1-2-3 4-5 6-7-8 439.34- 3 0450018368 STUART VI; CARBERRIES ADD. BLK C LOTS 9-10-11-12-13-14 646.16

HALLOCKS ADDITION

3 0450018410 STUART V; HALLOCKS ADD; BLK 6; LOT 12 EXC N 2 FT; LOTS 13, 14 & 15 1,062.03- 3 0450018476 STUART VI; HALLOCKS ADD. BLK. 10 LOT 1 537.37

HALLOCKS 2ND ADDITION

3 0450018506*** STUART VI; HALLOCKS 2ND ADD; BLK 2 LOT 5-6-7-8 144.44- 3 0450018659 STUART VI; HALLOCKS 2ND ADD; BLK 13 LOT 9-10 262.68
- 3 0450018795*** STUART VI; HALLOCKS 2ND ADD; BLK 21 SE PT. BLK. 21 62 AC 6,063.93

KIMBALL & BLAIR'S ADDITION

3 0450018810 STUART VI; KIMBALL & BLAIR'S ADD; BLOCK 14; LOTS 1 AND 2 1,458.64- 3 0450018836 STUART VI; KIMBALL & BLAIR'S ADD; BLK 15; LOT 7-8 924.06
- 3 0450018862 STUART VI; KIMBALL & BLAIR'S ADD; BLK 16 LOT 6 558.67
- 3 0450018914 STUART VI; KIMBALL & BLAIR'S ADD; BLK 18; LOT 18, 19, 20 564.22

NONDESCRIP

3 0450019026*** STUART VI; PT. OUTLOT N 70 X 140 604.42- 3 0450019030 STUART VI; OUTLOT B EXCEPT S 224 FT 2,001.60
- 3 0450019040 STUART VI; ALL OF OUTLOT C EXC NO 135' 193.52
- 3 0450019048 STUART VI; NO 135' LOT C 56.44
- 3 0450019062 STUART VI; OUTLOT E 6.19 AC 174.04
- 3 0450019094 STUART V; SUB. DIV. PT. OUTLOT G (125 X 520) 284.33
- 3 0450019106 STUART V; SUB. DIV. N 150' OUTLOT H EXCEPT 16X150 81.49

PIONEER T.S. 2ND ADDITION

3 0450019190 STUART VI; PIONEER T.S. 2ND ADD; BLK 26 2,067.08- 3 0450019308 STUART V; PIONEER T.S. 2ND ADD; BLK 33; S 30 FT LOT 4 ; N 30 FT LOT 5 30.82
- 3 0450019315 STUART V; PIONEER T.S. 2nd ADD; BLK 33; North Half of Lot 11; All Lot 12 80.80

WESTERN T.L. CO.

3 0450019480 STUART VI; WESTERN T.L. CO. BLK. 4 LOT 1-2-3 716.28

Ewing Village

- 4 0450016276 EWING VI; O.T. BLK 3 LOT 1-2 848.58
- 4 0450016294 EWING VI; O.T. BLK 4; LOT 2 111.50
- 4 0450016296 EWING VI; O.T. BLK 4 LOT 3 32.09
- 4 0450016350 EWING VI; O.T.; BLK 6; LOT 2 67.28
- 4 0450016362*** EWING VI; O.T.; BLK 6; E 1/2 LOTS 11-12-13; E 25' LOT 14 516.62

4 0450016382*** EWING VI; O.T. BLK 7 LOTS 5-6-7 315.00- 4 0450016386*** EWING VI; O.T.; BLK 7 LOT 8 528.46
- 4 0450016398*** EWING VI; O.T.; BLK 9; LOTS 2 AND 3 451.62
- 4 0450016420*** EWING VI; O.T. BLK 9; LOT 15 617.78

KIMBALL & BLAIR

4 0450016458*** EWING VI; KIMBALL & BLAIR; BLK 10 LOT 12 229.34

KIMBALL & BLAIR ADDITION

4 0450016496 EWING VI; KIMBALL & BLAIR ADD. BLK. 12 LOT 7 228.42

NONDESCRIP

4 0450016554 EWING VI; NOND. PT. # 10 A 2-26-9 33 AC 25.80- 4 0450016556 EWING VI; NOND. PT. # 10 A (177 X 120) 2-26-9 49 AC 96.90
- 4 0450016628*** EWING VI; NOND. 3-26-9 LOTS 2, 3, 5 AND 6 OUTLOT B 200X200 PT OF OUTLOT B 376.84
- 4 0450016642*** EWING VI; NOND. NEAR R.R. 3-26-9 85 AC 423.66
- 4 0450016659*** EWING VI; NOND. #22 & #23 3-26-9 3 AC 214.18

PIONEER T.S. ADDITION

4 0450016792 EWING VI; PIONEER T.S. ADD; BLK 13 LOT 9 207.62- 4 0450016814 EWING VI; PIONEER T.S. ADD; BLK 14 LOT 8 154.65
- 4 0450016816 EWING VI; PIONEER T.S. ADD; BLK 14 LOTS 9-10 123.38
- 4 0450016829 EWING VI; PIONEER T.S. ADD; BLK 15 LOT 7; W 25' LOT 8 155.36
- 4 0450016831 EWING VI; PIONEER T.S. ADD; BLK 15 E 25' LOT 8; LOT 9 61.77
- 4 0450016843*** EWING VI; PIONEER T.S. ADD; BLK 16 LOT 4 481.26
- 4 0450016847 EWING VI; PIONEER T.S. ADD; BLK 16 LOT 6 439.58
- 4 0450016928 EWING VI; PIONEER T.S. ADD BLK 21 LOT 4 322.30

PIONEER T.S. CO. ADDITION

4 0450016989 EWING VI; PIONEER T.S. CO. ADD. BLK. 24 LOT 10-11 781.46- 4 0450017023 EWING VI; PIONEER T.S. CO. ADD. BLK. 27 LOT 1; E 20 FT LOT 2 49.57

ROLLS ADDITION

4 0450017035 EWING VI; ROLLS ADD; LOTS 1 TO 3 INC OUTLOT A; 2-26-9 204.70- 4 0450017038 EWING VI; ROLLS ADD; LOTS 4 AND 5 2-26-9 806.34

SUBDIVISION OF OUTLOTS A & D

4 0450017043*** EWING VI; SUBD OF OUTLOTS A & D; BLK 28 LOT 4-5-6 1,776.14

SUBDIVISION OF OUTLOTS A & B

4 0450017068 EWING VI; SUBD OF OUTLOT A & B; BLK 29; LOT 10 AND 60X140 TRACT ADJACENT TO LOT 10 196.77- 4 0450017118*** EWING VI; SUBD. OF OUTLOTS A & B. BLK. 33 LOT 1-2 &

Public Notices

Stuart Public School District #44 Proceedings

February 10, 2020
Present: Olberding, Estill, Stracke, Schmaderer, Paxton, Kohle
Also Present: Robert Hanzlik, Travis Ludwig, Colin Schurman, Perri Farr
The President opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the notice of the meeting was posted at three locations. An advance agenda was given to the president of the Board and all members prior to the meeting date. All visitors were welcomed and informed this meeting was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the Open Meeting Laws are posted for inspection at any time.

No public comment
Moved by Paxton, seconded by Schmaderer to approve the consent agenda which includes: regular board meeting minutes, treasurer's report and pay bills. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

The next regular meeting will be March 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hanzlik presented to the Board a list of student accomplishments, awards, and activities. The board members would like to commend all the students, teachers, sponsors and coaches for excelling in these activities. A list of all activities reported to the Board is located in the office of the Superintendent.

Moved by Schmaderer, seconded by Stracke to join NASB for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

Building Committee members gave a report of the webinar that was held with Darin Blaire of Carlson West Povandra. Mr. Hanzlik stated the plans will be finalized within the near future with the bidding process to follow for the renovation project scheduled for this summer.

Transportation Committee members will be meeting with Myer's Bus Service in the near future to discuss the 2020-21 transportation contract.

Moved by Estill, seconded by Kohle to have Special Education and Title I programs for the 2020-21 school year. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

Moved by Paxton, seconded by Stracke to accept the Distance Learning contract, Special Education contract and the Technology Support contract with ESU #8 for the 2020-21 school year. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

The NASB Strategic Plan proposal was tabled until the next meeting. Jon Schmaderer will contact Marcia Herring of NASB for clarification on the proposal.

Discussion was held on the needs identified at the board retreat in regards to the 7-12 principal position. Two of the main reasons identified by the board members were to offer more support to the teaching staff and to the students; and to initiate an administration transition period as Mr. Hanzlik will be nearing retirement in the future. Moved by Schmaderer, seconded by Estill to direct Superintendent, Robert Hanzlik, to advertise and hire a 7-12 principal for the 2020-21

school year and beyond. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

Moved by Schmaderer, seconded by Estill to direct Superintendent, Robert Hanzlik, to advertise and hire a 7-12 principal for the 2020-21 school year and beyond. Roll call vote. 6-yes Carried

Superintendent's report: school calendar, NRCSA conference is March 26th & 27th, state aid, phone charges, football schedule, Mike Leckner, teacher in-service, parent/teacher conferences, late start February 19th

The President adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Rebecca L Estill, Secretary, District 44	
Apple, Technology	\$637.00
Atkinson Graphic, Advertising	\$82.73
ATT, Telephone	\$100.32
Avera St Anthony's Hospital, Special Ed Services	\$493.05
Cast Iron Bar And Grill, Meals	\$1,361.60
Computer Hardware, Technology	\$1,094.00
Das State Acctg, Internet	\$602.33
Dudley Laundry Co, Building	\$208.14
Ecolab, Building	\$65.00
Educational Service Unit #8, SPED Services, Internet	\$9,018.68
Eldridge Publishing Co, Classroom	\$208.70
Hanzlik, Patty, Mileage	\$115.00
Hanzlik, Robert, Mileage	\$197.80
Island Supply Welding Co, Classroom	\$71.30
J&H Welding Service, Classroom	\$64.50
JW Pepper & Son, Classroom	\$48.99
KL&S Inc, Classroom	\$6.10
KSB School Law, Legal Services	\$126.00
Learning Without Tears, Classroom	\$11.60
Loffler, Copiers	\$613.49
Malone, Donna, Copiers	\$98.44
Matheson Tri-Gas, Classroom	\$42.46
Midwest Technology Products, Classroom	\$225.70
Municipal Power, Utilities	\$8,432.70
Myers Bus Service, Activity Transportation	\$3,910.42
Myers School Bus Service, Route Transportation	\$14,996.14
NE Assoc Of School Boards, Subscription, Fees	\$795.00
Ne Reg Deaf Ed Prog, Special Ed Services	\$114.00
NNTC, Telephone	\$197.22
Norfolk Sporting Goods, Engraving	\$14.80
Postmaster, Postage	\$110.00
Riha, Lorena, Mileage	\$115.00
Southside, Fuel, Food	\$309.18
St Bon Christian Form Comm, Rent	\$400.00
Stadium Sports, Building	\$310.00
US Foods, Building	\$398.20
Visa, Classroom, Building, Guidance, Travel	\$1,130.98
West Holt Memorial Hospital, Special Ed Services	\$418.08
Wm Krotter Co, Classroom, Building	\$1,375.74
Xtra Productions, Building	\$650.00
TOTAL	\$49,170.39

West Holt Public Schools District #239 Proceedings

Monday, February 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of West Holt Public Schools, District #239, was held on Monday, February 10, 2020, in the Board Meeting Room. Meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. by President Jelinek. A complete copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted inside the meeting room, and a copy of all materials provided to the board was made available to the public in a folder.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on the West Holt Public School's website on January 14, 2020, and thereafter, and in *The Atkinson Graphic* on January 30, 2020, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously sent to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice as is the notice to the members of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public. The agenda for the meeting is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Kelly Jelinek, Susan Judge, Nick Konrad, and Scott Gotschall. Mike Fredrick and Brian Mlady were absent. Also present were Paul Pistulka, Kevin Young, Tracy Larson, and Michelle Laetsch. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Mr. Konrad, seconded by Mr. Gotschall to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020, meeting as printed. Roll call vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, Fredrick and Mlady absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gotschall, seconded by Mr. Jelinek to approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$70,835.16. Roll call vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, Fredrick and Mlady absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Judge, seconded by Mr. Gotschall to approve the Building Fund bills in the amount of \$7,450.00. Roll call vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, Fredrick and Mlady absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Mlady arrived at 7:09 p.m.
Mr. Young gave the junior/senior high principal/AD reports to include an activities update and recent external team visit feedback.

Mr. Pistulka gave the elementary principal/curriculum reports in Mrs. Larson's absence to include upcoming faculty visit to Cross County Schools, winter MAP testing, and ELPA testing.

Mr. Pistulka gave the superintendent report to include finances, letters of intent/personnel/coaching, external team visit feedback, tax receipt projections, levy comparison, buildings/grounds, upcoming board work session agenda, school calendar, and review of agenda action items.

Discussion was held on scoreboard options for Junior High gymnasium.

Moved by Mr. Jelinek, seconded by Mrs. Judge to approve the Elementary Principal's contract extension and proposed salary. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Fredrick absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gotschall, seconded by Mr. Konrad to accept the letter of resignation for Shirley Rossman. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Fredrick absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Judge, seconded by Mr. Mlady to approve the 2020-21 school calendar as presented. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Fredrick absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jelinek, seconded by Mrs. Judge to approve the purchase of scoreboards from Daktronics, Inc. for a total of \$7,238.00 to be purchased with Depreciation funds. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Fredrick absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jelinek, seconded by Mrs. Judge that the board go into a closed session at 8:15 p.m. for strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining and for contract negotiations to protect the public interest. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Fredrick absent. Motion carried.

The board reconvened open meeting at 9:30 p.m.

The following were recognized for recent accomplishments:

Hadleigh Stracke was 1st place winner of the Geography Bee with Sidney Burkinshaw placing 2nd; and Jocelyn Hamilton was selected to the Class C All-State Symphonic Band.

Moved by Mr. Jelinek, seconded by Mr. Gotschall to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Fredrick absent. Motion carried.

A board workshop will be Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. in the back room of the Flat Iron Grill in Atkinson, NE.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Brian Mlady, Secretary
**WEST HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GENERAL FUND BILLS FOR
FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

Appears, Custodial Supplies	\$96.04
Apple Inc., Computers	\$16,000.00
The Atkinson Graphic, Ads/Proceedings	\$142.26
Black Hills Energy, Gas Service	\$5,109.48
Braun's Food Center, Elementary Supplies	\$160.73
Preschool Supplies	\$45.56
SPED Supplies	\$46.13
Carroll Olson Enterprises, Maintenance Supplies	\$100.05
Carson Dellosa Education, Art Supplies	\$15.28
CenturyLink, Telephone Service	\$193.34
CenturyLink, Access Line Charges	\$16.46
City of Atkinson, Utilities	\$485.52
DAS State Acctg - Central Finance, Ethernet Services	\$642.06
Eakes Office Solutions, Custodial Supplies	\$1,538.51
General Supplies	\$274.99
ESU 1, Registrations	\$60.00
SPED Services	\$1,231.20
ESU 8, Network Nebraska	\$1,399.68
SPED Services	\$4,978.00
First Stop, Van/Suburban Fuel	\$199.22
Fred Meyer, Maintenance Supplies	\$97.00

Harris School Solutions, Office Forms	\$252.91
Hiatt School Safety Review Service, Safety Review	\$330.00
Hometown Leasing, Copiers/Printers Lease	\$2,317.00
Island Supply Welding Co., Ag Shop Supplies	\$158.72
J. W. Pepper & Son, Inc., Music Supplies	\$273.49
Jacquelyn Meyer, Student Services	\$1,200.00
KSB School Law, Legal Services	\$271.50
Mid-American Research Chemical, Custodial Supplies	\$1,305.36
Myers Bus Service Inc., Speech Travel	\$312.45
Assembly Travel	\$874.33
Basketball Travel	\$623.89
Career Day Travel	\$759.44
Myers Luxury Coaches Inc., Basketball Travel	\$5,028.32
Staff Development Travel	\$828.19
NASB ALICA, Excess Work Comp Premium	\$1,523.82
Excess Work Comp Premium (SPED Portion)	\$481.18
Nebraska Public Power District, Electricity	\$4,346.54
Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corp, Union Electricity	\$106.36
Northeast Regional Deaf Ed Program, SPED Services	\$952.40
Ogden Hardware & Electronics, Custodial Supplies	\$9.99
O'Neill Pest Control, Exterminating Service	\$85.00
Option Enrollment Transportation, Mileage Reimbursement	\$204.01
Regular Transportation, Mileage Reimbursement	\$5,710.49
Sandhills Guest House Motel, Travel Expense	\$79.00
Seven Springs Inc., Union Water Service	\$18.00
Six Star Sanitation, LLC, Sanitation Service	\$631.00
Transfer to Petty Cash Fund - VISA, Staff Development	\$83.93
General Office Supplies	\$99.82
Suburban Fuel	\$77.49
Payroll Services	\$5.16

Health Supplies	\$41.42
Postage	\$31.85
Guidance Supplies	\$51.92
Custodial Supplies	\$9.63
Technology Supplies	\$1.38
Para Testing Fee	\$55.00
Travel Expense	\$18.05
Transfer to Petty Cash Fund, Suburban License Fee	\$15.00
Union Telephone Service	\$96.52
Union Internet Service	\$27.19
Admin Cell Service	\$288.67
External Team Mileage Reimbursement	\$430.68
Vittles & Such, Staff Development	\$57.50
Welsh Welding & Repair, Ag Shop Supplies	\$59.49
Snow Blade	\$16.89
West Holt Memorial Hospital, SPED Therapy Services	\$711.50
West Holt Pharmacy, Health Supplies	\$22.97
Western Oil II, LLC, Car Fuel	\$49.18
Van/Suburban Fuel	\$412.37
Whites Service Inc., Custodial Fuel	\$73.00
Wm Krotter Co., Elementary Supplies	\$8.98
SPED	\$8,400.41
GRANTS	\$16,000.00
TOTAL	\$64,260.49
DEPRECIATION FUND BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2020	
Dakota Potters Supply, LLC, Kiln Replacement	\$3,226.00
ITD, Lighting Replacement Project	\$2,755.97
K L & S Inc., Kiln Replacement Project	\$592.70
TOTAL	\$6,574.67
BUILDING FUND BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2020	
The Clark Enersen Partners, Engineering Services for Track Improvement Project	\$1,050.00
JEO Consulting Group, Topographical Survey for Track/West	
Parking Lot	\$6,400.00
TOTAL	\$7,450.00

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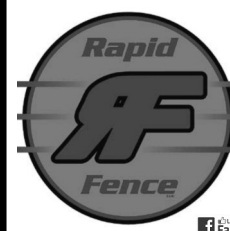


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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Sealed bids will be accepted for haying of Stuart-Atkinson Airport until Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., when bids will be opened and read publicly at the Stuart-Atkinson Airport Administration Building. Copy of Lease Agreement can be obtained from and bids submitted to Jack Flannery at PO Box 83, Atkinson, NE 68713.

A lease will be given for a total of 2 years, with rent to be paid each year in advance. The Airport Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

–s-Ivan N. Campbell, Secretary
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Holt County Clerk until February 28, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. and opened shortly thereafter, for the construction of two asphaltic concrete projects. The projects are located as follows: C-45(517) – on 504 Avenue beginning approximately 0.25 miles north of Road 867 and continuing north approximately 4.8 miles to 872 Road; C-45(528) – on Main Street in Emmet, from approximately 180 feet south of Lyndon Street to Highway 20, both in Holt County, Nebraska.

The projects are referred to as "Holt County 2020 Asphalt: C-45(517) and C-45(528)" and shall include all labor, materials, transportation and equipment required for cold milling, grading, culvert installation, asphaltic concrete patching, subgrade preparation, asphaltic concrete construction, type "SPR" (including full depth, widening and overlay), earth shoulder construction, seeding, pavement markings and related incidental work.

Copies of the Bid Documents and Specifications are open to public inspection at the office of the Holt County Highway Superintendent, 1806 108th Rd, O'Neill, Nebraska 68763. A set of documents may be obtained from Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. 6920 Van Dorn Street, Lincoln, NE 68506 (Phone: 402-421-1717) for a non-refundable fee of \$75.00. All Bid Proposals must be submitted on the forms furnished with the Bid Documents.

The sealed bids may be mailed or delivered to the Holt County Clerk, PO Box 329, 204 N. 4th St., O'Neill, Nebraska 68763 and should be plainly marked as, "Construction Bid Proposal – Holt County 2020 Asphalt: C-45(517) and C-45(528)".

Along with its Bid Proposal, each bidder shall submit an unconditional Bid Bond or Certified Check made payable to the County Treasurer of Holt County, Nebraska, in an amount equal to five (5) percent of the total Bid Proposal. Also, each bidder is to include an estimated time of beginning and completion for the project with its Bid Proposal. The desired completion date is August 1, 2020. The Contractor will be allowed sixty (60) calendar days for C-45(517), and fourteen (14) calendar days for C-45(528), after beginning work at each site. The Completion Date will be the earlier of the date indicated in the bid proposal or the actual start date plus the allotted calendar days for that site.

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Holt County, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Dept of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Dept of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, sex, age and disability/handicap in consideration for award.

The Holt County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities in bids received. Award of the Contract will be in accordance with the County Purchasing Act's competitive bidding considerations as set forth in Neb.Rev.Stat. §§ 23-3110 to 23-3114. Holt County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Holt County Board of Supervisors, O'Neill, Nebraska for culverts and grader blades for 2020.

Said bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. on February 28, 2020, in the County Board meeting room, at the Holt County Courthouse. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Holt County Road Department.

Holt County Clerk
 –s-Cathy Pavel
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REPURPOSING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS AND PROPOSED PROJECT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 2, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., in the Atkinson City Council Chambers, the Atkinson City Council will hold a public hearing concerning a proposal to repurpose of the City's Community Development Block grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Funds (RLF), and consider the City's proposed project to use the CDBG RLF funds to improve public works infrastructure.

The City of Atkinson, Holt County, Nebraska, is proposing to discontinue the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program, repurpose the funds to public infrastructure, and amend the existing Revolving Loan Fund Reuse Plan. The City proposes to discontinue the housing revolving loan fund program.

The City proposes to use all of the RLF currently on hand (approximately \$289,371), and estimated repayments during the next two years, expected to be \$32,000, to be applied to a public works project. The City of Atkinson proposes to discontinue the housing program. Any future housing fund repayments beyond the implementation schedule of this project would either be returned to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED), or be considered for future public works projects.

The proposed public works project includes the installation of new street lights, sidewalks and curbs in an area identified as follows: Main Street – west side – north of Central Street (begin north side of U.S. Post Office), south past Union Street (end south side of Something Special by Marilyn); and Main Street – east side – north side of State Street (begin north side of Ogdan Hardware), south to Union Street (end south side of Braun's Food Center).

The total cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$363,150, including \$328,150 for construction costs, a maximum of \$10,000 for construction management fees, and a maximum of \$25,000 for general administration fees. Funding resources for this project include: CDBG Revolving Loan Funds approximately \$289,371, plus estimated future CDBG RLF payments of \$32,000, as well as approximately \$41,779 from the City of Atkinson.

All CDBG funds will primarily benefit low and moderate income people. No street closings are anticipated, and construction will occur during daytime hours to minimize noise. Construction practices to minimize dust will be implemented. If any person or business is displaced, the City will contact that person or business directly to find a workable solution. The proposed infrastructure project is anticipated to be completed within two years.

All interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to be heard regarding the repurposing application. Written and oral testimony will be accepted at the public hearing scheduled for 7:30 pm, March 2, 2020, 104 South Main Street. Written comments must be addressed to Paul Corkle, Atkinson City Mayor, at P.O. Box 519, Atkinson, NE 68713, and will be accepted if received on or before March 2, 2020.

Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations including interpreter service, Braille, large print, or recorded materials, please contact Nancy Kopejka, Atkinson City Clerk, at 402-925-5313, 104 South Main Street, P.O. Box 519, Atkinson, NE 68713, no later than February 28, 2020. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that 1 day's notice is received by the City of Atkinson.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR A CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATING PERMIT
Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
Water Permits Division
Lincoln, Nebraska

Pursuant to the Neb. Rev. Stat. 54-2425 (4) as amended, the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (Department) is issuing notice to provide an opportunity for any interested person to submit written comments on the proposed decision for the following animal feeding operation.

This public comment period will be from February 20, 2020 through March 23, 2020. Comments made should pertain to issues for which the Department has authority under the Livestock Waste Management Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 54-2416 through 54-2435).

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The operation's proposed livestock waste control facilities (LWCFs) will be located in the NE 1/4, Section 06, Township 30N, Range 15W, Holt County, Nebraska. The application proposes the construction of a pull-pig barn, a concrete waste storage pit, and a lift station.

The application proposes a one-time maximum capacity of 10,500 head of weaned pigs.

The Department has reviewed the application to ensure compliance with the Livestock Waste Management Act and Title 130 – Livestock Waste Control Regulations. Currently, the Department intends to approve the application for a Construction and Operating Permit. Upon completion of review of any written comments received, the Department will make a final decision on the permit application and respond to any comments.

The application and other public information is available for review and copying between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (CT), weekdays at the Department's Office, Suite 400, The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, telephone (402) 471-2186. Individuals requiring special accommodations or alternate formats of materials should notify the Department by calling (402) 471-2186. TDD users should call (800) 833-7352 and ask the relay operator to call the Department at (402) 471-2186. Please include the above name and legal description of the animal feeding operation.

All comments should be sent to: Agriculture Section, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, PO Box 98922, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8922.
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Graphic Gleanings

In 1960 . . . Consolidation of Holt County's 126 school districts into 26 reorganized districts was the latest proposal submitted by the Holt County School Reorganization committee as required by law.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Galyen were celebrating Galyen Motor Company's 13th year in the automobile sales business with refreshments and invited everyone in the Atkinson community and surrounding area to help them celebrate. Some of the vehicles they offered for sale were 1958 Ford ½ ton pickup, Cylinder Fordomatic transmission for \$1,195; 1953 Ford Mainline, 4 door with radio and heater for \$395; 1959 Chevrolet 6-cylinder Belair sedan, 2 door with radio and heater, \$1,995; and 1958 Edsel Corsair, 8-cylinder, 4 door, hardtop, pink and white, automatic transmission, radio, heater for \$1,595. Used under-slung tires were \$10 for 8.25 x 20 10 ply or \$12.50 for 9.00x20 10 ply. They also were offering Top Value stamps to be saved for free gifts.

In 1970 . . . Service Notes – PFC. Kenneth Krieger who was serving a tour of duty in Vietnam was promoted to Sp 4. Jerry J. O'Connor was sent to Cam Rhan Bay, Vietnam from Oakland, Calif. Alan Krumm of the U.S. Navy completed a training course in damage control at Treasure Island, San Francisco. After the training he went to Pearl Harbor and the Philippine Island where he was assigned to the U.S.S. Tombigbee which transports jet fuel to Dau Nung, Vietnam.

In 1990 . . . Ed and Mildred Rentschler got fundraising towards the Atkinson Senior Center under way with the first \$100 donation. Mary Ann Tetherow and Dorothy Farr were on the steering committee to get the Center started.

Husky wrestler Rex Schrunk qualified for the State Meet. Other wrestlers who competed at the District Meet were Jason Hendricks, Travis Heiser, Mike Goble, Troy Wedge, Jerry Nemeec, Garrett Burns, and Jim Welsh.

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The Back Page



This fourth grade team of West Holt girls went 3-0 taking first place at the tournament. Team members were front, Sadie Keogh, Hollyn Konrad, Makenna Mitchell, Leah Pistulka, Jordyn Osborne, and Jady Kratz; back, Olivia Rentschler, Maizy Poessnecker, Hannah Hooley, Shea Jackson, Jewel Beckwith, and Emma Peek. The team was coached by Nick and Carissa Konrad. Photo courtesy Kami Hooley

Competed in Norfolk . . .

Several West Holt basketball teams played over last weekend at the Norfolk YMCA tournament held at several locations.



This sixth grade West Holt basketball team placed second at the Norfolk YMCA tournament. Pictured are front, Madison Kratz, Cale DeSeive, Anel Monasterio, Pavan Larson, and Destini Bussinger; back, Coach Lindsey Nemetz, Taylor Walnofer, Avery Nemetz, Adrianna Mincer, Taylor Peek, and Madalyn Pistulka. Photo courtesy Tracy Larson



Members of this West Holt team of 7th and 8th grade girls were Abby Davis, Ansley Galyen, front row, Lily Vogel, Hadleigh Stracke, and Katelynn Kratz; back, Abby Davis, Ansley Galyen, Makenna Schaaf, Teagan Butterfield, and Coach Chris Nemetz. Photo courtesy Jenny Ruda



Eighth Grade Girls' team members were front, Madison Davis, Lainey Smith, and Miya Carey; back, Cadey Schaaf, Rylee Poessnecker, Olivia Micheel, Makinley Cadwallader, and Coach Chris Nemetz. Photo courtesy Kami Hooley



The West Holt boys' junior high team went 1-2 at the tournament. Team members were front, Andrew Rentschler, Ian Laetsch, Drake Nemetz, Nick Hansen, Cole Poessnecker and Mason Crumrine; back, Lincoln Konrad, Zach Hooley, Caden Lech, and Kruz Jelinek. Photo courtesy Kami Hooley

Apply now for Farm Family Awards

The Aksarben Foundation, along with Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers, announces that applications for the Nebraska Pioneer Farm and Nebraska Heritage Farm Awards are being accepted now through May 5, 2020.

These awards recognize Nebraska farm families who have consecutively held ownership of land in the same family for at least 100 years (Pioneer) or 150 years (Heritage), respectively.

"We look forward to recognizing and awarding these Nebraska farm families each year. The dedication and perseverance demonstrated by these families is a testament to the strong Nebraska values that set our state apart and have been making Aksarben proud, for over 120 years," said Sandra Reding, Aksarben Foundation President.

Partnering with Aksarben in sponsoring these awards each year, Nebraska Farm Bureau President Steve Nelson has said, "Nebraska Farm Bureau is proud to help sponsor these farm family awards. Nebraska Farm Bureau's heritage and continuous mission is to serve Nebraska farm and ranch families, and these awards recognize the commitment to preserve and build Nebraska agriculture for future generations."

Each honoree receives an engraved plaque and gatepost marker as permanent recognition of this milestone. The awards are presented during the annual county fair in which the land is located.

For more information or to apply online, visit www.aksarben.org.

Graphic Gleanings

In 1980 . . . Karen Monahan, and Lori Osborne enrolled at Nettleton College in Sioux Falls, S.D. Karen will be studying hair design and Lori will be in the legal secretarial program. They will both graduate in the spring from West Holt High School.



Placed first in O'Neill Tournament . . .

This team of West Holt girls participated in the 9/10 tournament in O'Neill on Saturday and went 2-0, taking first place. Pictured are front, Sophie Laber, Landyn Mlady, Sadie Jarecke, and Courtney Kellner; back, Coach Laura Olson, Lana Hooley, Brittany Beckwith, Maci Nemetz, Emilee Walnofer, and Coach Riley Bonifas. Not pictured - Coach Randy Bilstein. Photo courtesy Kami Hooley



Dance Team performs . . .

Members of the West Holt Dance Team performed at a recent home basketball game. Pictured are Courtney Kellner, Emilee Walnofer, Cassie Neibauer, Sophie Laber, Kamrey Neptune, Brianna Rentschler, Lily Fischer, Haley Peek, Madeline Rentschler, and Kelcie Osborne.



West Holt band plays on . . .

The West Holt band is usually found playing at home games. This photo shows a few of the band members while several members were still participating in the basketball game. West Holt Band Director Eric Dalaviras is shown on the right side of the photo.

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