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St. Paul Coop is SHIFTING GEARS



ST. PAUL COOPERATIVE GRAIN ASSOCIATION'S General Manager John Obermiller and Don Williams are pictured in front of the elevator on the north side of St. Paul. Also part of the staff at the St. Paul Co-op, but not pictured is Elizabeth Kuszak. (Michael Rother)

After many years of operation on both the feed manufacturing and grain storage sides of agricultural service, the St. Paul Coop Grain Association has put its storage services on indefinite hiatus, opting not to renew its Grain Warehouse License with the Grain Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

Following the coop's decision, St. Paul Coop Grain Association Manager John Obermiller said the facility is concentrating its efforts—at least for the time being—on feed manufacturing.

"We're buying grain and processing it as a feed manufacturer," said the manager. "We're

purchasing it and processing it, either cracking or grinding it."

Asked what was behind the coop's recent decision to halt the grain storage facet of its operation, Obermiller said the decision was made because he and the board felt that the current condition of the coop's storage facilities failed to meet their standards for grain storage.

"Our biggest concern was our facilities here—just being able to keep corn in good condition, making sure we could maintain that condition by keeping the corn dry, and all the different challenges that come with grain handling.

"That was probably the main

reason for discontinuing the storage of grain," he said. "People have had some grain go bad in the past year and that created problems for the whole business."

The coop ceasing the storage of grain "does create challenges with respect to people having the convenience of having their corn here," noted the manager. "But, overall, it will give us the benefit of being able to get our facilities back into better condition—to where we're able to store and handle grain again in larger quantities—and to focus on our feed mixing products."

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Chief Deputy Hoff Honored as Officer of the Year

Howard County Chief Deputy Mike Hoff was recently honored as the 2020 Officer of the Year by the Nebraska Sheriff's Association (NSA) at their annual awards banquet held at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney in early October.

The NSA awards the Officer of the Year honor annually to an officer who demonstrates "leadership by example" and who goes above and beyond the call of duty in their "personal and professional contributions to county government and local community activities."

Hoff's selection for the honor comes following his nomination by Deputy Ryan Smith earlier this year.

Speaking before Hoff's nomination during the NSA awards banquet on October 6th, Smith emphasized Hoff's dedication, recounting the events that took place on December 31st, 2018 for which Hoff has also been nominated for the Howard County Medal of Valor.

At 7:00 p.m. that New Year's Eve, officers on-

duty received notice to be on the lookout for a suspicious, seemingly intoxicated man who had been accosting people, asking them for money.

Shortly before 10:00 p.m., with the wind chill making temperatures feel as low as thirty degrees below zero, Deputy Smith spotted an individual he felt matched the description of the suspicious person while on patrol north of Elba.

According to Smith's recollection, the individual, Luke Lefever of Broken Bow, responded to an attempted traffic stop by turning the lights off in his vehicle and attempting to flee, at which point the deputy engaged in pursuit.

At around 10:00 p.m., the individual stopped his vehicle near the intersection of Dannevirke Road and Page Road north of Elba and emerged from it wielding a 9mm pistol. He then began to fire at Smith, striking his patrol car. Smith and Lefever exchanged over twenty-five shots. At some point during the almost fourteen minutes of gunfire exchange, the deputy, unable to retrieve his patrol rifle, dove for cover in a nearby ditch.

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HOWARD COUNTY Chief Deputy Mike Hoff was recently honored as the NSA's Officer of the Year. Presenting him with the honor is Deputy Ryan Smith. (Courtesy Photo)

Howard County to Look at Other Options for Odell Road

Following last month's hearing regarding the potential vacation of an 840-foot portion of Odell Road just south of 9th Ave., the Howard County Board of Commissioners, convening last Tuesday for the first time in October, once again

discussed a possible resolution to the issue.

At the forefront of concern for both the commissioners and Howard County Roads Superintendent Janet Thomsen is a structurally deficient bridge located along that

section of road.

In her opening remarks last week, Thomsen said that comments made during last month's hearing changed the way that her department felt it should approach the road.

"We went into this look-

ing at two options: new bridge or vacation. So, after the public hearing, I went ahead and I got ahold of Lance Harter, the county engineer, and asked 'is there anything we can do differently—anything we can do in the middle?'"

Thomsen said that Harter believes the bridge to be in "fractured critical" condition, meaning that at least one non-redundant element of its structure—that is, an element of its structure whose failure would likely lead to structural col-

lapse—currently exists in a state of tension.

Thomsen said that Nebraska's County Bridge Match program would likely not be a viable way

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State Bound

ST. PAUL will be represented by a strong delegation at the NSAA State Cross Country Meet on Friday as the Wildcats' team qualified for the state competition after earning runner-up honors at the District C-4 Meet in Minden last week. Members of the runner-up squad include Sam Thede, Jacob Wells, Cody Swinarski, Coach Don Kleinsasser, Dawson Lawver, Conner Wells, and Sam Wells. (Courtesy Photo)





Legion Posts Commend Sheriff’s Department

DURING THE HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ October 13th regular meeting, Commissioner Dave Boehle, representing Dannebrog, alongside members of American Legion posts representing Boelus and St. Paul, met to award the Howard County Sheriff’s Office with commendations. Howard County Sheriff Tom Busch was present to accept the awards on behalf of his office. Pictured left to right are: Chuck Schmidt, Dale Rasmussen, Gary Hewitt, Dave Boehle, Sheriff Tom Busch, Dave Cyboron, and Tom Backus. The awards pictured come from the collective Howard County American Legion Family, from Boelus Legion Post 201, and from St. Paul Legion Post 119. An additional commendation from the Dannebrog Legion Post 241 will be awarded to the office at a later date. (Michael Rother)

City, County Collaborate on New Light

Following deliberation from the Howard County Commissioners last Tuesday and the St. Paul City Council on Monday night, a new street light has been placed on the west end of Paul Street, near its intersection with Highway 92. During the Howard County Commissioners’ meeting on October 13th, City Council President Jerry Thompson and St. Paul City Light Commissioner Ed Thompson met with the commissioners regarding the potential placement of a streetlight upon a Howard-Greeley Rural Public Power District pole near Paul Street’s intersection with Highway 92. “When it’s really dark out, coming in from the east or the west, you can’t find your turnoff,” said the Council president. “The city—even though it’s not city property—would volunteer to do the labor part of it and to maintain it.” City officials said that they have a good reason for wanting to add the light. “When you’re coming down the hill—I know I’ve gone past it,” added the light commissioner. “I’ve talked to some EMTs and they said that there has been an issue in the past where, coming down the hill—not just from Elba or Farwell, but with our St. Paul EMTs—even though they’re familiar with the road, they’ve missed the corner and had to go down to 9th Street to get to the hospital, which costs time.” The proposal placed the City of St. Paul in charge

of the labor involved in placing the light and maintaining it, while making Howard County responsible for paying for the initial cost of the light and its monthly fee. According to Ed Thompson’s projections at the commissioners’ meeting, the light fixture itself cost \$295, with Howard-Greeley installing a small transformer and meter loop costing \$750. Of the initial cost of roughly \$1,045, the St. Paul Development Corporation said it would price match the first \$500, leaving the initial cost to the county at about \$545. With the monthly fee from Howard-Greeley

being \$24.75 and the energy cost of the light averaged at less than three dollars a month, the monthly cost to the county should average about \$28. After a motion by Commissioner Rance Lierman, which was seconded by Boehle, the commissioners approved the City’s proposal. Ultimately, the City of St. Paul absorbed no cost for the light’s installation. “When Howard-Greeley workers were mounting the transformer, I just handed them the light and they mounted it, so we are out no labor, no materials,” said Ed Thompson during the October 19th meeting of the St. Paul City Council. “That has been completed. The light has been installed, and I guess it lights up the intersection very well.”

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Happ-enings

Michael Happ • P-H Publisher

A couple weeks ago, I cleared my schedule of events and jumped in the pickup with my dad for a little Thursday afternoon road trip. My nephew, who is a seventh grader at Seward Middle School, was playing against York that afternoon in a gridiron showdown, and since there weren’t more than a handful of games for me to cover for the newspaper, I decided to take the afternoon off, put on my Blue and Gold, and cheer on the Seward Bluejays.

When we got to the field, I decided to be lazy and leave my camera equipment in the car. One of the benefits of being in the newspaper business is that whether it’s a birthday party, family photos, or just a fun afternoon, you always have access to some great camera equipment for photos. Which means even when you are not working, you can get some fantastic photos of everyday life. Yet, not wanting to be that weird uncle – or any stranger than I already am – I decided an afternoon out from behind the lens would be a good idea. And, let me tell you, it was a treat.

I spend a lot of time each year on baselines and sidelines across the Cornhusker State taking pictures of athletic competitions to use in my publications. And, while I have fun being at the contests, I often joke with people that I never get the chance to enjoy the competition because I am always so focused on getting that perfect shot.

On that October afternoon on the field at Seward High School, I likely had more fun than I have had at any game in the past couple years because I simply had the chance to watch the action unfold.

There was no need to worry about aperture, focus, or lighting. Nor did I have to work hard to get a picture of that one athlete who had yet to make it inside the pages of the newspaper. Instead, all I had to do was watch the game and root on the home team.

While I relished the chance to enjoy the contest that day, I have to say that my one experience in the

stands really changed my view on how people take in activities, especially in the throngs of the twenty-first century.

As I travel from event to event, I am constantly amazed at how many people, whether parents, grandparents, family members, or friends, are sacrificing the chance to enjoy a special moment, a unique event, or a memorable outing because, like me, they have gotten ensnared in the quest for the perfect photo.

Following my afternoon in the stands at Seward, I started to notice this phenomenon more and more at different events that I attended. And, I have to be honest with you, I get it.

There is a rush when you get that unique snapshot. There is also a thrill when you have the chance to capture that cool video. And, frankly, I understand how it is in our nature to want to hold onto a piece of that special moment forever. Today, with technology in the palm of our hands all the time – and I am talking about technology that is as high quality as the professional equipment that newspapers and other outlets use – it is easier than ever to capture those moments.

Yet, this week, I am telling you that there may be another way. A better way.

Enjoy the moment. Whether you are at a football game, a birthday party, or simply trick-or-treating with family and friends, my challenge for you is that when you are itching to reach into your pocket and capture a special moment forever, resist the temptation to scratch that itch and instead live in that moment.

Trust me, on the sidelines and while courtside, I have started to pull my finger off the shutter release more and more to witness really exciting moments in the events that I am at, and I think just doing that one simple action has made for outings that are much more fun. And, while I understand that a photo may last forever, trust me, witnessing history happen while not behind a screen is also an unforgettable experience.

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Christmas Cheer Fund Drive to be in St. Paul

The 2020 Christmas Cheer Fund drive for Howard County is now underway.

This is the thirtieth year for the drive.

The Christmas Cheer Fund is an opportunity for all residents to assist their local neighbors in need. The program will be sponsored by the United Methodist Church and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, both in St. Paul. Families in need of a Christmas Cheer package will be able to pick up an application at the United Methodist Church, 1320 Baxter Street, St. Paul; Citizens Bank and Trust, 721 7th Street; or the Chamber of Commerce office, 619 Howard Avenue, in St. Paul. The Methodist Church hours are 9:00 am-3:00 pm Tuesday through Friday. To be considered a recipient, all completed applications must be returned by Friday, November 20, 2020 to the United Methodist Church. Anyone wanting to make a financial donation may do so at the Citizens Bank and Trust.

Again this year, gift cards to Hometown Market will be distributed instead of food baskets. Beginning the first week in December there will be mitten/stocking caps/sock trees at three locations: United Methodist Church, St.

Mark's Lutheran Church, and Citizens Bank. If you'd like to purchase a gift for a child or family (\$20-\$25 limit per gift), gift tags may be picked up at any of these three locations as well. Wrapped items should be returned to the same location from which you selected a gift tag no later than December 11th.

The Christmas Cheer packages will be distributed on Friday, December 18th, 2020 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm at the Methodist Church.

If you would like more information please call the Methodist Church at 308-754-4247 during their business hours.

New Arrivals

PLACKE: Andrew and Fanny (Aguirre) Placke of Lincoln recently welcomed their first child, Sasha Elisa. She was born September 28, 2020 at Bryan Medical Center in Lincoln. She weighed 8 lbs., and 3 ozs. and was 19 1/4 inches long. Grandparents are Isabel and the late Elmer Aguirre of Fremont and Gene and Kay Placke of St. Libory. Great-grandparents are Jane and the late Jim Kasson of St. Paul and Marilyn and the late Bill Placke of St. Libory.



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Every polling site will receive kits to protect poll workers. Social distancing standards will apply.

For more election information, visit sos.nebraska.gov



Christ Lutheran Holds Confirmation

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH of St. Paul held their confirmation service on October 11, 2020. Rev. Mark Middendorf, far left, confirmed, left, Samuel Wells, Kyler Sack, and Isaac Hagen. (Courtesy Photo)

St. Paul School Joins United Way

The Howard County United Way Campaign team is rolling out Project Undercover along with the Heartland United Way. This project will help provide new socks and underwear to school-aged children in the community. Donations of new socks and underwear can be dropped off at St. Paul Elementary or the Heartland United Way in Grand Island. These donations will then be distributed to local families. Monetary donations can be sent to the Heartland United Way at 1441 N. Webb Road, Grand Island, 68803.



Bowling Results

Tuesday Threesomes		
Alibi's	9	3
Strikers	9	3
3 Lone Wolves	4	8
Stars	1	11

Men's high game and series: Tom Pribnow 120, 352.

Women's high game: Vonnie Czaplewski 142.

Women's high series: Marj Sperling 358.

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Elba News

Barb Tuma • 308-968-3348

Julie Spilinek attended the Presbyterian Women's meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. The group continued their study of the Ten Commandments and enjoyed lunch.

Paula Dush of Grand Island was a Saturday evening visitor and supper guest of Shelly Wolinski.

Tami Stenka and Julie Spilinek enjoyed lunch at a restaurant in Minden on Thursday noon with some cousins to celebrate the 80th birthday of Annette Kuehn of Minden. Lisa Follmer of Kearney also joined them.

Darrin Ingerle of Grand Island was a weekend guest of Allen and Edna Ingerle.

Julie Spilinek attended and hosted the Twilight Twelve supper and card party on Saturday evening at Parkside Plaza in St.

Paul. Others present were Jan and Bill Smith, Gale and Dorothy Carlson, and Anna McIntosh all of St. Edward, Ken and Emily McCray, and Linda Peterson and guest, Shane Nowak, all of St. Paul. Winning at cards was Bill Smith, traveling; Gale Carlson, men's high; and Ken McCray, men's low. Women's high went to Dorothy Carlson and women's low went to Anna McIntosh.

Charlotte Rasmussen attended the Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers Society Meeting in Central City on Thursday afternoon.

Marvin and Betty Poss attended Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at Paplin on Sunday morning.

Julie Spilinek was a brief Sunday afternoon visitor of Leo and Virginia Stenka in St. Paul.

Cotesfield News

Barb Tuma • 308-968-3348

Adeline Jonak of rural Ashton and Barbara Tuma attended the funeral Mass for Virginia Pokorski on Tuesday morning at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at Paplin in rural Howard County.

Adeline Jonak of rural Ashton and Dave and Barbara Tuma were business callers and also did some shopping in Grand Island on Thursday.

Barbara Tuma attended the bridal shower for Morgan Curlo on Saturday afternoon at Katalari Farms near Loup City.

Adeline Jonak of rural Ashton and Dave and Barbara Tuma attended Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at Paplin in rural Howard County on Sunday morning. They also enjoyed dinner in St. Paul at a local diner.

Thank You Card

Thank you for the lovely cards, memorials, and comforting messages. God Bless You, Phyllis Kurz & Clare and Deb Kurz

Thank You Card

It's easy to see what love and caring looks like in this community. Since my injury friends and family members have given of their time and efforts via prayers, calls, visits, food, flowers, cards, needed equipment, gift bags, and in so many ways have touched my heart. An excerpt from a 1915 Johann Starck prayer gives me perspective on this time. "Indeed, when we are in prosperity and know of no tribulations, we imagine that we are in a world only to collect riches or to have fun, give parties, keep company with the world, and conform to its customs, ways, and manners. But since that would ruin our soul and lead to eternal damnation, You, Lord, are accustomed, in accordance with Your faithfulness, occasionally to take us aside from the multitude in order to speak to us alone."

Gratefully,
Jan Thede

Thank You Card

Russ and I would like to thank our family and friends for making our 70th wedding anniversary such a wonderful occasion. We enjoyed and appreciated your good wishes, and each card, note, and gift we received. We have such good memories of the fun we have had with you.

Thank you Vickie, Peg, and Tim for arranging the dinner and card shower. You are the best!

Charlene Lemburg

Thank You Card

I want to thank the talented women that made the beautiful quilts for the Hometown Heroes. I am truly honored to have been nominated for this quilt.

I would like to especially thank Jackie Nielsen. Your quilt will be treasured.

Thank you,
Michelle Woitalewicz

Thank You Card

The family of Travis Lee would like to thank everyone for the cards, memorial gifts, and other gifts. A special thank you to Peters Funeral Home and Pastor Bear for their services.

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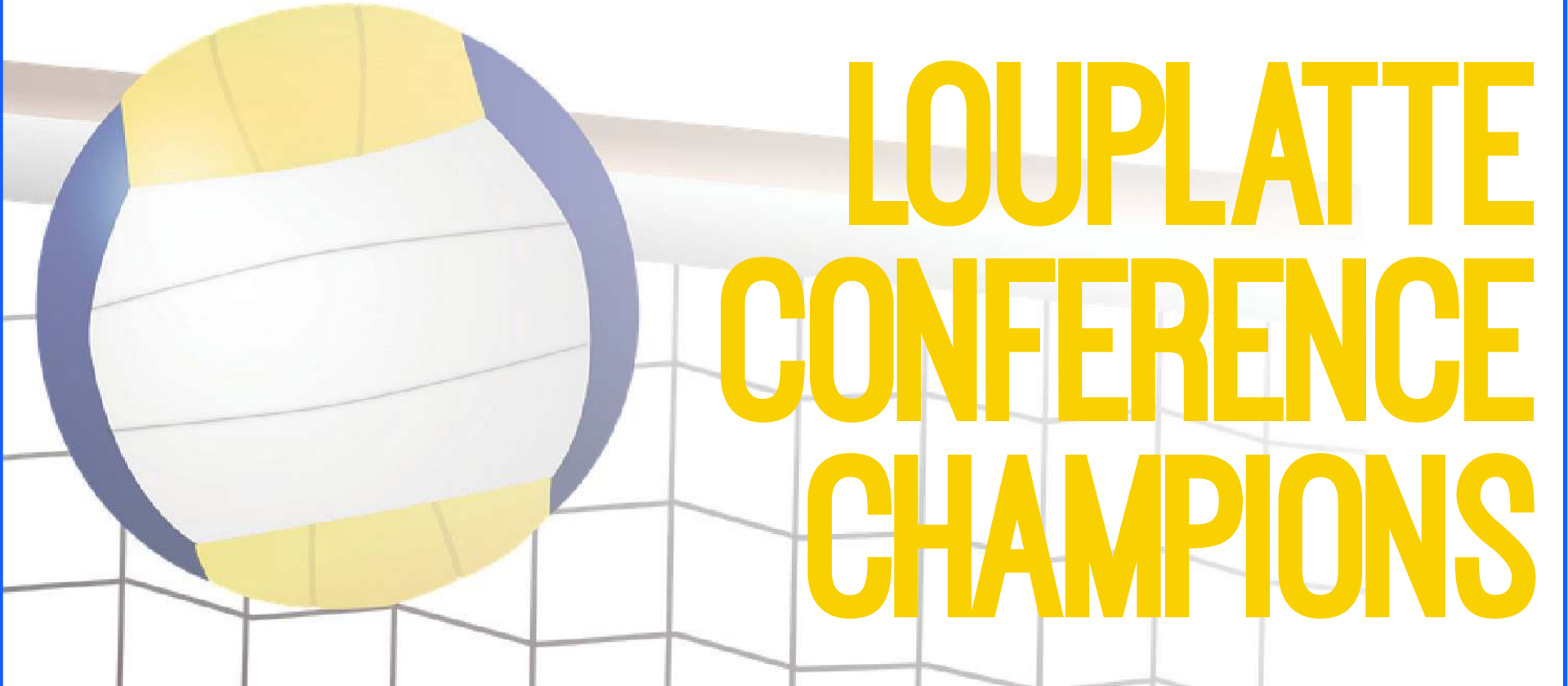
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Life on the Loup is short on news, but Grandma Wheeler said if the sun goes down behind a cloud on Friday, it will rain by Monday.

Grandma Wheeler came with her family to Boone County in a wagon, so her weather knowledge is sound. The sun did go down behind a cloud on Friday, October 16th.

Both the South and Middle Loup rivers are at normal or above levels, and are using water from last year's deposits.

The rivers are going into their winter mode, and I'll write about it in next week's paper.



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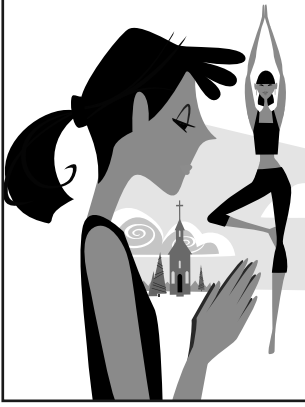
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But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"
New K.J.V. Matthew 4:4



Vitality

Having vitality is about having a zest or enthusiasm for life. It is being fully alive and engaged with life. A person with vitality enjoys life and does things because he or she wants to, not because they have to. If we have lost touch with what we love to do, we should think about what we loved doing as a child and try to reconnect with that. Sometimes just taking a walk through the woods or riding a bike can be revitalizing. Being outside, especially in nice weather, is almost always energizing. Many people find that doing something vigorous in the morning such as taking a walk or exercising gives them increased energy throughout the entire day. To feel truly vital, we need to get adequate rest and fuel our bodies with healthy food. We should remember that the word “vitality” comes from the Latin word “vita” meaning life, so ultimately those things which are healthy and life-enhancing should give us added vitality, whereas unhealthy habits tend to sap our vitality. Finally, we should remember that we are more than just physical beings; our spiritual sides must be nourished. We should not forget to engage in spiritual exercises and to reconnect with the ultimate source of our being, namely, God.

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New K.J.V. Matthew 4:4

Mobile Practice Fills a ‘Need’ in Veterinary Care

After almost two decades of employment as a veterinarian with Martin-
sen Veterinary Clinic in
rural St. Paul, Dr. Adrian
Anderson, DVM made the
decision to venture out on
his own in March, starting
up his own practice.

Anderson’s resolution,
however, was not simply to
go into business for him-
self, but to attempt to fill
people’s need for veteri-
nary care in a novel way:
People do not bring their
animals to Anderson Ani-
mal Medicine, LLC; in-
stead, operating out of a
Chevrolet Colorado, An-
derson brings veterinary
care to them.

Asked what inspired
him to open the area’s only
uniquely mobile veterinary
service, Anderson said that,
after eighteen years as a
practicing veterinarian, he
believed he saw a unique
niche and desire in the area
for what a mobile clinic
could offer.

“There was a need, it
seemed to me, for a mobile
practitioner—for someone
who could make house
calls and serve members of
the community who might
otherwise be a little under-
served,” he said.

Nearly half a year after
establishing his family’s
mobile veterinary clinic,
which services livestock
and pet owners up and
down the Highway 281
corridor, Anderson’s idea
seems to be paying off.

“We’ve been doing
business here for about six
months,” said Anderson
during an interview with
The Phonograph-Herald
last Thursday, “and so far
it’s been successful.

“It’s been very hum-
bling to have as many peo-
ple as we’ve had ask for
services. We feel a lot of
gratitude for all the people
who’ve called us, and who
have found us.”

With any new venture,
Anderson said there are
some unknowns, and the
mobile vet clinic was no
different. However, so far
he has been pleased with
the response.

“I wasn’t sure what to
expect when we started
this,” Anderson added, “but
we feel very blessed and
fortunate to have seen such
strong support from our
clients and the commu-
nity.”

The veterinarian said
that a part of his vision for
the clinic was to provide a
service beneficial to animal
owners.

“Our service will de-
crease the time people have
to spend transporting their
animals to a facility to be
looked at or worked on,” he
said. “I can head directly to
the animal and help. That



ANDERSON ANIMAL MEDICINE, LLC, is a family business, with all members of the Anderson family being on hand to accept their membership with the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce last month. Those pictured include Tracy Anderson, Dr. Adrian Anderson, St. Paul Chamber Executive Director Carolyn Scarborough, Aidan Anderson, and Audrey Anderson. (Michael Rother)

makes a big difference on
animals that are difficult to
transport.”

Anderson noted that
such difficulty may have
many causes, ranging from
a lack of means on the
owner’s side, to struggles
with ambulation on the an-

also save them from an
otherwise stressful chain of
events.

“From a pet standpoint,
a lot of dogs and cats don’t
care to be hauled to some
other, foreign environ-
ment,” he said. “By being
able to go to their house
and vaccinate them, for in-
stance—by being able to
do veterinary house calls,
so to speak—we’re able to
see the pets without sub-
jecting them to the discom-
forts of transport or the
new sights and smells of a
traditional clinic.”

While noting the bene-
fits of mobile services, An-
derson also said that
running such a business
came with its fair share of
unique difficulties and ob-
stacles.

Serving customers
along the Highway 281
corridor from as far north
as Spalding and as far
south as Grand Island, An-
derson said that mapping
his travels has been one of
his biggest challenges.

“Just the logistics of
planning my day is an ob-
stacle,” he said. “If I need
to be in Grand Island in the
morning, there’s some
challenge in being in
Spalding in the afternoon.

“Planning the route and
scheduling things with a
mind to location makes a
difference,” he added.

Such logistical pre-
paredness also extends to
being sure he has all the
equipment necessary for
the day’s appointments
with him in the mobile
clinic.

“As a mobile practi-

wellness visits. We can di-
agnose diseases and ill-
nesses that way.”

Anderson stated that,
when it came to tests, his
clinic can perform many of
the those a traditional facil-
ity would do, with the only
difference being that, with
home visits, there may be a
lag time for results that dif-
fers from what one visiting
a stationary clinic might ex-
perience.

“I can run the same tests,
but I have to send away for
them to get done, which can
create some turnaround
time for diagnostic tests.

“If, by way of example,”
he said, “we felt a dog had
a form of kidney disease,
and we wanted to run a
chemistry test, I could pull
those tests, but they’d have
to be sent off. I wouldn’t be
able to run that test on-site
and have the answer in a
couple hours. Results might
take a day or so.”

Nonetheless, Anderson
Animal Medicine, LLC
provides a glut of services
in the realms of bovine,
equine, and small animal
care. Said services include
bovine consultation and
planning, handling and pro-
cessing, diagnostic lab sub-
missions, ultrasound and
palpation pregnancy tests,
artificial insemination, em-
bryo transfer obstetrical
service, and prolapse repair.
The clinic also carries a
portable calf cradle and hy-
draulic chute.

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- Dr. Adrian Anderson

imal’s.

But beyond the mere el-
ement of convenience for
the customer, Anderson
emphasized that his clinic
has added benefits to pets
and livestock alike, espe-
cially when it comes to
non-emergency care.

By coming to the
farmer, Anderson said, the
clinic not only decreases
the stress and uncertainty
involved with transport on
the farmers’ end, but also
minimizes the livestock’s
risk of exposure to disease.

Servicing a pet in the
home, noted Anderson, can

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The 2020 District C-4 Runners-Up were, left, Cody Swinarski, Dawsonn Lawver, Sam Thede, Conner Wells, Jacob Wells, and Sam Wells. (Courtesy Photo)

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OFFICER -
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“It was dark; I couldn’t really see,” said Smith during an interview with *The Phonograph-Herald* last week. “It’s a really uneasy feeling when you can just make out somebody shooting at you.”

With Smith pinned down, Lefever attempted to steal the deputy’s patrol vehicle, driving it a small way before spinning out south of the intersection on Page Road.

Attaining a shotgun from the vehicle, Lefever then emerged and another bout of gunfire ensued.

“There were four other officers on the scene by that time and we were all taking fire,” said Smith. “It was a pretty chaotic gun battle.”

It was then, by Smith’s recollection, that Hoff, alerted some time prior to the pinned-down deputy, arrived on the scene, clothed in civilian attire and wielding a hunting rifle.

Hoff then engaged Lefever. After receiving 12-gauge-slug fire very near his person, the chief deputy fired upon the subject four times, striking him in the process.

Following Hoff’s intercession, Lefever fled on foot.

A manhunt ensued, endeavored by the combined forces of the Howard, Merrick, and Valley County Sheriff’s Offices, Officers from St. Paul, Scotia, and other municipalities, and Nebraska State Patrol’s SWAT. With aid from a helicopter and a canine unit, State Patrol officers ultimately apprehended Lefever near a creek bed south of Page Road. In addition to the gunshot wound to his forearm, he was discovered to be suffering from hypothermia. The night’s events would ultimately cost him his fingers.

“Mike saved our lives that night,” emphasized Smith. “I will be forever grateful for what he did for me.”

“We all know in law enforcement that this stuff happens, but you’re not really prepared, you don’t think in a small town like Elba, Nebraska that you’re going to have a shootout like this.

“Mike showed up and he fought like a warrior.”

By the time the NSA’s 2020 submission window for Officer of the Year opened up, Smith said, “I had a little bit of time to heal my mind mentally, and I just thought that Mike needed to be recognized.”

Smith stressed that the decision to nominate Hoff was not simply based on that night’s events, but more based on the qualities he felt the Chief Deputy’s actions that night demonstrated.

“It’s not only about that night. [Hoff] always goes above and beyond with everything he does.

“His integrity is without question,” added Smith. “That’s the number one quality you need in this job. And he’s a great leader.

“We talk a lot about community policing and all of that—being involved in your community, being

more than just a police officer who writes tickets. He constantly involves himself in his community...He’s always participating outside of the uniform.”

Deputy Smith said that he will be forever thankful for Hoff’s actions during that evening’s engagement.

“I can’t emphasize enough how thankful I am to Mike. We all risked our lives, but he saved people’s lives that night.”

Hoff, who lives in the Elba area, was born in Minnesota, where his father worked for tractor companies like Steiger and Allis Chalmers.

“We moved around a lot,” said Hoff during an interview last Monday, “and eventually ended up in Loup City.

“We moved there, and I stayed in the area.”

Hoff has been a part of the Howard County Sheriff’s office since 2004, and has served the county as Chief Deputy for roughly seven years.

In his capacity as Chief Deputy for the Howard County Sheriff’s Office, he oversees a staff composed of three full-time and two part-time deputies, an office manager, and a dispatch center staffed by five dispatchers.

In addition to his responsibilities as Chief Deputy, Hoff also serves as a part-time school resource officer for St. Paul Public Schools, where he serves 687 students, teaching classes in subjects ranging from drug and alcohol prevention, to bike safety, to resisting negative peer pressure.

Hoff was awarded a Law Enforcement Appreciation Award from the school for his efforts as a school resource officer during the 2019-2020 school year.

He is also active in his home community of Elba, serving as a member on the chain gang for Elba High School varsity football games for the past five years and avidly supporting his local teams in their various sporting events.

And while Hoff’s designation as Officer of the Year perhaps comes as little shock to those who know of his record of service to Howard County, Hoff said that it took him by complete surprise. Hoff told *The Phonograph-Herald* that he had no idea that he had been nominated for the commendation until roughly a week before the banquet where the award was to be presented to him.

“It surprised me. I didn’t see it coming,” said Hoff. “It was a strange feeling.

“When Deputy Smith read off the events of December 31st, 2018, you know, I had in my mind what had happened, and I didn’t really know what Ryan’s perspective was until he spoke that night.

“It was just a weird feeling,” added Hoff with a slight chuckle. “It’s hard to sit there and get praised, I guess.”

Asked what values he hoped to demonstrate as Chief Deputy, to instill in his staff, and in students as an SRO, Hoff responded without hesitation:

“Just to do the right thing,” he said. “That’s it. It’s that simple.”

COUNTY -
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to seek funding for the replacement of the bridge because of the narrow nature of the structure and the portion of road it sits upon. Any replacement bridge would need to be wider than the current structure, and because of the way Odell Road curves, part of the cost of replacing the bridge would need to go towards realigning a large segment of the road.

It was Thomsen’s understanding that the bridge’s fractured critical condition was at least somewhat caused by this curvature in the road of which it was part.

“The road’s alignment, I’m sure, is part of that,” Thomsen told the commissioners. “That being said, that’s not to say that we as a county can’t do something. It just means that we won’t be getting any state funding for that part of it.”

The roads superintendent then noted that simply replacing the bridge’s corrugated deck could potentially solve some of its more immediate issues.

“That could make it usable for some purposes... That would make the bridge more traversable, but it’s not going to improve the weight limit on it.”

Another option was simply leaving the bridge alone.

“We can make that a minimum maintenance road and leave it as it has been,” she added.

Following Thomsen’s comments on the issue, commissioner Dave Boehle noted that he felt any option that the county selects should be cost-conservative.

“I think with regard to putting much money into this bridge, there is a full capacity bridge within a mile,” noted the commissioner.

In response to worries members of the public raised during September’s hearing concerning the vacation permanently removing a bridge that could potentially serve as an alternative to hauling farm equipment up Highway 11, Boehle noted that the nearby full capacity bridge could be used for such purposes.

As it is currently understood, any measure taken by the commissioners to sustain the life of the bridge without replacing it would likely not increase the bridge’s capacity much, if at all, meaning it would remain unviable for use by those hauling farm equipment in any case.

The problem with simply leaving the bridge in its current state, as Chairman Kathy Hirschman saw it, came down to the potential hazard it posed to residents of the county, particularly if heavy traffic was regularly passing over it.

“What concerns me,” said Hirschman, “is that people are exceeding its weight limit. That’s dangerous.”

Viola Koperski, who was present for the discussion, asked the commissioners if the county was liable for an accident caused by an individual knowingly exceeding the bridge’s posted weight limit. While Hirschman said that the county would likely not be liable, she added that her concern was not about the county’s liability per se, rather about the risk to citizens that the

bridge could pose.

“It’s just that we know about it, and it’s a safety issue,” Hirschman said.

While Viola Koperski and Brian Koperski contended that they saw vehicles that surpassed the bridge’s seven-ton limit crossing it only infrequently, it was contended by Brian that county graders had been down that road within the past two weeks, something that Thomsen stressed should not be happening.

“Once they get down that road, a maintainer could back out,” emphasized Commissioner Boehle, “but it’s a little bit tough if you’re wheeling your eighteen-wheeler around.”

Thomsen noted that it might be prudent to put a

sign saying “Low Tonnage Bridge Ahead” on Odell’s intersection with Eighth Avenue. “That way people are warned before they get down the road and decide ‘I’m going to take a chance crossing it anyway.’”

Near the end of the discussion, Thomsen said she would like to confer with Chris Adelman, who does contracting with Husker Steel, to verify if there is perhaps a way to sustain the bridge or even increase its capacity without replacing it.

The commissioners ultimately agreed to table their decision on the bridge, with Commissioner Rance Lierman making the motion and Boehle seconding.

“Let’s get some ideas and take some time to see what we’ve got for sure,”

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UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET For United States Senator Six Year Term Vote for ONE ☐ Ben Sasse Republican ☐ Chris Janicek Democratic ☐ Gene Siadek Libertarian ☐	Judge of the District Court District 8 - Six Year Term Shall Judge Mark D. Kozisek be retained in office? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Howard Greeley Rural Public Power District For Board of Directors - Subdivision 5 Six Year Term Vote for ONE ☐ Scottie L. Reynolds ☐
	Judge of the County Court District 8 - Six Year Term Shall Judge Kale B. Burdick be retained in office? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Nebraska Public Power District Subdivision 2 - Six Year Term Vote for ONE ☐ Barry DeKay ☐ Aaron Troester ☐
CONGRESSIONAL TICKET For Representative in Congress District 3 - Two Year Term Vote for ONE ☐ Adrian Smith Republican ☐ Mark Elworth Jr. Democratic ☐ Dustin C. Hobbs Libertarian ☐	Central Community College For Board Of Governors - District 3 Vote for ONE ☐ Sandra Borden ☐	Loup Basin Reclamation District Subdivision 1 - Six Year Term Vote for ONE ☐ Scott Klinginsmith ☐
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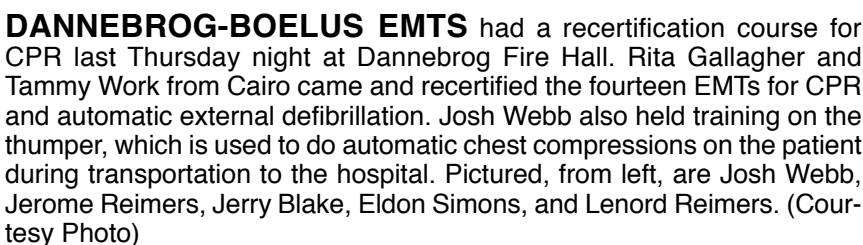
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Scouts Hold Ceremony

ST. PAUL’S BOY SCOUT TROOP 121 held a Crossing Over ceremony on Sunday afternoon at the American Legion Club. The event, which marks the transition from being a Cub Scout to a Boy Scout, was well attended by young men who used the ceremony as a chance to join the ranks of Troop 121. Above, Roman Lentz, Jesse Mills, and Cole Brus participate in a key part of the ceremony as they drape the boy scout neckerchief over Abe Gawrych. (Michael Happ)

COOP - (from page one)

Obermiller, added that, on the feed side of things, if people have on-farm storage, the coop can still potentially go out to the site, bring the grain in, process it, and take it back to the producer.

“The cost won’t be much different than if they had the grain here in storage and were paying a storage bill,” he said. “It’d be priced at a competitive level.”

According to the manager, the desire to maintain competitive costs was a large factor behind the coop’s decision not to renew its license.

While Obermiller, who took over as manager of the coop in April, said he hadn’t been manager for long, he stated that it was his understanding that “some of the adjustments that were made [previously] weren’t keeping up with current levels of the industry,” and that said adjustments “limited what the board was able to do in terms of maintaining facilities,” and that created the issue of not being able to keep corn in condition.

“If we would have continued to be involved on the grain bank side of things,” he added, “in the short term our prices might have had to change in order to get things back to where we could keep corn in good condition.”

With the facilities not up to their standard and with limited means by which to make the necessary improvements, Obermiller said that the members of the coop decided not to renew their Grain Warehouse License “as a measure to keep costs down, so that we could stay competitive on the feed side of the business.”

He emphasized that this wasn’t a sudden decision, but the result of much deliberation between members of the coop board.

“It’s a situation where—this isn’t something that the board suddenly decided

needed to be fixed. It’s been ongoing. We started to make changes when I came on board because that was probably the simplest time to start,” he said. “The board wasn’t surprised by anything. There were challenges that everyone was facing that we needed to address so that we weren’t delivering feed that wasn’t in good condition.”

The manager said that the coop’s open house on August 20th, in which they discussed the changes made with respect to storage, had good turnout.

“We had a good group of people who attended,” he said, noting that throughout the day of the open house the coop had roughly seventy-five people patronize it.

Obermiller said that, while some people who attended the open house who had stored grain with the coop in the past had questions, the staff held multiple conversations and addressed each person individually.

“We gauged it as fairly successful,” he noted

Asked if the decision not to renew their grain storage license was temporary and whether the coop would renew it down the line, Obermiller said it was a possibility.

“We’re still zoned and we’re still able to be part of the things we were in the past, and if we can get things aligned there is a chance that we will go back into the grain bank side of things,” said Obermiller. “But that’s a long-

term, future thing, I’m sure.

“We’re positioning ourselves to try to get back to what we were years ago; we’re making changes and working our way back.”

Wanted Man Arrested East of Loup City

On October 16th, 2020 at approximately 5:50 p.m., a Sherman County Sheriff’s Office deputy responded to a report of a suspicious person in Peterson Park in Loup City. The suspect, identified as Alvin Chambers, fled the deputy in a vehicle, leading the deputy to initiate pursuit. Chambers eventually

brought his vehicle to a rest on Trail 3 at Sherman Reservoir, whereupon, possibly due to a mechanical issue, it caught fire.

The suspect then fled the area on foot and was unable to be located.

At approximately 10:55 a.m. the next day, Chambers was spotted on Highway 92, east of Loup City.

Despite a second attempted flight, he was caught and arrested without further incident. He was transported to Valley County Jail and lodged on multiple local charges and outstanding federal warrants.

The Howard County Sheriff’s Office was one of several bodies aiding in his eventual arrest.

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VILLAGE TICKET	PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS	PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION
Boelus Village Board of Trustees Vote for up to THREE ☐ Vance G. Christensen ☐ Gene Whitefoot ☐ Russell K. Jensen ☐ ☐ ☐	Proposed Amendment No. 2 <i>A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would amend the Nebraska Constitution to authorize the Legislature to extend the maximum length of time for the repayment of indebtedness related to tax-increment financing from 15 years to 20 years if more than one-half of the property in the project area is designated as extremely blighted.</i> <i>A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would leave the maximum length of time for repayment of indebtedness unchanged at 15 years.</i> A constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to allow cities and villages to pledge property taxes as part of a redevelopment project for a period not to exceed twenty years if, due to a high rate of unemployment combined with a high poverty rate as determined by law, more than one-half of the property in the project area is extremely blighted. ☐ For ☐ Against	Initiative Measure 430 <i>A vote "FOR" will enact a statute which: (1) allows games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska; (2) establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to license and regulate such gaming; and (3) amends and repeals existing sections of law to harmonize provisions consistent with the enactment of such statute.</i> <i>A vote "AGAINST" will not cause such a statute to be enacted.</i> Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) allows games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska; (2) establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to license and regulate such gaming; and (3) amends and repeals existing sections of law to harmonize provisions consistent with the enactment of such statute? ☐ For ☐ Against
Cotesfield Village Board of Trustees Vote for up to THREE ☐ Bill Potter ☐ Mel Lewis ☐ Randy Faaborg ☐ ☐ ☐	PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION Initiative Measure 428 <i>A vote "FOR" will amend Nebraska statutes to: (1) reduce the amount that delayed deposit services licensees, also known as payday lenders, can charge to a maximum annual percentage rate of thirty-six percent; (2) prohibit payday lenders from evading this rate cap; and (3) deem void and uncollectable any delayed deposit transaction made in violation of this rate cap.</i> <i>A vote "AGAINST" will not cause the Nebraska statutes to be amended in such manner.</i> Shall Nebraska statutes be amended to: (1) reduce the amount that delayed deposit services licensees, also known as payday lenders, can charge to a maximum annual percentage rate of thirty-six percent; (2) prohibit payday lenders from evading this rate cap; and (3) deem void and uncollectable any delayed deposit transaction made in violation of this rate cap? ☐ For ☐ Against	Initiative Measure 431 <i>A vote "FOR" will enact a statute which: (1) imposes a 20% annual tax on gross gaming revenue from games of chance operated at licensed racetrack locations; (2) distributes 75% of such gaming tax revenues to the State for credit of 2.5% to both the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and General Fund; and 70% to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund; and (3) distributes 25% of such gaming tax revenues to the county where the licensed racetrack is located, or, if the racetrack is located partially within a city or village, distributes this percentage evenly between the county and city or village.</i> <i>A vote "AGAINST" will not cause such a statute to be enacted.</i> Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) imposes a 20% annual tax on gross gaming revenue from games of chance operated at licensed racetrack locations; (2) distributes 75% of such gaming tax revenues to the State for credit of 2.5% to both the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and General Fund, and 70% to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund; and (3) distributes 25% of such gaming tax revenues to the county where the licensed racetrack is located, or, if the racetrack is located partially within a city or village, distributes this percentage evenly between the county and city or village? ☒ For ☐ Against
Cushing Village Board of Trustees Vote for up to THREE ☐ Pat Koperski ☐ Patricia A. Geiger ☐ ☐ ☐	PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS Proposed Amendment No. 1 <i>A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would eliminate a provision in the Nebraska Constitution that states that slavery or involuntary servitude may be used as a punishment for conviction of a crime.</i> <i>A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would leave the language regarding slavery or involuntary servitude unchanged in the Nebraska Constitution.</i> A constitutional amendment to eliminate slavery or involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime. ☐ For ☐ Against	

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Ten Years Ago, 2010
On Thursday evening the Boelus Fire Department received a \$2,500 donation that was won by third generation Boelus area farmer Jack Reimers in Monsanto's America Farmers Grow Communities SM Program...Monsanto's program takes place in more than 1,200 counties in thirty-eight states. More than 20,000 farmers participated in the program. Winners are selected from each county and may then designate their preferred local non-profit to receive the monetary reward.

On October 18th, Keep America Beautiful (KAB) announced the national award winners that will be honored in Orlando, Florida at the KAB annual conference. Elba Public School, K-12, won the Distinguished Service Citation for their litter reduction, beautification, and recycling projects during the Great American Cleanup.

Twenty Years Ago, 2000
St. Paul's girls finished second at the District C-3 Cross Country Championships on Thursday and earned a trip to the State Meet in Kearney on Friday, October 20th...St. Paul had two girls earn medals at the meet. Senior Georgie Lock finished fifth with a time of 17:56 and junior Jessi Moody was sixth in 18:02. Also running for the Wildcats were: freshman Bridgett Besse, fifteenth with 19:05; sophomore Jenny Nesiba, eighteenth with 19:23; and senior Alicia Reed, thirtieth with 21:00. Workers were busy

Wednesday placing various monuments on the Howard County Courthouse lawn that will honor all of the country's veterans. A brick walk will have the names and dates of individual veterans and the monuments will honor the various wars.

Thirty Years Ago, 1990
Two rural Ashton women were injured in a two-vehicle accident on a gravel road northwest of Farwell Thursday afternoon. Injured in the accident were Ladonna and Delores Ziola, both of rural Ashton. Howard County Sheriff Ron Bryer said a gravel truck owned by Elba Sand and Gravel and driven by Dan Johnson, 28, of Elba collided in an uncontrolled intersection with the 1984 Ford automobile driven by Ladonna Ziola, 20, of rural Ashton. The car was owned by Earnest and Delores Ziola...The EMTs transported Ladonna and Delores to the Howard County hospital, where Ladonna was treated for scalp and face lacerations and multiple contusions and Delores for severe skull lacerations and multiple contusions. Ladonna Ziola was released on October 12th; Delores was transferred on October 11th to St. Francis Medical Center, where, as of Wednesday morning, she was listed in stable but guarded condition.

The Elba High School Homecoming ceremonies were held Friday night during halftime of the football game with Arcadia. The royalty included runner-up

Kristina Rasmussen, Queen Becky Wilson, runner-up Luke Pedersen, King Scott Conway, and crown bearers Tonya Wysocki and Nicholes Ole-son.

Forty Years Ago, 1980
Mike Ostermeier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ostermeier of St. Paul, will be receiving his Boy Scout "God and Country" award Sunday morning during the 10:30 church services at First United Presbyterian Church in St. Paul.

Darwin Dimmitt and Cheryl Jonak were crowned king and queen Friday night during the Elba football game.

Fifty Years Ago, 1970
Two families were honored at the Soil and Water Conservation Banquet Tuesday evening. One family was Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kolar of Wolbach...The other family was Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Weiss of Boelus.

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Paul Musquiz, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Musquiz of St. Paul, graduated from Interior Communications Electrician "A" School at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, California.

Sixty Years Ago, 1960
Jack Duffy, owner of Duffy's Corner Pharmacy, announced this week that he has made arrangements to move his business to the building now occupied by the post office. The building will undergo extensive remodeling to make a modern pharmacy before Mr. Duffy moves, he said.

Births—October 14: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Wilmar Bader, Palmer, wt. 7 lb., 14 oz. Oct. 15: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Pearson, Elba, wt. 9 lb., 3 oz. Oct. 16: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lyons, Wolbach, wt. 8 lb., 3 oz. Oct. 16: a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burkhardt, Palmer, wt. 6 lb., 13 oz.

Seventy Years Ago, 1950
By the resounding majority of 311 to 197, the voters of St. Paul on Tuesday turned their backs on an added bond levy for the proposed new grade school. Asked to vote for an additional \$75,000 to be used to meet the additional costs of the building, the people in effect said "no deal."

Advt.—Warning: Shooting of B.B. Guns is prohibited in St. Paul. Electric light bulbs on all the

streets and on other property have been destroyed. The offense must stop. If apprehended, the guilty will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. A.E. Jacobs, Chief of Police.

Eighty Years Ago, 1940
Miss Marie Puncocar had a birthday anniversary on Sunday, so a number of relatives and friends gathered at the Jos. Puncocar home that afternoon to remind her of this event. The young folks went boat riding and the elders visited. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Puncocar and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Soff and son, Raymond, and Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Bell. Lunch was served late in the afternoon. Miss Marie got some nice gifts.

Word received by Mr. and Mrs. George P. Hansen from their son, Leo, who is in the Navy, informs them that his ship had arrived at the Port of San Diego. At the time they received the telegram he was suffering with flu; ill men were not allowed ashore. The fleet with which he is assigned will leave soon for the Hawaiian Islands and perhaps may go as far as the Philippines before returning to the home port. A letter they received later told them that he had recovered.

Ninety Years Ago, 1930
School Notes—The St. Paul Wildcats scored a 7 to 0 victory over Ord on the gridiron on Friday. After a slow start, St. Paul got in gear by the long gains of Taylor, and Armstrong went over for a touchdown. Taylor's try for an extra point was no good but, due to Ord being offside, St. Paul was awarded the point. The boys will go to Ravenna on Friday, October 17th. This is their first out of town game. Let's all go and help lead the boys to victory.

Lucille Jorgensen, Dorothy Dee Williams, and Burdette Holm hiked to Cushing on Saturday, returning home Sunday afternoon. Twenty miles were earned toward their Girls Club letters.

100 Years Ago, 1920
Advt.—Leave your order for cabbage at 2¢ per pound. Pete Jensen, Boelus, NE.

Dannebrog—Freddy Johnson, a son of John Johnson, south of town, had four fingers badly crushed in the engine last Saturday while helping to fill a silo. The fingers were disjointed and otherwise badly injured and required the services of a physician.

110 Years Ago, 1910
J.C. Beaver is in town this week. He is assisting the Bell Telephone boys in getting things lined up in a proper manner. He is able to do that very easily in this city as he is well known to nearly all our people, having had charge of the local exchange when it was property of the Bell Company. He will remain here for some time.

St. Paul is well represented with hunters up and around Burwell this week. On Saturday, A.E. Cady, Jr. and Drury Jolls went up there and on Monday Billy,

Dave, and Everett Welsh and Stanley Klinginsmith went up in the same neighborhood and they will spend some few days hunting game. We will wager that the St. Paul fellows will get their share of the game.

120 Years Ago, 1900
Dannevirke—The farmers of this place had a carload of oats shipped in from Hamilton County last week. They are expecting a couple more cars this week.

St. Libory Items—One day last week a stable, hay stack, and some tools and machinery belonging to Chas. Sallinger were burned down.

130 Years Ago, 1890
H.P. Christensen, the new photographer over at Wyschki's, is now open and ready for business. His apparatus are the newest and most complete kind for doing good work, and he guarantees satisfaction.

It was surely a feather in A.A. Kendall's cap this week when, in the case of Mary Cook vs. the Omaha Republican Company, the jury gave a verdict for the girl of \$14,280, and more especially so when it is remembered that Mr. Kendall fought the case all alone and against at least four of the brightest U. P. attorneys. The case lasted nearly two days before it went to the jury, and many said Deb should not have taken the case without some other legal help, but he got there just the same. Out of all the cases in which Mr. Kendall has been interested during the last three terms of district court, only one criminal and civil case has been decided against him. Mr. Kendall can by no means feel ashamed of his five year record as an attorney. He is rapidly getting to be one of the best practicing lawyers in the state.

MOBILE VET -

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Anderson grew up in Howard County, attending school in St. Paul before enrolling at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, where he attained his bachelor's in 1998. He then attended Kansas State,

receiving his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 2002.

Anderson has spent his entire professional life in practice in Howard County, from in 2002 until the establishment his mobile services in the spring of this year.

"It's a family business," concluded Anderson of the clinic. "My wife and children play a big role in it. I feel blessed to have them providing help and support."

"And we all feel very blessed by the amount of work we've done here in the past six months. We feel it's been very successful so far. We have nothing we can complain about."

Anderson's wife, Tracy Anderson, teaches high school English at St. Paul Public Schools, where their two children attend.



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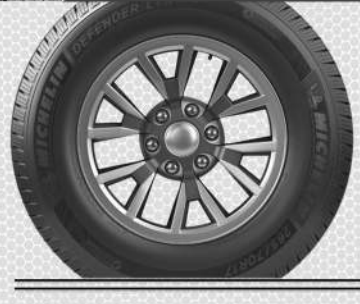
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Chants Upend Centura

The Centurions welcomed in one of the top teams in Class C-2 last week, and right off the bat the Howard County kids got a taste of what it is like to battle with one of Nebraska's best.

On their home field, Centura found themselves grasping at straws in an attempt to curb the powerful rushing attack of the Ord Chanticleers. And even more threatening than Ord's offense was their ability to shut down the Centurions' attack as the local gridders netted just over 150 yards of offense in the 62-6 loss.

Right out of the gate, Ord took control of the game, scoring seven touchdowns in the opening to jump out to a 48-0 lead heading into the second. In that frame, neither team saw action on the offensive end, but with a large advantage the Chanticleers headed into the half knowing the clock would be running non-stop over the course of the final two frames, a realization that despite some action on the Centurions' side of the ball, would play out just as planned.

In the second half, the Chanticleers posted two more scores while Centura managed to get the last word in with a two yard touchdown run by Spencer Landers to cap off the contest.

Eli Wooden powered the Centurions' offense last week as the senior quarterback rushed for forty-three yards following a dozen attempts. Bosten Caspersen and Gavin Anderson also netted yards on the ground with the two earning fifteen and thirteen yards respectively. Junior Tanner Simdorn was the only other member of the Centurions' team to end up with positive rushing yards as he finished the contest with twelve.

Aloft, Wooden completed a pair of passes for twenty-five yards while Kellen Fries ended up finding two of his targets as well, netting the team an additional fifty yards in the game. Trent Rasmussen had the biggest catch of the night after he snagged one of those passes for thirty-six yards.

While Ord's attack proved to be a powerful one, the Centurions were able to curb their advance throughout the night, with Tanner Simdorn leading
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TOMMY WROBLEWSKI reaches for the end zone during the Wildcats' second overtime drive in last week's football game with the Patriots. Wroblewski would pass the pylon for the score, with the senior earning eight yards on the carry. (Michael Happ)

Wildcats Win O.T. Thriller



ST. PAUL SENIOR GUNNAR NYBERG turns up field after snagging a ten yard pass from quarterback Brenden Knapp during last week's district final matchup with Adams Central. (Michael Happ)

It was the type of story that Hollywood screenwriters dream about having play out on the big screen.

The tying touchdown. Overtime. Another overtime. The missed kick. The reach at the goal line for the game winning score.

Those events occurred far from southern California Friday night as in the rural reaches of Adams County the St. Paul Wildcats managed to make all of that happen and more as they topped Adams Central 26-20 in a slugfest that ended with the Blue and Gold bringing home another victory and a district title.

While St. Paul may have missed a beat in the opening half, like they have been shown to do throughout the season, the Wildcats found their footing in the final two quarters, and then some, to extend their winning streak to seven in a row.

"It was smash mouth football in the second half," noted St. Paul head coach Rusty Fuller following Friday's contest. "Our offensive line took over in the second half, which led

to some nice gains.

"I am super proud of these boys who earned a district championship."

Pride was the feeling as the lights at Patriot Field were powered off, yet as the game got underway, with Adams Central making it known right out of the gate that they were here to play, it was worry that ensnared the Wildcats' sideline.

With a southerly wind, the Patriots kicked off to start the opening half, and even though St. Paul's offense got the first chance to put up points, they came up unsuccessful as a series of busted plays forced the locals to punt. Following the return, Adams Central's offense wasted no time. On the first play of the game, quarterback Cam Foster completed a short pass to Drew Bonifas who then trotted fifty-four yards for the Patriots' first touchdown of the night.

The Wildcats would have the chance to begin two more series in the opening minutes of the contest, with both

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Wildcats Win Fifth Straight Conference Title

Although five different Lou-Platte Conference volleyball teams have played in the state tournament at some point during the past five seasons, only one team has managed to win the conference volleyball tournament championship.

That team is the St. Paul Wildcats.

Last week, the Wildcats completed the feat in impressive fashion in front of a big home crowd in the St. Paul gymnasium. The three wins moved the 'Cats to 27-0 on the year with just two matches left in the regular season.

St. Paul opened conference play with a 25-15, 25-16, 25-16 victory over Arcadia-Loup City.

Seniors Camryn Morgan and Carley Dixon led the way with tough serving from behind the end line. Morgan fired six ace serves on the night and held serve for sixteen points while Dixon had three aces and eleven points. Junior setter Olivia Poppert also had three ace serves to go along with four kills and thirty-three assists.

Poppert had a plethora of effective targets to set to



NOEL ROAN snags a one-handed dig during the opening match of last Thursday night's LouPlatte Conference finals. The Wildcats bested the Chanticleers in three sets.

on the night, finding seniors Josie Jakubowski and Teegan Hansel for ten kills apiece. Jenna Jakubowski

added five kills, Ashlyn Lukasiewicz, Maya Becker and Madison Hirschman had three apiece, and

Mikayla Mrkvicka had one. Poppert, Hansel, and Lukasiewicz each finished with two blocks while sen-

ior Libero Paige Lukasiewicz had a match-high seventeen digs. Fellow senior Noel Roan

picked up seven digs and Rowynn Hansel had two attacks.

"Abby Elstermeier was still nursing a sore ankle, so out of precaution, we held her out for this match," commented St. Paul head coach Matt Koehn-Fairbanks. "Madison Hirschman filled in admirably in her stead for two sets and Maya Becker came in in the third set and really made a difference. With all these tremendous seniors on our team it is great to see some of the younger players step up when their name is called."

In the semifinals, the Wildcats met up with the Wood River Eagles and prevailed in straight sets 25-18, 25-10, 25-16.

Josie Jakubowski had a monster night at the net with fourteen kills on twenty-nine attacks with just one error for a .448 attack percentage. Teegan Hansel was nearly as impressive with eight kills on just eleven attacks to hit at a .636 clip. Hansel also came up with six stuff blocks and Jakubowski

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Wildcats Clinch State Berth



ST. PAUL BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY team runs away from the start on Thursday afternoon at the district cross country meet in Minden. Members pictured include, left, Sam Thede, Cody Swinarski, Conner Wells, and Jacob Wells. (Michael Happ)

The St. Paul Wildcats are making a return trip to the NSAA State Cross Country Meet, and while there will be some tough competition waiting for them on the links at the Kearney Country Club this Friday, the Blue and Gold will make the trek to Buffalo County with confidence as there is no doubt that the Wildcats have already been tested on the course.

Last Thursday afternoon, on the course at the Minden Country Club, the Wildcats found themselves in a dogfight with some of Class C's best competition, but that was no surprise as even before they arrived in Kearney County, they knew that they were going to see some strong runners.

"We knew going into the meet that Aurora was going to be tough. They are the defending state champions," said St. Paul head coach Don Kleinsasser in reference to the fact that the Huskies were able to best the Wildcats for the team title at last week's Class C-4 District Competition.

However, even with Aurora earning thirty-eight points and topping St. Paul by five, Coach Kleinsasser said that he was still proud of the way the Wildcats ran last week, and was even happier that they will be able to make a return trip to Kearney.

"I was really happy with the way we ran," said the Coach. "Finishing five points behind Aurora with a few things that didn't go our way gives us a lot of confidence going into state."

Leading St. Paul last week was junior Conner Wells who won Thursday's race in 16:51.02. While Wells may have been in more of a competitive battle at the finish than he had in many of his competitions this season - finishing just ahead of Central Catholic's Zach Cloud who completed the race in 16:57.98 - he was still able to take the gold even after the course threw him some curveballs.

"Conner had a really good day," said Coach Kleinsasser. "He even fell on the course once when he hit some mud, but he was able to recover."

While the Huskies slipped past St. Paul for the team title, Aurora's first runner to cross the finish line placed seventh, coming in with a time of 17:21.83. The Huskies' success came from the fact that they had five runners in the top fifteen, with St. Paul only getting two others into the medals while their fourth competitor finished just a couple places back.

Dawson Lawver ended up coming across the line in 17:13 for fifth place while Jacob Wells



CONNER WELLS came home with the District D-3 title last Thursday evening after the junior completed the course at Minden in 16:51, even overcoming some obstacles before the finish. (Michael Happ)

ended up in fifteenth after the senior clocked in at 17:48.32. Sam Thede was the fourth member of the Wildcats' team to contribute to their overall total, with Thede coming in at 18:19 for twenty-second. Cody Swinarski and Sam Wells were also on St. Paul's roster on Thursday, with Swinarski ending the race in thirty-second with a time of 19:00 while Wells wasn't far behind as he clocked in at 19:14 for thirty-seventh.

Coach Kleinsasser said after the race that his entire team could have been in the medals, but

they ended up getting lumped together at the start.

"Our third and fourth runners got kind of stuck in a group the first mile and had to use quite a bit of energy to get out of that group," said the coach, "then they had fallen behind the next group so energy had to be spent there also."

Outside of Wells, Cloud, and Lawver, runners from Adams Central and Minden ended up rounding out the top five with the Patriots' Luke Bonifas finishing in third at 17:01.6 and Konner Verbeck of Minden com-

ing in fourth at 17:09.52. The Whippets placed third on their home course with forty-nine points, and will join Aurora and St. Paul at the state meet.

That event, on Friday, should be a good one for the entire delegation from St. Paul their coach pointed out.

"Our ultimate goal for the day was to live another week and make it to state," said Coach Kleinsasser. "We did that and now we are preparing for a great day at state."

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Lady Jays Fall to GRC Opponents

Last week was a busy one on the court for the Lady Bluejays, and while the Elba netters competed in three matches in just as many days, they came up just short of notching another victory.

Last Tuesday, the Purple and Gold traveled to Palmer where they got topped by the Flyers from Humphrey St. Francis and their hosts. Then, on Thursday, in the opening round of the Goldenrod Conference Tournament, the Lady Jays battled in two close sets before Riverside eliminated them from the competition, leaving the Elba girls with a 1-16 record on the season.

On Tuesday, the Bluejays couldn't find a single hole in the Flyers' defense as they struggled to put up points in the second match of the Palmer Triangular, dropping the contest 25-7, 25-6.

Against the Flyers, Elba had six kills, with freshman Maycee Radke accounting for half of those shots. Jaime Wysocki had two kills in the match as well, while Angel McKoski finished with one.

The Bluejays did have a perfect night from the service line as they pounded out thirteen serves, including a lone ace from Radke. Additionally, Meleyna Kosmicki had four set assists to aid the Bluejays' offense.

Radke also led the Bluejays' digging effort against St. Francis, with the freshman digging up four balls in the match. McKoski had three digs as well.

Following their battle with St. Francis, the Bluejays went the distance against Palmer, with the Tigers eventually getting the 29-27, 25-14 victory.

In that match, Wysocki had five kills and Radke chipped in four. Elba's McKoski also had some success at the net, earning a solo kill in the match. At the line, McKoski contributed four of the Lady Jays' six ace serves with Deanna Fanta and Wysocki accounting for the others. Additionally, Wysocki had ten digs and a pair of blocks in that match.

Radke contributed on the receive as well with eight digs while McKoski and Fanta both had seven.

After battling with two Goldenrod Conference foes on Tuesday night, the Bluejays headed up Highway 11 on Thursday when they faced off with Riverside at Burwell.

Against the Chargers, Elba was able to put up some points and pressured the Boone County kids. However, that wasn't enough to punch their ticket to the second round as Riverside won the match 25-18, 25-13, and 25-9.

Opposite the Chargers, Elba hit a roadblock both at the net and at the service line as the Bluejays only earned six kills in the match and committed several serving errors opposite their four aces.

Wysocki powered the team with four kills while McKoski earned the remaining three.

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the Centurions' defense with thirteen tackles while Noah Melgoza ended up with four and Bladen Garcia and Jack Sokol each had three.

Tommy Stevens was the Chanticleers' most dominant player as the senior earned 162 yards on thirteen carries. Stevens also scored four touchdowns for the Valley County kids while Zach Smith had two after he netted fifty yards on the ground. Smith was key in the team's passing game as well as the quarterback completed five of the six passes he attempted for fifty-two yards and a solo score.

This week, the competition does not get any easier for the Centurions as they are slated to travel to Grand Island to battle with the five-win Crusaders. Kickoff for that game is scheduled for 7:00pm on the campus of Central Catholic High School.

Centurions Battle at District Cross Country

A tough course and a field of strong competition left the Centura Centurions with just a lone medalist following last Thursday's District Cross Country Meet in Minden.

On the course at the Minden Country Club, the Centurions had a talented delegation at the starting line, with one member of that team, Leonardo Soto, ending the race in the top fifteen and earning a spot at state. Last week, Soto finished the race in ninth after he came across the line in 18:51.01. That effort earned the junior a spot at this Friday's state competition.

Other members of the Centurions' squad to battle at Minden included Kolby Gorecki who placed twenty-second after he completed the course in 19:52.11 while Cole Callahan wasn't far behind him with a twenty-fifth place finish at 19:55.75. Centura's Cooper Webb was also in the mix last week as

the sophomore placed fortieth with a time of 21:17.5.

While Webb, like the rest of the Centurions' team, had a strong showing at the district competition, it wasn't a part of the Howard County kids' team score as this year only the finishers of the top three runners were tabulated.

Under those new rules, Soto, Gorecki, and Callahan combined for fifty-four points which put them in fourth place, one place away from making the cut for a team showing at state. Besting the Centurions were the boys from Doniphan-Trumbull as well as the team from Ravenna. Additionally, Shelton took home the district title with eighteen points while the Bluejays netted thirty-two and the Cards came away with forty.

Individually, Eli Schroeder of Ravenna won the race in 17:53.84 while Steven Snyder of Shelton came in second.



CENTURA'S KOLBY GORECKI ended up just seven spots from a state berth during last week's NSAA District D-3 Meet held at Minden. Gorecki finished the race in twenty-second at 19:52.11. (Michael Happ)

The following week the 'Cats begin sub-district play. This season the NSAA member schools voted to allow the top seeded team to host sub-district play. Although official pairings were not completed by press time, St. Paul will likely host the C1-8 sub-district tournament. The Wildcats will most likely face the Central City Bison in the opening round on Monday, followed by a date with Class C-1 No. 4 Grand Island Central Catholic on Tuesday night. Regardless of the sub-district results the Wildcats will almost certainly be playing in a district final match on Saturday, October 31 at a site and time to be determined.

Tie Breaker: _____ points



DESPITE A STRONG BLOCK by the Wood River Eagles, Centura's Elly Keilig managed to come away from last week's match with four kills during the LouPlatte Conference consolation finals.

Centurions Top WR

After Tuesday's semi-final loss to Ord, Centura took home the third place plaque after defeating Wood River 2-1 in Thursday's LouPlatte Conference Consolation game.

The Centurions and Eagles battled back and forth throughout the first two sets, with Centura taking a 25-22 opening set victory. Wood River answered right back, outlasting the third-seeded Centurions 25-23.

In the match-deciding third set, Centura rode strong performances at the net from Sydney Davis and Hannah Worsley to a 25-21 victory.

Davis led the attack for the Burgundy and White with eleven kills on twenty-seven total attempts. Davis's standout performance marks her sixth consecutive double-digit kill total and her thirteenth of the season. Other kills leaders were Taya Christensen with six kills on thirty attempts, Kyra Wooden and Hannah Worsley with five kills apiece, and Elly Keilig with four.

On the other side of the net, Worsley led the



CENTURA SOPHOMORE Taya Christensen goes for the kill during last week's consolation finals of the LouPlatte Conference finals. (Courtney Bierbaum)

way with three successful blocks, while Davis and Keilig each added two.

Setting Centura's hitters up for kills, Keilig and sophomore Kyra Wooden combined for twenty-nine of the team's thirty-one kills. Keilig reached her third highest mark of the season with

twenty-two total assists.

Additionally, the Centura Volleyball team picked up wins over West Holt, Arcadia/Loup City, and Gibbon in the Arcadia/Loup City Tournament, ultimately falling to Ravenna in the finals.

After closing out the regular season with a re-

match in Ravenna, the Centura girls will compete alongside Arcadia/Loup City, Burwell, Fullerton, and Ravenna in the C2-10 Subdistrict. Those matches will be played on Tuesday, October 26 and Wednesday, October 27.

Wildcats' JV Falls to Ord Last Week

The St. Paul Wildcats' junior varsity team lost a hard fought battle to Ord last week, with the Chanticleers besting the Howard County kids 6-0.

The Wildcats' head coach, Alex Egger, noted that the game was a true defensive battle, with the only points coming after Ord scored the go-ahead touchdown off of a turnover late in the game.

"Offensively, we had a tough time getting any rhythm," Coach Egger noted in his postgame comments. "Our kids played hard despite the struggles on offense."

Coach Egger said that both Kaleb Baker and Owen Sack had strong nights running the ball for the Wildcats.

"Defensively, this was our best effort in a long time," noted St. Paul's sideline leader. "Our kids played lights out. They rallied to the ball well and really hit hard."

Egger pointed out that

whenever Ord moved the ball St. Paul would come up with huge plays.

"Whether it was a key tackle or a turnover, we were there to stop them," he said.

Cage Collins, Espen Goettsche, and Owen Sack all had interceptions for the Wildcats during last week's contest. Hayden Thurnau earned a forced fumble and recorded two sacks in the game. Additionally, Ryder Anderson and Garrett Pawloski both had fumble recoveries.

"I was really proud of our kid's effort tonight and throughout the season," commented Coach Egger. "They never gave up and always worked to improve no matter the situation."

The Wildcats' Columbus Day showdown with Ord was one of their last contests of the season. St. Paul was scheduled to wrap up their junior varsity slate on Monday night by hosting Adams Central.

Tigers Fall to Kenesaw in Finale

The Palmer Tigers did their best to cap off the 2020 regular season with a victory, unfortunately for the Orange and Black, their schedule made that a tough challenge as last week the locals made the trip to Kenesaw where the fourth ranked Blue Devils were in the hunt for their seventh victory of the year.

Through the first twelve minutes of the contest, Palmer was able to play right with their hosts, only trailing by eight at the end of the opening frame. However, Kenesaw would kick their offense into gear in both the second and third quarters to route the Tigers 61-18.

Early on in the contest, Kenesaw used a pair of impressive runs to pick up their first fourteen points of the game. The Blue Devils got on the board with a fifty yard run while later they scored on the tail end of a twenty-eight yard carry. Before the end of the first, Palmer was able to breach the goal line as Karsen Reimers found Ruger Reimers from twenty-five yards out for six.

While Kenesaw used three scores in the second and three more in the third to have the clock running continuously early in the third, the Tigers did find the end zone twice more on Friday night. Palmer scored to start the first after Grant Nielson carried the ball for thirteen yards while Preston Thompson had the Tigers' third touchdown of the game after he

earned five yards and six on one of his eight carries.

Leading the Tigers last week was Grant Nielson who picked up 108 yards on eleven carries. Also totting the rock for the Tigers was Ruger Reimers who earned eighty-eight yards last week while Preston Thompson had twenty-seven and Karsen Reimers finished the game with eighteen.

In the air, Karsen completed a third of the fifteen passes that he attempted, including that solo touchdown toss. Ruger Reimers was the target of three of those shots, with the senior netting forty yards, while Gunner Reimers, Jayden Perchal, and Nielson all had yards as well.

Defensively, Chet Wichmann continued to lead the Tigers on the stop with eleven tackles while Ruger earned eight and Gunner Reimers and Kade Caspersen both had seven. Kody Kuck also earned a spot on the stats sheet after he had a fumble recovery in the game.

While the Tigers were not able to pick up their fourth victory of the season while in Kenesaw, hopefully they took some notes, as they will make a return trip to Adams County this week.

Palmer, who comes into the Class D-2 Football Playoffs as the thirteenth seed in the west, drew the Blue Devils as their first round opponent in the playoffs, with the Tigers to tangle with Kenesaw on Thursday night at 7:00pm.

WILDCAT X-C -

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While the boys' team punched their ticket to state last week, the Wildcats' girls squad ended up closing out their season on the course as each of St. Paul's runners missed the medals and a chance to qualify for this week's meet.

Leading the Wildcat girls was Kassidy Hymer who finished the race in 21:55 for twentieth. Alexis Kramer also had a strong showing in Minden after she ran the course in 23:29 while Lauren Sladek wound up placing forty-ninth at 26:32. Asia Ambrose, Aliyah Eacker, and Gracie Ackles all competed for the Lady Wildcats as well last week, finishing in 28:25, 29:34, and 31:12.

In the team race, St. Paul netted 149 points for tenth, besting the girls from Alma/Southern Valley. Minden won the girls' race with forty-three points while Aurora came in second with forty-eight, and Central Catholic ended up in third with sixty.

The NSAA State Cross Country meet is slated for Friday, October 23, 2020. The Class C boys' race will begin at 2:00 p.m. with the Class C Awards Presentation to follow. All events will be held at the Kearney Country Club.



CENTRAL VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS observed Homecoming week last week, with the annual event being capped off with a parade in downtown Wolbach on Friday afternoon. Above, members of the Central Valley Fourth Grade Class were Ropin' a Victory as they made their way up main street. The first grade class won the grand prize in the parade while sixth grade came in second and fifth grade finished in third. (Michael Happ)



CENTRAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL held their annual homecoming coronation on October 16th following their football game against Humphrey St. Francis. Members of this year’s homecoming court include (back row): Audrey Wood, Caleb Weber, Lexi Schafert, Gale Treat, Danielle Wadsworth, Olivia Nelson, Jackson Pedersen, Gabriela Martinez, Ty Nekoliczak, Rebecca Houtby, Kyle Nekoliczak, Prince Jackson McIntyre, Queen Ashlyn Wright, King Morgan Behnk, Princess Makenzie Johnson, Meghan Gydesen, Demi Daniels, Gabriel Davis, Emma Crome, Trevor Cargill, Cayton Butcher, Riley Cadek, Taryn Barr, Thomas Bonge, and Larista Barner; (front row) Kindergarten attendants were Sophia Killinger, Maxwell Freeman, Barrett Essman, and Sadie Goldfish. (Michael Rother)

Remember When



Taken from the files of *The Wolbach Messenger*

Ten Years Ago, 2010

Greeley-Wolbach hosted North Loup-Scotia Friday night in Wolbach and won the contest 63-8. The Titans led 24-0, 47-0, and 63-0 at the quarter breaks...The Titans take a perfect record of 8-0 into

the six-man state football playoffs. They will host Cedar Rapids (5-3) on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in Wolbach.

On October 19th the Cedar Valley Mavericks defeated Ewing and Chambers-Wheeler Central. The

Lady Mavericks swept Ewing 25-8, 25-18...Chambers-Wheeler Central also fell in two sets to Cedar Valley, 25-13, 25-19...The Mavericks won the Loup City Invitational on Saturday and closed out the regular season with a road match at Nebraska Christian on Tuesday. They defeated Amherst, Ravenna, and Loup City to claim the tournament title...The Mavericks will begin play in the subdistrict tournament on November 1st and 2nd.

Twenty Years Ago, 2000
Wolbach High School

observed their homecoming last weekend. The highlight was the crowning of the 2000 Homecoming King and Queen during the Wolbach and Loup County game on Friday night. Shelli Steenson, daughter of John and Diane Steenson, was crowned queen and Bob Glenn, son of William and Barb Glenn, was crowned king.

Effective immediately, customers with a Wolbach 254 telephone prefix can dial 911 to report all fire, medical, and law enforcement emergencies. The 911 calls will be answered by the Region 26 communica-

tion center in Taylor, then dispatched to the Wolbach Suburban Fire District to be handled by local volunteer personnel.

Thirty Years Ago, 1990

Chad J. Larson, nineteen, of rural Wolbach, was killed in an early Sunday morning October 21st traffic accident on Highway 22, about two miles east of Wolbach. Larsen, who is the son of Lowell and Lola Larson of Wolbach, was killed in the single vehicle accident, which occurred at around 2:30 a.m.

Tina Stoffel of Wolbach has been elected to the 1990-91 Campus Judicial Board at Central Community College—Hastings campus.

Forty Years Ago, 1980

Coach Mark Carey’s volleyball team endorsed Parents’ Night with the first victory of the season Thursday night at the auditorium. The win came in three sets over Cedar Rapids, runner-up in the 1980 CVC Tournament this year.

The District VII FHA meeting was one of the best the Wolbach chapter has attended since their organization five years ago...FHA Chapter Advisor Jan Steenson was presented with an engraved silver tray in appreciation of her dedicated services by the District FHA Convention. Kristy Zyntek won the first place trophy in the Creed Interpretation.

Fifty Years Ago, 1970

The Town and Country Club observed their tenth anniversary at the Community Center building Sunday evening with a 7:30 roast beef and ham buffet banquet and program.

Showing at the Riviera Theater in St. Paul was “Easy Rider,” starring Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper.

Sixty Years Ago, 1960

The Community Betterment Association will sponsor a Halloween party at the auditorium on Monday evening. The annual event will begin at eight o’clock. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kolar are the chairmen of the Halloween party committee.

Three Wolbach youths left this week for a voluntary induction into the Armed Forces. Ronnie Prokesh, son of Mrs. Asa Watts, left Sunday for Lowery AFB in Colorado, where he will attend electronics school for thirty weeks. He enlisted for four years in the Air Force...Ronald Berney, nineteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Erroll Berney, has enlisted in the Navy Reserves...Douglas Rother, eighteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rother, has enlisted in the Paratroop Airborne branch of the U.S. Army.

Seventy Years Ago, 1950

The Wolbach High School Annual Homecoming Day held Wednesday of this week was a great success...The three-block-long parade was led by four high-school girls on horseback carrying American flags followed by fourteen decorated bicycles, the three Grid Queen candidates, and the eleven floats. Football fans saw a very exciting game when the Mustangs defeated Dannebrog 14-12 to put the final successful touch to this annual affair. This was the local team’s first win of the season. They

came through on the celebration day for their alma mater. The Grid Queen candidates, Marilyn Berney, Karen Nielsen, and Carole Marco, were transported in the parade and at halftime in a convertible...The ladies were stunningly attired in formals and each was wearing a white carnation with a blue “W” at the center. Marilyn Berney was crowned Grid Queen with Gordon Noonan, game captain, in charge of the crowning. Superintendent Tabor stated that there were only five votes between the three girls in the student body’s ballots.

Eighty Years Ago, 1940

Along Main Street—Leonard Winfrey has carried on an interesting hobby during the past year. He has watched, inasmuch as it is possible, the numbers on all the cars that have visited Wolbach over the past twelve months. According to his check, from October 15th, 1939 to October 15th, 1940 there have been cars from twenty-nine states in the union and from eighty-one of the ninety-three Nebraska counties through Wolbach. No doubt there have been a few he has not been able to see. This goes to show that Wolbach is pretty well known after all.

On sale at Bengtson’s: sugar, 10 lb., cloth bag, 49¢; cabbage, solid heads, 1 lb., 1¢; candy bars, new assortment, 3 for 10¢; pork & beans, no. 2 1/2 can, 10¢; macaroni, 3 lb. bag, 18¢.

Ninety Years Ago, 1930

Wolbach Market Report—wheat #1, 56¢; corn, 55¢; corn (old), 60¢; rye, 38¢; oats, 25¢; barley, 37¢.

Low-Rate Excursion—Only \$7.80 round trip to Omaha, Burlington Route, October 30th to November 9th to accommodate patrons desiring to visit Ak-Sar-Ben; half fare for children five to twelve; baggage checked as usual—G.D. Meredith, ticket agent.

100 Years Ago, 1920

The whole community was shocked Monday evening when a telegram was received announcing that Herbert Mortensen was electrocuted at Fremont. The Mortensen family is well-known in Wolbach, having left the town two years ago. A letter from Miss Cotta White gives details of the tragic event. Herbert was out walking with his brother, Lawrence, and Professor Haley of Midland College on Sunday afternoon at 5:30. Coming to the college, he climbed up a flagpole to replace an electric bulb, which did not work, with a good one. The bulb broke in his hand, causing him to come in contact with a live wire, from which he received a shock, causing him to fall thirty feet. The shock, it is thought, would have resulted in death even had he not fallen. He was rushed immediately to a hospital, but died within three minutes of his arrival.

The federal highway leading west and north of Wolbach is being put in nice shape for the winter by road graders. The workmen are now working on a two-mile stretch that takes them within a mile of Brayton. A big tractor pulling two graders is doing the work. The workmen are leaving the road in good shape.

SAMPLE BALLOT

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

NOTICE: Please be advised this is a “SAMPLE BALLOT” and because the law requires rotation of candidates’ names, the chronological order, as listed may be different in your precinct. Because some listed candidates are elected in specific districts, some names listed in the “Sample Ballot” may not appear on your ballot.

Sample Ballot, General Election, November 3, 2020		
Greeley County, Nebraska	State of Nebraska	Publication Ballot
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER 1. TO VOTE, YOU MUST DARKEN THE OVAL COMPLETELY (●). 2. Use a black ink pen to mark the ballot. 3. To vote for a WRITE-IN candidate, write in the name on the line provided AND darken the oval completely.  4. DO NOT CROSS OUT OR ERASE. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.	COUNTY TICKET For County Commissioner District 3 Vote for ONE ☐ Leo F. Reilly Republican ☐ Joseph V. Leslie Democratic ☐ Greeley County Surveyor Shall the office of an elected county surveyor cease as an elected office, to be replaced by the position of appointed county surveyor? ☐ For election of county surveyor ☐ Against election of county surveyor If a majority of votes cast are against the election of the office of county surveyor, the office remains an appointive position. If a majority of votes cast are in favor of the election of the office of county surveyor, the office is filled through election at the next statewide general election in November 2022.	NONPARTISAN TICKET Central Community College For Board of Governors - At Large Vote for ONE ☐ Sam Cowan ☐ Lower Loup Natural Resources District For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 4 Vote for ONE ☐ Randy G. Kauk ☐ Lower Loup Natural Resources District For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 5 Vote for ONE ☐ Matt Lukasiewicz ☐ Howard Greeley Public Power District For Board of Directors Subdivision 1 - Six Year Term Vote for ONE ☐ Dan Reilly ☐ Rocky Ondracek ☐ Joshua Pedersen ☐ Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District For Board of Directors At Large - Six Year Term Vote for up to THREE ☐ Harry J. Walahoski ☐ Marvin Scheideler ☐ Alphonse A. Kowalski ☐ Grady Gydesen ☐ ☐ ☐ Nebraska Public Power District For Board of Directors Subdivision 2 - Six Year Term Vote For One ☐ Barry DeKay ☐ Aaron Troester ☐
PRESIDENTIAL TICKET For President and Vice President of the United States Vote for ONE ☐ Donald J. Trump President Michael R. Pence Vice President } Republican ☐ Joseph R. Biden President Kamala D. Harris Vice President } Democratic ☐ Jo Jorgensen President Jeremy Cohen Vice President } Libertarian ☐ _____ President _____ Vice President	NONPARTISAN TICKET For Member of Legislature District 41 Vote for ONE ☐ Tom Briese ☐ Judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court - Six Year Term Shall Judge Thomas E. Stine be retained in office? ☐ Yes ☐ No Judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court - Six Year Term Shall Judge Dirk V. Block be retained in office? ☐ Yes ☐ No Judge of the District Court District 8 - Six Year Term Shall Judge Mark D. Kozisek be retained in office? ☐ Yes ☐ No Judge of the County Court District 8 - Six Year Term Shall Judge Kale B. Burdick be retained in office? ☐ Yes ☐ No Central Community College For Board of Governors - District 3 Vote for ONE ☐ Sandra Borden ☐	
UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET For United States Senator Six Year Term Vote for ONE ☐ Ben Sasse Republican ☐ Chris Janicek Democratic ☐ Gene Siadek Libertarian ☐		
CONGRESSIONAL TICKET For Representative in Congress District 3 - Two Year Term Vote for ONE ☐ Adrian Smith Republican ☐ Mark Elworth Jr. Democratic ☐ Dustin C. Hobbs Libertarian ☐		

Cougars 29, HSF 12

Before a large crowd in Wolbach on Friday night the Central Valley Cougars broke Humphrey St. Francis's twenty game winning streak as they defeated the Flyers 29 to 12.

Central Valley got on the scoreboard first as Ty Nekoliczak scored on an eleven-yard run with 5:43 left in the first quarter. Jackson McIntyre ran for the extra points to make the score 8 to 0.

On the second play of the second quarter Ty Nekoliczak scored on a seven-yard run. Morgan Behnk kicked the extra point to make the score 15 to 0 with 11:21 still remaining in the first half.

HSF got on the scoreboard with forty-six seconds left in the first half on a four-yard pass from Tanner Pfeifer to Haustyn Forney to make the score 15-6 at halftime.

The Flyers opened the third quarter taking the kick-off and traveling 55 yards in eleven plays with quarterback Tanner Pfeifer scoring on a three-yard run with 8:10 remaining in the frame, cutting the Cougars' lead to 15 to 12.

The Cougars answered traveling 63 yards in nine plays with Carson Corman throwing a pass to Ty Nekoliczak on a play that covered eighteen yards, but as he stretched for the end zone the ball was fumbled; however, Kyle Oakley fell on the ball in the end zone for the touchdown. The extra point kick was blocked, but Central Valley led 21 to 12, with 5:03 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Both teams' defenses had their moments making things tough on their opponents.

Central Valley got the final score of the game, as after a Flyer punt, they drove 69 yards on ten plays to open the fourth quarter with Jackson McIntyre scoring on an eight-yard TD run with 4:37 left in the game. Ty Nekoliczak ran for the extra points to make the final score 29-to-12.

Cougar stat leaders: Passing: Ty Nekoliczak 12-22=125, Jackson McIntyre 1-1=25, Carson Corman 1-1=18.

Rushing: Ty Nekoliczak 12-81, J. McIntyre 10-54, M. Behnk 8-22.

Receiving: K. Oakley 4-62, C. Landers 3-49, M. Behnk 5-27, T. Nekoliczak 1-18, J. McIntyre 1-12.

Tackle chart: solo, asst: Ty Nekoliczak 5-1, Aiden Freeman 0-1, Jackson McIntyre 2-4, Carson Corman 3-3, Morgan Behnk 3-2, Zandar Wolf 2-2, Kyle Oakley 5-3, Casey Landers 2-6, Trevor Cargill 7-4, Tyler Beaty 1-0.

Cougar VB Update

Monday night Class D-2's No. 5 ranked Humphrey St. Francis (20-2) left Greeley with 25-12, 25-20 and 25-11 wins over Central Valley (now 12-12).

Thursday night in Fullerton, Central Valley won their first set against Fullerton 25-23, only to see the Warriors to come back and win the next three by scores of 25-22, 28-26, and 25-23.

Last Tuesday in Greeley the Cougars defeated St Edward 25-8 and 25-10 and Heartland Lutheran by scores of 25-8 and 25-18.

-Locals-

Luanne Steenson Mobley of Omaha came Thursday and was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Steenson. All were lunch guests of June Steenson on Saturday.

After the D3.1 Dash Memorial Run, Myron and Donna Rother hosted a family reunion at the Wolbach Community Center on Saturday.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rother, Patti Latro, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Rother, Mischelle Rother Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Lindsey, Jaxen and Jasmine, Mr. and Mrs. Cris Slack, Jordan Clement, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Grife and Lakeleigh and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Rother, Damyn Rother, Daltyn Rother, Page Swanson, Jillyn Klein, Tamryn and Ty Klein, Lydia Studley, Devyn Rother, Jamie Schafer, and Logan Bergren.

Kathy Cook was a visitor and Pam Dankert was also a visitor in the Myron Rother home and Mr. and Mrs. Connor Connot and Lauren. Mr. and Mrs. Troy Knaub and Jaxen came Friday evening and also helped at the Dash 3.1 Memorial Run and attended the reunion.

Tristan Klein and Tamryn Klein, were also helpers with the run along with Jillyn, JaLena Slack, and Cris and the Jess Rother family. Special guest also was Gary Lassen, Dawsyn's grandpa. October birthdays and anniversaries were observed. Jaxen arrived on Wednesday evening with Lexi Freeman. He was an overnight guest in the Jess Rother home, Jillyn Klein home, and the Myron Rother home, with the two leaving on Monday morning.

Town and Country Club Meets

Joyce Berney hosted members of the Town and Country Club on Thursday afternoon. President Shirley Cook conducted the business meeting. Games were played, secret sister Halloween gifts were exchanged, and the hostess served lunch at the end of the afternoon.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Wolbach will hold a public hearing on November 3, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, the purpose of which is to hear public comments on the One- and Six-Year Street Improvement Program for the Village of Wolbach in strict accordance with Nebraska Law.

Village of Wolbach
Shelby Steenson
Village Clerk

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Greeley County, Nebraska	State of Nebraska	Publication Ballot
NONPARTISAN TICKET	SCHOOL TICKET	VILLAGE TICKET
For North Loup Public Power and Irrigation District Subdivision 1 - Six Year Term Vote for ONE ☐ Charles P. Zangger ☐	For Wheeler Central Public School Board Member District 45 Ward II Vote for up to TWO The candidate with the most votes will receive a four year term and the candidate with the second most votes will receive a two year term. ☐ Dennis Derner ☐ Jerilee Wright ☐ ☐	Village of Spalding Shall the Village Board of the Village of Spalding, Greeley County, Nebraska impose a sales and use tax of 1½% of the purchase price upon the same transactions within the Village on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax? Such tax will be used exclusively for infrastructure projects within the Village. ☐ FOR THE IMPOSITION OF SUCH SALES AND USE TAX ☐ AGAINST THE IMPOSITION OF SUCH SALES AND USE TAX
Road Improvement District 3 For Board of Trustees Vote for ONE ☐	For Wheeler Central Public School Board Member District 45 Ward III Vote for ONE ☐ Adam Freouf ☐	Village of Spalding For Board of Trustees Vote for up to TWO ☐ Dan Bloom ☐ Mitchell Glesinger ☐ Tracy Schmeits ☐ Kate Connelly ☐ Jeff D. Criss ☐ ☐
SCHOOL TICKET		
For Central Valley Public School Board Member District 60 Vote for up to THREE ☐ Jeremy Straka ☐ ☐ ☐	For Member of Board of Education Riverside Public Schools Ward 1 Vote for up to TWO ☐ Brian Swerczek ☐ Karen Penne ☐	
For St Paul School Board Member District 1 Vote for up to THREE ☐ Marty Mrkvicka ☐ Jason J. Meinecke ☐ Janelle Morgan ☐ ☐ ☐	For Member of Board of Education Riverside Public Schools Ward 2 Vote for up to THREE ☐ Terry George Glesinger ☐ Daniel J. Ray ☐ James R. Molt ☐ Allison Rankin ☐ ☐ ☐	Village of Wolbach For Board of Trustees Vote for up to THREE ☐ ☐ ☐
For Member Ord School Board District 5 Vote for up to THREE ☐ Heidi K. Proskocil ☐ Lisa Farrens ☐ Joshua Zangger ☐ ☐ ☐	VILLAGE TICKET	Village of Greeley For Board of Trustees Vote for up to THREE ☐ Bob Lammers ☐ Robert J. Dutcher ☐ ☐ ☐
For Wheeler Central Public School Board Member District 45 Ward I Vote for ONE ☐ Drew Kasselder ☐	Village of Scotia For Board of Trustees Vote for up to TWO ☐ Jay T. Meyer ☐ ☐	

Sample Ballot, General Election, November 3, 2020

Greeley County, Nebraska	State of Nebraska	Publication Ballot
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER	PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION	PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION
1. TO VOTE, YOU MUST DARKEN THE OVAL COMPLETELY (●). 2. Use a black ink pen to mark the ballot. 3. To vote for a WRITE-IN candidate, write in the name on the line provided AND darken the oval completely.  4. DO NOT CROSS OUT OR ERASE. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.	Initiative Measure 428 <i>A vote "FOR" will amend Nebraska statutes to: (1) reduce the amount that delayed deposit services licensees, also known as payday lenders, can charge to a maximum annual percentage rate of thirty-six percent; (2) prohibit payday lenders from evading this rate cap; and (3) deem void and uncollectable any delayed deposit transaction made in violation of this rate cap.</i> <i>A vote "AGAINST" will not cause the Nebraska statutes to be amended in such manner.</i> Shall Nebraska statutes be amended to: (1) reduce the amount that delayed deposit services licensees, also known as payday lenders, can charge to a maximum annual percentage rate of thirty-six percent; (2) prohibit payday lenders from evading this rate cap; and (3) deem void and uncollectable any delayed deposit transaction made in violation of this rate cap? ☐ For ☐ Against	Initiative Measure 431 <i>A vote "FOR" will enact a statute which: (1) imposes a 20% annual tax on gross gaming revenue from games of chance operated at licensed racetrack locations; (2) distributes 75% of such gaming tax revenues to the State for credit of 2.5% to both the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and General Fund, and 70% to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund; and (3) distributes 25% of such gaming tax revenues to the county where the licensed racetrack is located, or, if the racetrack is located partially within a city or village, distributes this percentage evenly between the county and city or village.</i> <i>A vote "AGAINST" will not cause such a statute to be enacted.</i> Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) imposes a 20% annual tax on gross gaming revenue from games of chance operated at licensed racetrack locations; (2) distributes 75% of such gaming tax revenues to the State for credit of 2.5% to both the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and General Fund, and 70% to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund; and (3) distributes 25% of such gaming tax revenues to the county where the licensed racetrack is located, or, if the racetrack is located partially within a city or village, distributes this percentage evenly between the county and city or village? ☐ For ☐ Against
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS	Initiative Measure 429 <i>A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to state that laws may be enacted to provide for the authorization, regulation, and taxation of all forms of games of chance to be conducted by licensees within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska.</i> <i>A vote "AGAINST" will not cause the Nebraska Constitution to be amended in such manner.</i> Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to state that laws may be enacted to provide for the authorization, regulation, and taxation of all forms of games of chance to be conducted by licensees within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska? ☐ For ☐ Against	
Proposed Amendment No. 1 <i>A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would eliminate a provision in the Nebraska Constitution that states that slavery or involuntary servitude may be used as a punishment for conviction of a crime.</i> <i>A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would leave the language regarding slavery or involuntary servitude unchanged in the Nebraska Constitution.</i> A constitutional amendment to eliminate slavery or involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime. ☐ For ☐ Against	Initiative Measure 430 <i>A vote "FOR" will enact a statute which: (1) allows games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska; (2) establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to license and regulate such gaming; and (3) amends and repeals existing sections of law to harmonize provisions consistent with the enactment of such statute.</i> <i>A vote "AGAINST" will not cause such a statute to be enacted.</i> Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) allows games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska; (2) establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to license and regulate such gaming; and (3) amends and repeals existing sections of law to harmonize provisions consistent with the enactment of such statute? ☐ For ☐ Against	
Proposed Amendment No. 2 <i>A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would amend the Nebraska Constitution to authorize the Legislature to extend the maximum length of time for the repayment of indebtedness related to tax-increment financing from 15 years to 20 years if more than one-half of the property in the project area is designated as extremely blighted.</i> <i>A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would leave the maximum length of time for repayment of indebtedness unchanged at 15 years.</i> A constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to allow cities and villages to pledge property taxes as part of a redevelopment project for a period not to exceed twenty years if, due to a high rate of unemployment combined with a high poverty rate as determined by law, more than one-half of the property in the project area is extremely blighted. ☐ For ☐ Against		

LEGAL NOTICE OF MEASURES TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT OF STATUTORY INITIATIVES PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1

A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would eliminate a provision in the Nebraska Constitution that states that slavery or involuntary servitude may be used as a punishment for conviction of a crime.

A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would leave the language regarding slavery or involuntary servitude unchanged in the Nebraska Constitution.

A constitutional amendment to eliminate slavery or involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2

A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would amend the Nebraska Constitution to authorize the Legislature to extend the maximum length of time for the repayment of indebtedness related to tax-increment financing from 15 years to 20 years if more than one-half of the property in the project area is designated as extremely blighted.

A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would leave the maximum length of time for repayment of indebtedness unchanged at 15 years.

A constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to allow cities and villages to pledge property taxes as part of a redevelopment project for a period not to exceed twenty years if, due to a high rate of unemployment combined with a high poverty rate as determined by law, more than one-half of the property in the project area is extremely blighted.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE

PETITION

INITIATIVE MEASURE 428

Ballot Language for Initiative Measure 428

A vote “FOR” will amend Nebraska statutes to: (1) reduce the amount that delayed deposit services licensees, also known as payday lenders, can charge to a maximum annual percentage rate of thirty-six percent; (2) prohibit payday lenders from evading this rate cap; and (3) deem void and uncollectable any delayed deposit transaction made in violation of this rate cap.

A vote “AGAINST” will not cause the Nebraska statutes to be amended in such manner.

Shall Nebraska statutes be amended to: (1) reduce the amount that delayed deposit services licensees, also known as payday lenders, can charge to a maximum annual percentage rate of thirty-six percent; (2) prohibit payday lenders from evading this rate cap; and (3) deem void and uncollectable any delayed deposit transaction made in violation of this rate cap?

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 428

(underscored language indicates added language, strike-through indicates language being removed)

Object Statement
TITLE: The object of this petition is to amend Nebraska statutes to reduce the amount that delayed deposit services licensees, also known as payday lenders, can charge to a maximum annual percentage rate of thirty-six percent; to prohibit payday lenders from evading this rate cap; and to deem void and uncollectable any transaction made in violation of this rate cap.

Proposed Text of Statutory Initiative Petition
TEXT: FOR AN ACT relating to the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act; to amend sections 45-918 and 45-919, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to change provisions governing licensees; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska, Section 1. Section 45-918, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

45-918. (1) ~~No licensee shall charge as a fee a total amount in excess of fifteen dollars per one hundred dollars or pro rata for any part thereof on the face amount of a check for services provided by the licensee. A licensee shall not impose an annual percentage rate greater than thirty-six percent in connection with a delayed deposit transaction. Any delayed deposit transaction made in violation of this section is void, and the licensee making such delayed deposit transaction has no right to collect, receive, or retain any principal, interest, fees, or any other charges in connection with such delayed deposit transaction.~~ (2) The fees set forth in this section shall not be charged to individuals on active duty military or their spouses or dependents in an amount that exceeds what is allowed under 10 U.S.C. 987, as such section existed on January 1, 2018.

Neb. Rev. Stat. §45-919 Acts prohibited.

(1) No licensee shall: (a) At any one time hold from any one maker more than two checks; (b) At any one time hold from any one maker a check or checks in an aggregate face amount of more than five hundred dollars; (c) Hold or agree to hold a check for more than thirty-four days. A check which is in the process of collection for the reason that it was not negotiable on the day agreed upon shall not be deemed as being held in excess of the thirty-four-day period; (d) Require the maker to receive payment by a method which causes the maker to pay additional or further fees and charges to the licensee, an affiliate of the licensee, or any other person; (e) Accept a check as repayment, refinancing, or any other consolidation of a check or checks held by the same licensee; (f) Except as provided in section 45-919.01, renew, roll over, defer, or in any way extend a delayed deposit transaction by allowing the maker to pay less than the total amount of the check and any authorized fees or charges. This subdivision shall not prevent a licensee that agreed to hold a check for less than thirty-four days from agreeing to hold the check for an additional period of time no greater than the thirty-four days it would have originally been able to hold the check if (i) the extension is at the request of the maker, (ii) no additional fees are charged for the extension, and (iii) the delayed deposit transaction is completed as required by subdivision (1)

(c) of this section. The licensee shall retain written or electronic proof of compliance with this subdivision. If a licensee fails, or is unable, to provide such proof to the department upon request, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that a violation of this subdivision has occurred and the department may pursue any remedies or actions available to it under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act; (g) Enter into another delayed deposit transaction with the same maker on the same business day as the completion of a delayed deposit transaction unless prior to entering into the transaction the maker and the licensee verify on a form prescribed by the department that completion of the prior delayed deposit transaction has occurred. The licensee shall retain written proof of compliance with this subdivision. If a licensee fails, or is unable, to provide such proof to the department upon request, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that a violation of this subdivision has occurred and the department may pursue any remedies or actions available to it under the act; (h) Charge, collect, or receive any finance charges, fees, interest, or similar charges for loan brokerage, insurance, or any other ancillary products; (i) Negotiate or present a paper check for payment unless the check is endorsed with the actual business name of the licensee; (j) Engage, in connection with a delayed deposit transaction, in unfair or deceptive practices or advertising under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act to engage in any act that limits or restricts the application of the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, including, but not limited to, making transactions disguised as personal property, personal sales, or leaseback transactions, or disguise transaction proceeds as cash rebated for the pre-textual installment sale of goods and services; or (k) Evade the requirements of section 45-918, including, but not limited to, making, offering, assisting, arranging, or guaranteeing a delayed deposit transaction with a greater rate of interest, consideration, fees, or charges than is permitted therein through any method including mail, telephone, internet or any electronic means regardless of whether the licensee has a physical location in the state; or

(~~the~~) (l) Attempt to deposit or negotiate a check after two consecutive failed collection attempts unless the licensee has obtained a new, written payment authorization from the maker. (2) No licensee, affiliate of a licensee, or any other person, including a person operating as a credit services organization, shall charge, collect, or receive any finance charges, fees, interest, or similar charges that would cause a maker to pay an amount in excess of or in addition to those permitted under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act in connection with a delayed deposit transaction, including, but not limited to, charges for loan brokerage, insurance, or any other ancillary products. (3) For purposes of this section, (a) completion of a delayed deposit transaction means the licensee has presented a maker's check for payment to a financial institution as defined in section 8-101.03 or the maker redeemed the check by paying the full amount of the check in cash to the licensee and (b) licensee shall include (i) a person related to the licensee by common ownership or control, (ii) a person in whom such licensee has any financial interest of ten percent or more, or (iii) any employee or agent of the licensee.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 429

Ballot Language for Initiative Measure 429

A vote “FOR” will amend the Nebraska Constitution to state that laws may be enacted to provide for the authorization, regulation, and taxation of all forms of games of chance to be conducted by licensees within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska.

A vote “AGAINST” will not cause the Nebraska Constitution to be amended in such manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to state that laws may be enacted to provide for the authorization, regulation, and taxation of all forms of games of chance to be conducted by licensees within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska?

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 429

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Object Statement
TITLE: The object of this petition is to amend the Nebraska Constitution to state that laws may be enacted allowing for the licensing, authorization, taxation, and regulation of all forms of games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in the state.

TEXT: Article III, Section 24, of the Constitution of Nebraska shall be amended as shown:

1) Except as provided in this section, the Legislature shall not authorize any game of chance or any lottery or gift enterprise when the consideration for a chance to participate involves the payment of money for the purchase of property, services, or a chance or admission ticket or requires an expenditure of substantial effort or time. (2) The Legislature may authorize and regulate a state lottery pursuant to subsection (3) of this section and other lotteries, raffles, and gift enterprises which are intended solely as business promotions or the proceeds of which are to be used solely for charitable or community betterment purposes without profit to the promoter of such lotteries, raffles, or gift enterprises.

(3)(a) The Legislature may establish a lottery to be operated and regulated by the State of Nebraska. The proceeds of the lottery shall be appropriated by the Legislature for the costs of establishing and maintaining the lottery and for the following purposes, as directed by the Legislature: (i) The first five hundred thousand dollars after the payment of prizes and operating expenses shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund; (ii) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be used for education as the Legislature may direct; (iv) Ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska State Fair Board if the most populous city within the county in which the fair is located provides matching funds equivalent

to ten percent of the funds available for transfer. Such matching funds may be obtained from the city and any other private or public entity, except that no portion of such matching funds shall be provided by the state. If the Nebraska State Fair ceases operations, ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund; and (v) One percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund.

(b) No lottery game shall be conducted as part of the lottery unless the type of game has been approved by a majority of the members of the Legislature. (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit (a) the enactment of laws providing for the licensing and regulation of wagering on the results of horseraces, wherever run, either within or outside of the state, by the parimutuel method, when such wagering is conducted by licensees within a licensed racetrack enclosure or (b) the enactment of laws providing for the licensing and regulation of bingo games conducted by nonprofit associations which have been in existence for a period of five years immediately preceding the application for license, except that bingo games cannot be conducted by agents or lessees of such associations on a percentage basis.

(5) This section shall not apply to any law which is enacted contemporaneously with the adoption of this subsection or at any time thereafter and which provides for the licensing, authorization, regulation, or taxation of all forms of games of chance when such games of chance are conducted by authorized gaming operators within a licensed racetrack enclosure.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 430

Ballot Language for Initiative Measure 430

A vote “FOR” will enact a statute which: (1) allows games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska; (2) establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to license and regulate such gaming; and (3) amends and repeals existing sections of law to harmonize provisions consistent with the enactment of such statute.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 430

Ballot Language for Initiative Measure 430

A vote “FOR” will enact a statute which: (1) allows games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska; (2) establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to license and regulate such gaming; and (3) amends and repeals existing sections of law to harmonize provisions consistent with the enactment of such statute.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 430

Ballot Language for Initiative Measure 430

A vote “FOR” will enact a statute which: (1) allows games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska; (2) establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to license and regulate such gaming; and (3) amends and repeals existing sections of law to harmonize provisions consistent with the enactment of such statute.

A vote “AGAINST” will not cause such a statute to be enacted.

Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) allows games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska; (2) establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to license and regulate such gaming; and (3) amends and repeals existing sections of law to harmonize provisions consistent with the enactment of such statute?

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 430

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Object Statement
TITLE: The object of this petition is to enact a statute allowing all games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska and establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to regulate such gaming in Nebraska. Proposed Text of Statutory Initiative Petition
TEXT: FOR AN ACT re-

lating to gaming; to amend sections 28-1101, 28-1105, 28-1113, 77-2704.20, and 77-3001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 2-1203.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to adopt the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to authorize games of chance as prescribed; to create a commission; to provide for the regulation of games of chance; to define terms; to provide duties for the State Racing Commission; to exempt the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act from prohibitions and penalties on gambling; to exempt purchases by the Nebraska Gaming Commission from sales and use taxes; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska, Section 1. Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, and to the full extent permitted by the Constitution of Nebraska, including amendments to the Constitution of Nebraska adopted contemporaneously with the enactment of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, the operation of games of chance is permitted only by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures as provided in the act.

Sec. 3. For purposes of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act:

(1) Authorized gaming operator means a person or entity licensed pursuant to the act to operate games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure; (2) Authorized gaming operator license means a license to operate games of chance as an authorized gaming operator at a licensed racetrack enclosure; (3) Game of chance means any game which has the elements of chance, prize, and consideration, including any wager on a slot machine, table game, counter game, or card game. Game of chance does not include any game the operation of which is prohibited at a casino by federal law; (4) Gaming device means an electronic, mechanical, or other device which plays a game of chance when activated by a player using currency, a token, or other item of value; (5) Licensed racetrack enclosure means premises at which licensed live horseracing is conducted in accordance with the Constitution of Nebraska and applicable Nebraska law; (6) Limited gaming device means an electronic gaming device which (a) offers games of chance, (b) does not dispense currency, tokens, or other items of value, and (c) does not have a cash winnings hopper, mechanical or simulated spinning reel, or side handle; and (7) Racing license means a license issued by the State Racing Commission. Sec. 4. (1) The operation of games of chance at a licensed racetrack enclosure may be conducted by an authorized gaming operator who holds an authorized gaming operator license. (2) No more than one authorized gaming operator license shall be granted for each licensed racetrack enclosure within the state; provided that, it shall not be a requirement that the person or entity applying for or to be granted such authorized gaming operator license hold a racing license or be the same person or entity who operates the licensed racetrack enclosure at which such authorized gaming operator license shall be granted. (3) Gaming devices, limited gaming devices, and all other games of chance may be operated by authorized gaming operators at a licensed racetrack enclosure. (4) No person younger than twenty-one years of age shall play or participate in any way in any game of chance or use any gaming device or limited gaming device at a licensed racetrack enclosure. (5) No authorized gaming operator shall permit an individual younger than twenty-one years of age to play or participate in any game of chance or use any gaming device or limited gaming device conducted or operated pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack

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Gaming Act.

Sec. 5. (1) For purposes of providing the necessary licensing and regulation of the operation of games of chance by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, the Nebraska Gaming Commission is created.

(2) The commission shall consist of seven members. Not more than four of the seven members shall be affiliated with the same political party. No member shall have any personal financial interest to any licensed racetrack enclosure or authorized gaming operator for the duration of his or her term. The members of the commission shall elect one of the members to be chairperson.

(3) The five members of the State Racing Commission shall be *ex officio* members of the Nebraska Gaming Commission, serving terms and receiving appointment in the same manner as provided in sections 2-1201 and 2-1202.

(4) The Governor shall appoint two additional members to serve with the members of the State Racing Commission as members of the Nebraska Gaming Commission. The members appointed pursuant to this subsection shall serve five-year terms. One of such members shall have experience in the Nebraska gaming industry, and one shall be a member of the organization representing the majority of licensed owners and trainers of horses at racetracks in Nebraska.

(5) The compensation of the members of the Nebraska Gaming Commission shall be one thousand dollars per month, which may be adjusted every two years in an amount not to exceed the change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the period between June 30 of the first year to June 30 of the year of adjustment.

Sec. 6. The Nebraska Gaming Commission shall:

(1) License and regulate authorized gaming operators for the operation of all games of chance authorized pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, including adopting, promulgating, and enforcing rules and regulations governing such authorized gaming operators consistent with the act;

(2) Regulate the operation of games of chance in order to prevent and eliminate corrupt practices and fraudulent behavior, and thereby promote integrity, security, and honest administration in, and accurate accounting of, the operation of games of chance which are subject to the act;

(3) Establish criteria to license applicants for authorized gaming operator licenses and all other types of gaming licenses for other positions and functions incident to the operation of games of chance, including adopting, promulgating, and enforcing rules, regulations, and eligibility standards for such authorized gaming operator licenses, gaming licenses, and positions and functions incident to the operation of games of chance;

(4) Charge fees for applications for licenses and for the issuance of authorized gaming operator licenses and all other types of gaming licenses to successful applicants which shall be payable to the Nebraska Gaming Commission;

(5) Charge fees to authorized gaming operators in an amount necessary to offset the cost of oversight and regulatory services to be provided which shall be payable to the Nebraska Gaming Commission;

(6) Impose a one-time authorized gaming operator license fee of one million dollars on each authorized gaming operator for each licensed racetrack enclosure payable to the Nebraska Gaming Commission;

(7) Grant, deny, revoke, and suspend authorized gaming operator licenses and all other types of gaming licenses based upon reasonable criteria and procedures established by the commission to facilitate the integrity, productivity, and lawful conduct of gaming within the state;

(8) Grant or deny for cause applications for authorized gaming operator licenses of not less than twenty years in duration with no more than one such authorized gaming operator license granted for any licensed racetrack enclosure within

the state;

(9) Conduct background investigations of applicants for authorized gaming operator licenses and all other types of gaming licenses;

(10) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the standards of manufacture of gaming equipment;

(11) Inspect the operation of any authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance for the purpose of certifying the revenue thereof and receiving complaints from the public;

(12) Issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or the production of any records, books, memoranda, documents, or other papers or things at or prior to any hearing as is necessary to enable the commission to effectively discharge its duties;

(13) Administer oaths or affirmations as necessary to carry out the act;

(14) Have the authority to impose, subject to judicial review, administrative fines not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars for each violation of the act or any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act;

(15) Collect and remit administrative fines collected under this section to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska;

(16) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for any gaming taxes assessed to authorized gaming operators;

(17) Collect and account for any gaming taxes assessed to authorized gaming operators and remit such taxes to the State Treasurer or county treasurer as required by Nebraska law;

(18) Promote treatment of gaming-related behavioral disorders;

(19) Establish procedures for the governance of the commission;

(20) Acquire necessary offices, facilities, counsel, and staff;

(21) Establish procedures for an applicant for a staff position to disclose conflicts of interest as part of the application for employment; and

(22) Do all things necessary and proper to carry out its powers and duties under the act, including the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations and such other actions as permitted by the Administrative Procedure Act.

Sec. 7. Section 2-1203.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018 is amended to read:

2-1203.01. The State Racing Commission shall:

(1) Enforce all state laws covering horseracing as required by sections 2-1201 to 2-1229 and enforce rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission under the authority of section 2-1203;

(2) License racing industry participants, race officials, mutual employees, concessionaires, and such other persons as deemed necessary by the commission if the license applicants meet eligibility standards established by the commission;

(3) Prescribe and enforce security provisions, including, but not limited to, the restricted access to areas within track enclosures and backstretch areas, and prohibitions against misconduct or corrupt practices;

(4) Determine or cause to be determined by chemical testing and analysis of body fluids whether or not any prohibited substance has been administered to the winning horse of each race and any other horse selected by the board of stewards;

(5) Verify the certification of horses registered as being Nebraska-bred under section 2-1213; **and**

(6) Collect and verify the amount of revenue received by the commission under section 2-1208.; **and**

(7) Serve as ex officio members of the Nebraska Gaming Commission, and perform the duties set forth in the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act.

Sec. 8. Section 28-1101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-1101. As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) A person advances gambling activity if, acting other than as a player, he or she engages in conduct that materially aids any form of gambling activity. Conduct of this nature includes, but shall not be limited to, conduct directed toward (a) the creation or establishment

of the particular game, contest, scheme, device, or activity involved, (b) the acquisition or maintenance of premises, paraphernalia, equipment, or apparatus therefor, or (c) engaging in the procurement, sale, or offering for sale within this state of any chance, share, or interest in a lottery of another state or government whether or not such chance, share, or interest is an actual lottery ticket, receipt, contingent promise to pay, order to purchase, or other record of such interest except as provided in the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, **the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act,** or section 9-701;

(2) Bookmaking shall mean advancing gambling activity by unlawfully accepting bets from members of the public as a business upon the outcome of future contingent events;

(3) A person profits from gambling activity if, other than as a player, he or she accepts or receives money or other property pursuant to an agreement or understanding with any person whereby he or she participates or is to participate in the proceeds of gambling activity;

(4) A person engages in gambling if he or she bets something of value upon the outcome of a future event, which outcome is determined by an element of chance, or upon the outcome of a game, contest, or election, or conducts or participates in any bingo, lottery by the sale of pickle cards, lottery, raffle, gift enterprise, or other scheme not authorized or conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, **the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act,** or section 9-701, but a person does not engage in gambling by:

(a) Entering into a lawful business transaction;

(b) Playing an amusement device or a coin-operated mechanical game which confers as a prize an immediate, unrecorded right of replay not exchangeable for something of value;

(c) Conducting or participating in a prize contest; or

(d) Conducting or participating in any bingo, lottery by the sale of pickle cards, lottery, raffle, **games of chance,** or gift enterprise conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, **the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act,** or section 9-701;

(5) Gambling device shall mean any device, machine, paraphernalia, writing, paper, instrument, article, or equipment that is used or usable for engaging in gambling, whether that activity consists of gambling between persons or gambling by a person involving the playing of a machine. Gambling device shall also include any mechanical gaming device, computer gaming device, electronic gaming device, or video gaming device which as the capability of awarding something of value, free games redeemable for something of value, instant-win tickets which also provide the possibility of participating in a subsequent drawing or event, or tickets or stubs redeemable for something of value, instant-win tickets which also provide the possibility of participating in a subsequent drawing or event, or tickets or stubs redeemable for something of value, except as authorized in the furtherance of parimutuel wagering. Supplies, equipment, cards, tickets, stubs, and other items used in any bingo, lottery by the sale of pickle cards, other lottery, raffle, **game of chance,** or gift enterprise conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, **the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act,** or section

9-701 are not gambling devices within this definition;

(6) Something of value shall mean any money or property, any token, object, or article exchangeable for money or property, or any form of credit or promise directly or indirectly contemplating transfer of money or property or of any interest therein, or involving extension of a service or entertainment; and

(7) Prize contest shall mean any competition in which one or more competitors are awarded something of value as a consequence of winning or achieving a certain result in the competition and (a) the value of such awards made to competitors participating in the contest does not depend upon the number of participants in the contest or upon the amount of consideration, if any, paid for the opportunity to participate in the contest or upon chance and (b) the value or identity of such awards to be made to competitors is published before the competition begins.

Sec. 9. Section 28-1105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-1105 (1) A person commits the offense of possession of gambling records if, other than as a player, he or she knowingly possesses any writing, paper, instrument, or article which is:

(a) Of a kind commonly used in the operation or promotion of a bookmaking scheme or enterprise and such writing, paper, instrument, or article has been used for the purpose of recording, memorializing, or registering any bet, wager, or other gambling information; or

(b) Of a kind commonly used in the operation, promotion or playing of a lottery or mutual scheme or enterprise or other scheme not conducted pursuant to the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, **the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act,** or section 9-701 and such writing, paper, instrument, or article has been used for the purpose of recording, memorializing, or registering any bet, wager, or other gambling information not permitted by such acts or section.

(2) Possession of gambling records in the first degree is a Class II misdemeanor.

Sec. 10. Section 28-1113, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-1113. Nothing in this article shall be construed to:

(1) Apply to or prohibit wagering on the results of horseraces by the parimutuel or certificate method when conducted by licensees within the racetrack enclosure at licensed horserace meetings; **or**

(2) Prohibit or punish the conducting or participating in any bingo, lottery by the sale of pickle cards, lottery, raffle, or gift enterprise when conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, or section 9-701.; **and**

(3) Apply to or prohibit the operation of games of chance, whether using a gambling device or otherwise, by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures or the participation or playing of such games of chance, whether participated in or played using a gambling device or otherwise, by individuals twenty-one years of age or older within licensed racetrack enclosures as provided in the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act.

Sec. 11. Section 77-2704.20, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

77-2704.20. Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of purchases made by licensees of the State Racing Commission: **or of purchases made by licensees of the Nebraska Gaming Commission.**

Sec. 12. Section 77-3001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

77-3001.

For the purposes of the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Person means an individual, partnership, limited liability company, society, association, joint-stock company, corporation, estate, receiver, lessee, trustee, assignee, referee, or other person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether appointed by a court or otherwise, and any combination of individuals;

(2) Mechanical amusement device means any machine which, upon insertion of a coin, currency, credit card, or substitute into the machine, operates or may be operated or used for a game, contest, or amusement of any description, such as, by way of example, but not by way of limitation, pinball games, shuffleboard, bowling games, radio-ray rifle games, baseball, football, racing, boxing games, and coin-operated pool tables. Mechanical amusement device also includes game and draw lotteries and coin-operated automatic musical devices. The term does not mean vending machines which dispense tangible personal property, devices located in private homes for private use, pickle card dispensing devices which are required to be registered with the Department of Revenue pursuant to section 9-345.03, **gaming devices or limited gaming devices as defined in and operated pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act,** or devices which are mechanically constructed in a manner that would render their operation illegal under the laws of the State of Nebraska;

(3) Operator means any person who operates a place of business in which a machine or device owned by him or her is physically located or any person who places and who either directly or indirectly controls or manages any machine or device;

(4) Distributor means any person who sells, leases, or delivers possession or custody of a machine or mechanical device to operators thereof for a consideration either directly or indirectly received;

(5) Whenever in the act, the words machine or device are used, they refer to mechanical amusement device; and

(6) Whenever in the act, the words machine, device, person, operator, or distributor are used, the words in the singular include the plural and in the plural include the singular.

Sec. 13. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2021.

Sec. 14. Original sections 28-1101, 28-1105, 28-1113, 77-2704.20, and 77-3001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 2-1203.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, are repealed.

Sec. 15. If any section or provision of this act is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise void or invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise void or invalid.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 431

Ballot Language for Initiative Measure 431

A vote “FOR” will enact a statute which: (1) imposes a 20% annual tax on gross gaming revenue from games of chance operated at licensed racetrack locations; (2) distributes 75% of such gaming tax revenues to the State for credit of 2.5% to both the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and General Fund, and 70% to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund; and (3) distributes 25% of such gaming tax revenues to the county where the licensed racetrack is located, or, if the racetrack is located partially within a city or village, distributes this percentage evenly between the county and city or village.

A vote “AGAINST” will not cause such a statute to be enacted.

Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) imposes a 20%

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annual tax on gross gaming revenue from games of chance operated at licensed racetrack locations; (2) distributes 75% of such gaming tax revenues to the State for credit of 2.5% to both the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and General Fund, and 70% to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund; and (3) distributes 25% of such gaming tax revenues to the county where the licensed racetrack is located, or, if the racetrack is located partially within a city or village, distributes this percentage evenly between the county and city or village?

☐ For

☐ Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 431

(underscored language indicates added language, strike-through indicates language being removed)

Object Statement

TITLE: The object of this petition is to enact a statute establishing an annual tax on gross gaming revenue generated by authorized gaming operators of games of chance within licensed racetrack enclosures and directs the collection, enforcement, and distribution of revenue from such gaming tax.

Proposed Text of Statutory Initiative Petition

TEXT: FOR AN ACT relating to gaming; to provide a tax on gaming as prescribed; to provide for distribution of tax proceeds; and to define terms.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska, Section 1. To the full extent permitted by the Constitution of Nebraska, including amendments to the Constitution of Nebraska adopted contemporaneously with the enactment of this act, an annual gaming tax is hereby imposed on the operation of all games of chance by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures.

Sec. 2. For purposes of this act:

(1) Authorized gaming operator means a person or entity licensed pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act to operate games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure;

(2) Dollar amount collected means the total dollar amount wagered by players of games of chance less the total dollar amount returned to such players as prizes;

(3) Game of chance means any game which has the elements of chance, prize, and consideration, including any wager on a slot machine, table game, counter game, or card game. Game of chance does not include any game the operation of which is prohibited at a casino by federal law;

(4) Gaming commission means the Nebraska Gaming Commission established pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act;

(5) Gross gaming revenue means the dollar amount collected by an authorized gaming operator from operation of all games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure as computed pursuant to applicable statutes, rules, and regulations less the total of (a) all federal taxes, other than income taxes, imposed on the operation of such games of chance and (b) the amount provided to players by an authorized gaming operator as promotional gaming credits, but only to the extent such promotional gaming credits are redeemed by players to play one or more games of chance being operated by the authorized gaming operator;

(6) Licensed racetrack enclosure means a premises at which licensed live horseracing is conducted in accordance with the Constitution of Nebraska and applicable Nebraska law; and

(7) Promotional gaming credit means a credit, token, or other item of value provided by an authorized gaming operator to a player for the purpose of enabling the player to play a game of chance.

Sec. 3. An annual gaming tax is imposed on gross

gaming revenue generated by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures from the operation of all games of chance equal to twenty percent of such gross gaming revenue. The gaming commission shall collect the tax and shall account for and remit such tax as set forth by law.

Sec. 4. Of the tax imposed by section 3 of this act, seventy-five percent shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit as follows: Two and one-half percent to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund, two and one-half percent to the General Fund, and seventy percent to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. The remaining twenty-five percent of the tax shall be remitted to the county treasurer of the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located as follows: (1) If the licensed racetrack enclosure is located completely within an unincorporated area of a county, the remaining twenty-five percent shall be distributed to the county in which such licensed racetrack enclosure is located; or (2) if the licensed racetrack enclosure is located at least partially within the limits of a city or village in such county, one-half of the remaining twenty-five percent shall be distributed to such county and one-half of the remaining twenty-five percent to the city or village in which such licensed racetrack enclosure is at least partially located.

Sec. 5. Every authorized gaming operator subject to taxation as set forth in this act shall pay such tax and make report thereof to the gaming commission under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the gaming commission.

Sec. 6. If the tax provided for in this act is not paid within such time as may be prescribed for payment thereof by rules and regulations prescribed by the gaming commission, the same shall become delinquent and a penalty of ten percent shall be added thereto, together with interest at the rate specified in section 45-104.02, as such rate may from time to time be adjusted, until paid.

Sec. 7. Any authorized gaming operator that willfully fails, neglects, or refuses to make any report required by this act, or by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated under this act, or that knowingly makes any false statement in any such report, is guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.

Sec. 8. If any section or provision of this act is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise void or invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise void or invalid.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Evnen

Secretary of State

(Publish three times, weeks of Oct. 12, Oct. 19 and Oct. 26)

Public Notices

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF

OAK KANYON LLC

Notice is hereby given that OAK KANYON LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The limited liability company commenced business on October 15, 2020 with its duration being perpetual. The street and mailing address of the Company's initial designated office is 208 Cushing Rd., St. Paul, NE 68873. The name, street, and mailing address of the initial agent for service of process of the Company is Jennifer Hagen, 208 Cushing Rd., St. Paul, NE 68873. The name of the initial member is Jennifer Hagen.

Attorney for Initial Member
Julie K.W. Gawrych-WROBLEWSKI & GAWRYCH LAW OFFICE LLC
617 Howard Ave., P.O. Box 23
St. Paul, NE 68873-0023
Published on October 21, 28, and November 4, 2020.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Howard County Medical Center Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 3:00 P.M. at the Howard County Medical Center, 1113 Sherman Street, St. Paul, Nebraska.

An agenda for said meeting, kept continually current, is available for public inspection in the office of the Howard County Medical Center, 1113 Sherman Street, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2020.

Arlan Johnson
Administrator of the Howard County Medical Center

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Howard County Board of Equalization, Howard County, Nebraska will be held at 8:30 a.m. on the 27th day of October, 2020 in the Boardroom, Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's office.

Bev Sack
Howard County Clerk

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Twin Loups Reclamation District will meet in regular meeting at the District's Office at its Headquarters Building located 1 ¼ miles West of Scotia, Nebraska on Monday, October 26, 2020, at 1:00 P.M. An agenda kept continually current of this meeting is available for public inspection at the District's Office located in its Headquarters Building at Scotia, Nebraska.

Mike Wells, Secretary

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Farwell Rural Fire District Board will meet on Monday, October 25, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. at the Farwell Rural Fire Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct any business that may come before the Board.

Leonard Wardyn
Secretary/Treasurer

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School District No. 1 Proceedings

Regular Meeting October 11, 2020

The St. Paul School Board met in regular session on October 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. President Mrkvicka stated that notice of the meeting was published in three public places, and/or the *Phonograph-Herald*, and that the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the

meeting room. The following board members were in attendance: Shelly Harrahill: Absent, Jason Meinecke: Present, Janelle Morgan: Present, Marty Mrkvicka: Present, Dan Scheer: Present, and Philip Thede: Present.

Motion to excuse Shelly Harrahill passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Philip Thede. Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0

President Mrkvicka read the Americanism quote.

President Mrkvicka asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. None were made, and the minutes were declared approved.

The motion to approve the bills as presented by Superintendent Poppert passed with a motion by Philip Thede and a second by Jason Meinecke. Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0.

AssetGenie, Inc., tech supplies ...\$299.40
BCN Telecom, telecommunications\$78.96
Black Hills Energy, natural gas ...\$1,773.81

Bomgaars, maint./ag/ classroom.....\$1,032.93
Boys Town, tuition\$2,250.00
CDW Government, Inc., Chromebooks - COVID\$41,469.20

Central Nebraska Rehabilitation Services, OT/PT services ..\$1,835.50
Century Link, phone bill.....\$357.77
City of St. Paul, electric, water, sewer.....\$13,783.62

Computer Hardware, teacher computer.....\$619.00
Computer Information Concepts, infinite campus services.....\$9,584.00

Computer Information Concepts, infinite campus online forms\$1,406.00
Dana F. Cole & Company, audit services\$5,625.00

DAS State Accounting Central Finance, educational services.....\$2,527.97
Eakes Office Solutions, elementary supplies.....\$87.99

Eakes Office Solutions, office and art supplies.....\$555.54
Eakes Office Solutions, supplies.....\$42.93
Educational Service Unit, NWEA/audiology/vision\$2,384.75

Phonograph-Herald, meeting minutes/ advertising\$553.19
Heartland Disposal, monthly service fee.....\$260.00

Hireright, LLC, driver screening services\$62.80
The Home Depot Pro, cleaning/maint. supplies.....\$2,977.74

Houchen Bindery, LTD, book binding...\$363.15
Houghton Mifflin Co., math expression K-6.....\$165.53

Jostens, graduation supplies.....\$586.82
JourneyEd.com, Inc., Adobe licenses\$451.00

JW Pepper & Son, Inc., music supplies ..\$64.99
KSB School Law, legal services ..\$485.00
Loup Central Landfill, disposal services.\$7.70

Stephanie Maly, sprinkler repair\$400.00
Maverick Industries, boiler annual treatment.....\$515.00

McGraw-Hill Education, Inc., health curriculum renewal\$969.15
Menards, maint. supplies.....\$100.57

Mid-American Research Chemical, alcohol wipes - COVID\$111.03
Mid-American Research Chemical, disinfectant - COVID\$930.55

Midwest Restaurant Supply, LLC, cooler repair - freon added\$345.36
Midwest Restaurant Supply, LLC, element replacement ...\$113.99

NE Council of School Adm., school law update\$100.00
Nebraska/Central Equipment, Inc., transportation supplies.....\$205.45

Nebraska/Central Equipment, Inc., transportation supplies.....\$20.97
Nebraska/Central

Equipment, Inc., transportation supplies - exhaust.....\$257.30

NMC Group, Inc., transportation supplies.....\$203.67
NMC Group, Inc., transportation repairs\$1,074.60

Officenet, elementary copier.....\$126.79
Officenet, HS workroom copies.....\$185.54
Officenet, tech hallway/ super office\$132.54

Officenet, elementary mail room/ workroom\$1,305.69
The Parts Bin, Inc., transportation/maint. supplies.....\$244.68

Pearson Clinical Assessment, protocols and web-based subscriptions...\$224.50
Presto-X Company, pest maint. service\$100.00

Presto-X Company, pest control service - preschool\$35.00
Rice Electric,

chair lift repair - SPED\$996.00
S.E. Smith & Sons, maint./art/ag ...\$282.86

School Health Corp., school health supplies.....\$232.73
School Health Corp., school health supplies.....\$82.90

Sherwin-Williams, maint. supplies.....\$112.10
Sherwin-Williams, maint. supplies.....\$336.30

Sherwin-Williams, maint. supplies.....\$199.99
Smith Welding, ag/building supplies and services\$543.80

St. Paul Dist. Reimburse Acct., supplies, fees, misc.\$600.70
Jason Stepanek, plumbing repairs\$196.00

Stuhr Museum of Prairie Pioneer, student classes.....\$399.50
Super Duper Publications, speech

protocols\$74.00
Tommy-Rene Publications, teacher to student note cards\$95.00
Truck Center Companies, 2011 Thomas bus repair computer system.....\$4,462.12
U.S. Bank, classroom/ principal supplies/ software\$6,774.32
US Bank Equipment Finance, copier equipment.....\$737.11
Vernier Software, science supplies.....\$356.00
Wageworks, monthly fee HSA\$191.75
WEX Bank, fuel.....\$3,215.21
Yanda's Music, music supplies.....\$108.00
Yanda's Music, music repairs\$69.75
Yanda's Music, music supplies.....\$15.39
Yanda's Music, music supplies.....\$7.34
Yanda's Music, music supplies.....\$34.97
Report Total..\$119,518.51
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY

NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Paul, Nebraska, held on the 5th day of October, 2020, there was introduced and placed on file the Resolution of Necessity, hereinafter set forth, which Resolution will be considered for passage by the Council at a meeting to be held at the regular meeting place in said City on the **2nd** day of **November**, 2020, at **7:00** o'clock **P.**.M., at which time and place the Mayor and Council will hear objections to the passage of said Resolution and to the making of the proposed improvements. Thereafter the Resolution may be amended and passed or passed as proposed. Said Resolution is as follows:

“RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. PAUL, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Mayor and Council hereby find and determine that under the provisions of Sections 17-913 through 17-925 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Reissue of 2012, upon determination by the Council deeming it advisable or necessary to build, reconstruct, purchase, or otherwise acquire a sanitary sewer system in whole or in part inside or outside such city, the City shall declare the advisability in a proposed resolution.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council further find and determine that, being advised in the premises thereof, that it is necessary and advisable to construct certain improvements to the City's wastewater treatment system consisting of the following: Sewer Improvement District No. 2020-1.

Section 3. That for the purpose of the construction of the proposed improvements, there is hereby created in the City a sewer district to be known and designated as Sewer Improvement District No. 2020-1, the outer boundaries of which shall include all property located within the corporate limits of the City.

Section 4. A description of the project is outlined in the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan and consists of the following: (a) furnishing all materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances to complete the design and construction of two Sequencing Batch Reactor basins, a blower/lab/storage building, and a sludge storage lagoon; and (b) furnishing all materials, equipment, labor and appurtenance to complete the design, construction and installation of a new main lift station.

Section 5. Reference is hereby made to the plans and specifications for said project which have been prepared by the engineer for the City, which, together with said Engineer's estimate of total cost for said additions and improvements have been filed with the City Clerk prior to the proposing of this Resolution.

Section 6. The Engineer's estimate of total cost for the project is as follows:

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: \$ 5,500,000.00

Section 7. It is hereby found and determined that the improvements described herein constitute improvements of general benefit to the City as a whole. To pay the cost of the improvements herein provided for, the Mayor and Council will, after such improvements have been completed and accepted by the City, cause to be issued the negotiable bonds of the City to be called “Sewer Bonds.”

ATTEST:


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk
(S E A L)


Mayor
Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

Published October 14 and 21, 2020

NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF ST. PAUL HOWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution passed by the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Paul, Nebraska, a special election has been called and will be held in conjunction with the statewide General election in said City on the 3rd Day of November, 2020, at which the following will be submitted to the qualified electors of the City for their approval or rejection:

- “Shall the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Paul, Nebraska, impose a sales and use tax of ½% (one-half of one percent), which shall be in addition to the 1% (one percent) sales and use tax already in effect, for total sales and use tax of 1 ½% (one and one-half percent) within the City, upon the same transactions within such municipality on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose tax pursuant to the Nebraska Local Option Revenue Act, as amended, which additional ½% (one-half of one percent) sales and use tax **shall continue in effect in perpetuity** from the date of imposition of such tax; the proceeds of which sales and use tax shall be used for all lawful municipal purposes which may include, but not be limited to providing **TAX RELIEF** by applying such sales tax proceeds to the **payment of bonds regarding a new Sewer Treatment facility and/or a Downtown Revitalization (DTR) project?**”

- _____ FOR said sales and use tax.
- _____ AGAINST said sales and use tax.

Voters desiring to vote in favor of the question shall blacken the oval immediately preceding the words “FOR said sales and use tax and funds increase” and voters desiring to vote against the question shall blacken the oval immediately preceding the words “AGAINST said sales and use tax and funds increase”.

If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be in favor of such bonds and tax, then the Mayor and Council of the City shall be empowered to issue such bonds and to impose a tax upon all of the taxable property in the City sufficient to pay the interest on and principal of such bonds as the same shall fall due. If a majority of those voting on the question shall be opposed to such bonds and tax, then the Mayor and Council of the City shall not issue such bonds or impose such tax.

The polls will be open at 8 o'clock a.m. and will continue open until 8 o'clock p.m. on the same day, and the voting places shall be as follows:

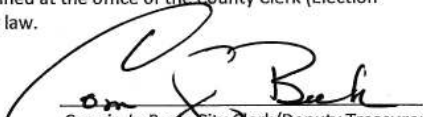
- **North of Howard Avenue** Howard County Court House – Lower Level
- **South of Howard Avenue** St. Paul Public Library Conference Room

The voting places are accessible to individuals with physical mobility limitations.

Early voters' ballots and supplies can be obtained at the office of the County Clerk (Election Commissioner) of Howard County as provided by law.



City Clerk
Publish October 14th, October 21st, and October 28th, 2020.


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

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SP SCHOOL - (from page twenty-one)

Motion to approve the credit card bill as presented passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Jason Meinecke. Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0.

Motion to pay Younger Electric \$496.50 from the depreciation account for replacement outlets in the robotics room passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Jason Meinecke. Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0.

The Superintendent presented the Financial Report.

There were no communications from the public.

Discussion was held on the current mask mandate and overall COVID situation. Currently staff members will need to get permission from their administrators if there are special circumstances to request that masks be worn at all times even when social distancing can be maintained. Currently quarantined and/or positive children and staff are following Loup Basin guidelines. Further discussion was held on symptom free students who are required to quarantine.

Motion was made to amend the mask policy to require masks to be worn whenever social distancing (6 feet) cannot be maintained. Under special circumstances approved by school administration, masks will be required to be worn by all students in classrooms even when social distancing is possible with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Philip Thede. Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0.

Motion to recognize SPEA as the organization representing the certified staff for negotiations for the 21-22 school year passed with a motion by Dan Scheer and a second by Janelle Morgan. Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0.

Motion to continue the mask protocols passed on August 18th passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Jason Meinecke. Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0.

BVH would like to know more specifics on the amount of classrooms, special additions like a science lab room, moving preschool back to the main campus, etc. The board and elementary principal will meet to discuss needs and wants.

Principal's Report: SAT (student assistance team) process was presented to the board for elementary, middle school, and high school students.

Superintendent's Report: Board awards were passed out by Mr. Poppert. State volleyball Class C-1 has been moved to begin on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, all at the Pinnacle Bank Arena. State Wrestling for St. Paul will be Friday and Saturday. Mr. Poppert informed the board that the administration will be doing Title IX training with Perry Law firm.

In person training is full for the State Education Conference.

Adjourned at 6:39 p.m.
Shelly Harrahill
Secretary

Proceedings of the Howard County Commissioners

Howard County Board of Equalization October 13, 2020

A meeting of the Howard County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session on the 13th day of October 2020, in the Boardroom, Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof on the 7th day of October 2020, a proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's office. Copies of the agenda were posted in the

courthouse, mailed to each Commissioner, and kept current and available to the public at the Clerk's office.

Chairman Hirschman called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll Call: Dave Boehle, AYE; Rance Lierman, AYE; Kathy Hirschman, Aye. Also present are County Assessor Neal Dethlefs and County Clerk Bev Sack. Chairman Hirschman also stated to those in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

County Assessor Dethlefs had one homestead adjustment correction for the Board to approve. The correction was for Thomas Backus owing the County \$391.44.

Motion was made by Boehle and seconded by Lierman to approve the correction as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

As there was no further business, motion was made by Boehle and seconded by Lierman to close the BOE meeting at 8:37 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Dated this 13th day of October 2020.

Kathy Hirschman
Chairman
Howard County Board
Of Commissioners
ATTEST:
Bev Sack
Howard County Clerk

Howard County Board of Commissioners October 13, 2020

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Notice of the meeting was given on the 7th day of October, a proof of publication filed in the Clerk's office. Copies of the agenda were posted in the courthouse, mailed to each Commissioner, and kept current and available to the public at the Clerk's office.

Chairman Hirschman called the regular meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Roll Call: Dave Boehle, AYE; Rance Lierman, AYE; Kathy Hirschman, AYE. Also present is County Clerk Bev Sack.

Chairman Hirschman stated to those in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Public Comment

No public comment.

County Road Discussion

Highway Supt. Janet Thomsen discussed how the Dannebrog Shop roof is in need of repairs. Thomsen received a quote from Tillotson Enterprises. The Board informed Thomsen to get another quote and this will be discussed when more information is available.

Also discussed was the possibility of purchasing three used trucks Thomsen had found. It was decided to go ahead and pursue the purchase of the trucks. Also discussed was the purchasing of a new grader. Chairman Hirschman had spoken with D.A. Davidson regarding financing for this purchase. The interest rate would be right at 1.25 percent. This will be discussed again at a later time.

Open Bids-Used Wheel Loader

Bids were received from NMC, Murphy Tractor, and Road Builders for the purchase of a used wheel loader.

After much discussion motion was made by Lierman and seconded by Boehle to table this discussion until the next regular meeting, so the Board can look over the bids received. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mail

Correspondence was received from TERC, NIRMA Dividend Check, Crime Commission, Eagle Heart Ranch, Inc. regarding a modified permit.

Vacating Portion Odell Rd. South of 9th Ave./ Possible Resolution

Much discussion was had regarding the vacation of a portion of Odell Rd. South of 9th Ave. In attendance for the discussion were Highway Supt. Thomsen, Brian Koperski, Viola Koperski, and Don Sack. Thomsen had spo-

ken with the County Bridge Inspector Lance Harter with Oak Creek Engineering stating this bridge is a fracture critical bridge and would cost around \$250,000.00 to replace.

Motion was made by Lierman and seconded by Boehle to table this discussion and have Thomsen speak with Chris from Norfolk Contracting to see what can be done to repair the bridge. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Resolution 2020-25 Setting Property Tax Request

Motion was made by Boehle and seconded by Lierman to sign Resolution 2020-25 setting the County 2020-2021 property tax request at \$2,314,821.00. Roll Call: All Ayes. This request is the same asking amount for the last eight years. Resolution 2020-2025 is on file in the Clerk's office for review.

Resolution 2020-26 Setting Levies

Motion was made by Lierman and seconded by Boehle to sign Resolution 2020-26, setting the County valuation as certified by the County Assessor at \$1,378,501,821 and to approve all tax levies for villages, school districts, fire departments, miscellaneous subdivisions, and setting the County levy at 0.167923. Roll Call: All Ayes. Resolution 2020-26 is on file in the Clerk's office for review.

Resolution 2020-27 Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Lierman and seconded by Boehle to sign Resolution 2020-27 for transfer of funds from the following:

From General Fund to Road Fund.....\$320,000.00
From Inheritance Fund to General Fund.....\$50,000.00
From Inheritance Fund to Road Fund.....\$320,000.00
Roll Call: All Ayes. Resolution 2020-27 is on file in the Clerk's office for review.

Three SDL-Miletta Vista

Motion was made by Boehle and seconded by Lierman to approve the three Special Designated License permits for Miletta Vista Winery. Roll Call: All Ayes. The permits are for October 31, 2020 for a football party, for November 7, 2020 for a football party, and for November 14, 2020 for a Christmas party.

American Legion Posts Presents the Sheriff Office with Commendations

Several American Legion members were present to thank the Sheriff's Office for all the work they do for Howard County. Three plaques were presented to Sheriff Busch from three different American Legion Posts in Howard County.

Maximus Certification

Motion was made by Lierman and seconded by Boehle to approve the Maximus Cost Allocation Plan as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes. This plan consists of actual expenditures from the Clerk of the District Court and County Attorney regarding child support computations.

Public Hearing- Replat Back Nine Acres

Motion was made by Lierman and seconded by Boehle to open the 10:45 Public Hearing for the Replat Back Nine Acres. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Planning & Zoning Admin. Cherri Klinginsmith and Elizabeth Rudolf were present to answer any questions the Board might have. Klinginsmith stated this was formally called BMW Estates and is also changing the road name to Mulligan Drive. Also stated was this road is claimed as an undedicated road.

Motion was made by Boehle and seconded by Lierman to close the public hearing at 11:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Motion was made by Lierman and seconded by Boehle to approve Back Nine Acres' application as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Street Light Issue on Paul Street

Jerry Thompson, St. Paul City Councilman, and Ed Thompson, employee of City of St. Paul, were present to discuss the placement of a street light at the end of Paul Street and Highway 92.

After much discussion

motion was made by Lierman and seconded by Boehle to approve the placement of this light, with the city doing the work and maintaining it, with the County paying for the monthly fee. This will be placed on the Howard Greeley RPPD pole that is already there. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Boehle and seconded by Lierman to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2020 meeting and claims in the amount of \$153,690.99, along with reports from the Sheriff, Treasurer, District Court, and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes. The claims were audited and checks drawn on their regular funds and a list can be found at the end of the minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Board motion was made by Lierman and seconded by Boehle to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. The next regular meeting with the Howard County Commissioners will be October 27, 2020.

Dated this 13th day of October 2020.

Kathy Hirschman
Chairman
Howard County Board
Of Commissioners
ATTEST:
Bev Sack
Howard County Clerk

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Timothy J. Aitken, cell & broadband allow\$80.08
Daryl Anderson, service/mileage ..\$35.75
Aurora Co-op Elevator Co., fuel\$9,619.58
BJ's Garage, LLC, service.....\$73.31
Black Hills Energy, utilities.....\$119.27
Bongaars, supplies.....\$112.12
Brehm Drug, Inc., supplies.....\$31.66
Brennan's Lawn Care, Inc., service.....\$325.00
Tom Busch, cell allow\$30.00
Capital Business Systems, Inc., service.....\$114.50
Center for Psychological Services, mileage\$451.95
CenturyLink, service.....\$547.88
Charter Communications, service.....\$537.16
Jeff Christensen, service/ mileage\$107.10
City of St. Paul, utilities.....\$2,072.96
Clerk of District Court, service.....\$33.00
Contryman Associates, P.C., service ..\$5,500.00
COR, service\$2,604.97
DAS, service\$1,500.34
Neal Dethlefs, cell allow/ mileage\$146.15
Dowding, Dowding, & Dowding, service.....\$1,832.80
Dugan Business Forms, supplies.....\$534.50
Eakes Office Solutions, supplies.....\$74.06
Election Systems & Software, service.....\$2,138.55
First Concord Benefits Group, service.....\$2,511.39
Galls, LLC, supplies.....\$305.92
Goding Law, LLC, service.....\$560.00
Great Plains Communications, service.....\$78.87
Grand Island Independent, service.....\$265.47
Hall County Dept. of Corrections, service.....\$3,502.29
Hall County General Fund, service.....\$9,213.75
Hall County Sheriff, service.....\$27.68
Hall County Weed Control, service.....\$6,250.00
Howard Greeley Rural Public Power, utilities.....\$276.63
Nicole Hicken, service.....\$495.00
Mike Hoff, cell allow & reimbursement ..\$37.98
Hometown Market, supplies.....\$269.20
Howard County Court, service.....\$83.00
IAAO, service.....\$220.00
Jackson Service, Inc., service.....\$208.66
Jensen Publishing, Inc., service.....\$14.55
Jim's Champlin, Inc., fuel.....\$2,790.37
Johnny's Lock & Key, service.....\$75.00
Randy Kauk, service/ mileage\$29.95
Killing Electric, service.....\$147.05
Cherri Klinginsmith, cell allow &

reimbursement ..\$59.98
Chris Kosmicki, service/ mileage\$103.65
Kenneth Kozisek, service/ mileage\$98.48
Ron Kulwicki, service/ mileage\$47.25
Randie L. Lassen, prior service.....\$2.00
Maximus Consulting Services, Inc., service.....\$875.00
Mayer Burns & Koenig, service.....\$460.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., service.....\$104.00
Mid-Nebraska Disposal, Inc., service.....\$116.40
Midland Area Agency On Aging, service.....\$4,152.25
Midland Telecom, Inc., service.....\$257.22
Mips, Inc., service.....\$1,153.44
Nebraska Central Telephone Company, service.....\$101.08
Nebraska Institute of Forensic, service.....\$2,000.00
Christopher Nelson, service.....\$280.00
NPZA, service\$60.00
NSA & POAN Conference Fund, service ..\$350.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association, service.....\$120.00
O'Keefe Elevator Co., service.....\$297.12
Office Net, supplies\$991.05
Melissa Paxton, cell allow\$30.00
Peterson Legal Services, service.....\$6,500.00
Phonograph-Herald, service.....\$2,579.93
Teresa Pistulka, mileage\$279.45
Kayleen Placke, reimbursement ..\$10.00
Quadient Finance USA, Inc., service.....\$2,000.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., service.....\$525.00
Quiz Graphic Arts, Inc., service.....\$32.11
Rasmussen Mechanical Services, service.....\$436.50
Jack B. Reimers, service/ mileage\$127.80
Lloyd Rowland, prior service.....\$9.00
Rr. Donnelley, supplies.....\$37.53
Bev Sack, cell allow\$30.00
Dave Sack, service/ mileage\$20.18
Dave Schroeder, cell allow\$30.00
Rob Schultz, mileage\$116.80
Secretary of State, supplies\$10.00
Sherman County Sheriff, service.....\$18.50
Shred-It USA, service.....\$105.70
Terry Spilinek, service/ mileage\$85.25
St. Paul Veterinary Clinic, P.C., service.....\$20.00
Leona Swanson, prior service.....\$18.00
Paul J. Tartaglia, cell allow\$30.00
Texas State University – Alerrt, service.....\$100.00
The Parts Bin, Inc., supplies\$2,111.70
The Ravenna News, service.....\$35.40
Thiel's Tire & Auto Repair, service.....\$260.25
Janet Thomsen, cell allow\$30.00
Tommy-Rene Printers, supplies\$301.00
Ron Tubbs, cell allow\$30.00
UNL Eastern Nebraska Research, service.....\$30.00
Valley County Sheriff, service.....\$3,096.15
Van Diest Supply Company, supplies\$963.01
Verizon, service.....\$279.93
Wex Bank, fuel.....\$1,120.12
Wroblewski & Gawrych, Law Office, LLC, service.....\$3,778.00
Sean Wysocki, cell allow\$30.00
Xerox Corporation, service.....\$23.14
Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co., supplies\$224.00
Anderson Wrecking Company, service.....\$100.00
Card Member Service, supplies.....\$337.53
Chemsearch, supplies.....\$1,840.75
CPI, supplies\$4,270.75
Dakota Fluid Power, Inc., supplies\$426.56
Filtercare of Nebraska, LLC, service ..\$487.05
Garrett Tires & Treads, supplies\$8,208.02
Hansen International Truck, service.....\$2,061.38
Howard County Withholding, fuel - tax\$2,773.00

Howard County Medical Center, service ..\$97.00
Raynold Hurt, cell allow\$30.00
Island Supply Welding, Co., service\$38.01
John Deere Financial, supplies\$116.68
Liberty Sand & Gravel, gravel\$12,445.84
MARC, supplies..\$990.69
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., supplies\$257.47
Medical Enterprises, Inc., service.....\$70.00
Nebraska Truck Center, service.....\$1,291.30
NMC Exchange, LLC, service.....\$7,330.98
Orkin, service.....\$239.52
Overhead Door Company, service.....\$3,865.00
Larry Poss, cell allow\$30.00
Smith Welding Shop, Inc., service.....\$112.91
Jamey Sok, reimbursement ..\$57.50
Levi Syring, reimbursement ..\$14.86
T.O. Haas Tire Company, service.....\$764.95
Trausch Dynamics, service.....\$10.27
Tri-County Sand & Gravel, gravel\$11,588.26
United Laboratories, service.....\$432.00
Village of Dannebrog, utilities\$179.70
Wilson River Bottom Express, gravel\$110.00
Frontier, service.....\$34.19

Proceedings of the Cotesfield Village Board

Regular Meeting October 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Village of Cotesfield Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Board members present were Chairman, Randy Faaborg, and trustees, Mel Lewis and Terry Anderson, and Cotesfield Village Clerk, Chrystal Essman.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, and Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Anderson, approved by all.

The annual street improvement plan hearing was called to order at 7:00 P.M. in conjunction with the regular meeting. Jay Meyer, Village Street Superintendent, was present to review the 2020-21 One & Six Year Street Improvement Plan with the Village Board. Motion was made by Anderson to authorize adopting the plan, Resolution #2020-4, for 2020-21 as presented, seconded by Lewis, approved by all. Street improvement meeting was closed at 7:20 P.M.

Treasurer's report was read and upon motion by Lewis for approval, seconded by Anderson, carried by all.

Anderson made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Potter, all yeas.

Expenditures

Howard Greeley RPPD, electricity\$498.75
Chrystal Essman, wages\$150.00
Phonograph-Herald, minutes publication\$109.63
Jay Meyer, City Street Supt. services 2019.....\$300.00
Terry Anderson, reimb. for electricity (replacement check)\$101.06
Bluejay Enterprises, tractor transportation.....\$228.00
Grossarts, tank rent\$36.00

Receipts

State of Nebraska, state payment.....\$1,329.66
State of Nebraska, state payment ..\$178.06
Howard County Treasurer, fund\$341.91
Howard County Treasurer, fund\$2,008.01
There being no further business to come before the board, motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting by Potter, seconded by Redding, carried and approved by all. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Open meeting laws are posted in the Cotesfield Village Office.

A complete text of the minutes are on file with the Village Clerk and are available for inspection. Agenda is subject to changes up to

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COTESFIELD -
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24 hours before the meeting except for items of an emergency nature. Said agenda may be modified at the meeting with concurrence of the Village Council. If auxiliary aids of reasonable accommodations are needed, please call the office of the Village Clerk at 308-750-1726 or Randy Faaborg at 308-383-0163.
Chrystal Essman,
Cotesfield Village Clerk

**District
39-0060
Proceedings**

**Regular Session
October 12, 2020**
The Central Valley Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2020 in the Elementary Library in Scotia.

The Open Meeting Law is posted in the library for review. This meeting was advertised in the *Greeley Citizen*.

Members present were: Superintendent Amy Malander, Principal Todd Beck, Principal Connie Shafer, Activities Director Randy Dutcher, President Jeremy Straka, Nick Shoemaker, Ross Butcher, Christy Malmstrom, Larry Wood, Michael Rosander, and three patrons.

Motion by Shoemaker seconded by Rosander to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2020 Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing and the Regular Board meeting. Roll call votes, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Shoemaker seconded by Wood to accept the Claims (General/Building). Roll call votes, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

AED Superstore,
AED battery ...\$398.00
Laurie Alexander,
mileage\$126.90
Appears, mops/
shop coats\$174.82
Black Hills Energy,
gas service\$388.19
Buller Design Scapes,
lawn care\$128.41
Cengage, secondary
textbooks\$255.00
Central NE Rehabilitation
Services, Sp Ed
services\$5,750.65
Chemsearch, custodian
supplies\$623.00
Clearly,
telephone\$237.21
Country Market,
custodian/FCS
supplies\$230.43
Country Partners,
gas/diesel\$988.55
Culligan, salt\$54.80
DAS State Acct.,
network service
charge\$4,702.32
D & M Security,
alarm
monitoring\$750.00
Eakes Office Solutions,
supplies/copier
contract\$6,279.59
ESU10, Sp Ed/
training/e-books/
repairs\$7,962.52
Follett,
math books ..\$1,612.42
Gopher, elem.
supplies\$1,617.44
Greeley Citizen,
advertising\$373.56
Grossarts,
supplies\$24.32
Great Plains
Communications,
telephone\$141.40
Hometown Leasing,
copier leases \$1,570.55
Howard Greeley RPPD,
electricity\$8,165.60
Howard County Med
Clinic, physical/ lab
work - Studley ..\$38.00
Ingram,
library books...\$386.29
Integrated Security
Solutions, fire
extinguisher
inspections...\$2,000.00
Kathleen Kennedy,
repair FB pants ..\$24.00
KSB School Law,
legal service.....\$861.00
K & S Welding,
tire repairs/
brake fluid\$161.34
Life Track Services,
graduation
survey\$362.50
Literacy Resources, LLC,
elem supplies ..\$583.01
Annice Marlow,
CPR training...\$600.00
Chris Martin,
door/shelves and
plexiglass.....\$1,412.43
Matheson Tri Gas,
cylinder rent/
supplies.....\$578.14
McCormack Distributing,
supplies.....\$101.45
McQuillan Insurance,
insurance/work comp
audit.....\$34,189.00
Mary Ann McQuillan,

speech conf. reg
reimb.....\$20.00
Mid-Nebraska Disposal,
dumpsters\$381.90
Misko Sport,
facemasks\$647.28
NCSA School Safety Reg-
istration\$200.00
NCTC,
telephone\$300.88
Nebraska Safety Center,
small vehicle –
S. Wood\$100.00
Nova Fitness Equipment,
balance due.....\$60.00
One Source,
background
check\$73.00
Pekny & Associates CPA,
budget prep..\$3,165.00
Phonograph-Herald,
advertising\$121.10
Platinum Truck,
repairs\$2,115.67
PLTW, supplies\$45.00
Dan Pokorny,
mileage\$885.00
Prestwick House,
*Canterbury
Tales*\$15.47
Quill,
office supplies...\$40.32
Really Good Stuff,
elem.
supplies.....\$1,964.34
Resources for Educators,
reading
connections.....\$976.00
RMW Construction,
Bobcat rental ..\$400.00
Savvas,
succesmaker..\$960.00
Scholastic,
scope/new/
let find\$1,037.38
School Specialty, art/
office supplies...\$50.68
Scotia Electric,
repairs\$262.46
Melinda Smith,
mileage\$144.90
Stadium Sports,
FB pants/shoulder
pads\$1,538.40
Larry Stepp,
iron/braces\$190.60
Studies Weekly,
elem. social
studies.....\$1,159.20
Trotter's Whoa & Go,
gas/diesel\$50.00
US Bank,
gas/supplies/
software\$3,767.12
Village of Wolbach,
water\$186.00
Village of Greeley,
water\$1,158.80
Village of Scotia,
water\$453.20
Kimbrie Vlach,
gas\$30.02
Whoa & Go,
gas/diesel\$1,394.92
Larry Witt, rule 10
safety review...\$500.00
Michelle Wood,
mileage\$202.40

GENERAL FUND
Totals\$108,583.72
Manual Checks
Payflex, admin fees/
renewal\$600.00
Black Hills Energy,
gas service -
Scotia\$223.26
Petska Trailer Sales,
enclosed
trailer\$4,395.00
GENERAL FUND
Totals\$5,218.26
Motion by Wood sec-
onded by Butcher to accept
the Financial Report. Roll
call votes 6 ayes. Motion
carried.
Activity Reports were
discussed.
Principals/Activities Di-
rector reported on:
Senior Surveys, Par-
ent/Teacher Conferences,
Region 3 will send out a
counselor one day a week
to meet with students, Sen-
iors have taken the ACT.
Homecoming is Oct. 16,
and senior night this week.
Conference Volleyball
starts Thursday in Fuller-
ton. State Volleyball will
start Wednesday, Nov. 4.
Football playoffs start Oc-
tober 23. State Wrestling
for Class D will be
Wednesday and Thursday.
Superintendent reported
on: Audit finished, working
on replacing the lights in
the weight room in Gree-
ley. Getting prices to re-
place refrigerators in the
Greeley kitchen. First ne-
gotiations meeting tonight
after the meeting. The
school will try to record the
Veterans Day Program and
run it on Channel 28 and
YouTube.
Motion by Butcher sec-
onded by Malmstrom to
approve three hours in Cul-
tivating Resilience for Julia
Wood. Roll call votes, 6
eyes. Motion carried.
Motion by Rosander
seconded by Wood to ap-
prove Edmund Smyth,
MaKenna Rother, Kim-
berly Graff and Tinette De-
Riso as local substitutes.
Roll call votes, 6 ayes.
Motion carried.
Motion by Shoemaker
seconded by Rosander to
approve Option In for Irie
Pena, Mason Truax, and
Landon Truax from Ord
Public Schools. Roll call
votes, 6 ayes. Motion car-
ried.
Motion by Shoemaker

seconded by Malmstrom to
approve the gym rental and
waive the Alcohol policy
and the aggregate amount
of \$5 million to \$2 million.
Roll call votes, 6 ayes.
Motion carried.
Motion by Malmstrom
seconded by Rosander to
revise the following poli-
cies: Policy 2008 – Meet-
ings, Policy 3001 – Budget,
Policy 3004.1 – Fiscal
Management for Purchas-
ing and Procurement Using
Federal Funds, Policy 4043
– Professional Boundaries
and Appropriate Relation-
ships Between Employees
and Students, Policy 5018
– Parent and Guardian In-
volvement in Education
Practices and Policy 5067 –
Student Assistance Team or
Comparable Problem Solv-
ing Team. Roll call votes 6
eyes. Motion carried.
The next meeting will
be held on Monday, No-
vember 9, 2020 at 7:00
p.m. in the Central Valley
High School library in
Greeley.
Motion by Rosander
seconded by Shoemaker to
adjourn the meeting at 8:17
p.m. Roll call votes, 6
eyes. Motion carried.
Ross Butcher
Secretary

**Proceedings
of the
Wolbach
Village Board**

October 6, 2020
The regular meeting of
the Wolbach Village Board
was held on Tuesday, Oc-
tober 6, 2020 in the City
Hall. Present were Rick
Brown, Roger
Lukasiewicz, Marie Ryan,
Scott Nelson, and Brandi
Swett. Absent: none. Audi-
ence Present: Scott Berney
The regular meeting
was called to order at 7:00
p.m. with five members
present. Nelson stated this
was an open meeting of the
Wolbach Village Board and
the poster is displayed at
the back of the room.
Motion by Brown, sec-
onded by Ryan to approve
the September minutes,
treasurer's report, and bills
payable as presented. Ayes:
Ryan, Lukasiewicz,
Brown, Swett, Nelson.
Nays: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.
Payroll\$3,423.05
Medica Health\$870.05
Greeley County
Treasurer\$1,000.00
Great Plains Comm-
unication\$214.14
NE Public Health
Env. Lab\$100.00
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Herald*\$224.47
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Disposal\$1,879.84
Sales Tax\$171.06
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Colonial Life\$101.75
Grossarts\$891.01
Federal Tax\$1,131.71
NAPA\$81.30
Postmaster\$156.29
HOA\$2,969.83
Robert
Absalon\$1,000.00
NE Municipal Clerk
Association\$20.00
Melvin's Wall\$300.00
Greeley County
Attorney\$20.00
Corner Garage\$6.00
Larry Stepp\$490.00
League of Munic-
ipalities\$280.00
Central NE
Bobcat\$165.20
Younger
Electric\$3,247.50
Hawkins\$428.00
Severson, Lammers,
Abel\$695.00
S.E. Smith & Son
Lumber Yard ...\$449.08
Greeley County
Clerk\$3.25
Sandra Sack\$150.00
Total\$26,096.65
Tabled: Security Plan
for Village.
Tabled: Playground
equipment.
Tabled: Camper site/
fire pits.
Tabled: USDA Funding.
Discussion was held on
grinding the edges of King-
wood Street to the High-
way to repair the street and
get it to drain better this
winter.
Tabled Discussion of
action pending litigation
(closed session).
Tabled Increase to Dis-
posal Fee/Utilities for the
Village.
Discussion was held on
clean up of property 503
Drummond.
Tabled: Board Appoint-
ment Committees.
Discussion was held on
city equipment. Purchase

of a new Polaris Side-by-
Side for daily use. Discus-
sion of purchasing a new
power grader that you pull
behind the side-by- side to
maintain the streets and al-
lies of the village.
Discussion was held on
the pool renovation, they
have most of the concrete
pulled away from the pool.
They are now working on
exposing all of the pipes
that are buried around the
outside of the pool and on
starting to work on replac-
ing all the pipes.
Discussion was held on
the Pump House Automa-
tion. The items are on order
and as soon as they get in
they will start to install
them.
Discussion was held on
a new roof for the water
reservoir. Discussion was
held on finding different
kinds of materials that
would be best for the vil-
lage's situation long term
along with a sealant.
Motion by Brown, sec-
onded by Lukasiewicz to
move forward in starting
up Keno for the Village of
Wolbach with it being run
at the Wolbach Bar. Ayes:
Ryan, Lukasiewicz,
Brown, Swett, Nelson.
Nays: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.
Motion by Brown, sec-
onded by Lukasiewicz to
approve Resolution 2020-4
Wolbach Keno, L.L.C. has
requested that they be al-
lowed to opt out of being
lottery operator for the Vil-
lage of Wolbach, Nebraska.
Ayes: Ryan, Lukasiewicz,
Brown, Swett, Nelson.
Nays: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.
Motion by Swett, sec-
onded by Brown to ap-
prove Resolution 2020-5 to
allow Community Lottery
System Inc. dba Lotto Ne-
braska to become lottery
operator for the Village of
Wolbach, Nebraska. Ayes:
Ryan, Lukasiewicz,
Brown, Swett, Nelson.
Nays: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.
Motion by Brown, sec-
onded by Swett to approve
Resolution 2020-6 to join
the Nebraska Cooperative
Government interlocal
agreement for the purpose
of conducting a lottery
under the Nebraska County
and City Lottery Act for the
purposes of community
betterment. Ayes: Ryan,

Lukasiewicz, Brown,
Swett, Nelson. Nays:
None. Absent: None. Mo-
tion carried.
Motion by Brown, sec-
onded by Ryan to approve
Lottery Sales outlet to be
the Wolbach Bar & Grill.
Ayes: Ryan, Lukasiewicz,
Brown, Swett, Nelson.
Nays: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.
Motion by Swett, sec-
onded by Brown for ap-
pointing Shelby Steenson
as the NCG Audit Clerk.
Ayes: Ryan, Lukasiewicz,
Brown, Swett, Nelson.
Nays: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.
Motion by Ryan to authorize
payment of \$100 to the De-
partment of Revenue for
the lottery license fee.
Ayes: Ryan, Lukasiewicz,
Brown, Swett, Nelson.
Nays: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.
Discussion was held on
the problem with renters
moving out and not paying
their utility bills. A possi-
bility was brought up that,
before a tenant's utility ap-
plication would be ac-
cepted, the landlord would
be required to sign an
owner's consent form and
agree to pay all unpaid util-
ity charges for his or her
property.
Motion by Brown, sec-
onded by Swett to approve
a building permit for
Mariah Quiring at 79914
Stringtown Ave, Wolbach,
NE. Ayes: Ryan,

Lukasiewicz, Brown,
Swett, Nelson. Nays:
None. Absent: None. Mo-
tion carried.
Motion by Lukasiewicz,
seconded by Brown to ap-
prove a building permit for
Kurt Teter at 101 Kewanee
St, Wolbach, NE. Ayes:
Ryan, Lukasiewicz,
Brown, Swett, Nelson.
Nays: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.
Motion by Ryan, sec-
onded by Brown to ap-
prove the Municipal
Annual Certification of
Program Compliance for
2020. Ayes: Ryan,
Lukasiewicz, Brown,
Swett, Nelson. Nays:
None. Absent: None. Mo-
tion carried.
Motion by Ryan, sec-
onded by Brown for ap-
proval of bonding the
Village Clerk/Treasurer.
Ayes: Ryan, Lukasiewicz,
Brown, Swett, Nelson.
Nays: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.
Scott Berney discussed
the property line at 702
Drummond Ave, Wolbach,
NE.
The next regular meet-
ing will be November 3rd,
2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Motion by Lukasiewicz,
seconded by Ryan to ad-
journ the 8:18 p.m. Ayes:
Ryan, Lukasiewicz,
Brown, Swett, Nelson.
Nays: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.
Shelby Steenson
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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Note from Washington

U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

The HAULS Act

Nebraskans know better than most Americans how important the agriculture industry is to our daily lives. From corn and soybean farming to cattle ranching, agriculture is tied to one in four jobs across our state.

We are fortunate to have such high-quality products so close to home. Other states recognize this, too, and their demand for Nebraska livestock and produce makes us one of the largest agricultural exporters in the country.

To get their products where they need to go, Nebraska producers rely on ag and livestock haulers. They are among the most reliable in the transportation sector – they have to be when they're carrying perishable products like cattle or fresh vegetables.

Unfortunately, ag and livestock haulers face regulatory barriers that make it challenging to deliver these products. And while these rules were made with good intentions in mind, many of them do not account for the unique circumstances ag and livestock haulers face.

One example of this is hours-of-service (HOS) requirements. These rules limit the number of hours that truck drivers can be on the road at a time on both a daily and weekly basis. The reason for this is obvious: All of us are safer when we know the big-rig operator next to us on the highway is well-rested and alert.

But these one-size-fits-all requirements do not recognize unique trucking operations, especially when it comes to ag and livestock haulers. When you are transporting a live product, it's not always possible or practical to stop in the middle of a haul. Not all hauls are the same, and we should adjust transportation policy to account for that.

This is why I recently introduced the Haulers of Agriculture and Livestock Safety Act, or HAULS Act. This bill would give ag and livestock haulers more flexibility to account for those unique circumstances.

The HAULS Act would do away with a provision of a decades-old law that says ag and livestock haulers are only exempt from HOS requirements during state-designated planting and harvesting seasons. Though most states have year-round planting and harvesting seasons, not all do. Eliminating this limitation would make sure federal requirements are applied consistently across all states and give ag and livestock haulers more certainty.

The HAULS Act would also amend another federal statute that defines "agricultural commodities" in a way that even the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has recognized is "circular and ambiguous." My bill would provide a clearer definition of agricultural commodities based on feedback from many of the organizations that work with them every day.

Finally, my bill would authorize an exemption from HOS requirements when an ag or livestock hauler is within 150 air-miles of the destination of a haul. Livestock haulers in particular are very limited in where they can park, because stopping requires them to tend to their livestock and meet additional, strict requirements. These haulers should not have to choose between complying with HOS requirements or animal welfare.

Put together, these three changes will make it less challenging for ag and livestock haulers to do their jobs safely. They may not sound like they will affect you if you don't drive a truck for a living, but clearer requirements can make the transportation industry more safe and efficient, and we will all benefit from that.

I have worked with many Nebraskans on the HAULS Act, and I was proud to see it receive endorsements from groups like the Nebraska Cattlemen, the Nebraska Farm Bureau, and the Nebraska Grain and Feed Association. Importantly, after introducing the bill, I also received a letter signed by more than 100 ag and livestock groups sharing their support for the legislation.

The changes the HAULS Act would make have been necessary for a long time, but COVID-19 has shown how important smart transportation policy can be. I look forward to passing the HAULS Act and giving our nation's ag and livestock haulers the flexibility they need.

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