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Knoles becomes third PCS state champion

BY RUSS PANKONIN
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There's an old lesson in life—something so easily within your grasp can just as easily be taken away.

That was a cruel lesson senior wrestler Brandon Knoles experienced when he got upset in the semifinals of the D4 district wrestling meet Feb. 6. What Knoles did after that upset was to come back and pin his opponent in the heartbreak round in just 1:14 to ensure himself a trip to Omaha last week.

Then, in the consolation finals, he won a 3-1 decision to finish third in the district.

His third-place finish at districts kept him under the radar a bit at the state tournament.

He quickly and quietly disposed of his first opponent, needing just 1:54 to claim his first of two pins in the tournament.

Some may have considered his 3-1 decision over the top-rated wrestler in the quarterfinals an upset. He didn't though.

In the semifinals, he won a hard-fought 6-4 decision to vault himself into the championship match Thursday afternoon.

It was a match where Knoles knew he belonged. It wasn't cockiness—it was a belief and confidence in himself that he envisioned all season long; all career long.

He could see himself as a state champion.

So less than a week after he found himself devastated by an upset loss, Knoles took the mat for a shot at gold.

The fact that he'd already beaten his opponent early this season only bolstered his confidence.

After gaining a 3-0 lead late in the second period, his opponent, Luke Howitt of Maxwell, gave Knoles the opening he was looking for.

In a matter of seconds, Knoles took advantage, putting Howitt on his back as the referee slapped the mat at the 3:58 mark in the match.

Knoles' long envisioned goal had come true—a state championship.

"It's something I've wanted since freshman year, but sometimes things don't always happen the way you want them to."

LONG ROAD TO GOLD

When Knoles was a freshman, he won a sum total of 11 matches, wrestling at 160. He didn't qualify for the state tournament in his sophomore year either after moving up to 220.

It wasn't until his junior year that he finally made it to the big show in Omaha—one win against two losses. No medal last year.

This week, Knoles looked back on that upset loss at districts.

"I was just upset. Hadn't

been beat very much this season, and I hate losing so much," he recalled.

As it turned out, it proved to be a good lesson for him, plus it kept some of the attention off him going into the state meet.

"I actually think losing districts set me up better at state. It gave me a chance to knock off some of the top guys right off the bat," he said. Plus, as he made his way through the bracket, he said it made him "a lot less nervous for my finals match."

The semifinal loss at districts set Knoles' emotions on fire. After leaving the mat, he threw down his head gear in frustration and disgust.

Head Coach Tanner Collins pulled him in tight. Collins said the first thing he told him is that's not the way his wrestlers act.

"After he gathered himself a little bit, I just grabbed him and he was still crying. I said nothing changes," Collins recalled.

He told Knoles he could still get to Omaha and once he got there, he still had to beat everybody there to win anyway. "Everything you want is still right in front of you," he reassured Knoles.

Before the heartbreak round that day, the dad of one of Knoles' teammates gave him an important pep talk, much like the words Collins had shared earlier.

MOTIVATION AND ATTITUDE

So what motivates Knoles?

"It's probably the entire community, including coach and my parents—just wanting to show everybody that it's able to be done," Knoles said.

Knoles wants to serve as an example to his classmates and to the young kids coming up.

"I see a lot of kids in our high school and everything, thinking they just can't do it," Knoles said.

They think it's going to be impossible; that they're not good enough. "But we are good enough. It's just our mentality isn't good enough or our attitude," he said.

That's the message that Knoles took to students in the elementary school Tuesday.

After a celebratory walk-thru, Knoles visited with the older elementary students about hard work and dedication.

He referred to it not just to the athletic arena but also to the classroom.

He lives that mantra as well.

Following the football season, Knoles said he was in pretty good shape, but not in good enough shape for wrestling.

He didn't exactly come out of football at wrestling weight. That meant having the dedication and discipline to cut weight to get down to 220.

Collins said Knoles is one of his hardest workers, both in the wrestling room and the weight room.



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Perkins County senior Brandon Knoles pumps his fist above his shoulder as the referee holds his other arm high up in the air, signifying that he is the state champion. Knoles claimed the Class D 220-lb. title at the state meet last week in Omaha.

Knoles knew he needed to get in better shape. Second semester, he said junior Triston Hite convinced him to join him at Image Total Fitness to lift weights.

Every weekday since, the two have met at ITF at 4:30 a.m. to lift. Collins said Knoles backed off some before districts and state, to avoid any freak injury that would cause him to lose his dream.

Envisioning that dream is part of achieving the success.

Since the beginning of the year, Knoles said he could see himself on the medal stand, wearing gold.

That dedication also shows in the classroom. Knoles already has an academic scholarship to Mid-Plains College.

After he decides what he wants to do, he plans to further his education at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Is college football or wrestling in his sights? Only, if he gets an offer that would pay for his schooling, Knoles said.

Members of Knoles' family were able to see him achieve gold last week in Omaha.

His parents include Scott and Chasity Knoles of Grant and his mother, Tasha Doncheske of Big Springs.

They were joined by several aunts, uncles and siblings.



DIANE STAMM | JOHNSON PUBLICATIONS

Head Coach Tanner Collins gives his 220-lb. state champion Brandon Knoles a huge hug following the championship match as assistant Kiffen Cook looks on.

WRITER!

Young author publishes first book.

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IN BRIEF

4-H KICK-OFF: The kick off for this year's 4-H participants will be held this Sunday, February 28 from 4-6 p.m. at Route 61 Roller Dome. Attendees can enroll in 4-H, learn about new projects, meet 4-H educators and council and enjoy free skating courtesy of the 4-H Council.

FFA WEEK: FFA Week continues with a PCS staff appreciation breakfast Thursday morning and Kiss-A-Pig Thursday afternoon. Friday is Drive Your Tractor to School Day! Students are asked to park in the gravel parking lot across the street from the school.

HIRED HANDS AUCTION: The FFA Hired Hands Auction will be Tuesday, March 2 in the Perkins County High School multipurpose room. There will be a complimentary soup supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by an auction of 35 FFA members for eight hours of labor.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES: Girl Scout cookies are officially for sale! See page five for information on how to place an order.

SADDLE UP FOR BLACKTOP PONY: The Perkins County Fair Board presents Blacktop Pony Friday, March 26 at the Perkins County fair grounds. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., and there will be a \$10 cover charge and a cash bar will be available.

OUTSIDE



Looking Ahead

Thurs.: Partly Cloudy, 41-25
Fri.: Partly Cloudy/Wind, 47/27
Sat.: Partly Cloudy, 46/23
Sun.: Partly Cloudy, 41/21
Mon.: Mostly Sunny, 45/24
Tues.: Mostly Sunny, 47/22
Wed.: Sunny, 52/26

Source: weather.com

Looking Back

Date	High	Low	Moisture
Feb. 16	11	-4	
Feb. 17	19	12	
Feb. 18	23	0	Trace
Feb. 19	34	12	
Feb. 20	42	25	0.01
Feb. 21	37	25	
Feb. 22	49	29	

Source: weather.com, weather.gov

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Child sexual assault plea entered

BY RUSS PANKONIN
GRANT TRIBUNE-SENTINEL

Richard L. Moore entered a plea of no contest to two felony charges of sexual assault of a child in Lincoln County District Court Feb. 9.

Moore, 66, of rural Wallace was originally arrested Oct. 18, 2019 on a warrant executed by the Lincoln County Sheriff's office.

After his arrest, Moore was originally charged with eight different felony counts—two Class 1B felonies and six Class 3A felonies.

The charges related to various degrees of sexual assault of a child or minor and intentionally committing child abuse.

In the no-contest plea, two counts of sexual assault of a child in the first degree, a

Class 1B felony, was amended to sexual assault of a minor in the first degree, a Class 2 felony.

The prison sentence for a Class 2 felony is from one to 50 years. A 1B Felony carries a minimum 20-year sentence all the way to life in prison.

Three counts of sexual assault of a child in the third degree, Class 3A felonies, were amended down to one count.

The sentence for a Class 3A felony carries a penalty of up to three years of imprisonment.

The three Class 3A felonies of intentional child abuse were dismissed as part of the plea.

Sentencing for Moore is set for April 19 in Lincoln County District Court.

FEDERAL CHARGES PENDING

While this plea addresses the charges in Lincoln County District Court, Moore still faces federal charges in U.S. District Court in Lincoln, Nebraska.

He remains in federal custody on two counts of production of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.

Those charges were filed in November, 2019 following an investigation by federal authorities.

When the original warrant was executed, the Perkins County Sheriff's Office assisted Lincoln County since Moore's rural residence sits in Perkins County.

Computers, photography and video equipment and related items filling two small trailers were confiscated from Moore's home. These items were later turned over by the Perkins County Sheriff's Office to federal authorities for further investigation.

A conference call on the status of the case between the prosecutors, lawyers representing Moore and the magistrate judge is scheduled for March 10.

Wallace man arrested in Sunday stabbing

BY RUSS PANKONIN
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Deputies with the Lincoln County Sheriff's office arrested Daniel Swanson, 34, of Wallace for allegedly stabbing another man Sunday.

According to a release from the sheriff's office, the Lincoln County 911 Center received a report of a disturbance in Wallace.

The call reported that a male subject was stabbed by another male.

Deputies on and off duty responded to the scene. Swanson was apprehended at his home.

The sheriff's office said the victim, a 36-year-old Wallace man, had fled to a neighbor's house to call for help.

Deputies located the victim and began to give first aid for multiple stab wounds.

Wallace Fire and Rescue responded and the victim was air-lifted to Great Plains Health.

The victim was later flown to Lincoln for further treatment.

The victim's status on Monday was rated as serious and potentially life threatening.

Swanson faces charges of first degree assault and use of a weapon to commit a felony.

Swanson is being held in the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Deputies continued the investigation by executing a search warrant of the residence. The investigation remains ongoing.

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OBITUARY

Toby Hansen

Armand W. "Toby" Hansen, 97, of Grant, passed away February 18, 2021, at the Golden Ours Convalescent Home in Grant.

Toby was born June 12, 1923, at Wymore, Nebraska, the oldest of five children, to Carl and Lavilla (Miller) Hansen. Toby was Baptized in 1934 at the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wymore. He graduated from Lincoln High School with the Class of 1940.

Toby began work at Lemont Telephone Repair, which the beginning of his long career in telecommunications. In 1943, Toby joined the US Navy, where he served during WWII and was honorably discharged in 1946, but continued with reserve commitment to



the Navy until 1952.

On June 17, 1944, Toby married Clementine L. Davis in San Francisco, California, and their union was blessed with a daughter, Judy. Toby was hired by Erney C. Hunt to work for his telecommunications business, which he did for forty years. The couple made their home in Chicago, IL, Lincoln, Neb., and Creighton, Neb., before moving to Grant in 1951.

They moved to Blair, Neb., for 20 years before returning to Grant in the late 1980s, where they lived the rest of their married lives. Throughout that time, Toby had worked his way up from Board Switching maintenance, to District Manager, to Plant Engineer & troubleshooting consultant.

Toby's long life was adorned with many blessings, but he always considered his family and friends to be at the top of the list. In his time, Toby

observed many landmark events, from the hoisting of 'The Sower' to the top of the state capitol dome to the installation of the first dial phone system in Grant. Toby was also blessed to have made an Honor Flight trip to Washington DC, where he even enjoyed a meeting and lunch with the Vice President of The United States, which was something that meant a great deal to him.

Toby was a member of several Barbershop Choruses and performed at countless events over the years. He was a longtime faithful member of the Grant United Methodist Church.

Toby was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Clem; two brothers, two sisters, and their spouses, along with a nephew.

Survivors include his daughter, Judy (Galen) Tickle of Grant; three granddaughters, Dana (Brad) McArtor of

Grant, Brenda (Steve) McClellan of Grant, Sheila (Joe) Uridil of Chino Valley, Ari.; seven great-grandchildren, Joshua, Christopher, Brent, Courtney, Mallory, Colton, and Quinton; four great-great-grandchildren; along with many friends.

A memorial has been established in Toby's memory for later designation by his family. Condolences may be shared at bullocklongfuneralhome.com, where a recording of the service will be posted.

Services were on Monday, February 22, 2021 at the Grant United Methodist Church, with Rev. Lorri Kentner officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Grant Fairview Cemetery. Masks will be required.

Visitation was Sunday at the Bullock-Long Funeral Home in Grant.

Bullock-Long Funeral Home of Grant is in charge of arrangements.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Feb. 8 - Feb. 18

Feb. 8 — 4:33 a.m., Fire Call - Other, Rd 755 Elsie
6:41 a.m., Citizen Assist - Other, W 6th St Grant
7:20 a.m., Assist - Federal Agency, Highway 61 Grant
12:43 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, E Chester St Venango
12:57 p.m., Assist - State Agency, Hancock Ave Grant
5:31 p.m., Motorist Assist - Disabled Vehicle, Central Ave Grant
7:39 p.m., Motorist Assist - Disabled Vehicle, Hwy 61 Grant
10:42 p.m., Traffic - Citation, Hwy 23 Grant
Feb. 9 — 2:15 a.m., Citizen Assist - Other, Sherman Ave Grant
8:48 a.m., Assist - County Agency, S Westmoreland Venango
10:19 a.m., Suspicious Circumstance - Abandoned/Hangup 911, Lincoln Ave Grant
12:15 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Handgun Permit, Logan Ave Grant
12:16 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Handgun Permit, Rd 330 Grant
3:40 p.m., Fire Call - Other, Sherman Ave Grant
5:07 p.m., Traffic - Warning, Hwy 23 Madrid
5:25 p.m., Traffic - Citation, Hwy 23 Madrid
6:12 p.m., Disturbance - Domestic, N Westmoreland Venango
9:57 p.m., Motorist Assist - Traffic Control, Hwy 23 Grant
Feb. 10 — 8:58 a.m., Traffic - Citation, Hwy 23 Madrid
11:12 a.m., Citizen Assist - Check Welfare, Grant St Elsie
2:52 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, Rd 761 Grant
2:54 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, Rd 761 Grant

2:59 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Fingerprints, Logan Ave Grant
3:40 p.m., Accident - Property Damage, Sherman Ave Grant
8:04 p.m., Suspicious Circumstance - Abandoned/Hangup 911, E Stone St Madrid
8:18 p.m., Traffic - Warning, Hwy 23 Grant
Feb. 11 — 5:38 a.m., Citizen Assist - Open Door/Alarm, Central Ave Grant
8:04 a.m., Suspicious Circumstance - Activity, W 1st St Grant
12:43 p.m., Motorist Assist - Disabled Vehicle, Hwy 61 Grant
1:20 p.m., Motorist Assist - Abandoned Vehicle, Hwy 61 Grant
1:33 p.m., Motorist Assist - Traffic Control, Rd 324 Hwy 23 Grant
1:53 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Fingerprints, 322 Ave Imperial
2:15 p.m., Ambulance Call - Transfer, Lincoln Ave Grant
2:49 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, Rd 331 Grant
2:51 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, Sherman Ave Grant
3:20 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, S Denison Ave Madrid
3:39 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, McCullough Ave Elsie
7:57 p.m., Ambulance Call - Transfer, Lincoln Ave Grant
11:55 p.m., Citizen Assist - Open Door/Alarm, Central Ave Grant
Feb. 12 — 12:19 p.m., Citizen Assist - Other, S Ames Ave Madrid
1:11 p.m., Civil - Paper Service, Sherman Ave Grant
1:12 p.m., Civil - Paper Service, Washington Ave Grant
2:28 p.m., Suspicious Circumstance - Abandoned/Hangup 911, Rd 765 Madrid
3:32 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Handgun Permit, Sherman Ave Grant
3:35 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Handgun Permit, Rd 765 Grant
3:36 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Handgun Permit, Road 765 Grant

5:33 p.m., Wanted Person - Warrant Arrest, Hwy 61 Grant
11:00 p.m., Traffic - Warning, Hwy 23 Grant
Feb. 13 — 2:06 a.m., Ambulance Call - Medical Emergency, N Perkins Ave Madrid
8:14 a.m., Accident - Property Damage, Hwy 23 Madrid
11:32 a.m., Suspicious Circumstance - Abandoned/Hangup 911, S Ford Ave Madrid
5:17 p.m., Animal Complaint - Animal Bite, Highway 23 Grant
6:03 p.m., Traffic - Warning, Central Ave Grant
10:23 p.m., Traffic - Citation, Hwy 23 Brandon
Feb. 14 — 12:43 p.m., Animal Complaint - Other, Sherman Ave Grant
Feb. 15 — 1:17 a.m., Assist - Federal Agency, Lincoln Ave Grant
9:30 a.m., Traffic - Citation, Rd 758 Grant
2:16 p.m., Citizen Assist - Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Garfield Ave Grant
5:12 p.m., Animal Complaint - Animal On Roadway, Hwy 23 Grant
5:13 p.m., Accident - Property Damage, Hwy 23 Grant
6:27 p.m., Assist - State Agency, Hwy 23 Grant
Feb. 16 — 12:26 a.m., Fire Call - Other, Mitchem Ave Grant
6:35 a.m., Animal Complaint - Animal On Roadway, Rd 326 Grant
7:32 a.m., Assist - Federal Agency, Lincoln Ave Grant
8:19 a.m., Accident - Property Damage, 7th St Grant
9:28 a.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, W Hwy 23 Grant
9:47 a.m., Suspicious Circumstance - Abandoned/Hangup 911, Westview Dr Grant
10:17 a.m., Occurrence/Violation - Handgun Permit, Rd 345 Elsie
10:48 a.m., Motorist Assist - Disabled Vehicle, Rd 761 Grant
10:59 a.m., Suspicious Circumstance - Abandoned/Hangup 911, S Ford Ave Madrid
11:04 a.m., Occurrence/Violation - Fingerprints, E 9th St Grant
11:06 a.m., Occurrence/Violation - Handgun Permit, E 9th

St Grant
1:45 p.m., Fraud - Scam Attempt, Rd 767 Madrid
1:50 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Information, Warren Ave Grant
Feb. 17 — 7:18 a.m., Motorist Assist - Disabled Vehicle, Washington Ave Grant
8:09 a.m., Ambulance Call - Medical Emergency, Garfield Ave Grant
8:46 a.m., Traffic - Citation, Hwy 23 Grant
9:08 a.m., Traffic - Reported Driving Offense, Hwy 23 Grant
11:03 a.m., Civil - Paper Service, Robinson St Brandon
11:04 a.m., Civil - Paper Service, Sherman Ave Grant
11:06 a.m., Civil - Paper Service - Lincoln Ave Grant
11:08 a.m., Civil - Paper Service, S Pennsylvania Venango
11:56 a.m., Property - Criminal Mischief, S Hardy Ave Madrid
12:04 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, S Hardy Ave Madrid
12:47 p.m., Animal Complaint - Animal Bite, S Pennsylvania Venango
3:35 p.m., Warrant - Other Warrant Issued, Lincoln Ave Grant
4:50 p.m., Warrant - Other Warrant Issued, Lincoln Ave Grant
5:07 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Handgun Permit, Logan Ave Grant
5:19 p.m., Warrant - Other Warrant Issued, Lincoln Ave Grant
6:27 p.m., Warrant - Other Warrant Issued, Lincoln Ave Grant
6:39 p.m., Warrant - Other Warrant Issued, Lincoln Ave Grant
8:26 p.m., Motorist Assist - Traffic Hazard, Hwy 23 Grant
Feb. 18 — 9:26 a.m., Citizen Assist - Check Welfare, N Hardy Ave Madrid
9:27 a.m., Assist - County Agency, S Westmoreland Venango
11:51 a.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, Washington Ave Grant
1:00 p.m., Animal Complaint - Other, Sherman Ave Grant
2:08 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Inter-office, Lincoln Ave Grant



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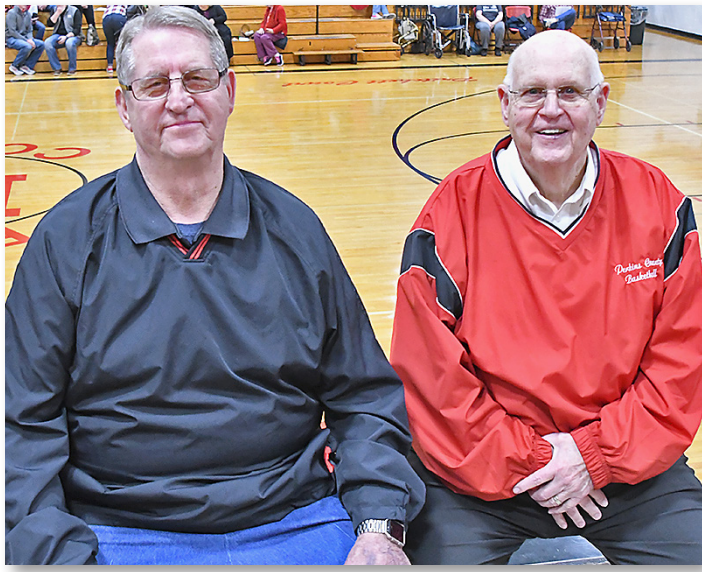
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Former Perkins County Schools head coaches Dick Thurin and Larry Pritchett were recognized for their career accomplishments during Friday basketball game.

Head coaches recognized

BY RUSS PANKONIN
GRANT TRIBUNE-SENTINEL

Perkins County Schools paid tribute to their head coaches over the years during halftime of Friday night's basketball game against Bridgeport in the Pritchett Gym.

Two of the head coaches present included Larry Pritchett and Dick Thurin. Pritchett was recognized not only for his coaching accomplishments, which are many, but also for his other contributions to Perkins County Schools and the community.

These include 34 years in education, 12 years as a school board member and founder and coordinator of the Team Mates program.

See the Feb. 17 issue of the Grant Tribune-Sentinel for a recap of Pritchett's coaching accomplishments.

THURIN CAME IN 1967

Thurin began his teaching and coaching career in 1965 at Roseland High School.

He joined the faculty of Perkins County High School in 1967, teaching social studies and government. He retired from the staff in 2000.

Thurin was the first coach of the girls basketball program, which began in 1975.

He would guide the program for the next 20 years, amassing 325 wins.

During this tenure, his girls teams would make 12 appearances at the state tournament, including a runner-up finish in 1985.

He also served as an assistant coach for the 1985 Nebraska Coaches Association girls all-star game.

In addition to basketball, Thurin served as head coach for the girls' volleyball program and started the girls track program in 1967.

He compiled a record of 182-83.

His tenure as track coach included a state runner-up title. After retiring from high school coaching, he took over the reins of the North Platte Community College women's basketball program.

Over his 16 years at the helm, he recorded 216 wins, six Region 9 titles, Region 9 Coach of the year six times and District F Coach of the Year twice.

His teams made two appearances in the national juco tournament.



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476 wins over his career

Former basketball coach Larry Pritchett was recognized by Perkins County Schools Friday night for his contributions to the school and community during his basketball and teaching career. He and his wife, Marlene, who were surrounded by their two sons, their wives and families were presented with a special "Pritchett" throw-back jersey that showed the number of wins compiled during his career. The throw-back jerseys were won by the boys during their game Friday, which was played in the Pritchett Gym.



DEATH NOTICE

Jody Krajewski

Joyce "Jody" Krajewski, 68 of Grant, NE, passed away Sunday, February 21, 2021, at Perkins County Health Services in Grant.

A memorial has been established in Jody's memory for later designation. Condolences may be shared at bullocklongfuneralhome.com, where a recording of the service will be posted for those unable to attend.

Funeral Mass will be on Saturday, February 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Grant with Fr. Valerian Bartek as Celebrant. Interment will be in the Grant Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial book signing will be on Friday, from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Bullock-Long Funeral Home in Grant. The Rosary will be recited on Friday at 6 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church.

Bullock-Long Funeral Home of Grant is in charge of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICE

Helen Hagan

Helen G. Hagan, 84 of Grant, formerly of Madrid, passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at the Ogallala Community Hospital.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, February 26, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Grant with Fr. Thomas Bush as Celebrant. Rosary will be recited at 9:30 a.m. on Friday at the Church. Interment will be in the Madrid Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Sunday, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Bullock-Long Funeral Home in Grant.

Bullock-Long Funeral Home of Grant is in charge of arrangements.



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Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021
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Richard Thurin Career Achievements

Coached for 35 years in Nebraska High Schools
1965-2000 '65-'67- Roseland High School
'67-'00- Grant/ Perkins County High School

Started Girls Basketball program at Grant in 1975.
Was also Head Volleyball and Girls Track Coach.
Assistant Boys Basketball and Football coach as well.

Girls Basketball Head Coach- 1975-1995 Record of 325 wins
12 State Basketball Appearances- 1985 -C-2 Runner Up
NCA All Star Basketball Assistant Coach -1985

Coached with all 4 Grant coaches in the Hall of Fame

After retiring from High school he coached North Platte CC women's basketball for 16 years. Career record of 216 wins Six Region 9 titles, Region 9 Coach of the year six times, District F Coach of the Year twice.
Two National Tournament Appearances.

51 year Coaching Record of 520 wins for Women's/Girls Basketball

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“But I say to you” statements are about more than just doing

Matthew 5:21-48 (ESV)

21 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’

22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.

23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,

24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.

26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’

28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

31 “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’

32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

33 “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’

34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,

35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

37 Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’

39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.

41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.

42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Jesus is dealing with more than outward compliance with the Law. He gets to the heart of the matter. The Pharisees were good at looking good. On the outside they could discipline themselves to obey the written Law. But on the inside, they were desperately wicked. Jesus pointed this out with two phrases that are repeated over and over in these verses. The first being “you have heard” and the second being “but I say to you” contrasting obedience to the law with our heart condition.

Most of the “you have heard” statements involved religious and pious activity. The “but I say to you” statements go beyond just the “doing” and deal with the attitude of the heart. Jesus was pointing out that we are wicked from the inside out, totally infected with the virus of sin of which there is no cure. Jesus came to provide the miracle cure!

This section ends with “You therefore must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Impossible! But possible with God. Jesus fulfilled the law, v.17, perfectly so that we could have His perfection imputed to us. His perfection is the Father’s perfection. So, in Christ we are as perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect! Wow!

Prayer: Thank you Father! Thank you for loving me and choosing me to be in Your family. Thank you for making me perfect by grace through faith, a free gift from You. You did it all. Glory be to You our King! Amen.

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Friday night a highlight of my career

I have been more than just a little fortunate in my teaching and coaching career for the time I spent doing that.



PITCHING WITH PRITCHETT

Larry Pritchett
Columnist

and Perkins County Schools.

I was lucky enough to have great assistant coaches, outstanding administrators, and lots of hard-working athletes.

My goal was to take players from where they were when they came to me and make them better.

I did want to win games, but I wanted to be able to show my players that there were other things that we were trying to do to make them have a better chance at being successful after their playing days were over.

Along the way, some honors came my way and they were always a humbling experience because I never really ever expected to be included in that particular club of coaches.

Last Friday night was maybe the highlight of my career.

I have a lot of people to thank for that evening. The PCS administration, the basketball coaches, and the players all made it a great night.

My wife Marlene played a big part in all that has happened while I was coaching. There were lots of times we had late suppers, no suppers, spent summer vacations going to basketball clinics, all the things that a coach does to try and improve their skills.

I also had my favorite two Plainsmen there—my sons Troy and Travis—to make the night even better. A big thank you goes out to all of those people mentioned above.

Also a thank you to all the former players, that sent letters, text messages, or some other correspondence and to Russ Pankonin and Tandy Overstreet for the article in

the Tribune and pictures after the Plainsmen game Friday night.

All in all, it was a great night! Perkins County patrons, thank you for all you have done for me and our teams!

STATE CHAMPION

Can't close this week's column out without congratulating Brandon Knoles winning a state championship in wrestling in Omaha over the weekend.

Knoles won with a pin in the championship round. His championship effort is an outstanding accomplishment and he becomes the third Plainsmen to become a state champion.

Great way to finish off your Senior year in the sport. Super job Brandon!

Session third of the way done

Last Friday was day 30 of the 90-day session, which means we have made it a third of the way through this session.

Even though we still have a few weeks left of bill hearings, the committees have been busy advancing bills to general file.

HUGHES' VIEWS

Dan Hughes
Senator

A few weeks ago I wrote about the redistricting process we must go through every 10 years. I mentioned at that time that the data we need from the federal government may be delayed.

We received notice last week they do not believe we will get that information before the end of September,

so that leaves a lot of questions in the air.

As I learn new information about what the process will be, I will keep you updated.

It is important to finish redistricting as soon as possible because 2022 is an election year. People need to know which district they will be in because it may affect their decision whether they will run.

On a side note, I encourage you to get involved and run for a local office—the best way to effect change is to get involved.

As most of you know, I spent the last four years as chair of the Natural Resources Committee. One of the areas that the committee covers is electricity.

One of the things I enjoy about being a senator is getting to learn more about things that are of interest to me. I personally think the power industry is truly fascinating, the way it works and the mix of power generating sources.

We are very fortunate in the country to have cheap and

reliable electricity, most of the time.

I realize that before last week, many of you had probably never heard of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), the group that manages the electric grid and wholesale power market for the central United States.

Due to the recent cold snap, the weaknesses in SPP's system have been brought to light.

In response to this, Senator Bruce Bostelman of Brainard introduced LR 48. The intent of this resolution is to have the Natural Resources Committee provide a report of its findings as to the reasons for and circumstances surrounding the power outages experienced by Nebraskans.

These outages could have been more than an inconvenience—for some they could have had dire consequences. The extreme cold temperatures created a very dangerous situation.

Even though I am no longer chair of the Natural Resources Committee, I am still a

member of the committee.

I look forward to having conversations with the public power providers and also members of the SPP to hear what happened and what their plans are for the future to ensure this will not happen again.

Reliability and affordability are the two most important factors when it comes to electricity. Thank you to everyone involved in providing electricity to us and a special thank you to our line people.

Please feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns that you might have.

My email address is dhughes@leg.ne.gov and my phone number is (402) 471-2805. My office is in room 2108 at the Capitol if you are in the Lincoln area.

You can read more about bills and other work of the Legislature at www.nebraskalegislature.gov, and you can click on the Live Video Streaming NET logo to watch the session, hearings, and other Capitol events.

Financial bliss for the blended family

Ask anyone who's merged two families into a new family unit, (myself included), and they'll likely tell you it's a bit of a challenge. In addition to learning how to adjust to new roles and rules, blended families face the complicated task of combining their finances. If you are in this process, keep



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these five tips in mind to enhance the financial compatibility of your new blended family.

1. Look at the entire picture. To make the most of your shared finances, take the time to understand all aspects of your separate and combined financial resources and obligations.

Hopefully you and your spouse fully disclosed your assets and debts before your vows were exchanged.

It's also important to look at the new financial responsibilities for your household so you can formulate a collaborative plan of action.

2. Create new guidelines. As a new couple, it's up to you to determine how you will divide and conquer your bills, deal with alimony or child support, dole out allowance, and so forth.

You'll also want to figure out whether you want to maintain separate bank accounts and agree on who pays for what and how much of your income goes to the kids.

3. Make a blended budget. After you know what

you have to work with and understand your individual needs and expectations, it's time to put together a budget.

Your new budget will help your family stay within their means, provided that you review the numbers at the end of the month.

Keep in mind your budget isn't set in stone – it's a document you should update as circumstances change.

4. Protect your assets. It's not always best to combine every aspect of your finances in a blended marriage. You may want to pass on assets or family heirlooms that you brought into the marriage to your children.

Consider working with a financial advisor who can help you determine how to ensure your children receive the inheritance that you wish. Regardless, it's important to update life insurance beneficiaries and establish or update your

will to provide specific instructions for dividing your estate.

5. Invest in your future together. This may be the most important step you take as a newly married couple.

Ask your financial advisor to help you sort through finances that may be complicated by a previous divorce or alimony payments.

Together you can explore opportunities to save for the future and protect the financial security of your new blended family.

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Costrini publishes wolf-dog novella

“Friends and Fears: The Two Lives of a Wolf-Dog” is a new 76-page novella that was self-published by A. Costrini, a young area author.

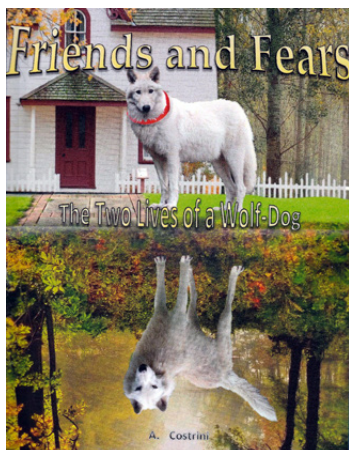
The book’s target audience is kids in roughly the 10-13-year-old range.

The back cover of the book reads, “I leaped over tree roots and tore over grass. I had no intention of returning. My human was a murderer!”

Cotton, the low-content wolf dog, had a wonderful life with his humans ever since he was young. But one day the people he trusts most betray him and his friend. Confused and hurting, Cotton runs from the pain and finds himself lost deep in the woods. Will he ever hope again? And will he ever find the reasoning behind the hurt his humans caused?

Costrini was inspired to write this book after hearing about a National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) challenge to write a book in a month. She set a goal for completing a specific number of words per day and finished the rough draft in 20 days.

Much time was then spent editing her manuscript with help from her grandmother.



“Friends and Fears: The Two Lives of a Wolf-Dog” is a 76-page story geared toward 10-13-year-old readers.

Despite careful attention to fixing errors, the first edition of her book still contained various wording mistakes and page design formats that were not quite what the author had hoped for.

Costrini was able to fix the errors she found and also reformatted the layout of the pages. A new cover was designed by the author based on community input, and she recently used the same com-



A. Costrini is pictured with a wolf at a wildlife center in Colorado. She is the author of “Friends and Fears: The Two Lives of a Wolf-Dog.”

pany to self-publish a second, “new and improved” edition of “Friends and Fears.”

Inklings Bookstore in Holyoke will be hosting a book signing with Costrini on Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m.-noon.

A limited number of books will be available for purchase, and the author will be on hand

to autograph the books.

Gift wrapping is also available in addition to a small assortment of merchandise related to the book’s characters and topics.

The event includes cookies, coffee and water, and those who purchase the book will be entered into a drawing for a door prize.

Girl Scout Cookie booths now open

Girl Scouts begin selling their famous cookies at booths across Nebraska on Friday, Feb. 19. Cookie lovers can use the official Cookie Finder app to find booths selling delicious Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, the new Toast-Yay! and other favorites, while supporting Girl Scouts in their communities.

Girl Scouts will follow all local safety guidelines, and, because of the pandemic, some troops will host drive-thru cookie booths. Customers can even use the Cookie Finder to connect with a local troop and have cookies shipped directly to their homes.

Cookie booths provide great visuals for a quick, fun story about supporting Nebraska girls.

Find a cookie booth or a troop near you by visiting GirlScoutsNebraska.org or downloading the Girl Scout

Cookie Finder app on your smart phone.

Perkins County residents will not find a seller or booth as there is no official troop here. However the Tribune has been informed that last year’s top seller, Tinley Harger, daughter of Trent and Jennifer Harger of Madrid, will be selling as an individual this year and she has already started her sales and plans to set up booths around the community.

Other area girl scouts can contact the Tribune to be included in the list of area sellers.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program supports girl-driven experiences in the great outdoors, STEM, travel, community service and so much more.

All proceeds from the sale of Girl Scout Cookies stay in Nebraska and fund local troop activities.

NSAA girls and boys high school basketball Championships live on NET

On two Saturdays in March, high school basketball teams from all across Nebraska will converge on Lincoln to play for state titles. NET, Nebraska’s PBS & NPR Stations, will provide live coverage of championship games played at the Pinnacle Bank Arena.

“NSAA State Girls High School Basketball Championships” air Saturday, March 6, followed by “NSAA State Boys High School Basketball Championships” on Saturday, March 13.

The schedule of games will be the same both Saturdays. Start times for the second, fourth and sixth games are

tentative, depending on what time the previous games conclude. All times listed are CT.

9 a.m. – Class D-1
10:45 a.m. – Class C-1 (game time tentative)
2 p.m. – Class B
3:45 p.m. – Class D-2 (game time tentative)
7 p.m. – Class A
8:45 p.m. – Class C-2 (game time tentative)

Calling the action on March 6 will be sportscaster Larry Puntaney, along with All-American and former Doane University basketball player Trudi Nolin as color analyst. KETV Sports Director Andy Kendeigh will

report from the sidelines.

On March 13, Puntaney will be joined by former University of Nebraska basketball player Andy Markowski as color analyst. Kendeigh will return with reports from the sidelines.

“NSAA State Girls High School Basketball Championships” and “NSAA State Boys High School Basketball Championships” are produced in cooperation with the Nebraska School Activities Association.

All championship games will be streamed live at net-nebraska.org and on the NET App.

MENU

PC SENIOR CENTER

Meals can be ordered for delivery or carry-out by calling (308)-352-4236. Service will be provided from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. daily. Salad bar will be discontinued until further notice.

Thursday, Feb. 25: French dip, tater tots, stir fry veggies, fruit, dessert
Friday, Feb. 26: Fish, baked potato, carrots, bread, fruit, dessert
Monday, Mar. 1: Chicken stir fry, rice, summer blend veggies, bread, fruit, dessert
Tuesday, Mar. 2: Sausage gravy biscuit, California blend veggies, V-8, fruit
Wednesday, Mar. 3: Roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, corn, bread, fruit, dessert

PC SCHOOL

Breakfast: cereal, fruit, yogurt, whole grain options, milk and juice offered daily; Lunch: fruit and veggie bar, whole grain rich bread and milk served daily.
Thursday, Feb. 25: Chicken alfredo, broccoli, tropical fruit
Friday, Feb. 26: Hot dogs, tri taters, green beans, fruit cup
Monday, Mar. 1: Beef taco, chips and queso, corn, peaches
Tuesday, Mar. 2: Bosco stick marinara sauce, celery with peanut butter, pineapple
Wednesday, Mar. 3: Deli sandwich baked beans, cole slaw, banana, jello

WALLACE SCHOOL

Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit and milk offered daily;
Lunch: flavored milk and juice offered daily.
Thursday, Feb. 25: Haystacks, spiral french fries, banana
Friday, Feb. 26: Chicken/fish sticks, tator sticks, peaches
Monday, Mar. 1: Walking taco, rice, carrots, orange
Tuesday, Mar. 2: Popcorn chicken bowl, roll, mashed potatoes, peaches
Wednesday, Mar. 3: Spaghetti, breadstick, corn, grapes

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

- FFA CDE #2, Curtis
- North Platte Best of the West speech meet, North Platte High School
- Noon - Rotary meeting, PC Senior Center

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

- 7 a.m. - National FFA Week Staff Appreciation Breakfast, Perkins County Schools multipurpose room. Kiss a Pig during PC PRep
- 6:30 p.m. - Boys basketball sub-districts, Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner *

FRIDAY, FEB. 26

- 7:30 a.m. - FFA Greenhand Day for freshmen, Mr. Babbitt’s classroom
- National FFA Week Drive Your Tractor to School Day

SATURDAY, FEB. 27

- 7:30 a.m. - Speech meet, Sutherland

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

- 1 p.m. - PC public speech performance, Pritchett Gym

MONDAY, MAR. 1

- Start of spring sports practice for PC and Wallace schools
- 8:30 a.m., Perkins County Commissioners meeting, Perkins County Courthouse

TUESDAY, MAR. 2

- 9 a.m., Upper Republican Natural Resources District meeting, NRD office in Imperial
- 6:30 p.m. CT - Wallace Speech Night
- 6:30 p.m. - FFA Hired Hands auction, Perkins County Schools multipurpose room

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 3

- 7:30 a.m., 9th and 10th field trip to Chadron State
- Noon - Rotary meeting, PC Senior Center

* Denotes home game.

All times mountain unless noted otherwise.

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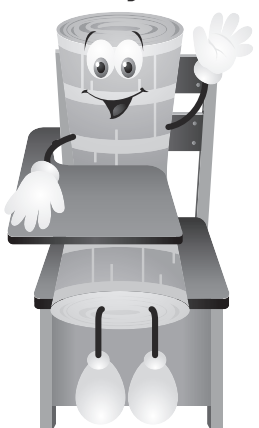
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After taking a 3-0 lead in his championship match, Maxwell's Luke Howitt gave Brandon Knoles an opening that he took advantage of to win the D200 state title with a pin at the 3:58 mark.

Knoles finishes 33-4 as D220 state champion

BY RUSS PANKONIN
GRANT TRIBUNE-SENTINEL

Senior Brandon Knoles joined some elite company Thursday as only the third ever state wrestling champion at Perkins County Schools.

After getting upset in the D4 semifinals, Knoles took that lesson and experience to heart, clearing the D220 bracket en route to a state championship.

Coach Tanner Collins said Knoles was on a different plane throughout the two-day tournament.

"I've never seen an individual wrestler with that much focus and determination in their face," Collins said.

Going into the championship match against Maxwell's Luke Howitt, a wrestler he had already beaten earlier in the season, Knoles got one direction from Collins—don't get in a headlock.

Both knew that was Howitt's go-to move and as long as he could stay clear of it, Collins knew he could win the match.

He not only won the match but did it with a pin in the final seconds of the second period after building a 3-0 lead.

EARLIER ROUNDS

As a third-place finisher at districts, Knoles faced a second-place district finisher in the first round of state.

Junior Chandler Carrier of Scribner-Snyder, 20-14, who took second in the D1 district, became Knoles' first victim. He needed just 1:54 to record his first of two pins in the meet.

In the quarterfinals, Knoles knocked off senior Chet Wichmann of Palmer, who brought in the best record at 220 with a 51-2 mark.

The match was tied 1-1 in the third period. With less than 20 seconds left, Knoles got a two-point takedown to claim a 3-1 decision against the top-rated wrestler to move into Thursday's semifinals.

There, he built a 6-4 lead over Sandhills/Theftord senior Reed McFadden by the third period and rode him out to victory to move to the finals.

Collins said Knoles' upset



Coach Tanner Collins and assistant Austin Thelander are off their chairs as Collins yells at Brandon Knoles that time was running out. In the next few seconds, Knoles pulled off a takedown of the top-rated wrestler for a crucial two points. Knoles looks to the official to make sure he got the points for the move.



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loss in the district worried him a little bit.

"Every other loss, he was pretty calm, collected and didn't let it bother him. That was not the case after that match," Collins said.

He said he pulled Knoles in close and told him the upset didn't change a thing.

"I said nothing changes. You got to Omaha. And you still got to beat everybody there to win," Collins told him.

He reassured Knoles that "everything you want is still right in front of you."

With the focus Knoles displayed, Collins said he said very little to him during his matches, except for his advice in the finals.

Looking at the championship podium during the medal presentations, Collins realized that Knoles beat the second, third and fourth place finishers at 220 en route to his championship medal.

Knoles joins state champions Austin Thelander, 2013, 106 and Beau Wood, 2019, at 195.

THREE OTHER QUALIFIERS

Collins took three others to Omaha for the state meet—freshman Mason Toner at 120 and juniors Colton Pouk at

138 and Austin Meyer at 285.

Collins is looking forward to getting each of them back next season to help build the nucleus of another successful campaign.

Collins said the experience will be good for all of them.

He said Toner was a little overwhelmed by the atmosphere but making the tournament will benefit him down the road as well as provide some motivation.

Toner went out after falling in his first two matches.

Collins said Pouk was ahead in both matches before giving up falls as well.

He added Pouk has faced some adversity down the stretch, suffering from a bad case of cauliflower ear that will need some treatment now the season is over.

Collins said he was proud of how Pouk persevered, despite the pain.

Meyer, the district champion at 285, opened his tournament with a pin, putting Jacob Stromberg, 25-32, of Palmer to the mat in 1:20.

In his quarterfinal match, Meyer suffered a 1-0 loss to Summerland's Logan Mueller in the three-period match.

Collins said Mueller, who went on to finish second, rode Meyer out the entire third

period to preserve the 1-0 win.

Just 45 minutes later, Meyer found himself back in the mat for a consolation match with Isaac Welch of Mullen.

Collins said the short turnaround time after a long match with Mueller took its toll on Meyer.

He suffered a fall at 4:46 to end his comeback bid for a medal.

The results of the Plainsmen wrestlers at the state meet, along with their final record, follow:

Class D State Tournament

120 Mason Toner (9-25)—Champ. Round 1: Lance Russell (High Plains Community) over Toner, Fall 1:31; Cons. Round 1: Carter VanPelt (Southwest) over Toner, Fall 2:30.

138 Colton Pouk (22-9)—Champ. Round 1: Damien Erickson (Stanton) over Pouk, Fall 3:08; Cons. Round 1: Wyatt Urkoski (High Plains Community) over Pouk, Fall 4:30.

220 Brandon Knoles (33-4) 1st place—Champ. Round 1: Knoles over Chandler Carrier (Scribner-Snyder), Fall 1:54; Quarterfinal: Knoles over Chet Wichmann (Palmer), Dec 3-1; Semifinal: Knoles over Reed McFadden (Sandhills/Theftord), Dec 6-4; 1st Place Match: Knoles over Luke Howitt (Maxwell), Fall 3:58.

285 Austin Meyer (33-10)—Champ. Round 1: Meyer over Jacob Stromberg (Palmer), Fall 1:20; Quarterfinal: Logan Mueller (Summerland) over Meyer, Dec 1-0; Cons. Round 2: Isaac Welch (Mullen) over Meyer, Fall 4:46.



DIANE STAMM | JOHNSON PUBLICATIONS
Junior Austin Meyer positions Jacob Stromberg of Palmer before rolling him over for the pin in Meyer's first match at state.



DIANE STAMM | JOHNSON PUBLICATIONS
Colton Pouk gets two points for a takedown of High Plains' Wyatt Urkoski in a consolation match at 138.



DIANE STAMM | JOHNSON PUBLICATIONS
Mason Toner works for some leverage in his match against Southwest's Carter Van Pelt.

Lady Plainsmen's season ends at subdistricts

BY ERIN GIBBENS
GRANT TRIBUNE-SENTINEL

The Perkins County Lady Plainsmen ended their season in the second round of subdistricts after a win over Sutherland and a loss to top seeded South Loup.

SUTHERLAND

Wednesday, Feb. 17, the Lady Plainsmen headed to Callaway for the first game of subdistricts. The game was originally set for Tuesday, however rolling blackouts and poor weather delayed the game by a day.

With just under six minutes on the clock in the first quarter, Sutherland made the first point of the game with a free throw after they were fouled at the basket.

Shortly after, senior Dani Burge was fouled and got two shots at the line. She made one, giving the Lady Plainsmen their first point.

Perkins County went on to put eight more points on the board in the first quarter, giving them a lead over Sutherland 9-4.

In the second, both teams scored 12 points each, making the score at half 21-16.

The Lady Plainsmen continued to score in the double digits for the last two quarters, with 17 in the third and 16 in the fourth.

Perkins County defeated Sutherland 54-39, and they moved on in the tournament to play South Loup, who had just defeated Hi-Line.

"From top to bottom, nearly every area showed improvement from when we lost to them a month ago during the SPVA Tournament," said coach Deanne Bishop.

She noted the girls were patient within their offensive sets, and they did a great job shutting down the opposing team's best player, who they limited to only free throws.

Freshman Kailee Potts was the top scorer for Perkins County with 22 points. Potts, Burge and junior Meghan Bishop each had four steals, supporting Bishop's notes on the team's defensive abilities throughout the game.

Perkins County 54

	2 PT.	3 PT.	FT/FTA	F	TP
Kailee Potts.....	6	0	10-15	3	22
Meghan Bishop.....	0	3	0-0	5	9
Meredith Gloy.....	0	0	0-0	2	0
Rylee Huff.....	0	0	2-3	5	2
Samantha Patrick.....	0	1	2-4	1	5
Hallie Fisher.....	2	0	0-0	0	4
Dani Burge.....	5	0	2-5	2	12
Totals.....	13	4	16-27	18	54

Sutherland 14

Sutherland's totals: 2 pt. FG—8; 3 pt. FG—4; FT/FTA—11-20; Fouls—22; TP—39.



TANDY OVERTREET
Freshman Kailee Potts pushes past Sutherland's defense and goes for a layup. Potts was the top scorer for Perkins County in Wednesday's sub-district game against Sutherland with 22 points.

Points by quarters:

PCHS.....	9	12	17	16	—54
Sutherland.....	4	12	8	15	—39

SOUTH LOUP

Thursday, the Lady Plainsmen made the trip back to Callaway for the second

game of subdistricts to play South Loup.

South Loup sank a tre early on in the first quarter. Perkins County pushed through the full court press and Burge made a two-point field goal, scoring the first points for the Lady Plainsmen.

Perkins County had a lead over South Loup at the end of the first, 10-5.

South Loup's Bobcats picked up their game, scoring 14 in the second quarter while holding the Lady Plainsmen to just four points, making the score 19-15 at half.

Bishop described the girls' offense as "cold" in the second half, and noted that while their defense was strong, it wasn't enough to overcome South Loup.

In the first half, she said, the girls shot around 30% from the field, but in the second, the percentage was much lower, at 20.5%.

"We had all sorts of looks in our sets—baseline looks, short-corners, layups, 3s, 'bunnies,' etc.—and we generally took the open looks when we needed to take them, but they didn't fall," Bishop added.

The Bobcats scored 22 more points in the second half, and Perkins County

scored seven points, making the final score 41-22 with South Loup moving on to districts.

"I was proud of the way the girls kept their chins up and worked hard until the final buzzer," Bishop said.

Burge was the team's top scorer with 12 points, and Meghan Bishop and Burge each got nine rebounds.

Perkins County 22

	2 PT.	3 PT.	FT/FTA	F	TP
Hannah Kempf.....	0	0	0-0	0	0
Kailee Potts.....	3	0	0-1	3	6
Meghan Bishop.....	1	0	0-0	2	2
Meredith Gloy.....	1	0	0-0	3	2
Rylee Huff.....	0	0	0-0	5	0
Katie Cook.....	0	0	0-0	0	0
Samantha Patrick.....	0	0	0-0	0	0
Hallie Fisher.....	0	0	0-0	0	0
Dani Burge.....	4	0	4-7	3	12
Kaitlin Meyer.....	0	0	0-0	0	0
Totals.....	9	0	4-8	16	22

South Loup 41

Points by quarters:

PCHS.....	10	5	4	3	—22
South Loup.....	5	14	11	11	—41

"It's always tough to see a season come to an end, especially when the team feels like they are playing some of their best ball of the season," Bishop said. "I'd like to say a special thank you to our five seniors—Rylee, Dani, Hannah, and student managers Savannah and Kayla—for their years of hard work and leadership."

Plainsmen tune up for subdistricts against Bridgeport

BY RUSS PANKONIN
GRANT TRIBUNE-SENTINEL

With subdistricts starting this week, Plainsmen Head Coach Shawn Cole wanted to see a strong effort against Bridgeport in the regular season finale Friday.

Cole said before the game, they talked about using the game to get ready for this week's subdistricts.

"We don't want to step backwards. Step forward, move forward, and get ready for subdistricts," he said he told the team. "And I thought that we did that."

He voiced that optimism even though the Plainsmen fell to Bridgeport 81-51.

Despite the loss, Cole said he saw some good things from his team.

"We had some good chunks of the game where we played really good," he said following the game.

That's what he was looking for going into subdistricts.

The Plainsmen earned the top seed in this week's D1-12 subdistrict, finishing ahead of Morrill in wildcard points.

That also earned them the right to host the subdistrict.

Cole said it will be a real advantage to play the subdistrict at home.

The Plainsmen opened the tournament against fourth-seeded Garden County Tuesday night.

Morrill faced Leyton on the other side of the bracket. Cole fully expects to face Morrill in the sub final, barring any upsets.

He feels confident his team can get Morrill as well.

If they play with the kind of intensity they showed against Bridgeport, he said they stand a strong chance to win the subdistrict.

While the Plainsmen suffered a 30-point loss to Bridgeport, they executed their game plan and badgered Bridgeport all night with their pressure in what proved to be a physical game.

Bridgeport came out shooting lights out, which forced the Plainsmen to play catch up much of the game.

Of all of the film Cole said he watched on Bridgeport, not once did they come out and shoot like they did Friday against the Plainsmen.

Their first 12 points came on 3-pointers for a 12-2 lead out of the gate.



TANDY OVERSTREET

Casey Hanson prepares to lay the ball up off the glass to score the Plainsmen's first two points of the game against Bridgeport Friday.

But by the end of the first eight minutes, the Plainsmen had trimmed the lead back to six, 18-12.

The Plainsmen got it back to two, 20-18 but could only add four more points in the quarter. At the other end, Bridgeport continued to drop the ball in the hoop, building a 38-23 halftime lead.

It didn't help the Plainsmen's floor captain Tristan Hite sat much of the second quarter after collecting three fouls.

With Hite on the bench, Hunter Garner picked up the scoring duties, scoring nine of the Plainsmen's 11 second-quarter points.

Bridgeport went inside against the Plainsmen in the second half, opening up 61-38 lead after three enroute to the 81-51 final score.

Hite played sparingly after getting his fourth foul early in the third and fouling out early in the fourth.

Garner finished the night with 25 points, including five 3-pointers.

Hayden Foster and Casey

Hanson each added 10 as the trio accounted for 45 of the Plainsmen's 51 points.

Perkins County 51

	2PT	3PT	FT	F	TP
Hunter Garner	4	5	2-4	3	25
Jeb Kohl	0	0	0-0	0	0
Triston Hite	1	0	0-0	5	2
Ian Picquet	1	0	0-0	3	2
Hayden Foster	5	0	0-0	1	10
Casey Hanson	3	0	4-7	0	10
Erik Snyder	1	0	0-0	0	2
Ethan Sihm	0	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	8	4	4-12	10	32

Bridgeport 81

Bridgeport totals: 2 pt. FG—18; 3 pt. FG—9; FT/FTA—18-21; Fouls—15; TP—81.

Points by quarters:

PCS	12	11	15	13	—51
BHS	18	20	23	20	—81

SUBDISTRICT FINAL

The Plainsmen faced fourth-seeded Garden County in the first game Tuesday.

Second-seeded Morrill faced third-seeded Leyton in the other game of the four-team bracket.

The winners of those two games will face off Thursday at PCS, with game time set for 6 p.m. MT.

PC speech team gears up for SPVA

BY ERIN GIBBENS
GRANT TRIBUNE-SENTINEL

The Perkins County speech team traveled to Ogallala Saturday, Feb. 20.

18 schools were in attendance from Classes B, C1, C2, D1 and D2.

Nine students in seven entries earned medals Saturday. 22 students from Perkins County competed in Ogallala.

The team's next meet will be Saturday, Feb. 27 in Sutherland. Students will be allowed to invite two spectators to view their performances.

The team will also hold another home public performance Sunday, Feb. 28 in Pritchett gym.

The SPVA speech meet will be Monday, March 1 in Sutherland, followed by the district meet Monday, March 8 in Hemingford.

SUTHERLAND RESULTS

- Entertainment: Carter Krajewski, 10th (4th - Honors)
- Poetry: Summer Postlewait, 9th (3rd - Honors)
- Informative: Rylee Huff, 6th (6th - Championship)
- Persuasive: Meghan Bishop, 3rd (3rd - Championship); Gavin Smith, 7th (1st - Honors)
- Duet: Jeb Kohl and Meghan Bishop, 7th (1st - Honors)
- OID: Sophia Perez, Meghan Bishop, Triston Hite, Blake Dolezal and Jeb Kohl, 5th (5th - Championship)



ERIN GIBBENS | JOHNSON PUBLICATIONS

Carter Krajewski performs his entertainment speech at the PC Invite. Saturday, Krajewski earned 10th place with this speech.

Wallace takes second at RPAC speech

BY ERIN GIBBENS
GRANT TRIBUNE-SENTINEL

Wednesday, Feb. 17, the Wallace speech team participated in the RPAC speech competition at Culbertson. Every Wallace student who competed earned a medal, and the team as a whole earned second place.

Paxton placed first at RPAC with 173.5 points, and Wallace was close behind with 164.5 points.

The team has one more meet before their district competition.

Saturday, Feb. 27, the team will compete at Sutherland

and for the first time this season, participants will be able to invite two spectators to attend.

"The season has gone quickly," said coach Samantha Garrison. "The students look forward to using the meet in Sutherland and our community performance scheduled for March 2 as a springboard for the district competition in Callaway on March 8."

The community performance on March 2 is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. CT at the high school.

NORTH PLATTE RESULTS

- Informative: Anna Vote, 4th (Novice)

RPAC RESULTS

- Serious Prose: Angelica Vazquez, 5th
- Humorous Prose: Trey Robertson, 3rd; Joey Ledbetter, 4th
- Poetry: Angelica Vazquez, 3rd; Morgan Lungrin, 5th
- Extemporaneous: Ashlyn Robinson, 2nd; Aidan McClintock, 3rd
- Informative: Anna Vote, 4th; Dajana Garrison, 5th
- Persuasive: Brylie Robinson, 2nd; Reagan Pelster, 7th
- Duet: Trey Robertson and Reagan Pelster, 7th
- OID: Mariah Gardner, Morgan Lungrin, Jennifer Silva, Angelica Vazquez and Brooke Bryant, 2nd

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Wallace boys head into sub-districts

The Wildcats finished their regular season with a win against Creek Valley Friday, Feb. 19, 72-51. Their record going into subdistricts is 16-4, and they are the top seed for the tournament.

Wallace's first game was Tuesday, Feb. 23 against Southwest.

The winner of that game will play against the winner of Game 3, Brady vs. Medicine Valley

Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. CT in Wallace. Pictured are Wildcat seniors (l-r) Tanner Finley, Ethan Bowlin and Aidan McClintock, who were honored at Senior Night on Friday.



NORA JAMESON

Lady Cats fall to M-HC



NORA JAMESON

The Wallace girls basketball team ended their season at subdistricts after falling to Maywood/Hayes Center Tuesday, Feb. 16. Maywood/Hayes Center got a quick lead in the game scoring 14 points to the Lady Cats' four, and Wallace was unable to catch up. The Lady Cats fell 48-23, ending their season at the second game of subdistricts. Junior Mariah Gardner was the top scorer for the Lady Cats with 10 points. Freshman Kendyl Flaming and sophomore Karlie Finley both got eight rebounds during the game. The girls ended their season 8-14. Pictured, Finley takes a shot for two.

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A public hearing on the One(1) and Six (6) Year Road Improvement plan for Perkins County, Nebraska, will be held in the Commissioners Room in Grant, Nebraska on March 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to propose to the residents of Perkins County the One (1) Year Road Improvement Plan and the Six (6) Year Tentative Street Improvement Plan in compliance with Section 39-2115 and 39-2119 of Chapter 39 of the Commutative Supplement of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943.

Michael Dolezal
Perkins County Highway Supt.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING PERKINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

The Perkins County Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, March 1, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the District Court Room on the third floor of the Courthouse, 200 Lincoln Ave., Grant, Nebraska. An agenda is kept current and available for public inspection at Perkins County Clerk's Office during the business hours of the Courthouse and on the Perkins County Website.

Rita A. Long
Perkins County Clerk
PUBLISH: Feb. 24, 2021
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING PERKINS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the next regular meeting of the Perkins County Planning Commission will be held Monday, March 1st, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse, 3rd Floor District Court Room, at Grant, Nebraska. This meeting is open to the public. An agenda is kept current and is available for public inspection at the office of the Zoning Administrator at the Perkins County Courthouse, Zoning Office, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Grant, Nebraska. Or you may call (308) 352-7548.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FEBRUARY 17, 2021 CITY OF GRANT P.O. BOX 614 GRANT, NE 69140

Sealed Bids will be received by the Mayor and City Council of Grant, Nebraska for the construction of the Street Sealing Improvements 2021, located in Grant, Nebraska.

Description of Work: This project shall consist of the following major items or process units:
Contract No. 1:

1. Various streets within the City of Grant, Nebraska (City will furnish the aggregate to storage area within Grant and Contractor will pick up and deliver aggregate to aggregate spreader. Contractor will furnish and install necessary oil);
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Contract No. 2:

1. Various streets within the City of Grant, Nebraska (Contractor will furnish and install oil and aggregate)
Proseal x 19,399 sy
Bids for the Street Sealing Improvements 2021 will be received

until 3:00 P.M. MST on March 4, 2021 at the City Office (342 Central Ave.) in Grant, Nebraska 69140, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after this time will not be accepted.

The Work shall be started within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the Contract, and the Work shall be completed by August 31, 2021, unless extended due to weather.

Each Bidder shall submit with their Bid a certified check or Bid Bond in a separate sealed envelope, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of their Base Bid. No Bidder may withdraw their proposal for at least thirty (30) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of Bids.

A one hundred percent (100%) Performance Bond and Labor & Material Bond shall be furnished within ten (10) days of the Notice of Award by the successful Bidder.

Contract documents may be obtained from the Engineer, T.C. Engineering, Inc.; 1 South Sycamore St. North Platte, NE 69101; Phone: (308) 534-9245.

The Owner may require any

Bidder to submit to the Engineer, prior to the date of the Bid opening, a properly executed Contractor's Qualification Statement, AIA Document A305, and/or that their Bid be accompanied with a signed certificate from a surety company licensed in the State of Nebraska. The surety company shall provide the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, with a Performance Bond and Labor & Material Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract sum.

The Owner reserve the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive information in Bids received. The Owner reserves the right to accept any Bid, with or without alternates, which the Owner deems most beneficial to the City of Grant, Nebraska, and to reduce or increase the area coated by up to 15% without a change in the unit pricing.

City of Grant, Nebraska (Owner)
ATTEST:

By:
Jessie Faber, City Clerk
Lisa Schmitt, Mayor
PUBLISH: Feb. 17 and 24, 2021
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Regular monthly meeting of the Upper Republican Natural Resources District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 9:00 am MT at the NRD Office, 511 East 5th St, Imperial, NE and meeting is open to the public. An agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the NRD office in Imperial, the FSA office in Benkelman and the NRCS Office in Imperial. The agenda is also available for review on the District website. www.urnrd.org

Terry Martin, Chairman
Publish: February 24, 2021. ZNEZ

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that The Garden Foodie, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office at 905 Sherman Ave., Grant, NE 69140.

The Company's initial registered agent for service of process is Breanne Sims at 905 Sherman Ave., Grant, NE 69140.

The limited liability company was organized and commenced on November 17, 2020, and the period of the Company's duration is perpetual.

The affairs of the Company shall be conducted by its Members in proportion to their contribution to the capital of the Company, as adjusted from time to time, to reflect additional contributions or withdrawals by the Members.

Garden Foodie, LLC
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that Flexible Fasting, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office at 905 Sherman Ave., Grant, NE 69140.

The Company's initial registered agent for service of process is Samuel Sims at 905 Sherman Ave., Grant, NE 69140.

The limited liability company was organized and commenced on November 12, 2020, and the period of the Company's duration is perpetual.

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Flexible Fasting, LLC
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRADE NAME

Notice is hereby given that an application of trade name has been filed with Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The trade name is Chamness Construction. Applicant is Andrew Brian Chamness, 529 Garfield Ave., Grant, NE, 69140. Applicant is an Individual in Nebraska. Date of first use of name in Nebraska upon filing. The general nature of the business is construction/contractor, remodeling existing residential properties.

Chamness Construction
Trade Name Applicant
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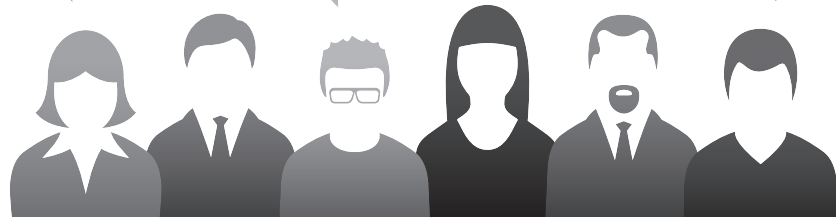
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PUBLIC NOTICE

MINUTES FOR THE VILLAGE OF VENANGO FEBRUARY 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the Village of Venango was held on February 9, 2021 at the town hall with Chairman Thomas Tines calling the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Thomas Tines, Troy Grothman, Cody Miller and Dennis Ekdahl were present. Christine Farnsworth was absent. Social distancing practices were in place. It was announced that a quorum was present and the meeting could proceed with the business before it.

Notice of the meeting was posted at the town hall, community bulletin board and post office. The agenda was posted at the town hall with copies available upon request. The Open Meetings Act was made available.

Ekdahl made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the January 12, 2021 Regular meeting. Grothman seconded. Polled-all yeas; motion carried.

Ekdahl gave the treasurer report: Checking Account opening balance \$84,226.88; 16 credits \$36,282.96; 30 Debits \$36,509.84; with a January 29, 2021 balance of \$84,000.00. CRA/TIF opening balance of \$246,492.53; zero credits; 1 debit with a Janu-

ary 29, 2021 balance of \$190,315.37. Keno Account opening balance of \$40,463.13; zero credits; zero debits with a January 29, 2021 balance of \$40,463.13. Grothman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Miller seconded. Polled-all yeas; motion carried.

Reports were given on water, sewer, trash, and streets.

Ekdahl made a motion to purchase 10 Lease-A-Hall days for \$150.00 from the Venango American Legion. Grothman seconded. Polled-all yeas; motion carried.

Ekdahl made a motion to have Holiday Farms K-Lawn & Lawn Care use the 1st, 2nd and 4th application services at the water tower in the amount of \$450.00. Grothman seconded. Polled-all yeas; motion carried.

Grothman made a motion to have Lots 7&8 Block 6 Original Village surveyed, Miller seconded. Polled-all yeas; motion carried.

Grothman made a motion to renew membership with Nebraska Rural Water Association for 2021 in the amount \$100.00. Miller seconded. Polled-all yeas; motion carried.

Grothman made a motion to accept the bronze bench given by Dick Dudden to the Village of Venango, Ekdahl seconded. Polled-all yeas;

motion carried.

Public forum at 8:14 pm with 2 guests.

Current mail was read.

Grothman made a motion to pay bills as presented, Miller seconded. Polled-all yeas; motion carried. BILLS: American Agricultural Lab, \$22.00; Black Hills Energy, \$399.34; Country Supply, \$145.48; EFTPS, \$237.88; Great Plains, \$158.53; Jack Stevens, \$646.45; Jack Stevens \$2,333.34; Johnson Publication, \$101.70; Knapp Electric, \$575.60; NE Health Lab, \$237.00; NE Rural Water, \$75.00; NPPD, \$904.95; One Call, \$0.77; Petty Cash, \$100.00; Reese Mechanical, \$103.00; Sargent Drilling, \$500.00; Suzan Hatterberg, \$312.26; Waste Connections, \$1,766.32; NE Rural Water, \$100.00; Venango American Legion, \$150.00 and Holiday Farms, \$450.00. CRA-TIF Account: Midlands Contracting, \$8,950.67 and TC Engineering, \$11,396.04.

Ekdahl made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm, Grothman seconded. Polled-all yeas; motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be March 9, 2021 at 7:30 pm in the town hall meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzan Hatterberg, bookkeeper
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7	9	2	1	6	8	3	5	4
3	5	6	7	2	4	1	8	9
8	6	9	1	2	4	7	5	3
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The deadline to apply for Quality Loss Assistance, (QLA) is Friday, March 5, 2021. Quality Loss Assistance is for quality losses in 2018, 2019 due to a qualifying natural disaster. Assistance is based on a producer's harvested affected production of an eligible crop, which must have had at least a 5% quality loss reflected through a quality discount; or for forage crops, a nutrient

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The March 15 deadline is fast-approaching for election and 2021 enrollment in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC)/Price Loss Coverage (PLC) commodity crop safety net programs. Thank you to those who already have responded to our request to complete this task. If you have not, please call our office now at (308) 352-4747 to make an appointment. Timely enrollment is necessary to maintain your eligibility for potential program benefits for the 2021 crop year.

USDA has extended the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general application period, which was originally set to end Feb. 12, as the Administration reviews the program. More information will be published, including a new application deadline, as it becomes available.

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Nebraska tree canopy in decline, planting more important than ever

Time is running out to order conservation trees from your Natural Resources District

Trees help soften the harsh climate of the Great Plains, but recent weather events are leaving Nebraska communities at-risk of being devoid of trees and their innumerable benefits.

According to the Nebraska Forest Service, Nebraska communities lost an average of 18 percent of their tree canopy in the last two decades due to extreme weather events, diseases and invasive insects.

As a result of the 2012 wildfires, northwest Nebraska lost large sections of forests unique to the Pine Ridge District. Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District (UNWNRD) is helping replant the ponderosa pine forests in the area. UNWNRD Director Scott Berndt has seen firsthand the benefits of tree planting.

"Nebraska has a proud history of planting trees, but we've fallen behind in maintaining our once-coveted designation," Berndt said. "Trees are an investment in the future, and Nebraskans

should revitalize their tree-planting spirit."

Each year, Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) help communities and landowners plant more than 700,000 trees throughout the state. For approximately \$1 each, conservation trees benefit both people and animals. They shade and shelter homes, reduce soil erosion, protect crops and livestock, provide food and cover for wildlife, buffer noise, provide valuable products and add beauty to the landscape.

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Chamber welcomes newest member with first dollar

Justin and Kaylynn Harris of Wild Ass Soap Co. accepted their first dollar from Chamber President Samantha Goff at the regular monthly meeting on Thursday February 18. The company, which was established in 2020, offers a variety of soaps, lotions, balms and other products that they pride themselves on making free of detergents, toxins or harsh chemicals. "Wild Ass Soap is a southwest Nebraska premium hand made soap company that makes soap for working guys and gals," they say. The company is based in McCook and can be found online, on Facebook as well as locally at Jen's on Lincoln in Grant. Their telephone number is 308-340-5019.

Extension study seeks ranchers' input on grassland conservation programs

A newly launched survey by Nebraska Extension seeks ranchers' input on the design of grassland conservation programs in the state. The survey, a partnership among Nebraska Extension, Nebraska Cattleman's, Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and the University of Nebraska, is a targeted effort to get feedback directly from the ranchers in the state.

"What we hear from ranchers is that there is an expectation that they can do everything: be profitable, be sustainable, and be conservationists, said Kyle Martens, the graduate student leading the study. "But when we look at the design of conservation programs nationally, local farmers and ranchers are often left out of the discussions on how these programs look and will be carried out."

Martens and the partners hope to address this by asking ranching families to complete a brief 15-minute survey on some basic elements of conservation programs.

Specifically, the study looks at the preferences for management actions, payment amounts, and contract

lengths in voluntary conservation programs.

"There are 22 million acres of range and pastureland in Nebraska, providing immense amounts of economic and ecological benefit," added Martens.

"Directly involving ranchers in the design process hopefully will allow us to create programs that enhance ranching family's livelihoods while still meeting many of the conservation goals set out in things like the Farm Bill."

The study is open for participation now until March 30th. Ranchers owning or leasing rangeland or improved pasture in Nebraska are encouraged to participate. To go to the study or find more information, please visit the following website: go.unl.edu/grasslands.

The study is partially funded by the USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program and is supported by Nebraska Extension, the University of Nebraska, Nebraska Cattleman's Association, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the Sandhills Task Force, Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition, and many private ranching operations in the state.

Nebraska farm numbers lower

Nebraska's number of farms and ranches declined during 2020, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of farms and ranches in the state, at 45,500, was down 200 farms from 2019. Numbers of farms and ranches in Nebraska with less than \$100,000 in agricultural sales decreased 200 farms from a year earlier while operations with agricultural sales of \$100,000 or

more was unchanged. Land in farms and ranches in Nebraska totaled 44.9 million acres, unchanged from 2019. The average size of operation, at 987 acres, was up 5 acres from a year earlier.

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