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JUGGLER PERFORMS DURING LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

STAFF REPORTS

St. Paul's Lutheran School celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week with a special performance.

Luke Winger of Mountain Lake, Minn., is a Christian juggler and motivational speaker. During his performance, Winger brought out audience members to help him juggle regular items such as bowling pins to extreme items such as knives.

Throughout the performance, Winger also gave students and staff pieces of joyful motivation through storytelling.



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Luke Winger juggles balls and a purse Wednesday at St. Paul's Lutheran School.



Luke Winger has volunteers Kaisha and Parker Hilgenkamp help him out with his next juggling trick Wednesday afternoon at St. Paul's Lutheran School.



Luke Winger balances as Kaisha Hilgenkamp hands him knives to juggle Wednesday at St. Paul's Lutheran School.



Pastor Jason Duley is gifted with a balloon hat by Luke Winger Wednesday at St. Paul's Lutheran School.



PHOTOS BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS | CITIZEN
The Long Creek schoolhouse is nearing renovation completion following its move to the Washington County Museum in May.



The renovated chalkboard sits at the front of the Long Creek School classroom.

Nearly there

Long Creek School approaches completion

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS
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Lots of progress has been made since the move of the one-room Long Creek schoolhouse in May last year.

The schoolhouse made its 3.7-mile journey from Long Creek Lane west of Fort Calhoun on County Road P32 to the Washington County Museum, and has undergone several renovations since then.

The end goal is to transform the old schoolhouse into an interactive exhibit for the museum and its guests.

A new roof, new wiring, new flooring and structural features were just a handful of fixes needed to be completed before the official opening.

Efforts to move the schoolhouse were spearheaded by Donna Henton, a museum board member whose mother and other relatives attended Long Creek School.

"The school project has been very exciting and rewarding," she said. "It's taken a lot of effort from lots of people to make it come together. The museum is hoping the schoolhouse will provide a meeting place, as well as [a way for] younger generations to understand how a one-room schoolhouse was like."

Henton was also in possession of several artifacts from the classroom, including bookshelves, a 48-star flag, a school bell, handbell and desks.

"We do have a young woman... her and her group are doing an Eagle Scout project, and they're going to be making us some benches and a box to put clothes in," said Faith Norwood, the museum's curator.

One of the bigger restoration projects was on the old classroom piano, which was completed by Tom Kegler of Herman.

Julie Ashton, director of the museum, said the piano was purchased in 1921 after students raised funds via plays and box socials.

Two dates are set aside for an open house: March 20 will be an invitation-only event for donors and Long Creek School alumni to tour the schoolhouse, and March 26 will be a ribbon cutting for the general public.

Henton said she's pleased with the work at the schoolhouse, and hopes it will serve many generations to come.

"They'll be able to visualize the preservation of the school as it was several decades ago," she said. "It's really come together."

OBITUARIES

No obituaries reported

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FEBRUARY 19

FORT CALHOUN: 3:35 A.M. BUSINESS CHECK; 16 checked, all clear.
ARLINGTON: 3:38 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 14 checked, all secure.
HWY 75 & CR P37: 7:13 A.M. MA; Orange Dodge Avenger. 24 hr red tag.
FORT CALHOUN: 7:36 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL; All ok.
ARLINGTON: 7:40 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL; Ok.
HWY 133 & CR P26: T/S; Arrested Lamar Triplett 1/5/87 for DUS.
KENNARD: 12:50 P.M. DISTURBANCE; Mediated.
CR 40 & CR 45: 1:53 P.M. THEFT; Report.
HWY 30 & CR 28: 2:08 P.M. RECKLESS DRIVER; UTL.
ARLINGTON: 2:15 P.M. PILLS DUMPED ON GROUND; Identified pills, none were narcotics.
5900 CR 40: 2:54 P.M. FOLLOW UP; Info obtained.
6100 CR 25: 3:05 P.M. SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE; UTL.
1900 CR 45: 3:06 P.M. FOLLOW UP; Info obtained.
FORT CALHOUN: 3:30 P.M. SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE; Possibly a Silver Elantra. Check area NC.
19600 CR 4: 4:18 P.M. FIRE ALARM; Cancelled.
HERMAN: 6:18 P.M. PBX REFERENCE SUSPICIOUS PERSON IN AREA; Info obtained.
HWY 30 & CR P25: 6:18 P.M. MA; Helped driver secure load on trailer.
ARLINGTON: 6:40 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING; Complete.
27200 NEBRASKA ST: 10:33 P.M. SA; All ok.

FEBRUARY 20

ARLINGTON: 1:35 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 16 checks.
FORT CALHOUN: 3:16 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 14 checked.
FORT CALHOUN: 3:21 A.M. SUICIDAL PARTY; EPC to Immanuel.
HWY 75 S: 6:55 A.M. SCHOOL BUS PATROL; No violations.
FORT CALHOUN: 7:45 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL; All ok.
ARLINGTON: 7:46 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL; All ok.
PBX: 10:21 A.M. TRASH IN DITCH; Info obtained.
PBX: 11:10 A.M. THEFT; Report.
27200 NEBRASKA ST: 1:42 A.M. SA; All ok.
20200 CR 28: 2:23 P.M. SA; All ok.
FORT CALHOUN: 2:40 P.M. SCHOOL PATROL; All ok.
ARLINGTON: 2:45 P.M. SCHOOL PATROL; All ok.
FAIRGROUNDS: 3:58 P.M. OPEN DOOR; Appeared to have been pried open. Contact rep for fairground.
BLAIR: 6:18 P.M. MOTORIST ASSIST; Assisted moving vehicle out of traffic.
12300 ROSE DR: 6:49 P.M. WARRANT ATTEMPT; Party has moved to Fremont.
HWY 75/POWER LN: 7:26 P.M. ABANDONED VEHICLE; Vehicle towed, was red tagged 2-19-24.
WASHINGTON: 10:55 P.M. WARRANT SERVICE; Arrested Marc Logeman 10/29/73 on DCSO warrant.

FEBRUARY 21

FORT CALHOUN: 12:20 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 13 checks.
20200 CR 28: 12:23 A.M. SA; All ok.
ARLINGTON: 2:17 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 15 checked.
FORT CALHOUN: 2:44 A.M. TS-DUI 2ND; TS for 60 in 35, arrested Hunter Iske 1/17/00 for DUI 2nd.
CR P43 & BIG SKY LN: 6:49 A.M. INJURED DEER; Dispatched deer.
FORT CALHOUN: 7:45 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL; All okay.
ARLINGTON: 7:50 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL; No issues.
HWY 133 & DUTCH HALL RD: 10:06 A.M. MOTORIST ASSIST; Items lost from boat.
HWY 133 & CR 35: 10:24 A.M. MOTORIST ASSIST; Making a phone call.
ARLINGTON: 12:49 P.M. VIN INSPECTION; Info obtained.
11400 CR 3: 4:29 P.M. SINGLE VEHICLE - PD ACCIDENT; Report.
CR 6 & CR 11: 8:27 P.M. BRUSH FIRE; Handled by Herman Fire.
HWY 91 & CR 15: 9:43 P.M. BRUSH FIRE; Located brush fire west of Co Rd 15 near Hwy 91. Arlington fire dispatched and handled.
HWY 75 / CR P43: 10:32 P.M. TS/DUS; Arrested Shad Mahanke 6/12/79 for DUS.

FEBRUARY 22

2300 CR 37: 12:52 A.M. NEW HOMEOWNER NOTICED WINDOW MISSING IN BASEMENT; Cleared home, nothing missing or damaged.
FORT CALHOUN: 2:17 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 12 checked, all secure.
ARLINGTON: 3:05 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 19 checked, all clear.
11800 CR P26: 5:54 A.M. PI ACCIDENT; Report.
HWY 75 & CLAUSEN LN: 6:37 A.M. CAR/DEER PD ACCIDENT; Report.
ARLINGTON: 7:50 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL; All okay.
FORT CALHOUN: 10:53 A.M. CONTRACTORS STRUCK GAS LINE; Shut down traffic at 15th & Court, for FCFD.
ARLINGTON: 3:05 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL; All okay.
FORT CALHOUN: 3:00 P.M. SCHOOL PATROL; No issues.
11800 CR P26: 3:10 P.M. FOLLOW UP; Provided info.
HWY 30 / CR P26: 7:33 P.M. 1 VEHICLE PD ACCIDENT; Report taken.
HERMAN: 7:37 P.M. FOLLOW UP ON THEFT; Jeremy Jensen 12/19/80 cited for theft.
ARLINGTON: 8:14 P.M. DISTURBANCE - ROAD RAGE; Mediated.

FEBRUARY 23

ARLINGTON: 12:36 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 14 checked, all secure.
FORT CALHOUN: 3:05 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 16 checked, all clear.
FORT CALHOUN: 7:30 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL; All ok.
ARLINGTON: 7:40 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL; Ok.
HWY 133 & PLACID POND: 8:38 A.M. DECEASED GOAT; UTL.
PBX: 9:00 A.M. TRUCK BOX THEFT; Report.
19800 CR 25: 10:24 A.M. F/U; N/C.
11200 ARROWHEAD DR: 11:11 A.M. PO VIOLATION FOLLOW-UP; Report.
PBX / BUTLER CO: 12:58 P.M. PICKUP PARKED IN DAVID CITY; Provided info to Butler Co about vehicle owner.
FORT CALHOUN: 1:12 P.M. SCHOOL PATROL; All ok.
BLAIR: 1:18 P.M. ROAD RAGE/DISTURBANCE; BLPD cited one driver for 2 infractions.
ARLINGTON: 2:25 P.M. SCHOOL PATROL; OK.
PBX: 3:21 P.M. RE: THEFT; Report.
BLAIR: 3:25 P.M. T/S; Arrested Howell Amber 3/27/98 for DUS.
FORT CALHOUN: 3:27 P.M. THEFT; Veterans markers missing from graves at the cemetery.
HWY 75 CR 30: 5:35 P.M. TREE BRANCH ON POWERLINE; Notified OPPD.
ARLINGTON: 6:08 P.M. FOUND PROPERTY; Contacted owner of a wallet.
PBX: 6:48 P.M. CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGE; Worked it out between themselves.
133/CR 34: 11:30 P.M. T/S; TS for 90 in 70, appeared to be racing. Driver admitted to racing. Cited for speed and Exhibition Driving.

FEBRUARY 24

FORT CALHOUN: 1:27 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 15 checked. 1 open door.
ARLINGTON: 2:04 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 15 checked.
BLAIR: 9:37 A.M. ASSIST, OVERDOSE; Party given Narcan, transported to Blair ER.
20000 BLK CR 38: 12:58 P.M. M/A; Driver had flat.
19900 CR 25: 12:47 P.M. BATHTUB IN DRIVEWAY; Bathtub was moved, photos taken.
19800 CR 25: 12:54 P.M. FOLLOW UP; Info obtained.
FOLLOW UP: 1:47 P.M. THEFT; Complete.
CR P51 & CR P40: 4:27 P.M. SMOKE IN THE AREA; Controlled burn in Neale Woods.
CR 33/LARIAT LN: 5:55 P.M. ASSIST NSP WITH DUS ARREST; Assist NSP with TS. Arrested secondary driver, Eli Gingerich 12/17/04 for DUS.
CR 34 & CR 31: 7:01 P.M. CAR V DEER; Report taken.
HWY 133 & CR 36: 7:20 P.M. DEER IN ROAD; Dispatched deer and removed from road.
19800 CR 25: 7:43 P.M. FOLLOW UP; Info obtained.
CR 9 & CR 26: 10:08 P.M. MALE WALKING EB WAVING HIS HANDS; Checked area, UTL.

FEBRUARY 25

ARLINGTON: 12:50 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 12 checked, ok.
BLAIR: 1:36 A.M. ASSIST BPD WITH TRANSPORT OF MALE PARTY TO SPEEDEE MART, THEIR UNITS TIED UP WITH 3 WARRANT ARRESTS FROM TS; Complete.
FORT CALHOUN: 2:14 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 15 checked, all secure.
CR P15 / CR 38: 4:25 A.M. CAR V DEER; Driver left the vehicle in field and left scene. No reported injuries. WIll meet later to make report.
1900 CR P32: 2:06 P.M. SA; All ok.
9400 CR P35: 2:59 P.M. PI ACCIDENT; Single motorcycle crash. Report taken.
9300 CR P35: 3:53 P.M. TAN SUBARU SPEEDING AND DRIVING RECKLESSLY; UTL.
CR P35A & CARGILL RAILROAD BRIDGE: 3:23 P.M. BRUSH FIRE; BLFD handled.
PBX: 4:24 P.M. DRIVER OF SUBARU. STATED HE WASN'T SPEEDING OR DRIVING RECKLESSLY; Spoke about proper driving habits.
4700 CR P9: 6:45 P.M. FOLLOW UP; Report taken re accident this morning.
ARLINGTON: 7:18 P.M. NEIGHBOR ISSUES; Info report taken.

FEBRUARY 26

FORT CALHOUN: 1:52 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 16 checked.
ARLINGTON: 2:20 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 15 checked.
HWY 75 / CR P30: 3:16 A.M. TRAFFIC STOP SPEED; TS speed 76/65 arrested E'Saunjia Stewart 11/19/01 for DUS.

COURT REPORT

MISDEMEANORS OR GREATER

Cecila Codina, 27 — driving under suspension, speeding 11-15 MPH; $125 fine.
Eduardo Martinez-Gonzalez, 39 — criminal impersonation; preliminary hearing waived.
John Riley, 41 — third-degree domestic assault; 13-day jail sentence.
Mattison Klement, 28 — attempt of a Class 2 misdemeanor, license vehicle without liability; six months probation, $75 fine.
Kathryn Sutherland, 40 — license vehicle without liability; $75 fine.
Hugo Ramirez, 21 — speeding 21-35 MPH; $200 fine.
Alexia Leaden, 21 — license vehicle without liability, speeding 21-35 MPH; $300 fine.
Gabriel Garcia, 22 — no proof of insurance, no valid registration, possession of marijuana 1 ounce or less, possession or use of drug paraphernalia; $525 fine.
Alesha Young, 27 — unauthorized use of propelled vehicle; 10-day jail sentence.
Shad Trisdale, 34 — criminal mischief, willful reckless driving; seven-day jail sentence, $250 fine.
James Welchert, 43 — second-degree domestic assault, terroristic threats; preliminary hearing waived.
Whitney Wiedel, 36 — DUI; $500 fine, two-day jail sentence, 12 months probation, one-year driving revocation.
Daniel Meyer, 39 — possession or use of drug paraphernalia; $100 fine.
Twah Reh, 20 — DUI; $500 fine, six months probation, 60-day driving revocation.
Keyaira-Renee Nauden, 24 — driving under suspension, speeding 11-15 MPH; $125 fine.
Tad Lambert, 40 — three counts committing child abuse intentionally with no injuries; preliminary hearing waived.
Juvenile, 18 — license vehicle without liability; $75

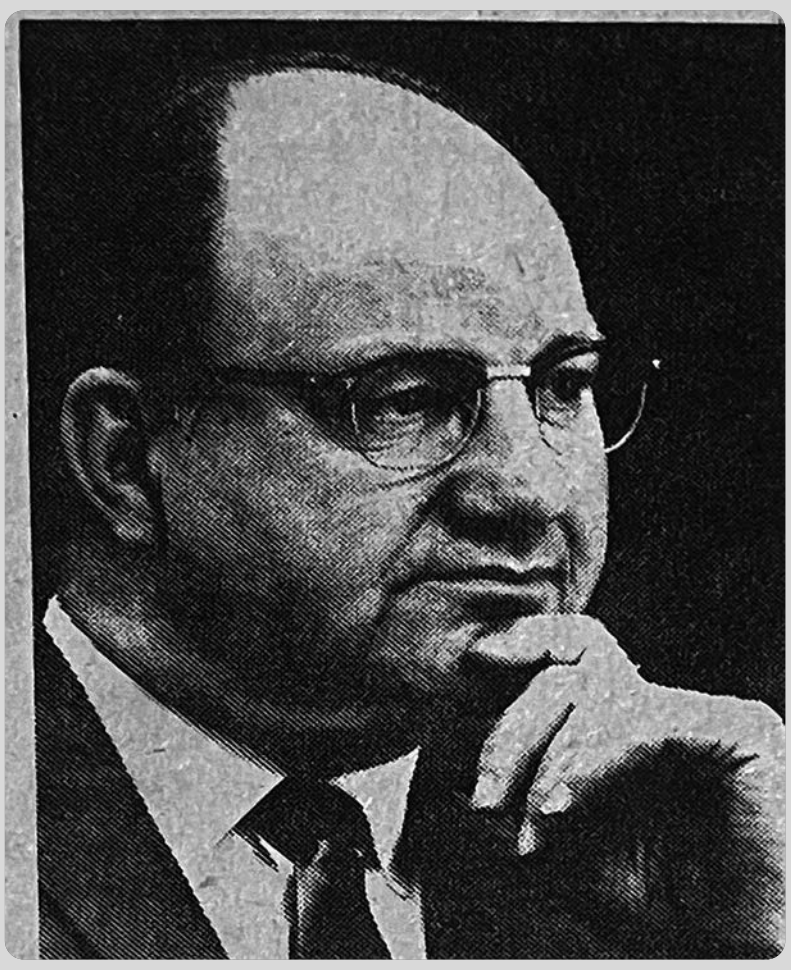
INFRACTIONS

Adan Gonzales-Lozano, 20 — no operator's license; $75 fine.
Eryn Hamke, 40 — speeding 11-15 MPH; $150 fine.
Kyla Heugly, 21 — speeding 6-10 MPH; $25 fine.
Emma Willenborg, 21 — speeding 21-35 MPH; $200 fine.
Brianna Davis, 23 — expired in-transit decal; $50 fine.
Emmanuel Velazquez Flores, 34 — no valid registration, speeding 16-20 MPH; $150 fine.
Micah Harimon, 26 — expired in-transit decal; $50 fine.
Emma Willenborg, 21 — speeding 11-15 MPH, no valid registration; $100 fine.
Juvenile, 18 — speeding 16-20 MPH; $125 fine.
Matthew Erickson, 25 — violate stop or yield sign; $75 fine.
Gerson Rivas Garcia, 22 — speeding 11-15 MPH; $75 fine.
Emily Petersen, 36 — speeding 6-10 MPH, violate handheld wireless communication device; $225 fine.
Gabino Ramirez, 23 — speeding 11-15 MPH, no operator's license; $125 fine.
Raphael Dumarce, 34 — no proof of insurance; $100 fine.
Morgan Slusser, 30 — no valid registration; $25 fine.
Linda Wemhoff, 75 — speeding 16-20 MPH; $125 fine.
Richard Bernardon, 44 — speeding 21-35 MPH; $200 fine.
Jayde Hanson, 42 — failure to stay in lane, failure to use seatbelt; $50 fine.

TIMES GONE BY

Week of March 1–6

2014 (10 years ago): A tradition is returning to Arlington High School. Twelve high school boys will take the stage at 7 p.m. March 17 and compete for the title of Mr. AHS while helping support 4-year-old Mason Hasenauer. Mason, son of Sara and Brandon Hasenauer, has been diagnosed with a rare form of kidney disease called focal segmental glomerulosclerosis. The students had already discussed the possibility of having the Mr. AHS competition when they found out about Mason. They made the decision the event should benefit him.



2004 (20 years ago): After more than two years, Arlington Public Schools paraprofessionals and secretaries have a new contract and a new voice in the district; however, the agreement didn't come without hard work and a cost to the taxpayer. At the Feb. 9 school board meeting, board members approved a three-year master agreement between the district and the paraprofessionals and secretarial staff.

1994 (30 years ago): Memorial Community Hospital will begin a Medicare-approved hospice program soon. Julie Robinson and Marilyn Epperson, both registered nurses, will coordinate this program. It's good to provide care to the terminally ill patient in the home setting by working closely with the family. The hospice works on the team philosophy, and a very important member of the team is the volunteer who can support the caregiver when needed.

1984 (40 years ago): Producers not filling acreage reports in 1982 or 1983 that resulted in no base or a lower than normal base for 1984 now have the opportunity to get an adjustment of their base. Acreage reports for 1982 and 1983 crop years may be accepted by the office if producers report the acreages and verify the existence of such by either physical or documented evidence.

1974 (50 years ago): Dr. Wesley C. Meierhenry, a 1932 graduate of Arlington High School, will be the featured speaker at the dedication of the new school building on March 17, 1974. Dr. Meierhenry has gone on from his high school graduation to become an educator of international prominence. In addition to serving as a teacher, coach and superintendent of schools in Nebraska, he has served on the University of Nebraska faculty since 1943.

90th birthday


Lila Scheer

Lila Scheer of Arlington is celebrating her 90th birthday March 3.

An open house is scheduled March 3 from 2–4 p.m. at the Arlington Multi Senior Center, 305 N. 3rd St.

A card shower is being thrown for Scheer in her honor. Cards may be sent to 775 N. 11th Arlington, NE, 68002.

Honoree relatives: Dan and Sheryl Stork of York; Tim and Nancy Stork of Arlington; Pam Watkins of Omaha; Kim and Darian Dickmeyer of Arlington; James and Nancy Stork of Jacksonville, Fla; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Sad, beautiful, tragic: The portrait of a modern-day teenager



LONG STORY SHORT...

MaKayla Polak

With mass shootings still infiltrating headlines, I sat down to watch one of my favorite movies — "The Fallout." This movie is a true testament to how students in America overcome and work through the trauma of a school shooting.

Hollywood has had a long history with glamorizing the exploitation of traumatic events. Understandably so. Movies are made to help you escape the world you endure on a daily basis. So, why would they make movies that bring your mood down?

"The Fallout" captures a survivor's point of view in the wake of a school shooting. Released in 2021 — a year that saw the most reported shooting victims since 1970 — this movie couldn't have depicted this tragedy in a more beautiful way.

During my first watch, I cried to the point of not being able to breathe. I've teared up to a few movies, but nothing will compare to how this movie made me feel. I cannot stress enough how well this movie captured the many different behavioral patterns of a teenager in a post-traumatic scene.

From anger-ridden distancing to coping with substances and alcohol, the depiction of how adolescents learn to move forward after the tragedy was nothing shy of perfect. It was clear the director and writer, Megan Parks, and the entire crew worked tirelessly to make sure there were no flaws.

Recognizing that the world is flawed and unfair to the current and future generations, "The Fallout" gave us a reality check. They didn't create crime-fighting heroes or love-struck comedians for this movie, but rather put characters just like you and me on the big screen.

The movie never shows the actual violence that occurs, but regardless, your heart races as you hear the gunshots. You immediately start to feel connected to the characters with the dialogue-driven approach. It feels as if you are right there with them, in the same room, feeling their pain.

Despite her character's withdrawal from the world around them, Jenna Ortega used her pristine acting skills to keep you emotionally attached through the duration of the film. One of her biggest strong-suits was the ability to showcase a million words in a few facial expressions.

I have to give another round of applause to Parks for her work in making a current-world problem into a current-world movie. "The Fallout" included text conversations, modern-pop radio hit songs, influencers and Gen Z verbiage. This was imperative to the plot, as it is not about something that happened years ago, but rather something we are currently living through.

In one scene, Vada's sister is dancing to make a TikTok video, and although it seems ridiculous to include in a movie, it shows you just how "in the moment" this movie truly is. There is no crazy drawn out fictional side to this movie. This is real. I would go as far to say that it could've been based on a true story.

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Inheritance tax alternative introduced



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ben Hansen

The conversation that evolves around taxes in our state usually refers to property taxes. However, I'd like to address inheritance tax. We are the only state in the Midwest that still implements inheritance tax. In fact, 45 other states don't think this tax is a just tax and have decided to get rid of it.

In 2022, Nebraska lightened the load a little when the legislature lowered the inheritance tax rate and gave a $100,000 exemption through LB 310. But that wasn't enough. Currently, any inheritance over $100,000 is taxed. If the recipient of the inheritance is going to a direct decedent, they are taxed at a 1% rate. If the inheritance is designated for a niece or nephew, they are taxed at an 11% rate while non-relatives are taxed at 15%. Overall, twelve thousand families are burdened with this tax each year and at a time when they are facing the death of their loved ones. The problem continues when beneficiaries, after paying inheritance tax, are then taxed again through income tax since the inheritance is also considered as income. Financial advisors have actually started recommending that retirees leave the state.

LB 1067 was introduced to end inheritance tax over the span of the next five years, slowly lowering the rates by 25% until they're gone. Although counties are the main recipients of the funds generated by this tax, its actually not included in their budget. With the exception of Lancaster County, inheritance tax is counted as an addition to county budgets and is used for extra projects. Upon the passage of LB 1067, extra county projects would need to be funded by bonds and brought to the vote of the people. This would keep spending transparent.

Knowing that the counties are looking for ways to save money, I introduced LB 1174 to help alleviate some of the financial burden by allowing counties to vacate or remove roads that are not being used. Counties are divided into three groups based on population size. From the latest numbers, medium and small counties spend 31% and 33% of their budget on roads. Rural county officials feel like current state statute requires them to maintain public roads every square mile regardless if they are used or not. These roads date back to 1957, when it was determined by the legislature that section lines should be declared to be public roads. The United States government began the process of contracting surveyors to divide up the territory of Nebraska into sections in 1855. It was along these section lines that a lot of the roads you see while driving through rural Nebraska were built. By allowing counties to vacate or remove roads that are not being used, both taxpayer dollars and county resources will be used efficiently. It is also a way that counties could rely less on inheritance tax in the event LB 1067 is passed.

I'll let you know how debate goes. If you have questions or comments, please contact Carson Clayton or Ellie Stangl in the District 16 office at (402) 471-2728 or email me at bhansen@leg.ne.gov. To follow along with the session, please visit nebraskalegislature.gov or you may watch the live stream when available at nebraskapublicmedia.org.

SEN. BEN HANSEN represents Nebraska's 16th District, which includes Washington County, in the state Legislature.

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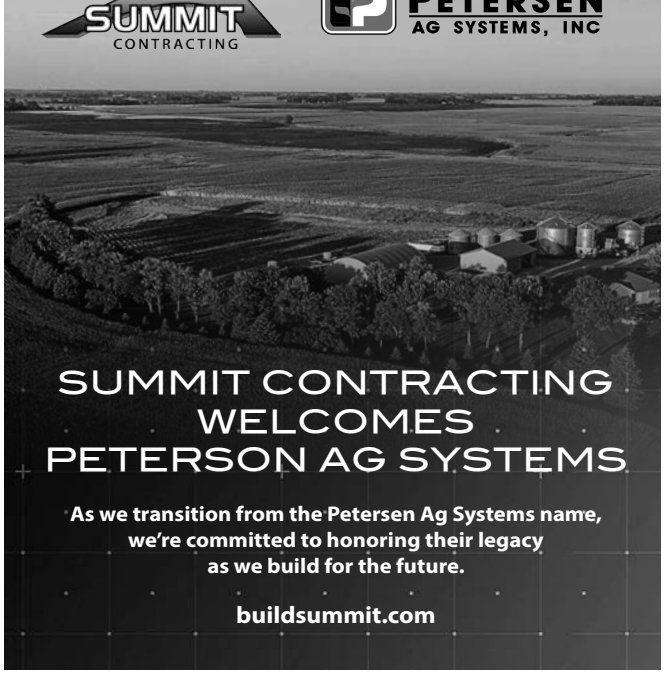
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EDITORIAL

Eppley Airfield project is important for Wash. Co.

So Eppley Airfield is getting a $950 million renovation. That's Omaha. Why should we care?

For starters, most of us fly. And many of us fly out of Omaha.

As Nebraska's largest airport, Eppley Airfield served more than 5 million passengers in 2023, an increase of 11 percent from the previous year. Air travel out of Omaha is increasing, in part, because it offers nonstop service to 31 of the country's most desirable locations as part of its daily mix of more than 200 arrivals and departures.

Some of you may be thinking: "It's been years since I have flown. This issue is a nonstarter for me. The only thing that could happen out of this is I see another increase in my tax bill."

Not so fast. You may not have boarded a commercial plane recently, but 44 percent of Americans did in 2022, the last year for which the global market research and consulting firm Ipsos had data available. If we assume that Washington County residents made up their share of that number, that means more than 9,000 have recently taken to the skies. And it wouldn't be a stretch to say that an equal number of us can name plenty of irritants about the airports we use.

And that brings us back to plans to improve Eppley Airfield, which were finally announced in January after years of delays.

There are several things we like about the planned upgrades to Eppley Airfield, and they go well beyond a new glass-domed entrance and additional space for restaurants and shops. Omaha's airport is critical to the growth and health of our local economy. Throw in the way that this $950 million airport redo is being funded — no impact on sales or property taxes — and we find it an easy call to say we are strong supporters of this project.

One of the things that matters to those who have a choice in where they live is access to and the quality of their closest commercial airport. Consider the comments made recently by Blair native Jane Hansen Gilbert, who had a successful career in nonprofit management that exposed her to many parts of the country.

She could have chosen to retire anywhere. But, she told us, she came back to Blair for three primary reasons: quality health care, wonderful people and easy access to the airport. Because of those factors, we now have someone who is helping lead the Washington County Community Foundation through a very important transition.

In other words, airports matter to people who matter. And some of those people run companies — or the Washington County operations of those companies — that must have quality air service. Those include companies like Cargill and Dollar General, and health care operations like Memorial Community Hospital & Health System.

Companies can, and do, make location and relocation choices based, in part, on access to vendors and potential vendors, and customers and potential customers. Just ask Wichita. Or Tulsa. Or Des Moines.

Omaha can take a major step forward in securing its position as one of the most vibrant metropolitan areas in the midwest by controlling what it can control. And Eppley Airfield is one of those things.

Plans at Eppley Airfield call for expanding the terminal by 72 percent, which will include the addition of two gates and a customs area for future international flights. But that terminal area will also include more room for restaurants and shops. In all, the project, which is scheduled to be finished in 2028, has three main components: the terminal expansion, the terminal drive and canopy project, and a new central utility plant to keep everything running.

All of this will be funded by airport revenues, federal grants and future airport bonds. So if you don't plan to use the airport or its facilities, none of this should cost you a dime. And you will still benefit from how a modernized Eppley Airfield will make the Omaha metropolitan area a better place to live — for everyone.

Of course, we would be remiss in an editorial about the importance of high-quality airports if we failed to mention the improvements that are going to be taking place at our own Blair Executive Airport.

That airport has received a $504,000 Federal Aviation Administration grant to help pay for a runway expansion that will require, among other things, changes to the route of County Road 35.

The reason we think this is important is because the corporate jets being served by SkyWerx cannot take off with a full load of fuel at the runway's current length. We are glad to hear that work will soon be starting on these improvements.

It is encouraging to see such important infrastructure getting the attention it deserves to be able to maximize its potential for Washington County.

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AARON HICKMAN | CITIZEN

Artwork by Preston Niles can be found all over the walls of the Harrison County Historical Village and Welcome Center. At top right is a painting of the old Logan Mill; at bottom, a grist mill being oxen-powered in the early days of Pottawattamie County. There is no description for the top left.

A memorable excursion



BETWEEN THE BYLINES

Aaron Hickman

Although you have and will continue to see my byline in the Washington County papers from time to time, most of the work I do for Enterprise Media Group is on the Iowa side of things.

Because of that, last week I spent some time at the Harrison County Historical Village and Iowa Welcome Center between Missouri Valley and Logan on Highway 30.

While I had been there before, I had never taken in all the museum has to offer. With all of the buildings on-site unlocked for me, including the schoolhouse, log cabin and general store, I set out to find the correct mixture of work and play that I often do in such situations.

With my handy-dandy camera out, I was soon captivated by the paintings of Preston Niles that can be seen on several walls around the village. I had heard the name before and knew that he was the founder and director of the welcome center (serving in that capacity from 1938-1969), but I did not know what an incredible artist he was.

With some paintings of long-forgotten sites from around the area and some re-imaginings of what life was like in the 1800s, Niles' artwork added the perfect flair to an already interesting tour. Both educational and pleasing to the eye, I took several photos of his work during my walk.

Passing away at the age of 94 in 1993, his resting place is the Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Missouri Valley.

Art museums are some of my favorite places in the world. The Milwaukee Art Museum, positioned right on Lake Michigan and made possible by the wonderful architecture of Santiago Calatrava, was a very memorable trip I took a few years ago, and I was delighted to see that the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha will be reopening in the fall, as I still haven't had the opportunity to check it out since moving there.

As someone who loves both historical villages and some great artwork, the welcome center blended the two together and made for a very enjoyable time.

Now I will take the opportunity to promote my hometown.



AARON HICKMAN | CITIZEN

A portrait of Preston Niles, owner and founder of the Harrison County Historical Village, hangs on the wall of the site's log cabin.

As a native of northern Iowa who grew up with family in both Mason City and Clear Lake, please make a stop at Kinney Pioneer Museum if you are ever in the area and like historical villages such as the one in Harrison County.

Although I didn't experience those times myself, the memories kept alive by those who came before still makes it feel like a "walk down memory lane" to me.

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WHAT'S UP

FEB. 1-29
The Blair Public Library and Technology Center's February exhibit in the Gallery will feature hobbies of locals.

MARCH 1, 8 AND 15
The St. John the Baptist Catholic Church's fish frys will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each week. Fee.

FEB. 28, MARCH 6, 13, 20
WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES AT 6:45 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary, Blair First United Methodist, 1656 Colfax St.

MARCH 6
LITTLE READERS STORYTIME at the Arlington Public Library 10-11 a.m.

MARCH 6
The monthly meeting of the Washington County Genealogy Society will be at 2 p.m. at the Blair Library. Following a short meeting, Donna Henton will talk about her cousin, Jean Naegele, a world traveler who has visited 193 countries and her connection to Long Creek School. Everyone is invited to attend the free event.

MARCH 9
National Genealogy Day at the Arlington Public Library at 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 20
WEDNESDAY WONDERINGS AT THE ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY: National Nutrition Month with registered dietician presenting at 10 a.m.

EASTER AND HOLY WEEK Worship Schedule for Blair First United Methodist Church, 1656 Colfax St. (in-person and live-streaming):
March 24 - Passion/Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m.
March 28 - Holy Thursday Service 7 p.m.
March 29 - Community Good Friday Service 12:05 p.m Sponsored by the Washington Co. Ministerial Association
March 31, Easter Sunday: 7 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Outdoor Worship Pavilion. Will meet inside if there is inclement weather. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.: worship services in the Sanctuary. No Sunday School.

COMMUNITY WEDNESDAY DINNER Schedule for Blair First UMC (free will offering - take out is available 5-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall):
March 6 - Menu: BBQ pulled pork, coleslaw, pasta salads, chips and dessert. Served by Jamie and Monica.
March 13 - Menu: pizza, garlic bread, salads, cookies. Served by United Methodist Women.
March 20 - Menu: taco bar. Served by Family Ministries.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES for Blair First United Methodist Church Feb. 28–March 20
5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday Community Meal
6-6:45 p.m. Celebration Bells
6-8 p.m. Childcare
6:45 p.m. Lenten Service
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir
No Wednesday Activities March 27

APRIL 13
ARLINGTON ELEMENTARY PTO TRIVIA NIGHT will be at the Two Rivers Arena at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., trivia starts at 7. The event is 21 and older. Cash bar, bring your own snacks, auctions, food trucks available. Registration due no later than March 15 to the elementary office. Contact pto@apseagles.org to register.

ONGOING

MCH has formed a caregivers support group called Village Connect. The group will meet the first and third Tuesday of the month from 6–7:30 p.m. at 718 North 21st Street, the Senior Life Solutions office.

MIDWEEK MEAL: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at First Lutheran Church, 2146 Wright St., Blair, 402-426-4073. Delivery or pickup.

ENOA ON AGING, BRINGING CARE TO THE CAREGIVER: Webinar is available starting Nov. 8, to access free videos go to: enoa.orgresources/bringing-care-to-the-caregiver. ENOA is helping caregivers navigate through their caregiving roles with webinars.

KNITTING AND CROCHET: 1-3 p.m., Tuesdays at the Washington County Extension Office, 597 Grant Street, Blair. All are welcome. Questions? Donna Lange at 402 426 3394.

AL-ANON MEETINGS: Monday at 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1734 Grant Street. Hosted by Serenity Seekers AFG.

BLAIR FAMILY YMCA SENIOR EVENTS: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. the Blair YMCA offers anyone 55 years of age and older, with no membership needed, the following events; Bingo, Cards and other games, snacks provided, getting together with other seniors, free of charge. The Blair Family YMCA is located at 1278 Wilbur St., for more information about these and other programs contact Agnes Willis or April Trisdale at 402-533-9622.

WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY: 7 p.m., the second Thursday of each month (except December and January), at the Blair Library and Technology Center, 2233 Civic Drive, Blair. Meetings open to Washington County residents; registered Democrats are eligible to vote on party decisions. For more information email washington.county.dems.ne@gmail.com

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS: Toll free: (877) 226-3632, website: www.omahaaa.org
- **ARLINGTON:** Community Church, 355 N. Fourth St. (Concurrent Al-Anon meeting); open meeting Thursdays at 8 p.m.
- **BLAIR:** First Step, St. Mary Episcopal Church, 1734 Grant St.; meetings are Friday at 8 p.m. Contact David 402-505-0870. Meetings are also Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
- **BLAIR:** Happiness Group, Episcopal Church, 1734 Grant St.; meetings are Tuesday; open meeting at 8 p.m. and Wednesday morning group open meeting at 10 a.m.
- **FORT CALHOUN:** Monday Night Group, St. John Baptist Catholic Church, 215 N. 13th St.; open meeting Mondays at 7:30 p.m.
- **HERMAN:** Freedom Group new Herman fire station, 508 U.S. Highway 75; open meeting Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Al-Anon.

AL-ANON MEETINGS: Toll free (888) 425-2666, email: wso@al-anon.org, website:nebr-al-anon-alateen.org.
- **ARLINGTON:** 12x12 AFG, Thursdays at 8 p.m., Arlington Community Church, 355 N. 4th Street.
- **BLAIR:** Mondays at 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1734 Grant St. Hosted by Serenity Seekers.

BLAIR FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES:
- 9:30 a.m. in-person and live streaming Sunday worship. Facebook and Youtube: Blair First United Methodist Church.
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Pre-K through eighth grade.

BLAIR FIRST UMC WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES:
- 6-6:45 p.m.: Adult Celebration Bell Choir and Chiming Joy (middle and high school).
- 6:45-7:30 p.m.: CONNECT for kindergarten to sixth grade and seventh and eighth grade confirmation
- 7-8 p.m.: Chapel Choir

WASHINGTON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY: Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from 12:30-1 p.m.), Sat. 9-11:30 a.m., closed Wednesday and Sunday; 1737 Washington St., Blair. For more information call 402-426-0440, www.josephscoat.org, or on Facebook.

CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION: Monthly chapter meeting on the second Saturday of the month at Pizza Ranch, 84th and Center in Omaha at 5 p.m. for food and fellowship and 6 p.m. for the business meeting. For information, contact Patty Martin at 402-533-8700.

ACME FABRIC OPEN SEWING: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Wednesday; Open Sew is an informal time with no instructor where you can come sew. Bring a friend or come by yourself and have some fun; Acme Fabric 1716 Washington St., Blair.

GOLD WING TOURING ASSOCIATION: Chapter Z Country Wings Of Blair, Monthly meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Missouri Valley, Iowa. For more information contact Wayne or Mary Flora 402-426-2254, or @ mwjoyride@abbnebraska.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. Passageway Church, 715 Grant St., for more information contact Lizz Abrahams, 402-427-4057 or Jody Koziol, 402-657-6025.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT GEORGE'S TAVERN: 7-9 p.m.. Every Wednesday at George's Tavern, 1114 N. 16th St., Blair. Trivia night hosted by Scott, challenging evening full of fun for all skill levels, full bar available.

COMMUNITY PRAYER NETWORK: First Monday of every month the Community Prayer Network meets at 7pm at Dana Campus Old Main Clocktower Bldg. on the 3rd floor, 705 Angels Share Drive, Blair. Join us! For info contact: Chestnut Livermore 402- 427-4650

QUILTERS: Blair Bunch Quilt Group meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 at the Acme Fabric & Quilt Co., 1716 Washington. St., Blair. All skill level of quilters welcome. Demonstration of a technique or pattern each month. Contact Myrna Vercruysee, 402-533-3592 or Diana Stier, 402-278-0797.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH (750 ANGELS SHARE DRIVE) ACTIVITIES:
- **HOUSE OF PRAYER:** Every Wednesday, 6 to 7 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church, 750 Angels Share Drive, Blair. 402-426-2424
- **CHRISTIANS IN ACTION AND FAITH BASED IDENTITIES YOUTH GROUPS** meet Wednesday evenings. CIA meets from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and FBI meets from 6 to 7 p.m.
- **TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is open to all starting at noon.
- **WORSHIP:** Sundays at 9 a.m., followed by Fellowship, Adult Education and Sunday School from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.
- **HOUSE OF PRAYER** is every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

WASHINGTON-BURT COUNTY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MONTHLY GATHERING: 10–11 a.m., first Saturday of the month, at Saint Francis Borgia Social Hall, 2005 Davis Drive, Blair. All women, Catholic or non-Catholic, come for faith building, fellowship and fun! Contact Dixie Hansen at 970-443-9724.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: 11 a.m., first Saturday of the month, at Saint Francis Borgia Hall, 2005 Davis Drive, Blair. Those who wish to be part of the nationwide effort to ensure that everyone in our parish community knows where to refer a pregnant woman in need Contact Angie Boesch at

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MONDAY: 7 p.m. Bible Study
TUESDAY: 9 a.m. Bible Study, 1:30 p.m. Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Preschool Open House
WEDNESDAY: 8:45 a.m. Chapel, 4 p.m. Confirmation, 5:45 p.m. Lenten Dinner/Smoked Pork, 6 p.m. Music Leaders, 7 p.m. Lenten Worship
THURSDAY: 9 a.m. Bible Study, 2 p.m. Women's League
FRIDAY: Pastor Duley's Personal Day
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The City of Missouri Valley is now accepting applications for assistant managers and lifeguards at the Missouri Valley Aquatic Center for 2024.
We are looking for 20-25 people who are ready to have FUN IN THE SUN this Summer!
The MVAC offers a competitive wage and a lifeguard training reimbursement program.
If you are at least 15 years old, pick up an application at City Hall, 223 E Erie, or print one from our website at https://cityofmissourivalley.com/government/employment/
Spread the word: Missouri Valley Aquatic Center is THE place to be this Summer – a fun and safe atmosphere for you and for the community to enjoy! cgMV8-11w

Waitress wanted, Night shift, Flexible schedule, Will train. Immediate opening. Mandarin House, 1283 So Hwy 30, 402-426-8808 Call or stop in. bmE9-4W

Police Officer. The City of Adair, Iowa, is currently seeking applicants for a part-time or full-time police officer position. Requires high school diploma or GED, prefer ILEA Certified. Must be 21 years of age on or before date of written examination, and a citizen of USA at time of application. Competitive pay and excellent benefits. Post offer preemployment physical, drug test and physiological evaluation required. Applications are encouraged by 5:00 pm Friday, March 29, 2024. Please address all resumes and questions by email to adairiowa@netins.net. City of Adair is an equal opportunity employer. cgMV6-6w

Calling ALL Lifeguards– Managers & Assistant Mangers/ Lifeguards
If you are interested in being a Manager/Assistant Manager and/or Lifeguard at Oakland's swimming pool this year, please NOTIFY us. Reminder, you need Lifeguarding Certificates, and/ or Assistant Manager Operator's License along with CPR/ AED training.
Requirement age that the City/ State allows is 15 yrs. of age at time of course completion.
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Applications due for: Manager & Assistant Managers (MARCH 30th, 2024) Lifeguards (May 10th, 2024) sgOL5-9W

The City of Logan is accepting applications for Pool Managers, Lifeguards & Concession help for summer 2024. Lifeguard certification required prior to opening of pool. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 108 W. 4th St., Logan, IA, 51546. 712-644-2425. Must be self-motivated, responsible and have a positive attitude! Applications due by March 15, 2024. EOE cgMV8-3w

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY COORDINATOR Position
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MEETINGS

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PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2024
6:30 PM

Notice is hereby given that the Arlington Planning Commission of the Village of Arlington, Nebraska will meet in special session on Monday, March 11th, 2024, at the Arlington Village Hall, 245 N. 2nd Street, Arlington, NE, commencing at 6:30 PM.

An agenda is on file with the Arlington Village Clerk. The public hearing and meeting is open to the public.

Kate Robertson
Arlington Village Clerk
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MEETINGS

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING
WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0024
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

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Kindergarten round-up at St. Paul's School

Kindergarten round-up was held at St. Paul Lutheran School on the evening of Feb. 20. Children who are eligible to begin kindergarten in August were welcome to attend this orientation along with their parents.

"Kindergarten is a Happy Place" was the theme as teacher Mrs. Joyce Dunklau shared much important information about the kindergarten program.

Children were invited to participate in various hands-on and listening activities. Principal Pat Dunklau and school board member Mr. Lance Ott also addressed the group and shared information.

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MINUTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2024
7:00 PM Central
HS CONFERENCE ROOM
705 N 9th Street
Arlington, NE 68002

1. OPENING PROCEDURES
1.1. Call Meeting to Order
Chase Kratochvil called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
1.2. Roll Call
Jason Arp: Present, Cassie Flesner: Present, Chase Kratochvil: Present, Brian Laaker: Present, Matt O'Daniel: Present, Shanon Willmott: Present
Aaron Pfingsten, HS Principal, Jacque Morgan Elem Principal, Dawn Lewis, Superintendent and Jennifer Arp, Recording Secretary, were present as well.
James Shada was absent for the first part of the meeting due to an activity at school- arrived at 7:39pm.
1.3. Pledge of Allegiance
1.4. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda
Motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Matt O'Daniel and a second by Cassie Flesner.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
2. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND PUBLIC FORUM

3. CONSENT AGENDA
3.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s)
3.2. Monthly Financial Reports
3.3.
Resignations: Colter Mattson, 5-6 Grade Classroom/Head Football
Hires:
Riley Peetz, Elementary Classroom
Jacob Haight, 7-12 Business
Charlee Bierman, Upper Elem SPED
Reassignments:
4. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION REPORTS
1st Grade
Industrial Arts

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Jason Arp.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
Chaleigh Mattson was present for the 1st grade to present and answer any questions.
Eric Daigle was present for Industrial Arts.

5. PRINCIPALS REPORTS
5.1. Dr. Morgan's Elementary Report
5.2. Mr. Pfingsten's Secondary Report
5.3. Mr. Shada's Activity Report
6. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT
Dr. Lewis reviewed her attachments on Arbor Family Counseling usage report, enrollment report, community engagement report, and gave the board some of the legislative updates.
6.1. Review Semi-Annual Arbor Family Usage Report
6.2. Review Enrollment Totals
6.3. Review Community Engagement Meeting Report from NASB
6.4. Recap Board Retreat
6.5. Review Final Report Rule 10 Compliance Visit
6.6. NASB and NRCSA Updates
6.7. Legislative Updates
7. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
7.1. Committee for American Civics
Meet Monday 2/12/2024 before the regular board meeting and discussed the math adoption for the 24-25 school year.

7.2. Buildings and Grounds Committee
Met in January and took a tour and talked through things in the building that needed immediate attention. The committee decided on one project that needed addressing, and will vote on it this evening. There are many smaller things that need attention, but costs are low and under the $10,000 threshold, so these items will be addressed and updated and fixed as the year goes along.

7.3. Negotiations Committee
Have met with the AEA, and finalized the 24-25 negotiated agreement, and there will be an action item tonight as well, for negotiations.
7.4. Professional Development Sharing
Chase Kratochvil, Cassie Flesner, and Dr. Dawn Lewis went to the New board president/member workshop in Kearney on Monday Feb 5th.
Many questions were answered about leadership and what is expected on a school board.
All members present felt like they had learned things and had great group discussions.
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
9.1. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Estimate to Re-Finish the Competition Gym Floor
Motion to Approve Bid to Resurface the Gym Floor to Be Paid from General Funds as Budgeted Passed with a motion by Matt O'Daniel and a second by Cassie Flesner.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
The competition gym floor needs to be refinished. The floor project has been a budgeted item and money has been set aside in the budget already.
The current floor is approximately 10 years old. Estimated costs are under what was budgeted.

9.2. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Special Education/Student Services Director Contract
Motion to Approve Contract with Sarah Sharp as Special Education/Student Services Director for 2024-2025 Passed with a motion by Shanon Willmott and a second by Jason Arp.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
Dr. Lewis went over this new position that was approved by the board. The position is to be filled by an internal staff member, Sarah Sharp. 80% of this salary is reimbursable back to the school by the state.

9.3. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Approve 2024-2025 Negotiated Master Agreement with Certificated Staff
Motion to Approve 2024-2025 Negotiated Master Agreement with the Certificated Staff as Presented Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Matt O'Daniel.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
Changes:
Increase Base to $40,900 (+$570)
Health Insurance Paid 100% at all levels, eliminate CIL
Add Track and Cross Country to Paid Duty Assignments
Add a 30-year Longevity Payment of $1500
Total Package Increase: 3.88% (Before Ins. Elections Change)

9.4. Discuss, Consider and Approve Changes to the Extra Duty Schedule as Determined by Committee
Motion to Approve Changes to the Extra Duty Schedule (Appendix B to the Master Agreement) as Presented Passed with a motion by Shanon Willmott and a second by Jason Arp.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
9.5. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve HVAC replacement of Gym, Concession, and Library Rooftop Units
Motion to Approve Replacement of Heating Air Conditioning Units for Competition Gym, Concessions, and Library as Presented in the amount of $234,811.00 to be Paid from General Funds and Depreciation Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Matt O'Daniel.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
Dr. Lewis went over the proposal for the HV/AC replacement for 3 older units at the school. (Competition Gym, Concessions, and Library unit) They gave us a few different bids on a couple of different units/brands.
All the information is provided in the proposals.
Recommendation from our maintenance and Dr. Lewis is to go with the YORK Brand proposal. Work is looking like it could be 24 weeks out, being presented tonight to get things moving so work can begin as soon as supplies are available.
9.6. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Approve Purchase of Math Curriculum as Detailed :
K-6: Envisions 7 year Subscription (To Be Paid From General Educ)
7-12: Big Ideas (To Be Paid From General Educ)
Special Education: Touch Math (To be Paid from SPED)
Interventions: (To Be Paid From General Educ)
Motion to Purchase Math Curriculum for 2024-2025 Adoption as Presented Passed with a motion by Matt O'Daniel and a second by Cassie Flesner.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
Dr. Lewis discussed the math curriculum presented for the 24-25 school year. New curriculum is needed to be adopted every 7 years to align with new state standards. Special education currently uses current curriculum to adapt and make work for their students. Adding the curriculum for Special Education will enable them to have current curriculum for their specific classes.

9.7. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Resignation and Release from Contract of Teresa Van Beek
Motion to Accept Resignation and Release from Contract Request for Mrs. Teresa Van Beek Effective Feb 12, 2024 Failed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Matt O'Daniel.
Jason Arp: Nay, Cassie Flesner: Nay, Chase Kratochvil: Nay, Brian Laaker: Nay, Matt O'Daniel: Nay, Shanon Willmott: Yea
Dr. Lewis reviewed the timeline of the resignation of a current staff member. A long-term sub has been hired and a replacement for the 24-25 school year has been hired. The administration is also going to be covering a class period for the remainder of the year that the school feels will be difficult to have a sub cover.
Board policy was reviewed at tonight's meeting by the board. It typically is unusual for a certificated staff member to ask to be released from the contract mid-year.
This is the 3rd time over a period of time that it has been presented to the board to have a certified staff contract be released mid-year, by a company that is affiliated with teachers, and knows that they are contracted for the school year.
The board members feel that having a teacher be released from a contract mid-year is not the best practice to follow going forward for the district and our students.
Discussion and questions were asked and had by multiple board members presenting their thoughts on this situation and how to handle it as a district and how to not put stress on our current staff. Each member was encouraged to share their thoughts on the situation. The board felt that the accountability and binding of contracts needed to be upheld by the certificated staff. The board felt that by releasing a staff member, it makes the contract with the district seem worthless.
The board feels that the certificated staff should uphold and complete the contract for the full year. They feel the contract is an assurance by the staff member to the district that this specific class or curriculum will be taught for a specified number of days as stated in the signed contract.

10. ADJOURNMENT
Chase Kratochvil adjourned the meeting at 9:11pm
Chase Kratochvil, Board President
Dawn Lewis, Board Secretary

CHECK REGISTER FOR Jan 2024
(Includes special fund checks)

PAYEE NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT
American Broadband Telephone service (Dec & Jan) $ 891.38
Airgas Welding gas tank rental $ 68.00
Arbor Family counseling Student & Staff services for Jan-March $ 2,116.25
Arbor Family counseling Onsite Services For December $ 770.00
Blair Community Schools Show Choir Workshop $ 200.00
BSN Wrestling Singlets (girls) $ 1,123.20
Blue Door Pediatric Therapy December Services $ 2,933.55
Bomgaars Supplies for bus barn $ 87.95
Charleston Inc plumbing parts $ 418.48
Martin Clausen (Chem Tech) Pest Control $ 92.64
CityWide Facility Solutions Event Clean up (Main Gym and Locker Rooms) $ 300.00
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Hy VEE Sandwiches and plant science supplies $ 373.74
Hometown Leasing Copier Lease payment $ 1,810.93
Integrated Life Choices Services for student per agreement Jan $ 2,792.47
Jostens Diploma covers for Class of 24 $ 683.95
Knudsen's Fuel for bus barn fuel tank $ 3,629.82
KSB Legal services $ 325.00
Learn to Move Pt Services $ 339.78
Adrienne Larsen Reimburse for CDL License Renewal $ 65.00
Menards Maintenance supplies $ 227.03
Methodist Fremont Health Athletic Services for Dec $ 1,898.00
NASB (3 invoices) Budget Conference, Annual Board Dues, Superintendent survey $ 5,414.00
NCS Pearson Digital testing supplies for Psych $ 86.25
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Popplers Music Phantom of Music Performance pack $ 83.94
Aaron Pfingsten Reimburse Mileage (no van available) $ 26.20
Rise and Shine Donuts Donuts for in-service $ 75.00
REI Spare Video tape for bus surveillance $ 276.65
Sparqdata board meeting subscription renewal $ 4,712.00
Warren Scheer Electricity reimburse for bus $ 26.58
Snow Equipment, INC Cutting edge kit for gator, snow removal $ 507.00
School specialty Record folders for students $ 128.40
Steve Weiss Music Percussion items for band $ 1,221.95
Thermo King Ice melt for bus barn and howes for buses $ 1,502.39
Unite Private Network Internet Provider $ 560.78
Virco Office Chair $ 422.50
Village of Arlington Water $ 684.05
VISA MISC Supplies for HS/ELEM $ 1,169.83
Washington Co Sheriff's SRO Fees $ 24,536.01
Waste Connections Trash $ 606.49
Wood River Natural Gas $ 5,453.04
West Omaha WinSupply Parts for building maintenance $ 1,074.11

Total Payables (GF checks not mailed until approved by the BOE) $ 92,911.27

HANDPAYABLES (GF Paid and mailed after previous board meeting but before this board meeting)

Casey's Gas for Vans $ 440.84
NCDA- Show Choir Festival Registration $ 195.00
RVR Bank Deposit box renewal $ 30.00
Midland Univ Midland festival Music Registration $ 200.00
Village of Arlington Water (was not here before last meeting) $ 769.26
Waste Connection Trash (was not here before last meeting) $ 606.49
Total Hand payables $ 2,241.59

Total General Fund $ 95,152.86

SPECIAL FUNDS (Building, Bond, QCPUF, Dep checks)

West Gate Bank Lease Purchase Payment $ 368,212.50 Check cut in Jan to be mailed

Total Special Funds $ 368,212.50

Hot Lunch Expenses

CWD (Cash-Wa) $ 6,524.07
Bimbo's Bakery $ 1,022.85
Hiland Dairy $ 3,214.69
Jackson Services $ 158.32
Sysco $ 3,681.67
US Foods $ 4,446.74
Winnelson $190.53

Hot Lunch Total $19,238.87
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ARLINGTON GIRLS BASKETBALL



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Arlington sophomore Emme Timm, right, looks to score against the Patriots' Annie Trausch on Friday during the Class C1-8 District Final at Adams Central.



The Patriots flock to Arlington senior Taylor Arp, middle, in the post Friday during the Class C1-8 District Final at Adams Central.

Adams Central halts Eagles' season in district final

AHS finishes with 21 victories

BY GRANT EGGER
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Arlington High School brought its basketball team, its band and more than enough folks to fill the bleachers Feb. 23 at Adams Central for the Class C1-8 District Final.

"Look at our following tonight," Eagles first-year head coach Tashia Wolf said 150-plus miles from home. "I mean, holy cow. The support from this community is unbelievable."

It was felt even after the host Patriots, last year's state runner-up, concluded AHS' season a win shy of its first state tournament in more than two decades. The home squad won 51-34 inside a packed gymnasium, dropping the Eagles' season record to 21-5 — the second-winningest in school history. Only the 23-3 2000 state championship team won more.

"You always have goals and hopes and things you want, but I didn't think that we'd make it this far," Wolf admitted after her players had nearly run out of tears in the aftermath. "So, being able to experience that, creating those life-long experiences that they're going to have, it's going to be a world of difference come next year when we have that under our belt."

Arlington won 13 games last season, but it didn't feel the level of stress it felt during the high-stakes 2023-24 campaign. The Eagles weren't as frustrated after tight losses they could have won and they did not feel the same level of pressure games like last week's brought.

"A lot of great experiences for the kids," Wolf said. "Things that, I think, will drive us into the future."

In the moment, though, AHS did what it could to keep up with the 20-5 Adam Central team in its way. When the Patriots built a 9-2 first quarter lead, sophomore Valeria Carvajal came off of the bench and scored a bucket. Her classmate, starting point guard Emme Timm, took it upon herself to get to the foul line, too, pulling her team within 11-7 through 8 minutes.

"Our free throws were huge," Wolf said. "Without those, we wouldn't even had a close score there."

Junior Britt Nielsen added a pair of makes from the stripe to start the second period before Timm hit a floater on her way to the basket, pulling her team within two again, 13-11.

From there, though, Adams Central took control. Macy Wolf, Coach Wolf's sophomore daughter, banked in a 3-point pointer and senior Austyn Flesner scored on a slick assist from Timm, but the Patriots pushed their lead out to 10 points by halftime.

"Just didn't have the steam," Wolf said. "Wasn't our time."

The home squad held double-digit advantages throughout the second half, holding off Arlington by 17 points in the end. Wolf credited Adams Central's defense, particularly its ability to clog the lane.

"There was always somebody there," she said. "We couldn't get there. That made it hard."

The Eagles needed 3-point makes to trim their deficit, but finished with only two from beyond the arc. Timm made one, finishing with a team-high 10 points. Macy Wolf made the other, scoring nine points altogether, while Nielsen had six points.

Flesner and Taylor Arp, meanwhile, combined to score five of their seven total points during the final period — the last quarter of the AHS basketball seniors' careers.

"It's been so fun to watch them blossom this season. I just want them for a little bit longer," Wolf said. "They've grown so much in their skill-base, but also in their leadership and just the way they've really embraced

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Fremont Tigers Madelyn Buck, from left, Jane Busboom, Lizzie Meyer and Ryleigh Schroeter pose for a photo Friday after setting a new 400-yard freestyle relay school record during the NSAA State Swimming & Diving Championships in Lincoln. Buck attends FHS, while Busboom and Schroeter are Blair student-athletes, and Lizzie Meyer is a multi-sport athlete at Arlington.

RECORDS AND MEDALS

County swimmers leave state meet with 12 medals

BY GRANT EGGER
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The celebratory squeals were appropriate.

The Fremont girls' 400-yard free relay team closed prelims with a school-record swim Feb. 23 during the NSAA State Swimming & Diving Championships in Lincoln. Arlington's Lizzie Meyer, Blair's Ryleigh Schroeter and Jane Busboom, and Madelyn Buck of FHS stopped the clock in 3:35.72, moving onto the championship finals together as the second seed.

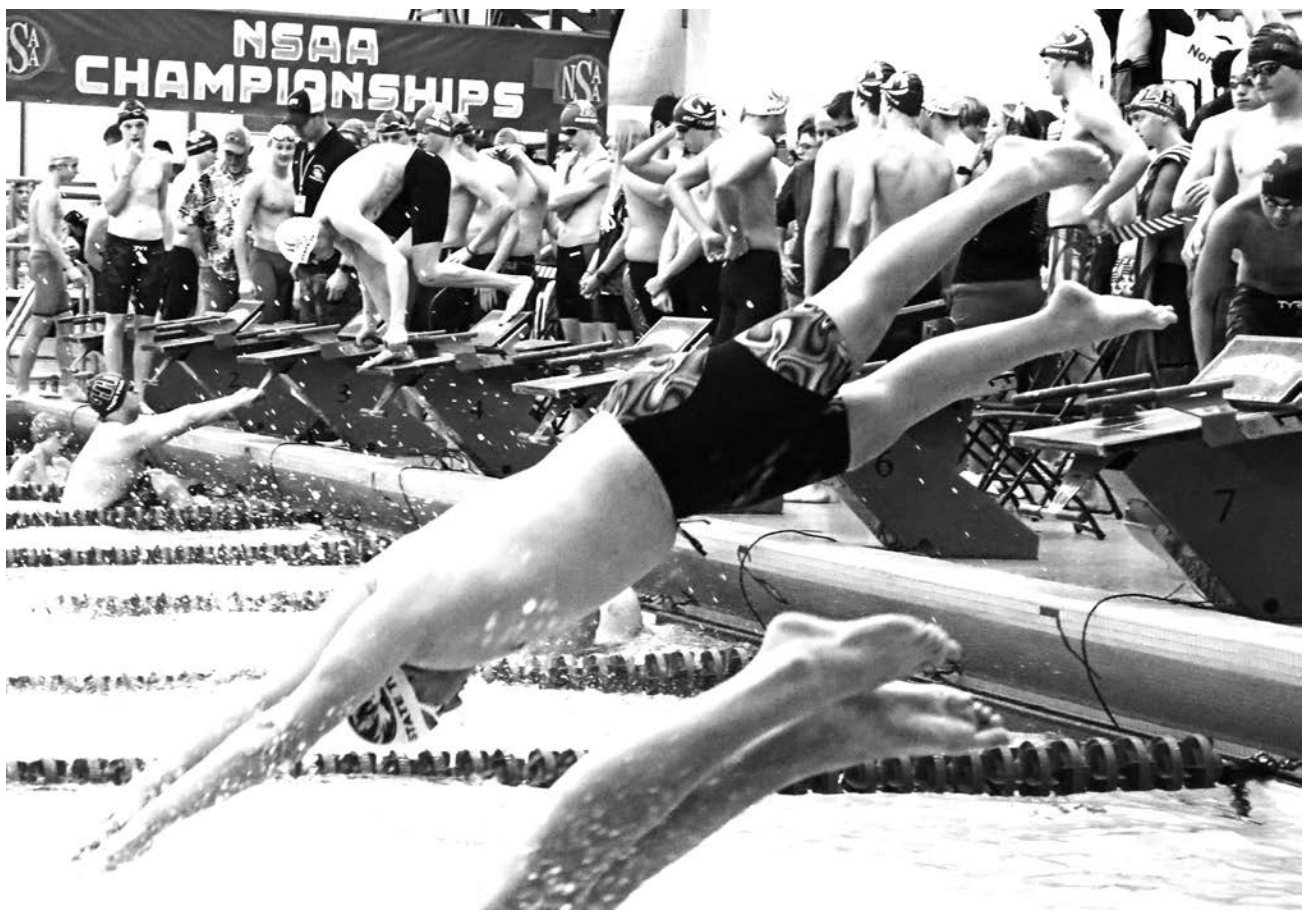
"The team did so well," Schroeter said after a full morning of swims. "I'm so proud."

Twenty-four hours later at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, Fremont's Washington County representatives combined for 12 state medals to hang around their necks. Busboom claimed four top-eight finishes in the Nebraska Cornhuskers' pool, while Meyer and Schroeter earned three apiece and Jacob Hanson claimed two.

Overall, the FHS girls finished seventh behind state champion Omaha Westside. Coach David Struble's Tiger boys were 13th behind first-place Omaha Creighton Prep, too.

Meyer, Schroeter and Busboom's top finish all came in the same race — the 400 free relay. They didn't

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Dathan Hansen of Arlington dives into the pool Friday during warmups at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Arlington swimmer wins Special Olympics race

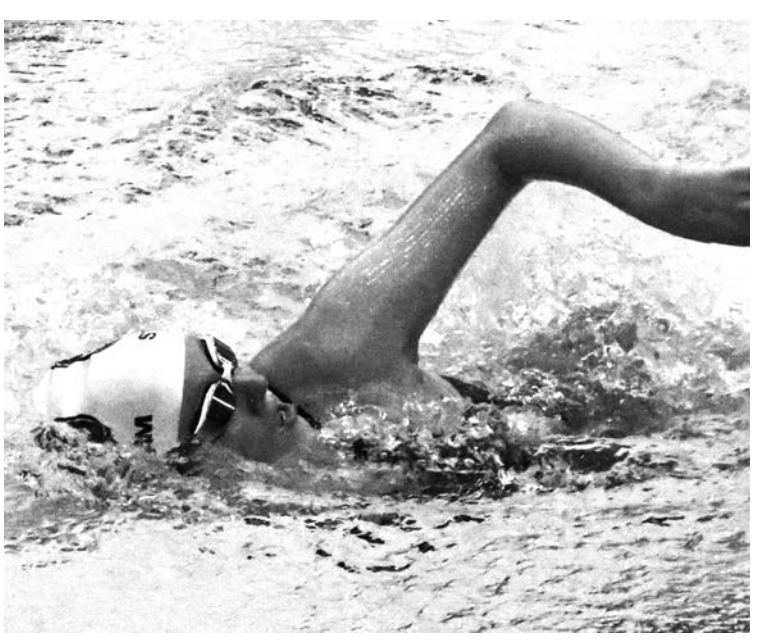
AHS junior Malory Rollins earned a three-peat Feb. 23, winning her third-straight Special Olympics 50-yard freestyle race during the NSAA Championships in Lincoln.

Representing the Fremont Tigers, the swimmer earned first with a time of 38.32 seconds, which was a 0.17-second improvement of her time from her second-straight title last year.

"(Malory's) always just the one going all out," fellow Arlington Tiger Lizzie Meyer said. "She has no worry about, 'Oh, is this going to hurt?' She doesn't care. She's just going to go out and give 100 percent no matter what."

Rollins won last week's race by more than 4 seconds, topping second-place Addison Davis and Camille Muse of Omaha Westside, Lincoln East's Aubrey Wagner and Madison Wiiest of McCook.

"Malory is such a great person," Meyer said. "She's so kind."



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Malory Rollins of Arlington wins the Special Olympics 50-yard freestyle Friday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

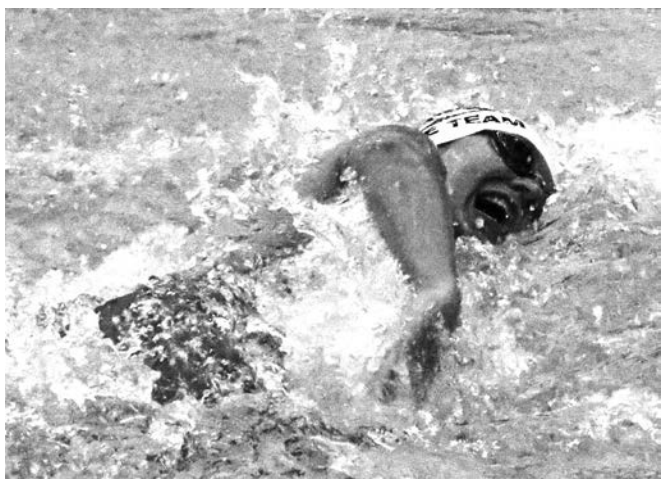


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Lizzie Meyer of Arlington stands ready to swim Friday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.



Dathan Hansen of Arlington adjust his goggles Friday during warmups in Lincoln.



Lizzie Meyer of Arlington competes in the water Friday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

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break their own record Saturday, but they did take fourth in 3:36.56.

Meyer, a four-time state qualifying senior, said she enjoys her time working together on relays.

"You can goof around behind the blocks," she said, smiling. "We just have fun, so it really helps. It's a 'you're not nervous, you're excited' kind of thing."

On Feb. 23, the multi-sport AHS athlete — who'll attend Nebraska Wesleyan to swim next school year — said she knew the Tigers had a good chance to set the 400 relay record when Busboom took off on the second half of her swim before Buck finished off the race.

"Just her determination," Meyer said when asked what makes Buck such a valuable teammate for relays. "She really pushes hard in everything she does."

Buck pushed so hard that the Fremont swimmers were able to celebrate a record.

"That was really good," Busboom said. "We were really happy about it. We've been thinking about those times for the whole season, so to see that we got it was really, really fun."

Meyer, Schroeter and she also took seventh in the 200-yard medley relay with Charlotte Vech in 1:50.81 on Saturday, while Meyer teamed with Buck, Alexis Rasmussen and Vech for eighth in the 200 free relay. The latter quartet clocked in at 1:41.35.

Before earning two medals with his own Fremont relays, Hanson went up to an assistant coach during the warmup session Feb. 23 and asked if his technique looked correct. With confirmation, the Blair sophomore got back in line for a bit more prep.

Shortly thereafter, Hanson's 200 medley and 400 free relays with Elliot Vech, Zayne Keslar and Gabe Christ qualified for the finals. He also won a swim-off at the end of the prelim races to earn a consolation final attempt in the 100 breaststroke Saturday, which he turned into a 16th-place showing.

The Tiger boys' medley relay team ultimately earned sixth in 1:40.25, while the 400 relay squad was eighth in 3:18.75.

In addition to their relay work, Busboom and Schroeter earned individual medals on Saturday. Busboom won two, going 4-for-4 in her events overall.

The Blair junior secured sixth in the backstroke, finishing Saturday's race in 59.56 seconds. A day earlier, she logged a personal best time of 58.58 during prelims.

"I was really excited to see that time," Busboom said. "I'm excited to go faster."

She said the key to her swim was her "underwaters" improvement on turns.

"I was really focusing on trying to get as far as I can, and just having good tempo and building up speed," Busboom said.

The swimmer also secured a sixth-place result in the 100 freestyle Saturday, clocking in at 53.24.

Schroeter, meanwhile, was sixth in the 100-yard butterfly race. She finished it in 58.59 after bettering her own school record during the prelims. The new best time at FHS is 58.4 seconds, which led to fist-pumping coaches poolside.

"That was a really good swim," Schroeter said. "I'm proud of how it went."

She, too, credited her new career-best to underwater practice.

"I've been working on those for the past two weeks really well," Schroeter said. "We did a lot more sprint work with my fly this year, so I think that helped a lot, too."

AHS junior makes state debut

While he didn't leave Lincoln with a medal, Arlington junior Dathan Hansen made his state debut Feb. 23, too.

Before the 200-yard free relay with Hanson, Micah Moore and Garrett Nielsen, he said he was feeling good about it. Not nervous, "mostly excited."

In the end, the Fremont team took 18th out of the 31 competing, clocking in at 1:32.74.

NSAA SWIMMING & DIVING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FEB. 22-SATURDAY AT BOB DEVANEY SPORTS CENTER, LINCOLN

ARLINGTON/BLAIR RESULTS

SWIMMING PRELIMS — FEB. 23

GIRLS

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY: 6, Fremont (Jane Busboom, Charlotte Vech, Ryleigh Schroeter, Lizzie Meyer), 1:51.36.
200 FREESTYLE: 9, Schroeter, 1:55.9.
50 FREESTYLE: 16, Meyer, 25.17.
100 BUTTERFLY: 5, Schroeter, 58.4.
100 FREESTYLE: 7, Busboom, 53.69.
200 FREE RELAY: 6, FHS (Madelyn Buck, Meyer, Alexis Rasmussen, Vech), 1:40.61.
100 BACKSTROKE: 6, Busboom, 58.58.
400 FREE RELAY: 2, FHS (Schroeter, Meyer, Busboom, Buck), 3:35.72.

BOYS

200 MEDLEY RELAY: 5, FHS (Elliot Vech, Jacob Hanson, Zayne Keslar, Gabe Christ), 1:38.54.
200 FREE RELAY: 18, FHS (Hanson, Micah Moore, Garrett Nielsen, Dathan Hansen), 1:32.74.
100 BREASTSTROKE: 16, Hanson, 1:02.65.
400 FREE RELAY: 6, FHS (Vech, Keslar, Hanson, Christ), 3:17.8.

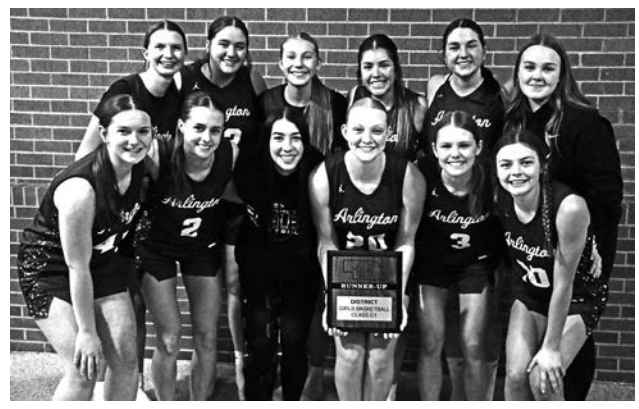
SWIMMING FINALS — SATURDAY

GIRLS

200 MEDLEY RELAY: 7, FHS (Busboom, Vech, Schroeter, Meyer), 1:50.81.
200 FREESTYLE: 9, Schroeter, 1:55.59.
50 FREESTYLE: 15, Meyer, 25.1.
100 BUTTERFLY: 6, Schroeter, 58.59.
100 FREESTYLE: 6, Busboom, 53.24.
200 FREE RELAY: 8, FHS (Buck, Meyer, Rasmussen, Vech), 1:41.35.
100 BACKSTROKE: 6, Busboom, 59.56.
400 FREE RELAY: 4, FHS (Schroeter, Meyer, Busboom, Buck), 3:36.56.

BOYS

200 MEDLEY RELAY: 6, FHS (Vech, Hanson, Keslar, Christ), 1:40.25.
100 BREASTSTROKE: 16, Hanson, 1:03.12.
400 FREE RELAY: 8, FHS (Vech, Keslar, Hanson, Christ), 3:18.75.



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The Arlington girls basketball team poses for a photo with their Class C1 District Finals runner-up plaque Friday at Adams Central. Front row, from left: Gracen Adams, Emme Timm, Libby Hegemann, Austyn Flesner, Erika Cruikshank and Hailey O'Daniel. Back row: Britt Nielsen, Hayley Arp, Macy Wolf, Valeria Carvajal, Taylor Arp and Leah Franzluebbers.

HOOPS: Adams Central halts Eagles' season in district final

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the change in culture and the different changes we expect at practice."

While both Flesner and Arp will graduate in May, though, every other Eagle who contributed to the 21-win season this winter will have the opportunity to return for the next. Coach Wolf watched them closely from the exhibition game against Blair last November through last week's contest in a crowded gym just outside of Hastings. She was able to watch her sophomore daughter, Macy, enjoy the ride, too.

"I experienced (this) as a high school kid, and that is something that I've always wanted for my kids," Wolf said. "To be able to play on the big stage."

Next season, AHS will have the experience to aim for even bigger.

CLASS C1-8 DISTRICT FINAL

FEB. 23

Adams Central 51, Arlington 34

AHS (21-5) 7 11 7 9 — 34
AC (20-5) 11 17 13 10 — 51

SCORING: AHS — Emme Timm 10, Macy Wolf 9, Britt Nielsen 6, Austyn Flesner 4, Taylor Arp 3, Valeria Carvajal 2. AC — Megyn Scott 21, Gracie Weichman 11, Briley Nienhueser 8, Lynsie Lancaster 4, Annie Trausch 3, Ava Katzberg 3.

WHEN AND WHERE

TODAY

9 a.m., NSAA Class C1 Girls Basketball Tournament semifinals at Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln

4 p.m., Arlington junior high wrestling at Fort Calhoun tournament

SATURDAY

SPOTLIGHT EVENT: 8:30 a.m., Arlington spring sports photo day, AHS: The Eagles have their picture taken before their first track meets, baseball games and golf tournaments of the spring.

11 a.m., NSAA Class C1 Girls Basketball Tournament finals at Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln

THURSDAY

9 a.m., NSAA Class C1 Boys Basketball Tournament semifinals at Bob Devaney Sports Center, Lincoln

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Buckingham starts tenure as AHS track coach

Former assistant led 1st official practice Monday

BY GRANT EGGER
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First-year Arlington High School track and field head coach Kyle Buckingham was well aware of the weather forecast.

As a result, he checked out the Eagles' warmup gear last week to make sure his team wouldn't waste any of the opening practice day's nice weather Monday.

AHS didn't.

"I thought it went really good," Buckingham said Tuesday when most of AHS' work was forced inside by a chilling, stiff wind. "The sun was out. Everyone was happy — in a good mood."

First days have their challenges, but the Eagles turned it into an overall positive.

"They complained at first about the sprint workout that (assistant coach Troy) Schlueter and I were doing, but they got over it pretty quick because it was nice out," Buckingham said.

The Blair native, a former Arlington assistant himself, takes over this season after Tyler Spitser finished up last spring. Schlueter, Madison Pawoll, Carla Kaup, Jake Eckhardt, Michaela Curran and volunteer Gavin Larson join him on the coaching staff, too.

Though it ultimately went well, the Buckingham said he was a tad bit anxious going into his first official practice in charge.

"All day, I'm like, 'I've got to be missing something,'" he explained.

When it comes to event work, the new head coach is in a similar role to last year. But, now, he's overseeing everything.

"You've got to make sure everybody's ready to go," Buckingham said. "You've got to make sure all of the kids are ready to go."

The coach anticipates the Eagles will be when be when the season begins March 15 at Concordia University in Seward. He feels his roster will score medals and team points throughout the season.

"Our goal should be to win meets," Buckingham said. "Even though we're against Class B competition, we're good enough. We're talented enough. We can do a lot of damage."

Past state qualifiers Taylor Arp, Kaden Foust, Nolan May, Hailey O'Daniel, Dallin Franzluebbers and Kevin Flesner are among AHS' top returning talents. O'Daniel, a junior, earned fifth in the 1,600-meter run last season.

"Heck of an athlete," Buckingham said of Foust. "Long jump, 400 (dash). He's going to do a lot of good for us."



Blair native Kyle Buckingham is Arlington High School's new head track and field coach.



PHOTOS BY GRANT EGGER I CITIZEN

Track and field athletes go through warmups Tuesday at Arlington High School. The Eagles started practiced Monday under the direction of new head coach Kyle Buckingham.

The coach also noted the potential of Coach Eckhardt's throwers and Arlington's cast of sprinters.

"We didn't have a whole strong sprint game last year," Buckingham said. "But I think, day one, working on a few things, I think we'll be a little bit better."

The Eagles are replacing key graduates Keelianne Green, Cadie Robinson and Luke Hammang, but — two days in — the coach was optimistic, telling his athletes before Tuesday's practice that there is no room for saying "I can't" in his program.

Catching up with the county



ZAM DRIVER TURNED WRITER
Grant Egger

Hello everyone.

How's it going?

The winter high school sports season ended around these parts last Saturday before the spring sports season officially began with practices on Monday. Huge break for yours truly, right?

It's all good, though. As you see, I made it to a few practices this week and will be taking team photos today and Saturday to get ready for the first competitions of the season — which aren't nearly as far off as you may think they are.

Before all that, however, I wanted to catch you up on some recent developments. So, here we go.

Supernovas play on

As you read in these Enterprise Media Group pages on Jan. 30, Blair High School volleyball coach Jess Lansman is an Omaha Supernova.

While I attended and covered the Pro Volleyball Federation team's first-ever match at the CHI Health Center, a lot has happened since. The Supernovas were second in the league standings with a 5-3 record.

Lansman, meanwhile, continues to shine on courts across the country. Across eight matches and 31 sets, the former Iowa State Cyclone had 105 points scored, which is a combination of ace serves, blocks and kills. Eighty-two of those points were by kill

The Supernovas played Thursday in Duluth, Ga., against the Atlanta Vibe and next compete March 9 at Orlando. The next home match is 8 p.m. March 14.

AYS wrestlers compete

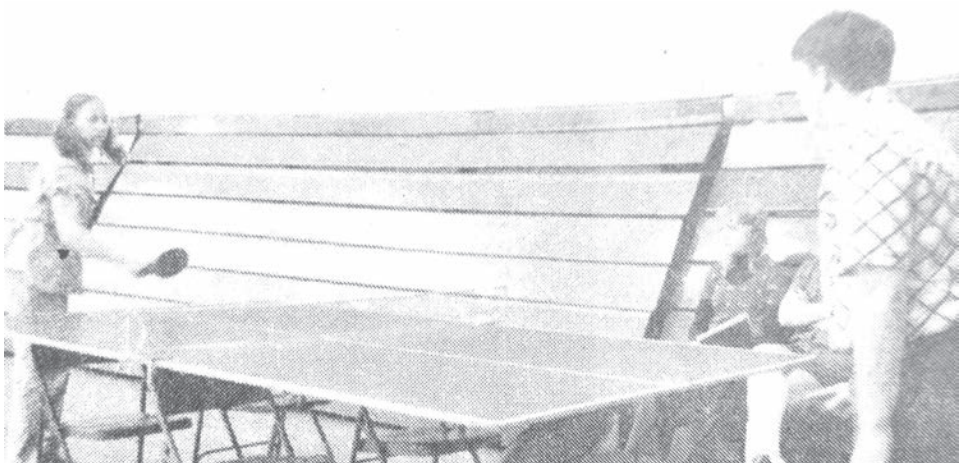
Arlington Youth Sports wrestlers, meanwhile, competed last weekend in North Bend.

Eagles Abbie Schakat, Carly Sass, EJ Lozo, Justin Koehler, Kyson Rash, Lachlan French, Lane Moore and Marissa Blake all earned first, according to the AYS Wrestling Facebook page.

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A LOOK AT TIMES GONE BY

Arlington FCA hosts 1974 ping-pong tournament



ENTERPRISE FILE PHOTO

Eleven- and 12-year-old participants of the 1989 Super Shooters competition pose for a photo. Front row, from left: Ryan Wendt, Jon Stewart and David Peters. Back row: Lance Sorensen, Brock Thompson, Bjorn Christopherson, Corey Johnson, Mark Duey, Chad Cemer, Chris Wulf, Erick Fitch, Ryan K. Nelson, Ryan Shanahan, Matt Johnson, Jimmy Shores and Brett Jorgenson.

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Editor's Note: "A Look at Times Gone By" is an in-depth look at weekly Times Gone By entries compiled since 2015. These articles represent the history of Washington County sports.

Arlington's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) members raised more than $150 during an April 6, 1974, ping-pong tournament.

The 26-student group, sponsored by Jack Guggenmos and Bill Kellog, put on the event to help pay for a summer camp in Colorado.

"About 250 people donated money or entered the tournament, according to Mr. Kellog," the Citizen newspaper reported. "He added, 'I'd like to thank everyone who contributed their time or money in making this project a success.'"

Five champions earned golden ping pong paddles painted by Jeff Nelson and Steve Gottsch. Bobby Misfeldt, Debbie Hilgenkamp, Kevin Sorensen, Mrs. Jack Guggenmos and Bob Lauterback were among the division winners.

Prep teams secure NCA academic honors

STAFF REPORTS

Ten Washington County high school sports programs were recently recognized with the release of the Fall 2023 Nebraska Coaches Association's (NCA) Team Academic Excellence Awards.

Arlington's cheer, boys cross-country, girls cross-country, dance, girls golf and softball teams were all honored as were the cheer and dance teams of Blair. Fort Calhoun's cheer and dance teams received recognition as well.

The programs met NCA criteria to secure recognition. They all earned team cumulative 3.30 GPAs during the fall semester.

Volleyball team recipients will not be released until after the school year, according to the NCA website.

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