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Making waves: YMCA swim team makes 'New Year Splash' **7**

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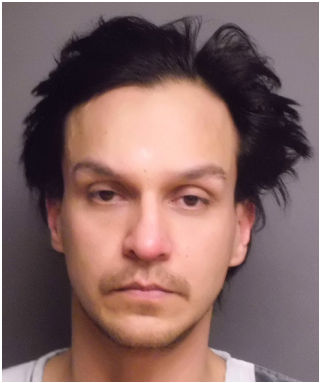
Alleged Arlington shooter once made meth in Blair

BY ADAM BRANTING
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The alleged gunman involved in a shoot-out with Washington County Sheriff's deputies in Arlington on Monday afternoon was convicted in 2014 of making methamphetamine in a mobile home park south of Blair.

David Boettcher, 48, had been sentenced for 30 months to 5 years for possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture, a Class 2 felony, according to previous reporting by Enterprise Media Group.

The story said Boettcher was arrested on Jan. 31, 2014, at a home in Country



David Boettcher in 2014



Jewel Kwiatowski

Estates south of Blair. Deputies were serving a Cass County warrant on Boettcher for nonpayment of child support when they noticed what appeared to be a methamphetamine lab or its remains.

At press time, Boettch-

er remained at the University of Nebraska Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries following Monday's incident, said Cody Thomas, public relations director of the Nebraska State Patrol.

Boettcher had a war-



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Three damaged Washington County Sheriff's vehicles (left) were towed Monday night following an afternoon shoot-out in Arlington. The passenger of the Jeep Cherokee (right), David Boettcher, is alleged to have fired at the sheriff's deputies following a traffic stop.

rant out for his arrest on a Douglas County assault charge when the Jeep Cherokee he was riding in was pulled over by a sheriff's deputy at Highway 30 and First Street in Arlington.

The vehicle's driver, Jewel Kwiatowski, 36, was driving under a suspended license. Washington County Sheriff Mike Robinson told the Arlington Citizen that the deputy recognized Kwiatowski

from previous contacts. A year-old child was also in the SUV.

According to a press release from the Nebraska State Patrol, the traf-

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THE CALM AFTER THE STORMS

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For as prickly and consequential as the first-half of 2024 was — with blizzards, tornados and floods battering Washington County — summer arrived with calm familiarity.

A flag ceremony kicked off the all-day Arlington Summer Sizzle on June 30, beginning slew of "Independence Day" events like youth baseball, a 5K run/walk, petting zoo, cornhole, a rib barbecuing contest, duck races, the Arlington Volunteer Fire Department dinner, local music and fireworks.

Arlington's Lance French picked up a grass stain diving and catching a ball during the slow pitch softball tournament at Bell Creek Park.

"My brain just told my body to do it," French said, when asked why he'd given so much effort for the catch.

Was it worth it?

"I will let you know tomorrow when I can't walk," he quipped.

By the end of July, Arlington was hosting the Washington County Fair. Not to be overlooked amongst the six days of concerts, rides and fried food was the stunning amount of competition.

In four days of 4-H contests alone, there were nearly 300 categories from food to fashion to firearms, and every gilt, goat, hen, hereford, hog, hotot and horse judged. Nearly 500 Washington County kids and almost a thousand animals made their mark and impressed the judges.

"I like seeing the kids' faces when they have that pride that they have worked so hard all year long ... and they're actually getting something back, and the community is giving back to them," said Tami Erixcon of the Blue Ribbon Livestock Club.

The grown-ups had their chance to play, too, with rodeos, tractor pulls and mud volleyball to start with.

After being rained out in 2023, the Olsen Auto Demolition Derby returned with a new Stock Mini Truck/Mini SUV class. The addition came as it is becoming harder to find older, larger vehicles such as station wagons to bash, said Jason Cloudt of the



JOE BURNS | CITIZEN

Melanie Korth gives her lamb a trim in preparation for competition at July's Washington County Fair.



GRANT EGGER | CITIZEN

Lance French lunges and makes a tough catch during the Summer Sizzle tournament at Bell Creek Park.

Washington County Ag Society.

"Everybody, whether it's grandpa and grandma or teenager, loves to watch the demo derby," Cloudt

said.

The bright lights of competition continued to shine on Arlington students at the Nebraska State Fair in late summer. A group of seven made up the first ever Milk Quality Products team for the Arlington FFA, which competed on August 31.

FFA advisor Kali Agler said the team would take a knowledge test, discern different types of cheeses, determine differences between milks (skim, whole, buttermilk, etc.) by taste and identify defects as found.

"They've been practicing a couple mornings a week the past couple weeks," Agler said. "We're going in blind a little bit, but we're trying to prepare the best we can for the information we've got."

August was an exciting month for the Arlington FFA. In addition to various state fair competitions, Braden Monke — a 2023 Arlington High School graduate — earned the American Degree from the national organization.

"That's the highest degree that an FFA member can earn within the organization, and it's really the highest individual award that an individual can earn," Agler said. "They say less than 1% of total FFA members will ever earn their American Degree. So you're putting him in the top 1% of FFA members across the country, and that's a pretty big deal."

The selection was based on Monke's record books from all the projects he has worked on over several years. He is Arlington's first recipient in program history.

"It means a lot," Monke said. "Agriculture has always been important to me, so to be able to be the first person to receive this award is pretty cool."

Weather concerns were renewed with an unseasonably dry fall. In late October, with the harvest at hand, Washington County was in a moderate-to-severe drought despite an exceptionally rainy spring.

Brian Fuchs, a climatologist and geoscientist with the National Drought Mitigation

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WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT

JANUARY 3

PBX: 12:54 P.M. QUESTIONS ABOUT A STRAY DOG MESSING WITH HER CATTLE; Gave RP options.
HWY 30: 1:54 P.M. AGENCY ASSIST / POSSIBLE OD; Person believed to be OD’ing on Tylenol. Left prior to BPD arrival and possibly going to Fremont hospital. Located car on Hwy 30 and followed to Dodge County line.
HWY 75 & POWER LN: 2:19 P.M. TRAFFIC COMPLAINT, SILVER FORD ESCAPE. ALL OVER ROAD; UTL.
1900 CR 45: 2:55 P.M. WARRANT SERVICE; Arrested Ryan Nieto 5/5/98 on Douglas Co Warrant.
PBX: 2:56 P.M. SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AT CR 41 NEAR HWY 75; RP observed Missouri plated vehicle stationary for a period of time. Attempted to speak with him, but he wouldn’t look at her. A drove then flew into his sunroof and he drove off. Attempted contact with registered owner via

pbx, no answer. Notified security at OPPD plant.
HWY 31 & DUTCH HALL RD: 4:15 P.M. TRAFFIC COMPLAINT; White Toyota Rav4, crossing center lane, driving in oncoming lane. No signs of impairment.
CR 40 / KAMEO DR: 9:18 P.M. CAR VS DEER; Dispatched deer, non-reportable damage.

JANUARY 4

FORT CALHOUN: 2:06 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 16 checked.
ARLINGTON: 3:15 A.M. BUSINESS CHECK; 14 checked. All ok.
KENNARD: 7:35 A.M. RESCUE CALL; Handled by KVFD.
10500 CR P29: 12:41 P.M. ANIMAL PROBLEM; UP advised herd of cattle near railroad. Owner contacted, she will get cattle.
PBX: 1:05 P.M. OPPD SECURITY HAD QUESTIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE DRONE INCIDENT YESTERDAY; Questions answered.
PBX: 2:24 P.M. AN EX-WIFE

CALLED ABOUT EX-HUSBAND’S INCREASING VIOLENT BEHAVIOR; Info obtained.
17400 HWY 30: 3:59 P.M. SUICIDAL SUBJECT; 3rd Party RP advised person made suicidal remarks. No active thoughts of suicide or plan in place. Provided options, has a mental health app on Monday 1/6.
HWY 30/133 ROUNDABOUT: 4:16 P.M. TS SPEED; Arrested John Zambrano 6/11/04 for DUS, No insurance.
BLAIR: 8:52 P.M. ARRESTED; Arrested Joseph Andreassen (07-24-76) after he approached Deputies intoxicated after observing him drive to Cubby’s in Blair. Charged with DUI .15 3rd, Obstruction, and Resisting arrest.

JANUARY 5

ARLINGTON: 1:15 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 15 checked.
FORT CALHOUN: 1:18 A.M. BUSINESS CHECK; 14 checked.

1800 CR 15: 12:26 P.M. INFANT CHOKING; Airway cleared and RP chose to self-transport prior to arrival.
BLAIR: 5:26 P.M. UNCONSCIOUS PARTY; Assist BPD due to call volume.
ARLINGTON: 6:33 P.M. CITIZEN ASSIST; Female party advised her vehicle was disabled on the shoulder at Highway 30 and Hwy 31. Wanted recommendations on tow companies.

JANUARY 6

FORT CALHOUN: 2:01 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 15 checked.
ARLINGTON: 2:15 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 15 checked.
FORT CALHOUN: 2:29 A.M. T/S; Arrested Samantha Phillips 11/15/98 for DUR and DCSO warrants. Damani Penney 7/25/95 (Phillips boyfriend) arrived on scene and arrested for Sarpy warrant.

DEATH NOTICE

Toni LeAnn Larsen, 57

Toni LeAnn Larsen, age 57 of Arlington, passed away Dec. 13, 2024, as the result of a tragic automobile accident. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Kennard Auditorium in Kennard, NE.
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fic stop happened around 2 p.m. Kwiatowski exited the vehicle but Boettcher refused.
“Deputies became aware that Boettcher was in possession of a firearm. After several minutes, Boettcher exited the passenger side of the vehicle and began firing shots toward the deputies. Multiple deputies returned fire, striking the suspect,” the release said.
In a cell phone video aired by WOWT, a man believed to be

Boettcher can be seen getting out of the Cherokee and allegedly firing at least eight times toward law enforcement. A third sheriff’s vehicle can be seen driving into frame when the shooting begins. Robinson said all three units were damaged, but there were no reported injuries to his deputies.
“The child was not injured and has been placed in protective care. The Washington County Sheriff’s Office requested that the Nebraska State Patrol ... investigate the incident. That investigation is ongoing,” according to a statement from the NSP.

Kwiatowski was arrested and booked into the Washington County jail. Three sheriff’s deputies have been placed on routine administrative leave, pending the investigation findings. Their names have not been released.
“They didn’t back down. They ran towards the danger,” said Robinson. “I can’t tell you how proud I am.

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Roots to Wings' New Year's Eve bash exceeds expectations

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Roots to Wings kicked off its 10th anniversary with a New Year's Eve party that had the town dancing through the night.

More than 250 people dined and partied at a special fundraising event at the Rybin Building on the Washington County Fairgrounds to celebrate the non-profit, which provides differently-abled people a chance to work and be productive in the community.

Roots to Wings Executive Director Trisha Kylo said the first-time event — sponsored by RVR Bank, Dave & Sheila Monke, Valmont, O'Daniel Honda, CDS Enterprises, Arlington Insurance, Headliners Car Club and the Midwest Street-Rod Association — was "incredible."

"Turnout was way better than anticipated. I think it was a fun crowd. I think everyone had a good time," Kylo said. "We had a lot of people dancing. We had quite a few show up after the dinner for the band, which was cool."

Ticket sales and silent auction items brought in just over \$14,000.

"(Arlington is) so supportive. We obviously wouldn't be here without all of them," she said.

Roots to Wings currently serves 10 special needs "farmers," who joined in the festivities.

"They were so fun to watch dance. They ate and had some sodas. I think



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they all had a good time with their social interactions together. It was very, very positive," Kylo said.

Over the last 10 years, Roots to Wings has offered life experiences for clients including gardening, garage and kitchen work, and running a retail store. The hope is to expand both the physical and programming footprint in the next decade.

"The growth of the organization over 10 years and how we have helped over 25 individuals come through our program.

(We are) just looking forward to the future, to helping more people join our program, which would not be possible without the community and their support and donations," she said.

Kylo said there were many requests from revelers for another bash next New Year's Eve, but there have been no discussions just yet.

"We will do something fun with the farmers," she said.

TIMES GONE BY

Week of Jan. 12-18, 2025

Jan 14, 1965 (60 years ago): Work is underway on the construction of new bridges on the bottom road leading north from Arlington. The first bridge, north of Arlington, has already been taken out and giant 5-ton steel and concrete pilings are being driven. Surveying work on the north end of the road is still underway. The many turns and curves that follow the Bell Creek will be straightened out and a new elevated road will be constructed. Traffic coming into Arlington must go one mile east or one mile west to the "Church Road." The "Bottom Road" will be closed to traffic for the remainder of the winter and probably through most of the summer.

Jan. 16, 1975 (50 years ago): The Arlington Rescue Squad answered two calls during the blizzard that hit the Arlington area this past weekend. Friday afternoon the Arlington Rescue Unit was called to the new Bell Creek terminal building to aid Melvin Sorensen who had been injured. Reportedly, Mr. Sorensen had been working on a ceiling furnace unit of the building when his ladder slipped out from under him. Mr. Sorensen grabbed for the furnace and severely cut his hand and arm as he tried to hang on. He fell about 14 feet to the concrete floor. Mr. Sorensen was rushed to the Fremont Hospital where his cuts were taken care of and his broken left wrist was put into a cast. He has now returned home. On Saturday, the Arlington Rescue Unit was called to take Clayton Burgess to the Fremont Hospital with a heart ailment.

Jan. 17, 1980 (45 years ago): The prob-

lem of bridges within the county which are not up to minimum standards is being faced and handled as rapidly as possible, according to information given the Washington County Board of Supervisors Tuesday. The Board is pleased, Chairman Jack Jensen said, with that progress. County Road Superintendent Frank Mayo told the Board that the problems on six bridges in the county that needed to be condemned have been corrected and have been posted with weight limits. He said that if users of the bridges heed the limits, there will be few problems with the bridges. However, accidents could occur if the structures are weakened by vehicles over the weight limit using them. Some 79 bridges in the county have needed some corrective work on them, Mayo said. However, the corrections just completed bring the number down into the 60s and more work is scheduled in the coming year.

Jan. 17, 1990 (35 years ago): Over \$1,000 damage was done in an accident on December 24 about 3:15 p.m. on Highway 30 at the St. Paul Church road west of Arlington. Mary Manz of Fremont was eastbound on Highway 30 when she reportedly observed a vehicle driven by Ernest Grimm of rural Fremont on the shoulder of the highway. Grimm allegedly came onto the road as Manz passed his vehicle. The passenger side of Manz's vehicle was hit by Grimm's vehicle. Manz complained of a sore neck but went on her own to the doctor. Over \$500 damage was done to each Manz's 1980 Mercury Bobcat

and Grimm's 1976 Volare wagon.

Jan. 13, 2005 (20 years ago): Balls and bats took precedence over budgets and buildings — at least in terms of time — at the January meeting of the Arlington School Board. Although one of the first orders of business — seating new board members — was accomplished quickly, much of the board meeting centered on a presentation to seek board approval to add girls softball as a new fall sport. A large group of students, parents and other interested parties were on hand for a presentation by Jody Johnson and Lisa Schutt. Arlington currently participates in a co-op program with Fremont, but the women told the board they would like them to consider adding the sport in-house.

Jan. 15, 2015 (10 years ago): Arlington High School's next principal may not live in the district. The Arlington Public Schools Board of Education recommended to Supt. Lynn during its regular meeting Monday night that the principal should not be required to live in the district, but that it be strongly encouraged. The requirement will also be removed from the elementary principal's contract. APS is currently looking for a new principal to replace Andrew Farber, who will be leaving at the end of June to become superintendent of Louisville Public Schools. Johnson approached the board to seek their opinion on the situation. Requiring the principal to live within the district could limit the number of candidates the school gets for the position.

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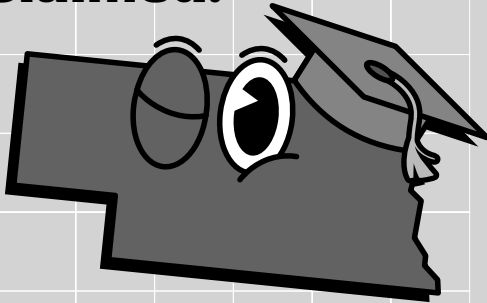
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Shootout in Arlington shows law enforcement is ready to keep us safe

Sheriff's deputies, police officers and state highway patrol officers are normal people. Regular Joes and Janes, if you will. You may even have one as a neighbor, their kids may be a classmate or teammate of your own children, or you may worship at the same place on Sunday mornings.

In all of these encounters, we think that law enforcement officers are just like us.

Until they're not.

Few of us are willing to put our lives at risk every day simply by answering the call to serve — and by doing so knowing they will never get wealthy in the process.

But this week, Washington County Sheriff's deputies, while trying to complete what they had every reason to believe would be a routine traffic stop in Arlington, ended up in a fire fight with the passenger in the vehicle who happened to have an outstanding warrant on a Douglas County assault charge.

As has been widely reported, once deputies had stopped the Jeep Cherokee in question at Highway 30 and First Street in Arlington, the adult passenger — David Boettcher — first refused to exit the vehicle at the deputies' request. Then he exited the vehicle and began firing at the deputies, lobbing lead in the direction of law enforcement at least eight times, according to eyewitness accounts and incident reports.

Thankfully, no officers were injured. Officers did return fire, and Boettcher's injuries are said to be non-life threatening.

Our law enforcement officers, thankfully, do

not face such extreme danger every day. But we think it is good to know that — by all appearances — they are more than ready to defend themselves and the rest of us whenever the need arises.

The three officers involved in the shooting have been put on routine administrative leave, pending the outcome of the investigation. Their names had not been released as of presstime, but we still can be thankful that we have sheriff's deputies, police officers and state highway patrol officers who do their very best to keep Washington County safe. And this week's incident shows that they are up to the task.

Just as they were last May when Washington County Sheriff's deputies assisted Omaha police, the Nebraska State Patrol and the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office to deescalate a standoff outside of Kenard.

So what does all this mean to you?

The next time you see law enforcement pulling radar in an area that interferes with your daily commute, or you hear a co-worker, friend or family member complaining about the speeding ticket they got over the weekend, take a breath and hold your tongue. Law enforcement officers already have enough critics. Showing even tacit support for their duties may make all the difference in how easy it is to keep our law enforcement rosters full.

Remember: Your neighborhood, town and the county you call home are safer places because of the work these brave men and women do.

In 1952, a nuclear research facility near Chalk River, Canada, experienced a calamity.

It was the world's first reactor meltdown. Mechanical and human failures caused violent hydrogen gas explosions. Fuel rods ruptured and 4.5 million liters of radioactive water leaked into the reactor's basement.

Though a full meltdown was quickly averted, the damage and the clean-up necessary was extensive. The Canadians were quick to turn to the U.S. Navy for help. And the U.S. Navy turned to a 28-year-old lieutenant.

This lieutenant had studied nuclear physics and was working in the new nuclear submarine program for famed Adm. Hyman Rickover. He was being groomed as an engineering officer for the Navy's second nuclear submarine. The lieutenant's credentials and security clearance were critical.

With his team of 22 men, they created a replica of the reactor on an Ottawa tennis court. They ran drills, timing the 90 seconds it would take for each person to be lowered into the core, complete a repair and get out before becoming overexposed to radiation.



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BY BRANTING

Adam Branting

They were lowered into the damaged area over and over. The nuclear experts were wrong about the personal danger.

"For about six months after that, I had radioactivity in my urine," the former lieutenant said. "They let us get probably a thousand times more radiation than they would now. It was in the early stages, and they didn't know."

The bright young man with the bright future lived but had to leave the Navy soon after his dangerous project. With the death of his father in 1953, he was needed back home to run the family peanut farm in Plains, Ga.

I know you know the rest. No doubt you have some opinions about the man, his presidency and his post-presidency. But this week, as we lay President Jimmy Carter to rest, my mind goes back to that young naval lieutenant.

With a future full of promise — a new wife and a skyrocketing career — Carter lowered himself again and again into the core of a damaged nuclear reactor. Lowering himself into the unknown.

His service in the Navy, as a Georgia state senator and governor, as president and his years of work thereafter must be recognized. It must be admired and respected.

But President Carter isn't alone. Anyone who runs for an office, serves their term, does their homework, and works for the betterment of the people should be lauded.

There is a place for tough stanc-

es, tough fights and tough words. As citizens, people must absolutely dig in and advocate for their beliefs. Get angry if need be. But save room for grace for those who represent the public.

For Carter, his time and training in nuclear engineering helped him navigate the near disaster at Three Mile Island in 1979. Skills earned over a lifetime have value and shouldn't be overlooked.

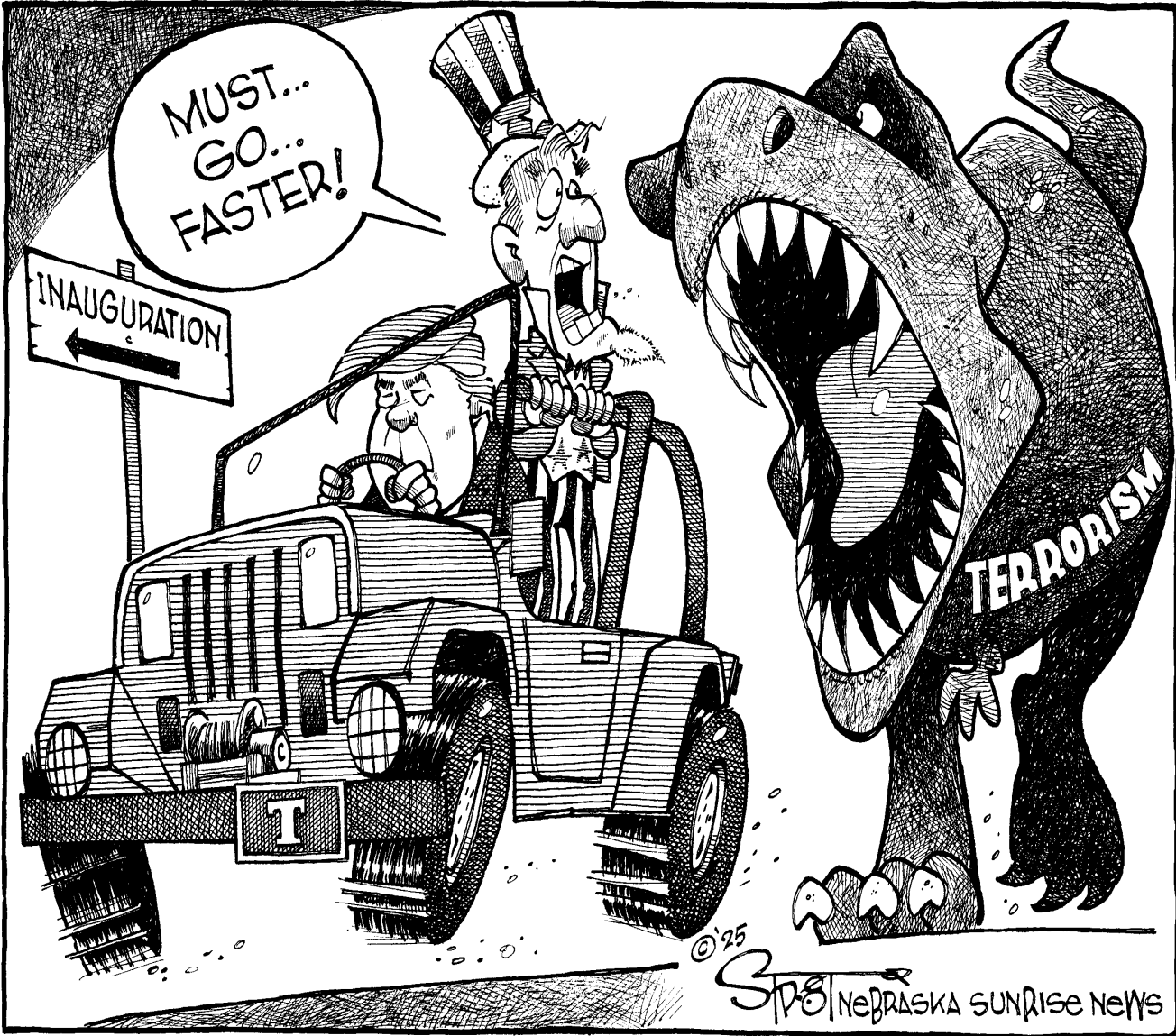
Our elected officials also learn on the job, and it should be acknowledged when they course-correct. "Flip-Flopping" may even be a sign of maturity, though officials should learn to admit mistakes.

In my time reporting and working in politics, I have seen more than my fair share of nincompoops. But predominantly, I've encountered good and fair people trying to do the right thing. Often succeeding despite the mind-numbingly long hours, intense scrutiny and occasional panic.

Elected officials have committed time and effort. As we arrive at a January filled with sine dies and swearing-ins, that should be appreciated before returning to the usual vitriol. A moment of grace.

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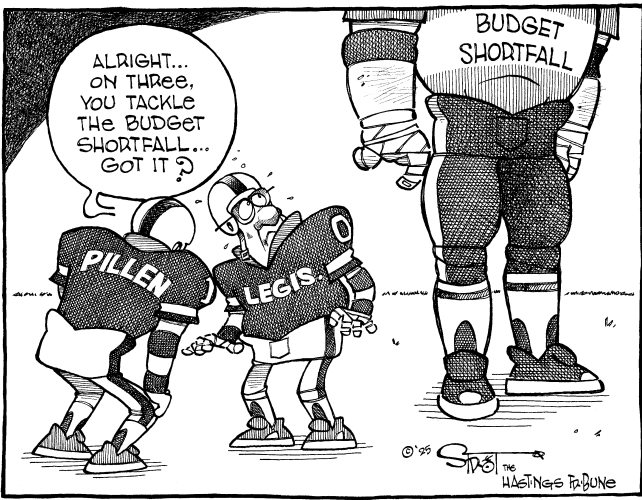


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WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

EVENTS

JAN. 13
BLAIR HISTORY LESSON: 7 p.m. at the Blair Public Library. Learn about Charles Gaydou and his poultry farm, the Lewis Kline family and more. Presented by Donna Henton. No charge.

JAN. 16
WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: The chamber's annual meeting will be 6-8 p.m. at ANBE Events, 20051 County Road 25, Herman.

JAN. 18-19
AMERICAN LEGION POST 348 GUN SHOW: The event, at Schwertley Hall, 215 N. 13th St. in Fort Calhoun, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 18 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 19. For more information: fcpost348@yahoo.com

CIVIC CLUBS
KIWANIS CLUB: meets at noon on the second and fourth Mondays at Pizza Hut.

LIONS CLUB: meets the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 2146 Wright St., Blair.

ROTARY: meets noon Tuesdays at First Lutheran Church, 2146 Wright St., Blair.

OPTIMIST CLUB: meets at noon on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Washington County Community Foundation office, 1615 Washington St., Blair.

ONGOING
ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY: Second Saturday Storytime from 10-11 a.m.

WASHINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER: You may recycle working and nonworking Christmas tree lights anytime between now and Jan. 11 at the recycling center located at 440 S. Third St. in Blair. The center is open Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon and on Tuesday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. Working and nonworking lights, extension cords and insulated wiring will be accepted. No boxes, brown paper sacks, plastic bags, ornaments or artificial trees — with or without lights — will be accepted.

WARRIOR'S HOPE VETERANS MINISTRY: For veterans and spouses every third Tuesday at Living Hope Assembly of God, 10194 Highway 75, Blair at 7 p.m.

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 N. 21st St. in Blair, the Senior Life Solutions office.

MIDWEEK MEAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays during Christmas week and

New Year's week at First Lutheran Church, 2146 Wright St., Blair, (402) 426-4073. Delivery or pick-up. Until then, meals will continue to be served on Wednesdays.

ENOA ON AGING, BRINGING CARE TO THE CAREGIVER: Webinar is available starting Nov. 8, to access free videos go to: enao.org/resources/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 St., Blair. All are welcome. Questions? Donna Lange at (402) 426-03394.

BLAIR FAMILY YMCA SENIOR EVENTS: On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. the Blair YMCA offers anyone 55 years of age and older the following events: bingo, cards and other games, snacks provided. 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: Meets the second Thursday of each month (except December and January). This meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Mandarin House, 1283 S. Highway 30 in Blair. Meetings open to Washington County residents; registered Democrats are eligible to vote on party decisions. RSVP: Ruth@furrballs.net For more information email washingtton.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 with 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.

• **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. Fourth St.

• **BLAIR:** Mondays at 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1734 Grant St. Hosted by Serenity Seekers.

THESE RECURRING EVENTS ARE AT THE BLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY & TECHNOLOGY CENTER:

• **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:** Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for grades 2-6. Event is free.

• **BUILDING CLUB:** Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. This group, which builds with Lego and Duplo blocks, is free and open to all ages.

• **LITTLE BOOKWORMS:** Wednesdays from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Recommended for those age 3 and under.

• **STEAM STORY TIME:** Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Recommended for those age 3 and older.

• **ADVENTURE CLUB:** Meets on the first and third Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is for those age 13 and up. This group is a tabletop role-playing group with magic, adventure and epic boss battles. Registration is required: (402) 426-3617.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: The board that governs the Blair Public Library & Technology Center meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., 2233 Civic Drive in Blair.

HAPPINESS GROUP: St. Mary Episcopal Church, 1734 Grant St.; meetings are at 8 p.m. Tuesday and 10 a.m. Wednesday.

BLAIR FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

• **9:30 A.M.** in-person and live streaming Sunday worship. Facebook and YouTube.

• **6-8 P.M. SUNDAYS:** Cribbage Night.

• **5-6:30 P.M.:** Wednesday Night Community Dinner. On pause until Lenten season.

WASHINGTON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY: Open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from 12:30-1:30 p.m.), Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon, closed Wednesdays 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 second 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 mwjjoyride@abbn Nebraska.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, 114 N. 16th St., Blair. Trivia night hosted by Scott, a 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 7 p.m. at the Dana Village Old Main Clocktower Building on the third floor, 705 Angels Share Drive, Blair. For info contact: Chestnut Livermore (402) 427-4650.

QUILTERS: Blair Bunch Quilt Group meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Acme Fabric & Quilt Co., 1716 Washington St., Blair. All skill levels of quilters are welcome.

Demonstration of a technique or pattern each month. Contact Franci Myna Vercruysee, (402) 533-3592 or Diana Stier, (402) 278-0797.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

• **AGENCY NIGHT:** Every Wednesday, 5 p.m. for food, faith and fun.

• **TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS OPEN TO ALL STARTING AT NOON.**

• **WORSHIP:** Sundays at 9 a.m., fellowship at 10:30 a.m. and education for all ages at 11 a.m.

• **MOVIE NIGHT:** First Sunday of each month Christ Lutheran Church hosts a free meal and movie starting at 5 p.m. (Please bring something to share.) Movie starts at 5:45 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 acre9502@abbn Nebraska.com or Morgan Casper at caspermorgan2020@gmail.com

COMMUNITY BINGO: 10-11:30 a.m., every Wednesday, at Carter Place Assisted Living, 1028 Joann Drive, Blair. (402) 426-1977. All are welcome.

CALLING ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS: The Blair Ladies Marathon Bridge Group is currently getting ready for the 2024-25 season. If you play bridge and are looking for a group of people to play with, please contact Cheri Smetana at (402) 426-9835 by July 31. Ladies, men and couples are welcome. It is best if you have your own partner, but if not the group will attempt to find a partner for you.

BSF — BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP BLAIR MEN: Weekly meetings on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., at the Depot at Lions Club Park, Blair. The first meeting is Sept. 10, and the study runs through April. This year's study is the Book of Revelation. For information, contact Alex Smith at (402) 250-9030 or Peter Camargo at (402) 278-2242.

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10:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/HC

5:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

TUESDAY: 6:45 p.m. Endowment Committee
7:00 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY: 8:45 a.m. Chapel
4:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Music Leaders

FRIDAY: Pastor Duley's Personal Day

SATURDAY: Pastor Kanoy's Personal Day

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Wednesday

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Casey's General Store #2238
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Arlington, Nebraska

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the Village of Arlington on or before February 10, 2025, in the office of the Village Clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, a hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.

Kate Robertson
Village Clerk
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AC 01-10-25

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Nebraska, as follows:

1. The name of the limited liability company is Smoking Ridge LLC.

2. The address of the designated office is 19647 County Road 24, Arlington, Nebraska 68002.

3. The name and address of the initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Matthew Hilgenkamp, 19647 County Road 24, Arlington, Nebraska 68002.

4. The general nature of the business is to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska.

5. The limited liability company commenced existence on the filing and recording of its Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State and it shall have a perpetual duration from the date of said filing.

6. The affairs of the limited liability company shall be conducted by its Members.

Matthew Hilgenkamp, Organizer and Member
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AC 01-10, 01-17, 01-24-25

MEETINGS

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

Corrected Public Notice
Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the School Board of Washington County School District 0024, a/k/a Arlington Public Schools, will be held at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may commence, on Monday the 13th of January, 2025, at Arlington Public Schools 705 N. 9th Street, Arlington, Nebraska in the high school board/conference room. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent. AA/EOE
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PT 01-07, AC 01-10-25

MEETINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Arlington Rural Fire Protection District in State of Nebraska

Notice is here by given that a meeting of the Arlington Rural Fire Board directors will be held at 9 AM on Saturday January 18th, 2025 at the Arlington Fire Hall in Arlington, Nebraska; the meeting is open to the public.

Bill Miller
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Kathy Hagedorn
Village Treasurer
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AC 01-10-25

MEETINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2025
6:30 PM

Notice is hereby given that the Chairman and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Arlington, Nebraska, will meet in Regular Session on Monday, January 20, 2025 at the Arlington Village Hall, 245 2nd St. at 6:30 PM.

The agenda, which is kept current, is on file at Village Hall and is available for inspection by the public. Meetings are open to the public in person and via Zoom. Call Village Hall to request the Zoom link. (402) 478-4212

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YMCA swim team makes ‘New Year Splash’

The walk from my car to the Dillon Family Aquatics Center wasn't my favorite Saturday morning, but it was nice and toasty inside.

The Fremont Area Swim Team (FAST) hosted its YMCA New Year Splash there with many young Washington County swimmers in attendance. Several of them competed for the home squad — Berkley Boerma, Brogan Boerma, Isabel Chrans, Malachi Chrans, Hannah Huenink, Kerrigan Johannes, Allie Larsen, Dominic Morrison and Miranda Morrison that I know of — while the Blair YMCA Swim Team also put in laps.

Altogether, five Blair Barra-

cudas earned first-place finishes during the first youth meet of 2025. Four of them — Violet Hennigs, Bryce Nabity, Madelyn Prinds and Madeline Ternus — won their 100-yard freestyle relay race together in 1:26.77.

Nabity, 7, added three more first-place finishes in his age division, too. He won the 25-yard butterfly in 31.57 seconds, the 50 freestyle in 44.41 and the 25 backstroke in 26.75.

Prinds, meanwhile, claimed two individual firsts. The 8 year old took the 50 fly in 1:00.84 and the 100 freestyle in 1:37.53.

Ternus, 8, however, won two backstroke races. She won the 25-yarder in 21.53 seconds and the 50 in 50.26.

Blair's Noah Nabity, 9, and Hennigs, 6, earned one individual win apiece, too. Noah's came in the 50 breaststroke (57.15 seconds), while Hennigs earned first in the 25 butterfly (30.31).

Brooklyn Ballinger, Jace Fish-



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Dominic Morrison of Arlington stands on the platform, getting ready to dive into the pool for his FAST relay team on Saturday in Fremont.

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BY GRANT EGGER
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The Arlington High School girls wrestling team went 2-1 on Jan. 3 during the 2 River Ruckus quadrangular in Blair, but coach Layne Laaker wasn't satisfied.

The Eagles beat both Logan View (48-36) and Fort Calhoun (42-35), but did so with a larger overall lineup, scoring a lot of their team points by forfeit.

“Didn't perform like I thought we would coming into it,” Laaker said. “On paper — and that's on paper — I thought we had a good chance of coming in and winning it.”

Injuries and weight management issues impacted AHS' showing, too, he explained, but there were bright spots. Kelise Krivohlavek earned a noteworthy pin against Blair senior Ali Wheeler, for example.

“She just continues to get better,” Laaker said of the senior. “She works her butt off and she does everything I ask of her.”

The Eagles' Dianna Flores also picked up a pair of victories, securing pins against Fort Calhoun and BHS.

“Dianna is coming along,” Laaker noted. “She's getting some of her confidence back.”

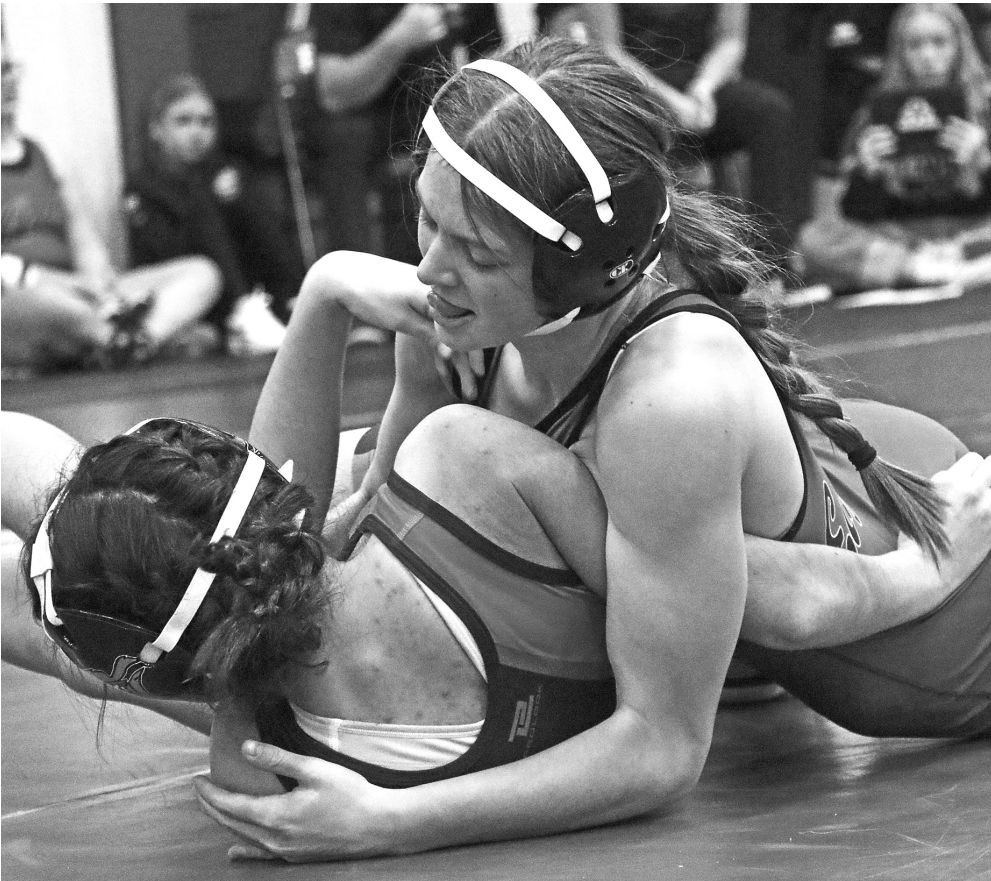
He appreciated the shots the wrestler took and delivered on for takedowns at the Ruckus.

Additionally, Rylie Kylo and Sofie Lewis earned Arlington match wins during the four-team event. Arlington secured two pins, while Lewis had one.

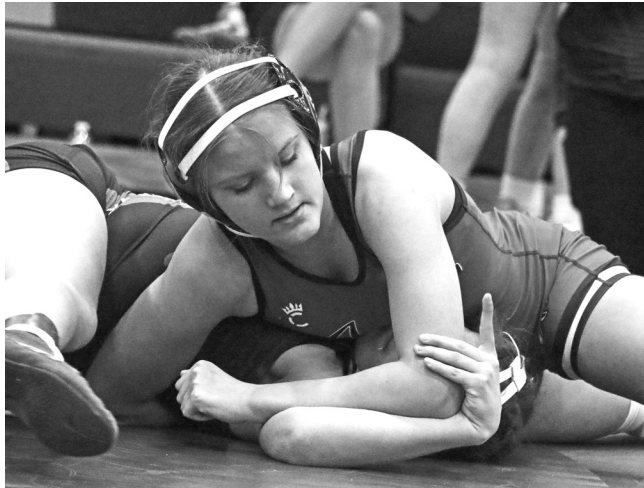
The Eagles next compete 3 p.m. today at Malcol.



Arlington's Dianna Flores, top, checks on the clock as she works to turn Fort Calhoun's Lydia Kmitta on Friday at Blair High School.



Arlington's Rylie Kylo, right, works Fort Calhoun's Aundrea Gutierrez to her back Friday at Blair High School.



Arlington's Sofie Lewis, top, pins Fort Calhoun's Kendall Magana-Torres on Friday at Blair High School.

Arlington boys win back-to-back games

STAFF REPORTS

The Arlington High School boys basketball team won its second-straight game Tuesday, besting Omaha Gross on the road, 61-54.

Coach Jake Polk's Eagles trailed 41-39 going into the final 8 minutes, but prevailed with a 22-13 quarter. Owen Ladehoff iced the game down stretch, knocking down a 3-point basket at 55-49 before AHS built its lead further and held onto it from the foul line.

The victory pushed the Eagles to 4-5 after it had dropped to 2-5 in December.

Trent Koger led Coach Polk's team on the Cougars' home court, scoring 24 points with a 5-for-5 night from the charity stripe. Oliver Ladehoff continued his recent streak of high-scoring games with 19 against the Cougars, too.

Arlington's Owen Ladehoff and Schuyler Logemann, meanwhile, scored nine points apiece in the win as well.

Gross' Will Kroll scored 13 points as Gross dropped to 1-10 overall.

Eagles top Wisner by 48

The Arlington boys basketball team exploded for 88 points Saturday, routing Wisner-Pilger on the road, 88-40.

The Eagles outscored the Gators 24-5 during the first period and notched 30 more points in the second. The offensive effort led Coach Polk's team to its first win since Dec. 14.

Koger led AHS with 29 points in three quarters of play, while Oliver Ladehoff totaled 25 before halftime with four 3-point makes. Luke Sharp scored in double figures as well, finishing the road game with 10 — one more than Jack Rosenbalm.

No. 6 squad beats Eagles

Arlington's second game of the Lincoln Lutheran Holiday Tournament on Dec. 31 went about as well as its first.

After a 45-point loss to Platteview a day earlier,

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BASKETBALL: Arlington boys win back-to-back games

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the Eagles dropped an 83-48 game to Class C1 No. 6 Holdrege during the third-place game. The Dusters led 23-7 after one period and never looked back. Oliver Ladehoff scored 22 points to pace AHS, but both Garret Johnson and Baron Medina scored more than 20 points to lead the victors. Altogether, Holdrege had four players finish with double-figure point

totals, while Koger was second on his Eagles squad with nine. AHS reversed its fortunes as 2025 began, though, winning its next two contests.

AHS BASKETBALL LINE SCORES TUESDAY

ARLINGTON 61, OMAHA GROSS 54
AHS (4-5) 17 9 13 22 — 61
OG (1-10) 13 14 14 13 — 54
SCORING: AHS — Trent Koger 24, Oliver Ladehoff 19, Schuyler

Logemann 9, Owen Ladehoff 9. OG — Will Kroll 13, Ty Heilig 10, Colton Sweetmon 9, Scott 8, Deng Keer 8, Cael Biggs-Berger 4, Kaleb Frankman 2.

SATURDAY

ARLINGTON 88, WISNER-PILGER 40

AHS (3-5) 24 30 28 6 — 88
W-P (0-7) 5 20 13 2 — 40
SCORING: AHS — Koger 29, Oliver Ladehoff 25, Luke Sharp 10, Jack Rosenbalm 9, Logemann 6, Ryder Logemann 4, Jackson Stosich 3, Killian McIntosh 2. W-P — Jase Alexander 11, Brandon Stoffel 10, Jaxon

Knoell 9, Regan Raabe 6, Kevin John Jr. 2, Sylas Delmont 2.

DEC. 31

NO. 6 HOLDREGE 83, ARLINGTON 48

AHS (2-5) 7 16 17 8 — 48
HHS (7-2) 23 15 23 22 — 83
SCORING: AHS — Oliver Ladehoff 22, Koger 9, Schuyler Logemann 5, Sharp 5, Owen Ladehoff 4, McIntosh 3. HHS — Garret Johnson 24, Baron Medina 22, Wyatt Pfeifer 11, Scott Bieker 10, Landon Hartzog 5, Jacob Moon 5, Nicholas Weides 3.

SWIMMING: YMCA swim team makes 'New Year Splash'

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er, Bryher Gassman, Abby Nabity, Charlie Ternus and Sawyer Uphoff also contributed to the Barracudas' efforts in the pool. It was cold outside, but plenty warm inside for — from what I can tell — a successful swim meet. Congrats to all involved.

BLAIR FAMILY YMCA SWIM TEAM

2024-2025 Roster
Brooklyn Ballinger
Jace Fisher
Bryher Gassman
Violet Hennigs
Abby Nabity
Bryce Nabity
Noah Nabity
Madelyn Prinds
Charlie Ternus
Madeline Ternus
Sawyer Uphoff

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Swimmer Kerrigan Johannes competes in the pool Saturday at the Dillon Family Aquatics Center in Fremont.

Westside tops Fremont swimmers

Washington County athletes win races

STAFF REPORTS

The Omaha Westside Warriors earned a pair of dual victories against the Fremont Tigers on Tuesday in the Dillon Family Aquatics Center pool. The Westside swimming and diving boys beat the Tigers 113-59, while the Warriors won the girls' matchup 117.5-67.5. Even so, FHS coach David Struble was pleased with his team's effort. "The Tigers showed up with no fear and won a lot of races," he wrote in

his post-dual recap. "The coaching staff was very happy with how the swimmers and divers stepped up against a top team in the state." Jane Busboom of Blair won two individual events — the 50-yard freestyle and the 100 backstroke — and the 200-yard medley relay alongside fellow BHS Tigers Ryleigh Schroeter and Kennedy Zehner. FHS Alexis Rasmussen was their fourth teammate, too. Schroeter, meanwhile, won the individual 200

freestyle as well. Another Blair Bear, Jacob Hanson, earned first in the 50-yard freestyle for the Tigers. He, too, joined his Fremont teammates to win the 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays. Zehner's top individual finish came in the 200 breaststroke. She was second in the event, while Mason Lau of Blair secured a third-place finish in the 500 freestyle. Arlington's Dathan Hansen earned a fourth-place finish on his 200 medley relay team, while

BHS' LeLah Filows took fourth in the 500 free. Before swimming began, though, another Eagle in Fremont gear won the 1-meter diving event. Eli Hansen took first, giving his Tigers a boost against Westside. FHS was scheduled to host a triangular on Thursday and next competes Monday against Lincoln East again in the Dillon Family Aquatics Center pool.

AHS girls improve to 9-1

Timm scores 32 points in 9th basketball win

STAFF REPORTS

Eagles win holiday tourney

After a Lincoln Lutheran Holiday Tournament title win Dec. 31, the Arlington High School girls basketball team went 2-0 on a two-game road swing last Friday and Saturday. The Eagles beat Concordia on Friday, but faced another test Saturday at Wisner-Pilger. The Gators played coach Tashia Wolf's team tight for three quarters, but fell off during a 17-4 fourth, losing 65-50.

Emme Timm led the way for AHS, breaking open the close road contest with a 3-point make at 61-50 during the final period. The junior finished with a season-high 32 points, shooting 15-for-17 from the foul line. The Eagles' Macy Wolf scored 22 points, too, sinking one 3-point shot per quarter, finishing with four makes from beyond the arc total. Lastly, Britt Nielsen added nine points and Libby Hegemann had two. Arlington (9-1 overall) next plays 6 p.m. today against Raymond Central. The Eagles will serve as the home team in their home gymnasium.

AHS wrapped up its Lincoln Lutheran Holiday Tournament title Dec. 31 against Holdrege. Trailing 29-25 going into the second half, the Eagles allowed just 11 second half points during the 50-40 victory. The win was their seventh of the first month of the 2024-2025 season. Nielsen totaled 18 points to lead Arlington, while Wolf scored 14 against the Dusters. Timm added 12 points, too, as Hailey O'Daniel and Hayley Arp added four and two, respectively. Keeley Vaughn scored 13 points to lead Holdrege in defeat.

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AHS BASKETBALL LINE SCORES SATURDAY

ARLINGTON 65, WISNER-PILGER 50

AHS (9-1) 13 23 12 17 — 65
W-P (2-6) 18 12 16 4 — 50
SCORING: AHS — Emme Timm 32, Macy Wolf 22, Britt Nielsen 9, Libby Hegemann 2. W-P — Emerson Bellar 29, Riley Ross 11, Jesa Montgomery 4, Haley Kneiff 3, Ramsey Arduser 2, Hannah Parker 1.

JAN. 3

ARLINGTON 56, OMAHA CONCORDIA 44

AHS (8-1) 16 13 12 15 — 56
OC (4-4) 7 14 8 15 — 44
SCORING: AHS — Timm 22, Wolf 12, Nielsen 10, Valeria Carvajal 6, Hailey O'Daniel 4, Hegemann 2. OC — Charis Hughes 14, Grace Samuelson 8, Emersyn Spurgeon 7, Ava Lichtenberger 6, Eliza Secrest 6, Grace Hahn 3.

DEC. 31

ARLINGTON 50, HOLDREGE 40

HHS (5-4) 14 15 5 6 — 40
AHS (7-1) 14 11 13 12 — 50
SCORING: AHS — Nielsen 18, Wolf 14, Timm 12, O'Daniel 4, Hayley Arp 2. HHS — Keeley Vaughn 13, Carson Sundquist 10, Emily Stutzman 8, Gracie Johnson 5, Aislin Kidder 2, Averi Bilka 2.

Eagles best Concordia

Timm scored 22 points Jan. 3, too, as the Eagles bested Omaha Concordia on the road, 56-44. AHS led from the start, earning a 16-7 first period lead before taking a 29-21 advantage into halftime. Timm was 7-for-8 from the foul line to lead her team, while Wolf added 12 points. Nielsen had 10, too. Charis Hughes, meanwhile, led the Mustangs with 14 points in defeat. Her team dropped to 4-4 overall as Arlington picked up its eighth win of the season.

NSAA announces academic award recipients

STAFF REPORTS

The NSAA recently announced the Fall 2024 recipients of the Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association Academic All-State Awards. According to an NSAA release, the honorees — several Washington County student-athletes included — were nominated by their schools for individual academic excellence, leadership and significant contributions in their sanctioned

activity. Gus Burns, Kolby Tighe, Hailey O'Daniel and Whitney Wollberg represented Arlington's cross-country team as recipients as did football players Zane Gerrish and Luke Ott. Aspen Smutz and Addison Thomas represented the golf team, while softball players Britt Nielsen and Lydia Schaapveld did, too. Eagles Kaylie Herman and Callee Shearer were the members of the volleyball team recognized.

In play production, Katherine Douglas and Tighe were honored. Blair cross-country runners Tannon Belamy, Declan McCabe, Nadia Davey and Ryleigh Schroeter all secured Academic All-State Awards. So, too, did football players Andrew Korth and

Keenan Wyman as well as golfers Diane Mitchell and Mackenzie Storjohann, and softball standouts Claire Anderson and Hannah Heuton. Unified bowlers Lillian Huenink and Mac Tupa were honored as were volleyball players Hayden Frink-Mathis and Taylor Mostek.

Fort Calhoun volleyball players Jordan Faucher and Taylor Stewart represented their team on the honoree list as did softball players Allison Prunty and Anna Taylor. Cross-country runner Will Dennis, Seth Waters and Raeann Massey were recognized as were foot-

ball players Levi Lasher and Alex Schuler, too. In play production, Samatha Thomas and Harper Tjardes were selected. New academic all-staters are named after each of the NSAA's three activity seasons during the 2024-2025 school year.

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3 p.m., Arlington varsity girls wrestling at Malcolm Invitational
4:30 p.m., Arlington JV girls basketball hosts Raymond Central
4:30 p.m., Arlington JV boys basketball hosts Raymond Central
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SATURDAY

10:30 a.m., Arlington JV boys basketball vs. Broken Bow, Kearney High School

SPOTLIGHT EVENT: 12:10 p.m., Arlington varsity girls basketball vs. Sidney at Nebraska Girls Showcase, Kearney High School: The Eagles face Class B Sidney during the Nebraska Girls Basketball Showcase, a 16-team event at KHS.

1:50 p.m., Arlington varsity boys basketball vs. Broken Bow, Kearney High School

MONDAY

4:30 p.m., Fremont swimming and diving hosts Lincoln East dual

TUESDAY

4:30 p.m., Arlington JV girls basketball at North Bend Central
4:30 p.m., Arlington JV boys basketball at North Bend Central
6 p.m., Arlington varsity girls basketball at North Bend Central
7:30 p.m., Arlington varsity boys basketball at North Bend Central

THURSDAY

4 p.m., Arlington varsity boys wrestling at Yutan Invitational
4:30 p.m., Arlington JV girls basketball hosts Syracuse
4:30 p.m., Arlington JV boys basketball hosts Syracuse
6 p.m., Arlington varsity girls basketball hosts Syracuse
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A LOOK AT TIMES GONE BY
AHS wrestling takes 4th at
2007 home tourney
Eagles win brackets



Arlington's Colton Harper, right, wrestles Logan View's Brad Bramlett during the Eagles' 2007 home tourney.

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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.

Matt Rasmussen and Conor Harper won their weight classes in 2007 as the Eagles wrestling

team finished fourth at its home invite. Douglas County West secured first with 148 team points, while North Bend (138), Logan View (114) and AHS (104) followed in the standings. Rasmussen, an Eagles sophomore, however, earned first at 135 pounds. It was the first varsity tournament win of his career. Harper, meanwhile, won his 215-pound bracket with a pin of Wilber-

Clatonia's Andrew Holsing. In addition to the champions, Arlington's Brandon Gayer and Colton Harper took second in their weight classes, while Drew Jensen and Riley McCoy were third in theirs. "I was happy with our lighter weights, and Conor and Colt took care of business in their divisions," Eagles coach Brandon Mues said at the time.

Armadillos drop to 2-2 in FBL

STAFF REPORTS

The Arlington Armadillos of the Farmland Basketball League dropped to 2-2 Sunday with a 76-65 loss to Wisner.

The Armadillos are fourth in the league standings with one regular season game left to play. They host 3-1 Howells at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Against Wisner, though, Jalen Hueser led Arlington with 22 points in defeat. Clint Belina added 12 points, while Connor Eureka had 10, and Nick Engelbart, Trevor Toeppen and Ben Fuller scored six apiece.

The Armadillos' Cam Mengedot and Skyler Andrews added two and one points, respectively, too.

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Danny Anderson offloads corn into a grain wagon driven by Trevor Gnuse east of Arlington last October.



Arlington sixth graders work on their Papyrus projects during a unit on Egyptian history in November.

YEAR IN REVIEW: The calm after the storms

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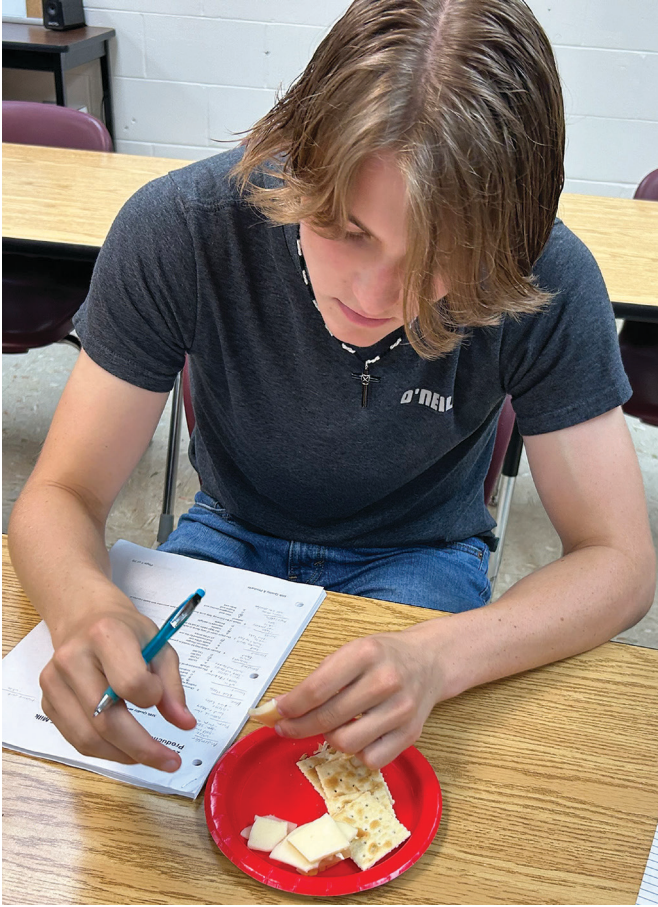
Center and a professor with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the sudden dryness was alarming.

“We typically see this time of year as when we replenish the moisture into the soil,” Fuchs said. “It kind of gets banked there over the winter months and then we utilize that moisture in the spring when that production kicks up again. And right now, we’re not getting much of any recharge into the soils.”

While final numbers have not been published, last fall’s harvest was projected to be well above average, with a 10% increase in corn, 15% in sorghum and 16% in soybeans from 2023.



Ryan Peterson disappears in the muck during a Mud Volleyball game at the 2024 Washington County Fair in Arlington.



Henry Lancaster, an Arlington junior, observes and takes notes on a piece of cheese in preparation for the Nebraska State Fair in August.

By November, the school year and its various activities had fully gripped the community, including Arlington sixth-graders knee-deep in reading, writing and mummification.

Erin Reed, the sixth-grade history teacher, said she brought back a student-favorite project for the Egyptian history unit where students mummify a small chicken.

“This is our culminating project, so we studied mummification, the tombs, and the belief in the afterlife as well as papyrus made from reeds and the hieroglyphic written language before we started all of this,” Reed said.

Students gathered at a sink outside of the elementary bathroom to watch Reed prepare “King Clucker” for its journey to the afterlife. Students took turns using a dry mixture of borax and salt to rid the chicken of liquid and prevent rotting.

Meanwhile, Arlington Public Schools put the final touches on another important project. Launched

in February, construction was completed in December to provide students access to washing machines, free clothing and essential items in times of need.

Named after a special space in the Harry Potter book series, the “Room of Requirement” is housed in a former storage area off the high school stage. It features clothing of all sizes for students from preschool and up, winter coats, shoes and other apparel.

The program also gives students access to new school supplies, hygiene items, grooming supplies and laundry detergent for home use. An anonymous donor furnished the room with a washer and dryer.

Helping to provide essential, everyday necessities is critical to academic success, said Sarah Sharp, Director of Special Education and Student Services.

“It is hard for them to learn when they are worried about clean clothes or food or winter coats. So when you have those basic needs met, it is easier for them to do better in

school,” Sharp said.

From a “room of requirement” to a plea for required room, the Arlington Volunteer Fire Department needs more space and is looking to expand into the village’s community room on a permanent basis.

In a discussion with the Arlington Village Board of Trustees during their Dec. 17 meeting, fire chief Dan Douglas proposed his department take over the community room, two non-ADA-compliant bathrooms and one of the auditorium’s two kitchens.

“If you’ve visited the fire station in the last couple of years, we are wall-to-wall with equipment which has taken up what we used to use as our training areas and our meeting area,” Douglas told the board.

He said the fire department currently uses the room on an ad-hoc basis, rolling in TVs, dry-erase boards and other equipment as needed. A permanent residency would allow for greater flexibility and expanded space.

“It would make plan-

ning for stuff a little easier if we knew it was ours,” Douglas said.

Trustees have tabled the discussion until 2025.

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