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# Weaver is new president of Selection period **Chamber of Commerce**

The Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce held an election for officers in February for 2015.

Elected were Greg Weaver, Clinic Administrator for West Holt Medical Services, as Chamber President and Lou Ann Tooker who is Director of Economic Development for the City of Atkinson, as the Secretary/Trea-

The outgoing president Pam Winer who is the manager of Sandhills Guest House Motel has stepped down from that office after serving several

The Chamber Board and members expressed its appreciation Winer for her dedication, efforts, and innovations which she has shared.

Lou Ann Tooker said, "Pam is truly a pleasure to work with – always has a very positive attitude and a smile on her face. As President of the Chamber, her first and foremost thoughts were always geared toward promoting Atkinson and our businesses. While she will no longer be in the forefront, she has assured us that we will continue to see her as an active Chamber member.'

The new President, Greg Weaver, is married to Barbara and together they have five children and four

The Weavers moved to Atkinson from Missouri in July 2009, for him to accept the position of Clinic Ad-

Weaver brings to Atkinson a wealth of experience. Besides Clinic Administrator, he is also currently an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God and serves as senior pastor of Abundant Grace Assembly of God. He has over 30 years of healthcare experience, and 20 years as a certified

He also owned an auction company in Missouri for 15 years and enjoyed auctioneering every Saturday.

law enforcement officer.

Weaver has always believed in being involved in his community, wherever that may be, and he is impressed with the Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce, its past leadership and the level of activity which takes place here. "I am happy to be a part of it!"

As for goals for the Chamber of Commerce, he would like to see continued growth and well-being of the membership, networking and communication activities. The Chamber needs to retain members, as well as encourage new members to join.

"New and established businesses need networking opportunities and business development activities for member businesses. Perhaps even a mentor program for future business leaders. It would be very nice to see young professionals be a part of continued growth and success of Atkinson and the surrounding area for a long term goal of the Chamber,' Weaver said. "This will facilitate a viable economy by improving the business climate and expanding the business base. We need a cradle to career effort to create and sustain a skilled and qualified workforce for Holt County.'

# open, Choice Gas

The 2015 Selection period for the Nebraska Choice Gas program opened on Friday, April 10 for the annual time for natural gas users in Nebraska to choose their supplier and "pick a price."

Mailers were sent and should have been received during last week for the program, which opens April 10 and ends Thursday, April 23, 2015.

Customers can check the "daily" natural gas price per therm by visiting the choicegas.com website and clicking on the suppliers and finding the prices, or by calling into the suppliers for an up-to-date price listing.

If no selection is made by April 23, the customer's last supplier will be rolled over with a daily value for pricing. Most plans are locked in for a year until the next Choice Gas selection period, but two or multiple year plans are available as well in most

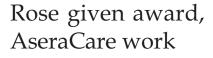
Suppliers this year include: Constellation Energy

877-274-5710 Nebraskachoice.constellation.com

SourceGas 800-215-3035 www.sges.com

ACE (Public Alliance for Community Energy) 800-454-4759 www.aceenergy.org

Vista Energy 888-508-4782 www.vistaenergymarketing.com



of Atkinson and Six Star Sanitation.

**Spring Clean-Up** 

Atkinson's Spring Clean-Up Day

From 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. the big

They will be waiting to be filled

Items which will be accepted will

The tree pit west of the City of

City residents may take advantage

will be held on Saturday, April 25th.

red roll-offs will be on the east side of

with just about everything to be ac-

cepted making this a good time to do

be old furniture, mattresses, appli-

ances, TVs, carpeting, computers, car

Atkinson will also be open all day for

discarding branches and untreated

of this annual cleaning day and get rid

of those unwanted items for free. This is being sponsored by the City

some cleaning.

batteries, and more.

the City of Atkinson's Sewer Plant.

Day to be held

Laurel Rose was announced Director of Clinical Services of the Year for AseraCare Hospice at the national meeting held in

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ices in August of 2010.

having little turnover in nursing staff. Rose started working for AseraCare of O'Neill in October of 2008 as an RN case manger. She was then promoted to Director of Clinical Serv-

She is more than dedicated to improving the quality of life for her patients facing end of life. She has on multiple occasions left her home in the middle of the night to attend to a patient for their last breaths.

Rose has always been about making sure all AseraCare patients receive great care during their final journey. She and AseraCare were able to care for over 200 patients in 2014 along with touching over 600 family members during this precious time.

Rose has also been dedicated to her staff and is known as "Momma Bear". She lives in Bloomfield with her

husband Kelly and has two daughters Sara and Audra. She will be welcoming two grandchildren this year.

## Playground update planned in Stuart

In the fall of 2014 a playground committee was formed in Stuart to discuss and come up with new ideas for the currently outdated playground

at the Stuart Public School.



It has been years since improvements have been made to the school's playground.

A projected design was made with installation to be in early summer of

A spaghetti supper and silent auction is planned for Friday, April 24 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Stuart Auditorium to raise funds for this project. A free will donation will be accepted with a \$6.00 minimum per plate requested.

Donations may also be sent to: Stuart Community Foundation Fund, P.O. Box 85, Stuart, NE 68780.

Commmittee members are: Jenny Alder, Scott Bouska, Paulette Fahrenholz, Robert Hanzlik, Tammy Heiser, Mary Krysl, and Abby Wondercheck.

For more information you may contact Tammy Heiser at 402-340-3440 or Abby Wondercheck at 402-

Shaw is walking across America

District

smoothly.

By Lorraine Lieswald, **Atkinson Graphic reporter** 

Preston Shaw is fulfilling a dream – walking across America.

"People that I've met along the wav have told me they always wanted to have an adventure but never had the nerve to do it. This is my adventure! I'm traveling across the nation just to learn about the land and what people are like," Shaw, who is 26, ex-

plained last Tuesday noon when this reporter caught up with him in downtown Atkinson.

Shaw looked a bit out of character for that warm spring day as he was strolling down Main Street carrying a six-foot walking stick with feathers attached and dressed in a wool jacket and winter cap with a warm scarf wrapped around his neck and a backpack strapped to his back.

"I left my hometown in southern California on March 13 which means I packed for changing weather – four sets of clothes, a tent to sleep in and whatever else I need," he said. Shaw carried a cell phone but there is no service in this area.

In explaining his adventure, Shaw said he has worked as a "you might say gardener" since he was 14 years

He tried college for two years and learned he wanted to further his education by living it.

"When the garden transplanting season ended this March, I decided it was time, so I packed up and started walking. My parents were a bit nervous but they supported me. My goal in Acadia, Maine - the first place in the United States to see the morning

*Frasch recognized* . . .

The Lower Niobrara NRD Board of

Directors and Staff recognized Vi-

vian Frasch for her 40 Years of

Service as the Assistant Manager

at the April 6th board meeting.

Frasch has been a dedicated em-

ployee and is key to keeping the

operations

running

Courtesy photo

Shaw said he has not been disappointed with the people he has met.

"Fort Collins, Colorado was so pretty and the people there were so friendly to me. I stayed around there for a week and met some new friends. I was in Valentine, Neb. for three days where I tubed down the Niobrara and really learned a lot about this state." Shaw continued, "So

far I have not heard the word 'no'. Everyone waves at me. Everyone says 'hello'. I also learned Nebraska has the third purest water in the world. I'm drinking a lot of it while I'm in an organized life, I'm coming back to Nebraska. I love it here."

As he hitch-hikes along highways carrying a handmade sign -"EAST" Shaw said he doesn't worry about his safety. With two years training in Tang Soo Do and carrying his walking stick, Shaw said if he is challenged, he is ready and "it's part of the adventure".

"Mostly, I have hitched rides with re-

tired farmers and ranchers who just want to learn about me. I always offer to pay for the gas but mostly people won't let me.'

"My plans are to get to Sioux City and then ride a bus across the state. I'll walk through Illinois, and then on up to Pennsylvania and then through the New England states. I just want to see the land and learn more about people.'

For Preston Shaw, after his adventure, he plans to ride home on Amtrak, get a real paying job and settle down.





# Shining Stars 4-H Club members pack boxes

Article and photo submitted by Brian Mlady

The Shining Stars 4-H Club met at Green Valley Irrigation to conduct a spring community service project.

This year the club decided to pack and deliver Easter Food Boxes for families around the Atkinson and Stuart communities.

Those who attended the activity were Brent Lemmer, Anna Albrecht, Leighton Mlady, Dani Laible, Abigail Tubbs, Sadie Jarecke, Cole Laible, Breydon Mlady, Chiana Tubbs, Emma Laible, Jordan Laible, Landyn Mlady, Rhegan Kerkman, Lane Wallinger, Blake Wallinger, Jazmine Meehan, Brooke Wallinger, Brinley Kerkman, Mac Wallinger, Hunter Tubbs, and Emersyn Mlady.

The members found the project to be lots of fun, learned what kinds of foods make a balanced meal and enjoyed being able to make Easter a little more special for some of the families of our community.



Members of the Brotsky family met some of the Huskers at the Spring Game last week. In front are Ruth, Hannah and Carter and Rod is the second from the left in this photo. Courtesy Photo

## **Brotsky family attends Spring Game** Mick and Mary Ellen (Mimi) McKay Rod and Ruth Brotsky and their

children Hannah and Carter, wanted to attend the Nebraska Husker Football Spring Game on April 11, 2015.

Ruth called the ticket office because she couldn't purchase the tickets online as they didn't have an online option for handicap seats and Carter who was born with Spina Bifida would have to use a wheelchair to be mobile around the stadium.

When she called she got shuffled to a few people and finally reached the right person that handles the handicapped seats.

Brotsky spoke with a lady named Chris Anderson. She told Anderson that the Brotsky family would like to attend the game but that their son Carter who is five years old would be in a wheelchair and that they were also bringing two friends, so in all they needed six tickets seated together.

Anderson said not to worry as this was her job to assign special seating. She said she was going to do some searching and would just "comp" the Brotsky's tickets and send them in the mail. Brotsky said, "I really don't mind paying for them but thank you very much.

She was so very excited that her family would be able to attend the spring game knowing that they would have adequate seating for Carter's wheelchair. She posted to her Facebook page that they were going to the spring game and a friend Steve McKay "liked" Ruth's comment.

Steve is the son of Mike and Carol McKay, and the grandson of the late and Art and Dolores Pacha.

He and his wife, Rose, live in California and are the parents of Husker player #33 Garrett McKay. Garrett is the great-grandson of the late Mick and Mary Ellen McKay, Art and Dolores Pacha and the grandson of Mike and Carol McKay who now live in Creighton.

Rod Brotsky came to know the McKay family because he started doing some handyman work for Mary Ellen McKay many years ago after she was widowed, then he started doing her lawn work, filling her car with gas, getting her mail and even groceries when the weather was too bad for her to get out of the house.

McKay would often call on Rod's wife, Ruth, a nurse to help her with her medications, and her nebulizer breathing machine, when she couldn't figure something out.

One time, McKay asked the Brotskys to give her a ride to Elyria, so she could meet up with some friends there. The Brotskys gave her a ride and they ate lunch at the little café

An elderly man fell to the floor from his seat at the café and Mary Ellen announced to all of the diners, "Don't everyone get up at once, Ruth is a nurse she will help him!" In 2009, when Carter was born,

Mary Ellen was so worried about his outcome. Then 13 months later Rod was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia with positive Philadelphia Chromosome. Mary Ellen found herself doubly-concerned about the Brotsky family and she always told them "I can pray!" and pray she did.

Ruth soon received a message from Steve on Facebook saying that he was going to work on something and get back to her. Within a day or two Steve sent Ruth a text message saying that if they could be in Lincoln on Friday, April 10th at 11:00 a.m. they could meet up with Garrett and some other players for a stadium tour and lunch.

So, the Brotskys agreed that they could take the kids out of school on Friday and be in Lincoln to meet the athletes. They toured with the athletes for about two hours.

They then got to see Garrett in the tunnel before the spring game and visited with Steve, Rose, Mike and Carol McKay.

Carter handed out wristbands to the players and the McKay family that are blue in color to represent handicap accessibility and they say "Make it accessible.' The Brotsky family is bringing

awareness to those around them about Spina Bifida and making public places and playgrounds handicap accessible. Keeping paths cleared, and automatic handicap doors in working order allow Ruth and Rod to teach Carter to be as independent as possible and to look for those accessibility tools to help him. Mary Ellen was for sure smiling

down on all of her family as she saw all of us at Memorial Stadium together doing what she loved watching Nebraska Football. She was an avid Husker Fan.

Thurs., April 16 - Parkside Manor Volunteer Recognition at Stuart High

Thurs., April 16 - 10:00 a.m., West Holt High School Track Team at

Thurs., April 16 - 11:00 a.m., Protestant Communion with Pastor Owens at Good Samaritan Society,

Thurs., April 16 - 2:30 p.m., Ice Cream Thursday with Frank Murphy at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Thurs., April 16 - 4:30 p.m., Balloon Tennis at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Thurs., April 16 - 7:00 p.m., Atkinson Hay Days Committee Meeting at West Holt Memorial Hospital Cafeteria

Thurs., April 16 - 7:30 p.m., Unit #86 Atkinson American Legion Auxiliary Meeting with Election of Offi-

Fri., April 17 - 9:00 a.m., Stuart Public School Track Team at Burwell Fri., April 17 - 10:00 Mass with Father Luke at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Fri., April 17 through Tuesday, April 21 - 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day with the exception of Sunday, April 19 when the open hours will be 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., ESU 8 Elementary Art Show at the Antelope county Fairgrounds Building in

Fri., April 17 - 2:00 p.m., Social Hour at Good Samaritan Society,

Fri., April 17 - 4:30 p.m., Kick Ball at Good Samaritan Society,

Fri., April 17 - 6:30 p.m., Cards with Mary Lou at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Fri., April 17 - Stuart Public School Junior High Dance

Sat., April 18 - 9:00 a.m., West Holt Boys' Golf Team at Plainview Invitational

Sat., April 18 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Kohle's Camper Sales Spring Open House

Sat., April 18 - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Volunteer Brunch at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Sat., April 18 - Stuart Public School Prom - 5:00 p.m., Mass; 6:00 p.m., Dinner; 8:00 p.m., Grand March; 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Dance; 12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m., Post

Sat., April 18 - West Holt Prom Sun., April 19 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Kohle's Camper Sales Spring Open House

Sun., April 19 - 10:30 a.m. Catholic Communion at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Sun., April 19 - 11:00 a.m. Protestant Church Service in Chapel at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Sun., April 19 - 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sundae Social at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Mon., April 20 - 9:00 a.m., Ellwanger's Greenhouse opens for the season, Butte, Neb.

Mon., April 20 - 10:30 a.m. Grief-Share Meeting at West Holt Health Ministries Building

Mon., April 20 - Bible Study with Jean at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Mon., April 20 - 2:30 p.m., Happy Hour with Presbyterian Ladies at

Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson Tues., April 21 - 9:30 a.m.,

Slaughter Cattle and 12:00 Noon, Calves, Special Fall Calf and Back to Grass Auction at Atkinson Livestock

Tues., April 21 - 10:00 a.m., Rosary at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Tues., April 21 - 11:00 a.m., Resident Council at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Tues., April 21 - 12:00 p.m., West Holt Junior High Track at O'Neill Tues., April 21 - 12:00 p.m., Stuart Public School Junior High Track at

Tues., April 21 - 2:30 p.m., Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room at the Holt County Courthouse in O'Neill

Tues., April 21 - 2:30 p.m., Bingo with Volunteers at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

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Tues., April 28 - 10:30 a.m., Stuart

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Tues., April 28 - 6:00 p.m. to 6:30

Tues., April 28 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30

p.m., Media Literacy Matters-In My

Childcare Class at Lifelong Learning

Center in Norfolk. Pre-registration

required by calling 402-336-2760

and Boyd County Shooting Sports,

BB Gun at Stuart Auditorium in Stu-

p.m., ESU 8 High School Art Show

at the Antelope County Fairgrounds

Assemblies "Hollywood" for Stuart

Preschool through 12th Grade Stu-

Tues., April 28 - 7:00 p.m., Holt

Wed., April 29 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00

Wed., April 29 - 1:15 p.m., Dakota

Thurs., April 30 - 4:00 p.m., West

Thurs., April 30 - 5:00 p.m. to

Thurs., April 30 - 5:00 p.m., NEN

Fri., May 1 - Deadline to submit

Fri., May 1 - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00

p.m., NVC Art Show at Ewing Pub-

Fri., May 1 - 11:00 a.m., Monthly

Sat., May 2 - 9:30 a.m., Niobrara

Mon., May 4 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00

Hay Auction at Tasler Auction Lot

near the Atkinson Livestock Market

Valley Conference Junior High and

p.m. and immediately following the

Honors Night Program, the West

Sat., May 9 - 5:30 p.m., Sweet

Tues., May 19 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00

Life Dessert Comedy Theatre, fea-

turing Scott Davis at Evangelical

p.m., Sales and Use Tax Seminar at

Atkinson Community Center, Atkin-

Thurs., May 21 - 7:00 p.m., Atkin-

son Hay Days Committee Meeting at

West Holt Memorial Hospital Cafe-

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Senior High Track at West Holt

Holt K-12 Art Show

Free Church in Ainsworth

events for Atkinson Hay Days Poster

8:00 p.m., NVC Art Show at Ewing

Holt Boys' JV and V Golf Quad at

Summerland Golf Course

Norfolk Classic Track Meet

at: www.atkinsonhaydays.org

School 1st Graders help with Bingo

p.m., Weight Watchers in the Lobby

of West Holt Medical Clinic

Golf at Niobrara Valley Conference

Public School Junior High and Sen-

Tues., April 21 - 3:00 p.m., Stuart 9th and 10th Graders at Freshman/Sophomore Track at Ainsworth

Tues., April 21 - 3:30 p.m., Coffee in the Afternoon at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson Tues., April 21 - 4:30 p.m., Kick

Ball at Good Samaritan Society,

Tues., April 21 - 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Weight Watchers in the Lobby of West Holt Medical Clinic

Tues., April 21 - 6:30 p.m., Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Knox County Courthouse in Center Tues., April 21 - 6:30 p.m. to 7:45

p.m., CPR-First Aid at Holt County Annex in O'Neill. Pre-registration required by calling Connie Schweitzer at 308-745-0780

Tues., April 21 - NO PRACTICE for Holt County Shooting Sports in Wed., April 22 - 10:00 a.m.,

Church Services with Dean Seger at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson Wed., April 22 - 11:00 a.m., Story Time at Good Samaritan Society,

Wed., April 22 - 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.. Meet and Greet for Dr. Boyle at the Atkinson Senior Center

Wed., April 22 - 2:30 p.m., Yahtzee at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Wed., April 22 - 6:30 p.m., Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting in the Antelope County Courthouse in Neligh Thurs., April 23 and Fri., April 24

Stuart Public School 6th Graders to Henry Doorly Zoo Thurs., April 23 - 9:00 a.m., West

Holt Boys' Golf Team at O'Neill Thurs., April 23 - 11:00 a.m., Sing

Along with Terra at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Thurs., April 23 - 2:00 p.m., West Holt Invitational Track Meet

Thurs., April 23 - 2:00 p.m., Stuart Public School Track Team at West Holt Invitational Track Meet

Thurs., April 23 - 2:30 p.m., Ice Cream with Nancy Woeppel at Good Samaritan Society, Atkinson

Thurs., April 23 - West Holt FCCLA Burgerfest Thurs., April 23 - West Holt Track

Parents' Night Fri., April 24 - District Music at

West Holt Public School Fri., April 24 - Stuart Public School at District Music in O'Neill

Fri., April 24 - NO SCHOOL at West Holt Public School

Fri., April 24 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction Fundraiser for Stuart Public School Playground Equipment at

Stuart Auditorium Fri., April 24 - 7:00 p.m., Holt County Public Speaking Contest at Holt County Courthouse Annex in

Fri., April 24 - Bargain Buyway Sat., April 25 - Bargain Buyway

Sat., April 25 - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Atkinson Annual Spring Clean-Up at the south end of Madison St., east of the Sewer Plant

Sat., April 25 - West Holt All School Play, Dinner Theatre at 6:00 and Play Performance at 7:00 p.m. at West Holt Lecture Hall

Sun., April 26 - Bargain Buyway Sun., April 26 - 2:00 p.m., West Holt All School Play at the West Holt Lecture Hall

Mon., April 27 - 10:30 a.m. Grief-Share Meeting at West Holt Health Ministries Building

**NOTICE TO HOLT COUNTY TAXPAYERS** 

The First ½ of the 2014 Real Estate and

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delinquent on May 1, 2015.

To avoid long lines and delays, Taxes can be mailed to:

**Holt County Treasurer** 

P.O. Box 648, O'Neill, NE 68763

or pay your Holt County taxes online at: www.nto.us

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Mon., April 27 - 6:30 p.m., Stuart FFA Banquet in the Auditorium Mon., April 27 - West Holt Grades 7 through 12 Music Program Tues., April 28 - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., ESU 8 High School Art Show at the Antelope County Fairgrounds

**Shaely Thiele** 

# Thiele speaks at luncheon

The act of giving was on display recently at Northeast Community College. Scholarship recipients and their sponsors were honored during the annual Scholarship Luncheon, which recognizes the sponsors for helping Northeast students succeed with their education.

"Over the years, thousands of students at Northeast have experienced the generosity of others, first-hand, through the gift of scholarships. Today, we are here to recognize these very special people who assist our students in succeeding with their education," said Dr. Michael Chipps, Northeast president.

This past year, scholarships in the amount of \$226,000 were presented to Northeast Community College students with an average award of \$676.

Chipps told donors that their financial commitment means so much to Northeast students.

Those attending the luncheon also heard from two scholarship recipients, Shaely Thiele, a freshman from Atkinson who is majoring in Northeast's Agriculture-Agronomy and Animal Science programs and Autumn Baumann, a freshman academic transfer student from Pierce, who has received the David and Freda Wolf Scholarship.

Thiele, plans to return to North Central Nebraska after graduation and work in the beef industry. The recipient of the Donald Ballard Scholarship and the Gerald and Joyce Petersen Family Scholarship, said that she is paying for college herself and understands the importance of counting every dollar.

"Between working part-time and being involved with campus activities and being serious about keeping good grades, time becomes a commodity. It makes me thankful for the scholarships I have received. I appreciate the donors' help in supporting young people pursuing an education. Thank you for believing in our future and I want to assure you that we are a great investment.

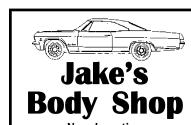
J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh and their family have supported many Northeast Community College students over the years through scholarships, as well as encouraging other donors to create endowed scholarships by establishing funds to match their initial gifts.

## **Atkinson Senior Center**

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# **Pulmonary Function Testing** offered at local hospital

Advanced technology is now available at West Holt Medical Services. The new pulmonary function test-

ing equipment is used for diagnosing and creating treatment plans for pulmonary, cardiac and allergy patients. The body plethysmographic test

performed in a sealed, transparent box, which resembles a telephone booth, is considered the 'gold standard' for obtaining lung volume and airway resistance data in patients.

While briefly inside the box, patients breathe in and out through a mouth-piece and sensor. Changes in pressure inside the box help determine results.

This testing is the most accurate way to measure how well the lungs take in and release gasses and how well oxygen moves into your bloodstream from your lungs.

The test is performed to diagnose certain types of lung disease including asthma, bronchitis, and emphysema, as well as determining the cause of shortness of breath or cough-

It can also be used to assess the effectiveness of medication and pulmonary rehabilitation therapy and to measure changes or stages of a dis-

Many may have been exposed to

risk factors for Chronic Obstructive

Pulmonary Disease (COPD) such as smoking, childhood infections, prematurity, family history, or lived or worked in a bad air quality environment including construction, mining, cleaning, inhalants, farming, factories and pesticides. The Certified Pulmonary Function

Technologist at West Holt Medical Services, Paula Davis, shares, "This equipment will play a vital role in accurately measuring lung capacity, diffusion and volume, and how we provide care for the people in our Davis continues, "People in the

Atkinson area often had to drive to O'Neill or Norfolk for this type of testing. With the new equipment, patients now have access to state-of-theart services close to home."

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# Bridal Registry

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## **CNCS** requesting cookbook recipes

In September 2015, Central Nebraska Community Services (CNCS) will be celebrating 50 years of service to the patrons of our 21 county area.

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If you are a past board member, or past employee of CNCS, we would like your involvement.

Please send us your favorite recipe(s) so it may be included in the agency cookbook. Also, please share this information with others that you may know.

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## News

Another beautiful spring day is before us. The early spring flowers in my yard are blooming after receiving a good drink of water last evening . . even the wind did not discourage the

Sunday afternoon Zelma Meyer accompanied Jesse and Karla Slaymaker, Jamison and Kamrynn to Stuart for soccer games. Jamison and Kamrynn participated in the games. Scott and Karen Sperling rode bides to Stuart with the wind making it very difficult going. On their return the wind was an advantage.

A get well card shower has been requested for Ila Randolph who fell and broke her arm near the shoulder. Cards will reach her at: 404 N. 12th Street, O'Neill, NE 68763.

The 2015 high school graduates will be honored at Faith Wesleyan Church on May 10. There will be cake and beverages served following the morning service.

The Year End Party for the Club House children will be on Wednesday, April 29th.

Rod and Ruth Brotsky, Hannah and Carter spent the weekend in Lincoln where they enjoyed the Spring Red and White Game. Meeting the players was a special treat for the family.

Three groups who signed up for future "small group" met at the ministry center for a potluck meal and a time of planning on Sunday following the church service. This provided ample time for discussion, etc.

Larry and Becky Woods of Chambers spent Easter with her parents Bob and Marilyn Hendricks. They tok them to a favorite eating place in South Dakota recently.

The Celia Homemakers will meet on Monday evening, April 20th at the home of Zelma Meyer with Amy Elsbury as co-hostess. Roll call will be to tell of an April Fool joke. There will be a lesson on cornbread.

Jamison Slaymaker enjoyed a trip to Lincoln. He enjoyed the Husker Spring Game with friends.

# Card Club

Results

## SENIOR CENTER PITCH

Atkinson Senior Center held their Pitch Night on April 9, 2015.

Betty Albrecht won bragging rights with the high score of the evening. The next party will be on April 23rd unless otherwise announced.

### FIRST FRIDAY PINOCHLE

The 1st Friday Pinochle Card Club met on April 10 as the first Friday fell in Holy Week.

Sylvia Morgan was the hostess assisted by Anita Krieger. Others guests were Maxine Neibauer and Pearl Farwell.

Maxine Neibauer was high; Betty Winings was 2nd high; Helen Dvorak was low; and Arlene Heiser won the 300 prize.

The next meeting will be on May 1 with Betty Winings.

FIRST THURSDAY CLUB The First Thursday Club did not

meet in April and will not meet in

Their next meeting will be on June 5 with Sharon Babl.

## Extension

## Calendar

April 17 - Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Youth Horticulture ID Contest, Registrations due to Madison County Extension Office, call 402-370-4040

April 21 - CPR-First Aid, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., Holt County Annex, O'Neill. Pre-registration required by calling Connie Schweitzer at 308-745-0780

April 21 - Holt County Shooting Sports: NO Practice in O'Neill this

April 24 - Holt County Public Speaking Contest, 7:00 p.m., Holt County Courthouse Annex, O'Neill

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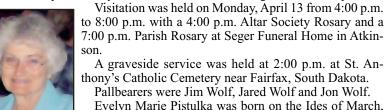


# **Obituaries**

## **Evelyn Marie Wolf, 84**

A funeral service for Evelyn Marie Wolf, age 84, of Atkinson, Neb. was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Atkinson with Father Luke Steffes officiating.

Music was provided by soloist John Madsen and organist Deb Kaup.



Evelyn Marie Pistulka was born on the Ides of March, the 15th in 1931 in Fairfax, SD as the youngest daughter to George and Rosie (Ziska) Pistulka Sr. and passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the Golden Living Center in O'Neill, Neb. with family members present. She was raised on the family farm north of Fairfax during the difficult thir-

ties and wartime forties. She graduated from Fairfax High School in 1949 and worked at the Burke State Bank in Bonesteel, SD for a short while following graduation.

She was united in marriage to Richard (Dick) Wolf on August 23, 1950 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Fairfax. The couple lived briefly in Fairfax before moving to Butte, Neb. for about a year. Their first child Jesse Warren was

They moved back to Fairfax where they farmed for the next 14 years. During this time Joseph Paul, Jack Jeffrey, and Sherry Jean were born.

In the fall of 1966 they moved to Atkinson, Neb. where they ran the Round Up Bar until Dick's death on September 1, 1975.

During their time in Atkinson children Julian and Jay Raymond were born. She spent the next few years raising Jay and eventually became the school secretary at St. Joseph's Elementary School until her retirement at age 75.

Wolf had two great pastimes, bowling and attending her children's school activities. She was the first woman bowler in Atkinson to ever bowl a 600 series. She and her team attended state bowling tournaments almost annually.

Family was very important to her and she loved when all of her family could be around for holidays, birthdays, and other family events. While she occasionally noted how much work it all was, she was proudest when everyone was

Wolf was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Altar Society of Atkinson and a past member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Fairfax.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dick; parents George and Rosie Pistulka; children Joseph Paul, Sherry Jean, and Julian (all preemies); brother George Pistulka, Jr.; sister Berniece Hausmann; brothers- and sisters-in-law Ray and Vervil Wolf, Duane and Jeannie Ertz, and John Williams.

Evelyn Marie Wolf is survived by sons Jess and Loxi Wolf of Hartington, Jack and Linda Wolf of Atkinson, and Jay Wolf of Lincoln; grandchildren and great-grandchildren Jim and Erin Wolf, Presley, Gavin, and Rowan of Battle Creek, Jared and Amy Wolf, Addison, Karlee, and Jase of Stuart, and Jon and Hannah Wolf of O'Neill; older sister Irene and Paul Donovan of Omaha; sisters-in-law Diane Williams of Vermillion, SD, and Dorothy Pistulka of Fairfax, SD; and brother-in-law Don Hausmann of Bonesteel, SD; and many nieces and

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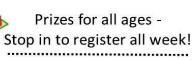


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# Albena F. Kramer, 93

A funeral service for Albena F. Kramer, age 93 of Atkinson, Neb. was held on Friday, April 10, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Atkinson with Father Luke Steffes officiating.

Music was provided by soloist Bonnie Krysl and organist Lou Ann Tooker. Visitation was held on Thursday, April 9, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Seger Funeral Home in Atkinson, with a 4:00 p.m. Altar

Society Rosary and a 7:00 p.m. Parish Rosary. Burial was in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery at Atkinson. Pallbearers were Nathan Kramer, Jeremy Kramer, Josh

Kramer, Noah Kramer, Cassidy Kramer, Kory Kramer, Erin Jelinek, and Matt Kramer. Albena was born on June 12, 1921 at Tonawanda, Neb. to Joseph and Albena (Ziska) Dobrovolny and died on

April 5, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Center in Atkinson, She was the third of eight children and being the eldest daughter she assumed household duties early in life and

helped rear the younger children as well as participating in the duties and chores that supported the field workers.

Upon completing high school at St. Joseph's in 1939, she began teaching elementary classes at a number of schools, most of them rural.

She married Lawrence J. Kramer on August 11, 1947 in Atkinson and they soon had children of their own. She resumed teaching at country schools in 1959 once her children were in school and continued through the spring of 1972, when she retired to do the things she enjoyed - gardening, mentoring her grandchildren, and support work for her church and local organizations. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Lawrence on March 9,

2010; son Rollin; an infant brother Emanuel John; brother LeRoy Dobrovolny; brothers-in-law Donald Krysl and Ray Kramer; and sisters-in-law Dorothy, Georgia, Marie, and Dixie Dobrovolny. Albena F. Kramer is survived by her children Daniel and his wife Janel

Kramer of Atkinson, Gregory and his wife Valerie Kramer of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Susan Kramer of Missouri Valley, Iowa; a daughter-in-law Judy Kramer of Atkinson; sister Marie Krysl Kramer of York, Neb.; brothers Anton (Tony) and Marguerite (Greta) Dobrovolny of St. George, Utah, Harold (Tommy) and Joan Dobrovolny of Stuart, John and Mary Ann Dobrovolny of Hastings, and Frederic (Fred) Dobrovolny of Gehring, Neb.; eight grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. Seger Funeral Home of Atkinson was in charge of arrangements.

## Ralph Barnes, 91

A graveside service for Ralph Raymond Barnes, age 91 of Scottsbluff, Neb. was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at Fairview Cemetery in Scottsbluff, with Pastor Ed Hunzeker officiating.

Military Rites were rendered by the Nebraska National Guard Honor Squad. Visitation was held at the Jolliffe Funeral Home on Monday, March 30, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Ralph Raymond Barnes was born October 10, 1923 in

Milford, Neb. and died on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 with his family by his side.

He attended school in Amelia, Neb.

Barnes joined the US Army on December 15, 1943 and was honorably discharged on March 29, 1946. He served as a Surgical Technician (Tec 4) during World War Two in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre USA, from August of 1944 until March of 1946. He received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Two Bronze Stars, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, World War Two Victory Medal and a Good Conduct Medal.

Barnes married Jeannette Ilene Hopkins August 10, 1948 in O'Neill, Neb. To this union three children were born, Janice, Cheryl and Roger Barnes. He worked on the Lee Ranch in Holt County, Neb. following the war, and was an employee for Lockwood Graders and Panhandle Concrete.

He was a lifetime member of the VFW Admiral Dewey Post #1681, American Legion Post #36 and the Moose Lodge.

It was said he was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather, a proud American citizen who revered his country, a kind and respectful neighbor, an avid auction goer, and an animal lover (especially his dogs)

He was preceded in death by his wife Jeannette; grandson Jeremiah Barnes; parents; sisters; and brothers.

Ralph Raymond Barnes is survived by his children Janice and Ralph Colerick, Cheryl and Don Risden and Roger and Joanna Barnes; grandchildren and great-grandchildren Ed Colerick and son Joshua, Raymond Colerick, Colleen and Ricky Herman and daughters Harley and Meke, Donald Jr. and Noel Risden and children Riley and Marek, Jon and Bambi Risden and children Tristan, Dixie and Daisy, Naomi and Eric Morris and children Jonathan and Kerri, nephew Don Adams; and his trusty and loving dog Misty.

Online condolences may be left at www.jolliffefuneralhome.com Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans or to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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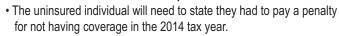
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## **Arrivals**



**WELBORN** – Jeremiah and Jenna (Sladek) Welborn of Atkinson have announced the birth of their son Connor James. He was born on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 1:00 a.m. at Women's Methodist in Omaha weighing 8 lbs. 8 ozs. and he was 22 inches

Grandparents are Brian and Marie Welborn of Atkinson and Ed and Karen Sladek of Chambers.

ASHER - Kyle and Erin Asher have announced the birth of their son Briggs Edward born February 6, 2014 at UNMC in Omaha. He weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs.

His big brother Ryder welcomed

Grandparents are Stan and Becky Rychecky of Crete and Chuck and Belinda Asher of Atkinson.

Great-grandparents are Robert Kunc of Wilber and Shirley Peterson of Atkinson. The great-great-grandma is Pearl Kaiser of Stuart.

## Visually Impaired group to meet

The Holt County Support Group for the Visually Impaired will be meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Assisted Living located at 1600 N. Harrison Street in

Theres Muller, a visiting nurse from Switzerland will speak from her experiences. Anyone dealing with vision loss, as well as family or friends, is welcome to attend.

For more information you may contact John in Norfolk, toll free at 1-877-809-2419 or Shirley Dobias at 402-340-5421.

# **Outlaw Trail** group to meet

The April meeting of the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway will be on Sunday, April 19, at the Naper Café in Naper.

Directors will hold a Regular Business Meeting at 11:00 a.m., followed by the Annual Membership Meeting

Members will break for midday meal at 1:00 p.m.

Twyla Witt, a Nebraska Tourism Development and Byways consultant, will be the guest speaker. Witt will have her computer available to assist attendees put their businesses, events and historical sites on the internet at www.visitnebraska.com.

Members and the public are invited to a 2:00 p.m. program of "Songs & Tales Along the Trails: which will feature Teresa Kay Orr, singer and songwriter and Marci Broyhill, Prairie Poet and Story teller.

A freewill donation will be directed to support the White Horse Ranch Museum, the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway and entertainment.

# Housing group to meet April 23 Central Nebraska Economic De-

velopment Inc., doing business as Central Nebraska Housing Developers will hold a Board of Director's Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon.

The meeting will be held at the Loup Basin Public Health Department located at 934 "I" Street in Bur-

# Graphic Gleanings

In 1940, 75 years ago ... The Holt Creek Calf Club met for reorganization with ten members present. Officers elected were President, Anton Dobrovolny; Vice-President, Ivan Garwood; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean Gotschall; and News Reporter, Marie Dobrovolny. The members anticipate a very successful year.

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# **EDUCATION BRIEFS**

# Thiele receives two scholarships, CSC

Jessica Thiele of Atkinson, the daughter of Ted and Colleen Thiele, received two scholarships to Chadron State College.

Thiele received the Board of Trustees Scholarship for \$4,704, and the lindekin Communications and Social science scholarship for \$250.

She is a freshman at CSC studying communication arts.

# UNL students to be recognized

More than 1,800 UNL students will be honored during the All-University Honors Convocation at 2 p.m. April 12 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts, including the following area students:

From Amelia, Paige Marie Dexter, High Scholar, freshman, Agriculture and Natural Resources;

From Atkinson, Kent Anthony Frickel, Superior Scholar, senior, Agriculture and Natural Resources; and Mackenzie Ann Gibbens, Superior Scholar, senior, Architecture.

From Stuart, Dylan Christopher Laible, High Scholar, sophomore, Arts and Sciences

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High Scholars: students other than Chancellor's Scholars and Superior Scholars who are in the top 10 percent of their class.

## Bowling

## Results Senior Men's Bowling League

Standings for Week 21 -

Second Hall	VV	L	
Affordable Computing	.27.0	9.0	
High Rollers	.20.0	16.0	
Big 12	.19.0	17.0	
Old Guys	.16.0	20.0	
Krotters Cripples	.14.0	22.0	
Goofballs		24.0	
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Computing, 763 Hi Scr Series - Team - Affordable

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Computing, 893

Hi Hcp Series - Team - Affordable Computing, 2442

Hi Scr Game - Ind - Robert Miller,

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Hi Hcp Series - Ind - Pat Morgan,

Hi Game over Avg - Pat Morgan, 213 (62 pins over) Hi Series over Avg - Pat Morgan,

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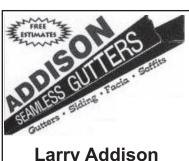
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Group activities for residents on Monday consisted of stations of the cross in the chapel. A game of balloon ball and group exercises were held before lunch.

Kings on the Corner was played in the activities room following lunch. Social hour was held in the dining room midafternoon with several residents participating. A documentary on the Glacier National Park was viewed before supper.

On Tuesday morning bowling was held in the front room followed by group exercise. Members of the Stuart Community Church provided treats and assisted with bingo this afternoon. Bingo treats were eaten during

Some residents came to the activity room in the late afternoon to play games while others watched a program on TV.

Wednesday morning found a few residents gathering in the activity room to cut out donuts. A game of bean bag toss followed by group exercise was held prior to lunch.

Skip Bo was played in the activities room following lunch. Residents conversed and ate the donuts that the kitchen fried up for us during social

Butterfly decorations were made during craft time this morning. A game of ring toss followed by group exercise was held in the front room

Resident nails were trimmed and painted following lunch. We had a large group of residents and guests who gathered for socializing, drinks and snacks during Thirsty Thursday

The Shot Gun Red and Penny Gillev shows were viewed before

Karyn led church services for residents on Friday morning. A game of egg toss and group exercise were held in the front room prior to lunch.

Catholic mass was held by Father Luke Steffes this afternoon. The monthly birthday party was held with Pearls' famly bringing in cakes, nuts and mints to share with the residents in honor of Pearls' birthday. Soft servce ice cream was also enjoyed along with the cakes, mints and nuts. Pearl is our only residents with an April birthday.

A Lawrence Welk music dvd was

friends/family visits.

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before lunch.

this afternoon.

viewed before supper.

Some of Saturday's activities included a dvd on Colorado's Scenic Train Rides, snacks for social hour. an evening of music programs and

held on Saturday, May 9th at the Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and

the fun begins at 5:30 p.m. The Evangelical Free Church is located one mile East of Ainsworth on Highway

Tickets are \$10.00 if purchased in advance or \$15.00 at the door.

Nationally-known comedian Scott

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Commission is seeking input on po-

tential changes to duck zone and

goose unit boundaries for the 2016-17

(USFWS) allows changes to duck

zone boundaries every five years, and

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mission has paired this with dark

(Canada) goose unit boundary

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hunting season.

changes.

of humor, which is sure to leave you laughing. Davis has performed on television and stage with Mark Lowry, Dennis Swanberg, and Mark Hall of Casting Crowns.

His comedy has delighted hundreds of thousands across the US and A 1979 graduate of Liberty Uni-

versity, Davis is also the author of the memoir "If My Body is a Temple, Then I Was a Megachurch", which was published and released nationwide in 2011.

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a state. The opportunity provided by

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structions provided to submit input.

until April 30. Potential changes will

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tion may be sought.

click on "Hunting" and then "Water-

hunters about their preferences.

and provide input by visiting:

Alex Kunz enjoyed a four medal

both the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

Nebraska Game and Parks Com-

mission officials are reporting that a

moose has been spotted numerous

times by residents in the North Platte

The confirmed sightings suggest

that the moose has been in the region

for several weeks and was last re-

ported in Morrill County. Moose are

not common in Nebraska, but are oc-

casionally spotted in the western part

of the state. Wildlife biologists expect

River Valley in the Panhandle.

**Moose sighted in Panhandle** 

## Broncos compete at Sandhills Invite

By Coach Travis Ludwig

On April 7th, tracksters from 11 schools of North Central Nebraska met at Bassett to take part in the Sandhills Invite. It was a damp and cool day, as the temperature stayed around

40 degrees for most of the day. In girls' competition the Stuart team finished in 5th place, narrowly missing a runner-up

finish by eight points.

In boys' action, the team finished as runner-up with a total of 62.5

Schools in competition at the meet included: North Central, ClearwaterOrchard, Ainsworth, Anselmo-Merna, Twin Loup, West Holt, Ewing, Cody-Kilgore, Chambers-Wheeler Central, and Valentine.

In girls' action, Harlee Fischer earned three gold medals and one silver on the day. Harlee won the 400 meters, placed 2nd in the 800, and was a member of the first place 4x400 and 4x100 relays.

Hailey Paxton picked up three medals, placing 2nd in the High Jump, and running a leg on the 4x100and 4x400 relays.

Monique Schafer was also a triple medalist, as she placed 3rd in the 200 meter dash and was also on the 400 and 1600 relays.

The 400 relay for the girls not only won the race, but also set a new school record in the event with a time of 54.26, breaking the previous record of 54.7 which was established 10 years ago by the team of Andrea Schaaf, Jami Dvorak, Jenny Lockmon, and Kacie Olberding. The other member of the relays was Rachel

Trisha Fox earned a 4th place medal in the discus with a toss of 933. In boys' action there were many

fine performances during the meet. Senior Chase Broders picked up three medals during the meet, including two gold medals. Chase won the high jump with a jump of 61, and was also a member of the winning 4x100 relay and the 6th place 4x400 relay.

Conner Paxton was also on the 400 relay, and placed 2nd in the High jump with a season best jump of 510. Conner also picked up a 3rd place medal in the shot put. Mitchell Dvorak also earned three

medals at the meet, as he won the 300 hurdles and was on the 400 and 1600

day, as he ran on both the 400 and 1600 relays, while finishing 2nd in

Complete results from the meet are as follows.

100 m. -- Alex Kunz 11.4 (2nd); Chase Broders 12.63; Franklin Fessler 13.15; Josh Pacha 15.4

200 m. -- Alex Kunz 24.24 (2nd); Micah Dexter 27.07; Matt Dickau 32.5; Andrew Olson 28.7; Josh Pacha 33.1

400 m. -- Mitchell Dvorak 55.7 (6th); Andrew Olson 66.4; Matt Dickau 73.1

800 m. -- Tate Schmaderer 2:18: Connor Jarman 2:25; Andrew Olson

3200 m. -- Tanner Dickau 12:53 300 hurdles -- Mitchell Dvorak

Long Jump -- Franklin Fessler 15-

5.5; Josh Pacha 12-4-3/4 Triple Jump -- Franklin Fesler 31-

High Jump -- Chase Broders 6-1 (1st); Conner Paxton 5-10 (2nd)

Shot Put -- Conner P. 42-7.5 (3rd); Chris VanMeter 29-9.5; Slayder Swanson 22-4; Patrick VanMeter 28-1.5; Austin Jarecke 27-7.5

Discus -- Conner P. 84-4; Patrick VanMeter 74-3; Austin Jarecke70-0; Slayder Swanson 51-11

400 relay -- Chase B., Conner P., Mitchell D., and Alex K. 46.84 (1st) 1600 relay -- Chase B., Tate S., Alex K., and Mitchell D. 3:52 (6th)

3200 relay -- Tanner D., Connor J, Micah D., and Tate S. 9:50.9 (6th) Throwers Relay -- Chris VanMeter,

Patrick VanMeter, Slayder Swanson, and Austin Jarecke 63.6 (3rd)

## Girls' Results

100 m. -- Kennison Kunz 15.67; Peyton Alder 16.67; Makala Fahrenholz 17.47

200 m. -- Monique Schafer 29.52 (3rd); Kennison Kunz 32.27; Peyton Alder 35.93; Makala Fahrenholz

400 m. -- Harlee Fischer 61.31 (1st); Rachel Kaup 68.95; Hailey Paxton 69.32

800 m. -- Harlee Fischer 2:31.31 (2nd)

Long Jump -- Monique Schafer 13-5; Kennison Kunz 11-5/14 Triple Jump -- Rachel Kaup 27-7-

High Jump -- Hailey Paxton 4-8 (2nd)

Shot Put -- Trisha Fox 26-6; Ashley Kramer 25-6.5

Discus -- Trisha Fox 93-3 (4th);

Makayla Jenkins 57-0 400 relay -- Monique S., Rachel K., Hailey P., and Harlee F. 54.26 (1st -

new school record) 1600 relay -- Monique S., Rachel K., Hailey P., and Harlee F. 4:32.47

Throwers Relay -- Makala Jenkins, Ashley Kramer, Peyton Alder, and Kennison Kunz 1:10 (4th)

that the moose wandered into the

ers to keep their distance from the

wild animal. Even if moose appear to

be docile, they have been known to

Officials are urging wildlife watch-

state from Wyoming.

### days on the track to get some quality work in. We are getting a good effort from the athletes at meets and prac-

improve from week to week.

GIRLS' TEAM SCORES		
1. North Central	106	
2. Clearwater-Orchard	64	
3. Ainsworth	59	
4. Anselmo-Merna	58	
5. Stuart	56	
6. Tie – Twin Loup	53	
Tie – West Holt	53	
8. Ewing	21	
9. Cody-Kilgore	13	
0. Chambers-Wheeler Central		
1. Valentine	3	
WEST HOLT GIRLS' RESULTS		

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Shot Put - 6th Anna Meyer, 31-0.5

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## **Husky tracksters traveled to Bassett for the Sandhills Invite**

By Coach Jeff Kraus

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On Tuesday, April 7 the West Holt track and field teams traveled to Bassett for the Sandhills Invite.

After a cool, foggy, and drizzly start to the morning things cleared up a bit and it turned out to be a pretty fair day after all. While we had a few bright spots on

the day, we still have a lot of work to

do before the district meet. Practice time has been hard to come by for a lot of the athletes who are in other ac-Hopefully we are through the worst

part of that and we can get some good tices, however, when they miss several days of practice it is hard to

We look forward to getting all the kids back and seeing what happens between now and the middle of May.

1. North Central	106
2. Clearwater-Orchard	64
3. Ainsworth	59
4. Anselmo-Merna	58
5. Stuart	56
6. Tie – Twin Loup	53
Tie – West Holt	
8. Ewing	21
9. Cody-Kilgore	
10. Chambers-Wheeler Central	
11. Valentine	3
WEST HOLT GIRLS' RESU	LTS

High Jump - 4th (Tie) Jessie

Long Jump - 6th Bailey Kraus, 14-

**400m** - 6th Jenae Osborne, 1:08.4 1600m - 3rd Jayden Reiman, 6:22.91; 6th Alyssa Reiman, 6:35.75

3200m - 3rd Jayden Reiman, 13:39.18; 4th - Alyssa Reiman,

100 Hurdles - 2nd Micheala

300 Hurdles - 4th Bailey Kraus, 54.22; 5th Micheala Jensen, 55.42 4x800 Relay - 4th West Holt,

12:23.38 4x400 Relay - 4th West Holt,

4x100 Relay - 2nd West Holt,

### **BOYS' TEAM SCORES** 1. Ainsworth......116

2. Stuart	62.5
3. West Holt	62
4. North Central	53
5. Anselmo-Merna	39.5
6. Tie - Twin Loup	34
Tie - Chambers-Wheeler	
Central	34
Tie - Cody-Kilgore	34
9. Clearwater-Orchard	30
10. West Holt JV	16
11. Valentine	
12. Ainsworth JV	3

WEST HOLT BOYS' RESULTS **Long Jump -** 1st Bo Jensen, 19-10 Triple Jump - 1st Riley Bilstein,

**200m** - 1st Bo Jensen, 24.0 400m - 2nd Josiah McAllister,

800m - 4th Josiah McAllister, 2:06.44 1600m - 5th Connor McDermott,

5:08.09 3200m - 5th Tony Bohnet, 12:16.63 4x800 Relay - 2nd West Holt,

9:00.33 4x400 Relay - 1st West Holt, 3:39.29 (V. Jonseth, J. McAllister, K. Cone, and B. Jensen); 5th West Holt JV. 3:47.09

**4x100 Relay -** 5th West Holt, 49.4

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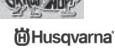
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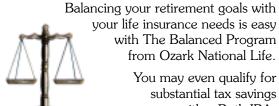
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The annual Nebraska School Activities Association event was held March 26 and 27 on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney and included students from Nebraska schools competing in Classes A, B, C1, C2, D1 and D2.

The "NSAA Speech Championship: Best of the Best" is a production of NET Television.

# Explore the outdoors at Outdoor Family Fun Day, Sat., April 25th

Join the fun at the Niobrara National Scenic River's 6th annual Outdoor Family Fun Day at Smith Falls



State Park on Saturday, April 25th. from 11:00 until 3:00 p.m. This free event offers families opportu-

nity to enjoy the Niobrara River through a variety of hands-on outdoor activities.

Take a short, safe canoe ride—led by experts—on the Niobrara River, considered one of the best canoeing rivers in the Great Plains. Try your hand at archery, an age-old skill that is as rewarding as it is challenging. Practice casting a rod and reel, and learn some ways to make fishing fun and successful. Explore a few simple tips on using binoculars and finding wild birds. Discover Nebraska's ancient wildlife and make your own fossil impression to take home, and for



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lunch, join us for hot dogs and marshmallows roasted over an open fire.

"Outdoor Family Fun Day is a great way to spark children's love of the outdoors. It gives them a chance to safely try their hand at an activity that may become a life-long passion, or even a career," said Steve Thede, Niobrara NSR Superintendent. "It also gives everyone opportunity to find and explore their own park—in our own area, and a place that will likely become and remain meaningful to them for years to come."

All activities are free of charge, and lunch is provided. Smith Falls State Park requires a \$5/vehicle parking fee or a Nebraska Game and Parks Commission annual pass. Smith Falls State Park is located 19 miles east of Valentine, Nebraska via Highway 12.

The Niobrara NSR is proud to offer this event in partnership with the Niobrara Council, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the Northern Prairies Land Trust, the Nebraska Master Naturalists, and our many vol-

The Find Your Park campaign is a national effort that was just launched this month to encourage people to get outside and find a park-scenic, recreational, cultural, or historic—that is meaningful to them. When you find YOUR park, share your experience at findyourpark.com or on the Niobrara NSR Facebook page.

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# Legislative Update

April 10, 2015

Dear Residents of the 40th District, Members of the Legislature began the legislative workweek with the passage of thirteen bills on Final Reading. Progress continued to be on

debate. With

out the week, as Senators were able to move numerous priority measures to the "next" stage of

twenty-nine days remaining in the

plete legislative business and balance our state's budget, it is imperative that each full day of debate be utilized ef-

The topic of tax exemptions was prevalent this week with both Legislative Bills 419 and 414 advancing from the first stage of debate after much discussion. LB 419 would provide certain tax exemptions for nationally accredited zoos and

The purpose of the bill is to foster economic development and growth by providing Nebraska's four nationally accredited zoos with the ability to reinvest funds into facilities, programming and promotion. It is intended that this investment will encourage ongoing tourism, which is our state's third largest industry.

LB 414, introduced by Senator Harr, would exempt all fraternal benefit societies from property tax exemptions. The bill proposes to address inconsistencies that currently exist from county to county across the state when figuring property taxes

The Masons and the Knights of Columbus are two outstanding entities that would benefit or continue to benefit as a result of this bill. Senators advanced LB 414 to Select File on a 29-14 vote.

Also on the legislative agenda this week was Legislative Bill 472, which would adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act if passed into law. The intent of the Act, as proposed by Senator Campbell, is to ensure access to health care for low income Nebraskans, to maximize federal dollars available under the Affordable Care Act, and to support our economy.





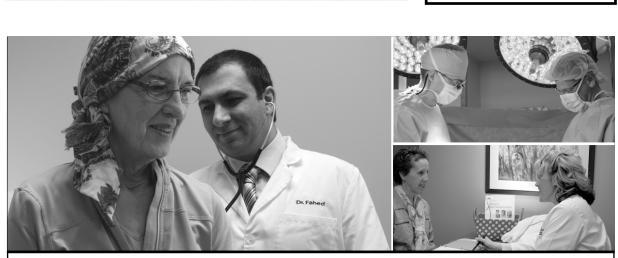




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with similar organizations.

This controversial measure was debated at length with weigh-in from many Senators. After the Committee Amendment failed to advance with a 22-24 vote, a bracket motion was offered and successfully adopted thereby ending debate on the bill for

The Speaker has announced that late nights will begin the final week of April. The adjournment time on these nights will be scheduled for approximately 8:30 p.m. but could go as late as 11:59 p.m. if necessary.

Your continued involvement and support throughout the legislative session is greatly appreciated.

Please feel welcome to call, write, or visit the office that is here to represent and serve you at (402) 471-2801 or at tlarson@leg.ne.gov.

Best Wishes, Senator Tyson Larson

# Annual road report released

The Nebraska Department of Roads has announced the release of its 2014 Annual Report today. The report provides an overview of the Department's performance results for the past year.

It is important to regularly assess the performance of the public investment in Nebraska's transportation system. To that end, the Department has developed 24 performance measures, organized into eight overarching strategic goals, in order to track progress. Having the right goals and continuously monitoring progress toward achieving and maintaining them has proven to be the best way to guide this agency.

The report is organized by the eight strategic goals. The Department's performance relative to each goal is clearly displayed through the quantified measures within each goal

Each goal section includes a "featured strategy" which is being employed or will be employed to achieve and maintain measurable progress. A "highlight" section also accompanies each goal. An electronic copy of the report is provided here

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Hope remains after health care bill dies in legislature By Erika Stewart-Finkenstaedt, **Nebraska News Service** 

LINCOLN--Amanda Gershon has

been let down once again. The Lincoln resident, 32, is unin-

sured and has an unknown autoim-She hoped the mune disease. Nebraska Legislature would pass The Medicaid Redesign Act (LB472) so she could afford to get the testing that would finally give her a diagnosis.

Sponsored by Sen. Kathy Campbell of Lincoln, the bill is the third in three years to address Medicaid expansion. LB472 would have created a task force to review the state's Medicaid program and expanded coverage to include adults age 19 to 65 who make less than 133 percent of the federal poverty level. Individuals whose income is 50 to 100 percent of the federal poverty level, and thus are ineligible for federal premium assistance subsidies, would also be included under The Medicaid Redesign Act.

The bill died Wednesday.

If Gershon doesn't get help soon, she may be next, she said.

Although Gershon qualified for disability for the first time starting a few months ago, her Social Security income is too high for her to qualify for Medicaid. Before that, she couldn't qualify as a childless adult, no matter how little she made.

She filed for bankruptcy on \$60,000 worth of medical bills when she was 22, and will soon file again.

"If Medicaid expansion were passed last year or the year before, I would still be working. I would have been diagnosed and given proper treatment," Gershon said at the public hearing for the bill on Feb. 25.

Many attribute the bill's third failure to simple politics.

Jon Bailey, the director of the rural public policy program at the Center for Rural Affairs, said Medicaid expansion has become a proxy for the federal Affordable Care Act, which many conservative senators want nothing to do with.

"The bill gets attached to President Obama and what feelings are about him," Bailey said.

Gershon agrees. "I think a lot of it has to do with the politics of party lines, and senators lacking knowledge on how the system actually works,' she said.

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The number of new senators in the Legislature this year is also a factor, according to Bailey.

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Thursday, April 16, 2015

"It's a complicated issue to digest in such a short amount of time on top

of everything else," he said. But proponents of the bill have hope for the future.

It's still an important issue, and it's not going away, Mark Hoeger said.

Hoeger is a member of Omaha Together One Community, a nonprofit coalition primarily made up of churches and other religious congregations. He is one of more than 170 faith leaders in the state who sent letters to the Legislature supporting LB472.

"All human life is valuable. This is a commonly held belief shared by Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Buddhism," Hoeger said. He also said that if the assumption

is that we should not let people die, providing insurance is a necessity. If the question is life, Gershon may

have her answer. "I'm not going to be able to survive

here in Nebraska," Gershon said.

# **AKSARBEN** applications due

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# Spring-flowering trees add interest and appeal

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In just a few weeks, twigs now invisible against the winter background will suddenly fill their expanse with as much color and bloom as a goodsized flowerbed. We barely notice them now, but their day is coming.

In Nebraska, winter forces a certain amount of patience (and simultaneously impatience) on us. If the vegetable gardener's hope and desire is for that first tomato, the flower-lovers among us wait as anxiously for the first blossoms. And one of the most dramatic and longest-lasting ways get early color is to plant spring-flowering trees.

It's hard to think of a garden with no trees. To a large extent, trees can determine the climate of the yard, certainly the microclimate of the area directly around them. They provide shade and protection from wind, they act as walls and ceilings to enclose outdoor "rooms." They provide interest of many kinds, appealing to all the senses by their fragrance, fruit, texture, even sound. Perhaps best of all, they are constantly changing. From buds to foliage to bark, they're a continuously visible but changing part of the landscape.

We use them to frame some views, block out others. More often than not. the trees themselves are the focal point—whether they're being seen from the yard or from inside the house. Wildlife depend on them for food and shelter and add further inter-

Our desires for maximum efficiency make us think in terms of seasonal interest, wanting "returns" for as much of the year as possible. And

in fact, spring-flowering trees are rarely one-stop shows. Their blossoms often give way to fruit or colorful foliage later in the year, and many of them also have unusual and attrac-

Most spring-flowering trees are good understory trees, thriving in the protection of the canopy provided by larger trees. The pale colors of their blossoms can be especially noticeable in the foreground of large evergreens. And the mulched area under these small trees can be a good place to

So take a good look at your landscape and imagine what it might look like in coming years with these or other spring-bloomers. Most of them will grow to about 20 feet in height and spread, with white blossoms (unless otherwise noted) sometime between April and June.

Chokecherry, Prunus virginiana Corneliancherry, pagoda or kousa dogwood, Cornus species, white to

yellow to green Crabapple, Malus species, white

Fringetree, Chionanthus Magnolia, white and pink Redbud, Cercis canadensis, pur-

Serviceberry, Amelanchier Shantung maple, Acer truncatum,

Smoketree, Cotinus obovatus, yel-

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it even more frequently.

Source: gardening.about.com

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All children are unique and have different needs. Sometimes these



child more attention, more talking, more holding and

Middle-born children tend to avoid conflict and are negotiators. They don't have the authority of the oldest and the freedom of the youngest. the middle." Middle-born children seem more friendly and easygoing because they usually learn to be cooperative and sociable. In most cases, they are less concerned about winning approval than the oldest siblings, but

Youngest-born children receive the attention of parents and siblings al-

## Extension

## Calendar

April 25 - Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Youth Horticulture ID Contest, 11:00 a.m., Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex, Northeast Community College, Norfolk

April 28 - Holt and Boyd County Shooting Sports, BB Gun, 7:00 p.m., Stuart Auditorium, Stuart

April 28 - Media Literacy Matters-In My Childcare Class, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk. Pre-registration required by calling 402-336-2760 (limit 20)

May 5 - Holt County Extension Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holt County Annex, O'Neill

That helps a youngest child build a sense of security from having family members' emotional and physical support. They also learn how to relate with and influence others. Youngestborn children have more freedom than older siblings and can do many

things on their own. An only child may become very verbal and intelligent or shy and helpless. They may feel they are special and entitled to have their own way. The only child may also become resourceful since they spend more time

Sometimes, the number of years between children will assume a psychological position different from their actual birth order position. Moreover, the sex of children, physical differences or disabilities, blended families, the birth order position of the parents and the relationships between the parents can affect the con-

Although these are general remarks, this information can remind us that each child, no matter what the birth order is, deserves parents' attention and individualized love. Regardless of the birth order, parents should treat each child lovingly and warmly, and accept the child just because of who he or she is. Source: Nina Chen, Ph.D., CFLE,

Human Development Specialist, Jackson County, University of Missouri Extension Leman, K. 1992. The birth order

book: Why you are the way you are. NY: Dell Publishing.

# Does birth order make a difference? Hazard mitigation plan update meetings scheduled

Public meetings are scheduled to help with the Antelope, Holt, and Knox Counties Multi-Jurisdictional lized. Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The meetings will be held on:

Tuesday, April 21 at 2:30 p.m. in O'Neill, in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room in the Holt County Courthouse;

Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Center in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Knox County Courthouse located at 206 Main Street;

Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Neligh, at the Antelope County Courthouse located at 501 'M' Street.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plans before any local governmental entity can receive funding for prehazard mitigation projects or posthazard clean-up and damage repair. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds are administered by the State.

Some FEMA regulations have changed since 2010, and Antelope, Holt, and Knox Counties are continuing the update of their plan to make sure that all jurisdictions and counties participate and are included in the plan, that time allows for ample public education and feedback, and that

the latest technology in predicting the benefits of mitigation activities is uti-

and hazards, come up with possible eligible projects to minimize those risks, and then implement such plans to provide protection for lives, structures, resources, and critical infrastructure.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact any of

the following: Cathy Pavel with Holt County at holtclerk.cathy@telebeep.com; Laura Hintz with Knox County at knoxema@gpcom.net; Char Carpenter with Antelope County at antcozone@frontiernet.net; or Amy Vrtiska-Vorhies with Olsson Associavrtiska@olssonassociates.com.

## Reminder: Boaters, get certification!

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission reminds Nebraska boaters that any operator of a motorboat or personal watercraft born after Dec. 31, 1985 is required to be certified in boater safety.

In addition to successfully completing a boating safety course, the operator must be in possession of a valid certificate. Nonresidents may present a certificate from their state.

Anyone operating a motorboat or personal watercraft in Nebraska must be at least 14 years of age, and anyone age 14 or older may take the boater safety course.

Boaters have two options to fulfill the boater safety requirement: • attend a six-hour course with a

proctored exam

 home study and attend a threehour course review with proctored exam.

Visit BoatSafeNebraska.org for more information, to download home study materials or to find a list of boater safety classes across the state.



**Bryan Slaymaker** Atkinson, NE

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By LaDonna Werth,





born children are raised differently from later-bornchildren. Parents give the first-born

take more photographs. First-born children are more serious and more sensitive to their parents' expectations. They are more conscientious on observing rules and demonstrate a leadership role, as well as a sense of dependency from parents. Research psychologists found that first-borns have higher motivation to achieve than their younger siblings. When a second child arrives, the first-born may feel dethroned. With this role comes a new responsibility.

They may feel they are "squished in they may be concerned with fairness.

most as much as first-born children.

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Bill Babutzke the Holt County

Weed Control superintendent recently attended individual training at the Kearney Ramada Inn.

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with the County Boards and the Public by Jeff Lampmann. Babutzke also attended the Nebraska Weed Control Association Spring Training which was also held

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AFE L-308 Laurel Miscellaneous **Storage Building -** 30'-0" x 40'-0" Pre-engineered metal building to be constructed at 214 Hwy 20, Laurel Nebraska, with one 14'-0" x 14'-0" overhead door and one personnel door. Electrical service is approximately 120'-0" from existing service.

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AFE L-409 Ord Miscellaneous braska, with one 14'-0" x 14'-0" overhead door and one personnel

**AFE L-534 Sidney Miscellaneous** Storage Building - 30'-0" x 50'-0" Pre-engineered metal building to be constructed at 2320 Illinois Street, Sidney Nebraska, with one 14'-0" x 14'-0" overhead door and one personnel door. Electrical service is approximately 600'-0" from existing service.

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AFE L-804 Atkinson Miscellaneous Storage Building - 30'-0" x 30'-0" Pre-engineered metal building to be constructed at 504 N Carberry St., Atkinson Nebraska, with one 14'-0" x 14'-0" overhead door and one personnel door. Electrical service is approximately 300'-0" from existing service.

Documents may be obtained from

Bonding requirements will be set in

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Suz and I would like to thank all the doctors and nurses for their outstanding job at West Holt Memorial Hospital. A huge thank you to the Atkinson Volunteer Fire and Ambulance crew (Jerry Osborne, Boyd Mitchell, and Bill Rahder) for the special ride to Kearney. You are all awesome! Thanks also to Melinda for driving with Suz, the curbs will never be the same!

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AND Rod Brotsky for organizing the

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goes out to all the businesses who

filled the eggs - you are appreciated!

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A BIG thank you to Ron Krysl

Mark Rossman

The Atkinson Area

Chamber of Commerce

We wish to thank the many people of our wonderful community who prayed for our family during this difficult time.

We want to also express our deepest appreciation for those who sent memorials, cards, flowers, gifts and brought in food to support us. The generosity of the entire community has not gone unnoticed.

and Darrel and Seger Funeral Home and Paster Owens. Our sincerest Thank You for your compassion and kindness during this time of grief. We can never thank you enough for your guidance. Thank you to Dick and Pat Galyen, Mike and Diane Tasler and Scott and Tracey Kaup for the extras you have done for our family. Also we want to thank Arny, Gina and Katie, and Bruce Rossman for being with us at the hospital.

have forgotten.

Samantha Everett Family

## **CARD OF THANKS**

friends for the outpouring of love and kindness we have received since the loss of our niece Sami Jo. She was loved by so many. A special thank you to our Braun's Food Center Employees for taking over and handling everything at the store; also to Nancy Weber for being in charge of the funeral dinner. It was all greatly appreciated.

Wayne and Susan (Everett) Braun and Family

prayers, cards and phone calls after my surgery. I thank my family for their help and food afterwards, too. Thanks to the women at Elkhorn Meadows for taking over all the little chores I had been doing. A special thanks to Lura Goeke for helping me dress for several mornings. It is so nice to have such caring people around when we need it.

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In 1990 - 25 years ago . . . Jason Mathis and Rex Schrunk received State FFA Farmer Degrees at FFA state convention.

Steel reinforced concrete stringers are being put into place of new bridge to span Elkhorn River at State Recreation Grounds.

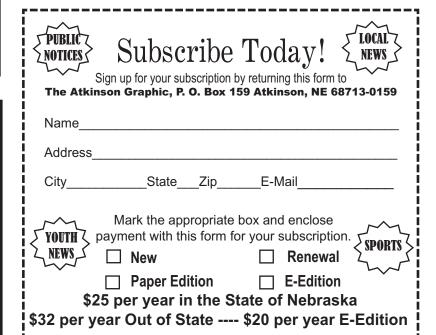
Recipients of the President's scholarship at Nebraska Wesleyan were Jeanne Flannery and Kimberly Gotschall of Atkinson and Jeff Lowe of Stuart. Plainsmen scholarship recipients were Jon Schmaderer and Tony Serbousek, both of Stuart.

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# Thank You! **CARD OF THANKS**

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We apologize to anyone we may

Whole heartedly,

## We would like to thank all of our

It's during a time like this that we learn how much our friends really mean to us. We so appreciate your sympathy and kindness. Sami Jo is now an Angel watching over us, to never be forgotten. Thank You.

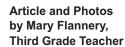
## **CARD OF THANKS** I wish to thank everyone for their

Corinne Gentele

# West Holt Third graders celebrate Ag Month with educational field trip







The West Holt third graders observed National Agriculture Month during March.

They spent several days learning about the impacts of agriculture on their everyday lives. Their focus was on Nebraska's top agricultural commodities including corn, soybeans, cattle, and hogs.

Here is a peek at a few of the facts the 3rd graders learned about each commodity.

Corn

A single bushel of corn can sweeten more than 400 cans of pop. There are about 800 kernels of corn on each ear.

Nebraska ranks #1 in popcorn pro-

Soybeans

George Washington Carver discovered over 300 uses for soybeans. The U.S. grows about 70 million acres of soybeans annually.

Soybeans are used in products like oils, soaps, cosmetics, plastics, ink,

Cattle

Cattle drink about 25 gallons of water a day.

Cattle outnumber humans in Ne-Nebraska ranks #1 in red meat pro-

duction.



Dave Frerichs explains feed rations.

A cow hide can produce 144 baseballs.

**Hogs** A pig can run a 7-minute mile. A piglet weighs about 3 ½ pounds at birth and doubles its weight in

seven days. Heart valves from hogs are used to replace damaged heart valves in hu-

At the end of the week, the third graders were invited to visit the Frerichs' Farm north of Atkinson to experience agriculture hands-on as a culminating activity.

At the farm, the third graders were able to watch the feed ration being mixed and the cattle being fed. This helped them see how the crops and livestock tie together.

They were able to see the cows and their new babies. The highlight of the trip was seeing the two bucket calves.

They got to see how the milk was mixed and they took turns holding the bucket while the calves sucked. Some of the kids were even willing to let the calves suck their fingers!

The trip finished with a stop to see the combine. They were able to take turns climbing into it and listening to how it is used.

By the end of the week, the third graders had many new and interesting facts to share as well as a better understanding of how agriculture impacts them on a daily basis.



A bucket calf gets fed.

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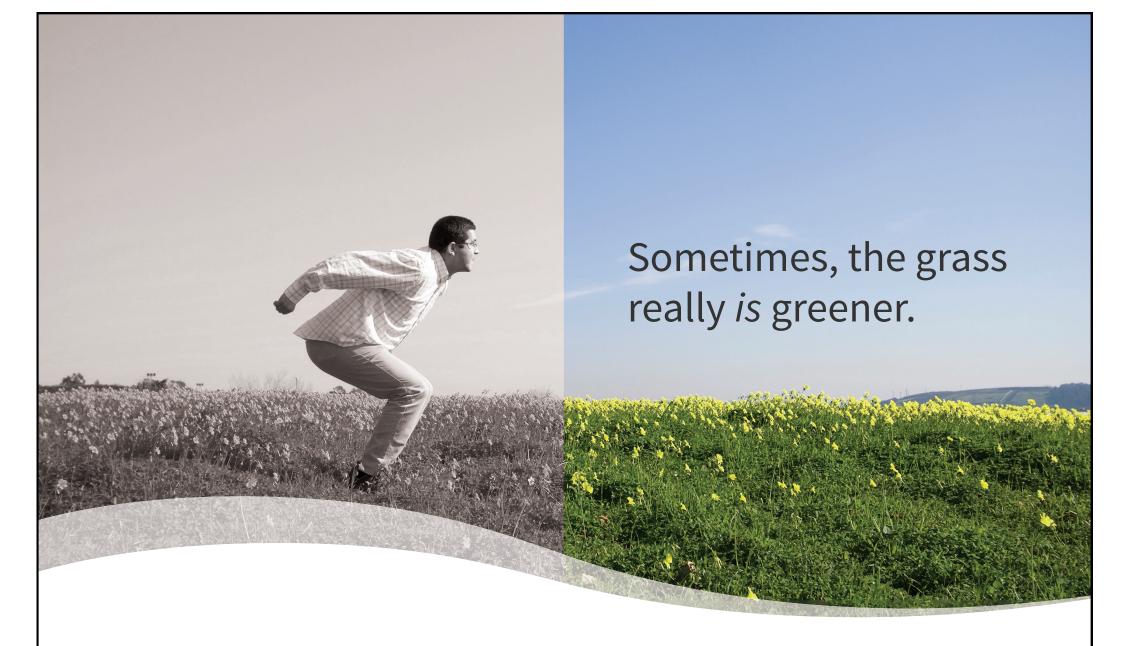
## **Graphic Gleanings**

In 1965 -- 50 years ago . . . Jimmy Poessnecker was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church on Palm Sunday after two years of instruction. He received Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday.

Atkinson firemen answered a call to a fire on the John J. Dvorak farm south of Atkinson. The barn was lost, but firemen kept a granary from being destroyed.

Mrs. G.E. Gonderinger has a new location for the Atkinson Flower Shop in the Gonderinger Motor Co. The spacious quarters feature wood paneling, display windows and enlarged cooler facilities.

Dennis Braun, Larry Schrunk, and Clyde Davis won a superior rating in Livestock Judging at the Voc. Ag Livestock Judging Contest in Lincoln. The team placed 8th out of 102 teams.



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