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Easter egg hunt

This year, the Neligh Young Men's Club is changing the way they host their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Those who live within the Neligh city limits may call the NYMC, and members will scatter eggs in your yard for you. Weather permitting, the personal egg hunts will take place on April 5. Please contact Adam Mortensen at 402-750-8666 with your name and address by April 3.

Food pantry closed

The Antelope County Food Pantry will be closed during the month of April.

Membership renewals

Although the Golden Prairie Chapter Pheasants Forever Banquet in Neligh has been postponed, the chapter officers would like to remind the public that membership renewals are due by June 1, 2020. Current and new members are asked to visit www.goldenprairiepf.org.

ORCHARD

Rusk Street closed

Beginning Tuesday, March 24, the Village of Orchard will be closing Rusk Street from Hwy 20 to 1st Street for repairs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 402-893-3811.

ANTELOPE COUNTY

Benefit auction set

The deadline to enroll for 4-H is April 1. Enroll online at: <https://ne.4honline.com/> Those who need help may contact the Antelope County Extension Office at 402-887-5414.

Blood drives set

Upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drive in the area are: Wednesday, March 25 - Ewing United Methodist-Presbyterian Church, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 6 - Neligh American Legion Hall, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Nearly all schools close for the year

By JENNY HIGGINS

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In an unprecedented move, nearly every school in the Antelope County News coverage area has closed its doors for the rest of the year.

Neligh-Oakdale, Orchard, Clearwater, Ewing and Elkhorn Valley each announced on Monday that they will follow the directive of the governor, several health departments and the local service unit and close their doors for the remainder of the year due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The schools in Elgin are taking

a different route with one closing until Myh and the other waiting a little longer before making a decision.

Elgin Public students took all books, laptops, ipads, and school supplies home with them on March 16. Superintendent Dan Polk said teachers reported to school on Tuesday and Wednesday to prepare the virtual or distant learning lessons for grades 7-12 and homework packets for lower elementary students.

Each Monday, homework packets are delivered to the homes of Grades PK thru 6th using a drop

box outside their front door. Any homework completed can be put in their drop box and drivers will pick that up and bring it back to the school. Grades 7-12 submit their homework electronically.

After the school building closed on March 16, students at Pope John and St. Boniface were told that digital learning would continue and were asked to check their email every day.

Teachers plan to post assignments on Google Classroom for students in grades 3-12 to complete and submit.

"This is not a 'closing of school'

or an extended Spring Break. This is a time of learning in this 4th quarter of the year," Principal Betty Getzfred said. "We will not be having school in the summer."

She said this means seniors need to complete their fourth quarter requirements in order to receive their diplomas.

While most of the schools were only utilizing activities as enrichment during the break, the schools are now evaluating how to proceed with graded assignments for students.

Creative visits feel like 'a hug for your soul'

By CARRIE PITZER

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As Mavis Johnson reached her hand to the window, the smile on her face sent a breath of warmth through the glass toward Niki Moore and her three kids.

Standing outside of The Willows Assisted Living on Monday afternoon, the Elgin family wanted Johnson to know — and to see for herself — just how much they care, even if the COVID-19 outbreak has restricted visitors to the Neligh facility.

"It was like a warm, fuzzy hug. It's like a hug for your soul," Moore said. "She had called and said she was really lonesome and missed everyone so much, so she was really surprised to see us."

Like many others, Moore and her children visited The Willows several times a week until it became too much of a health risk. Thanks to technology, they can see one another via Facebook video chat. But Johnson was still missing the face-to-face contact, especially with Moore's young children.

As Johnson looked out the window on Monday afternoon, she couldn't hide her emotions as she watched Kami, Mikiah and Zekkious run toward the window.

"It brought her to tears at

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PHOTO BY CARRIE PITZER

Mavis Johnson, reaches her hand out to "touch" Kami and Mikiah, children of Niki Moore, on Monday afternoon. A resident of The Willows Assisted Living, Johnson is able to talk on the phone and see her visitors outside the window. In the photo at left, Mary Anne Borer FaceTimes her daughter, Anne Knust.

Orchard exchange student forced to return home early due to outbreak

By JENNY HIGGINS

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This wasn't how she wanted her school year in America to end.

Madleen Reipen, a foreign exchange student at Orchard Public School, was sent back to Germany on Monday amid concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic.

When the notification came via an email on Thursday, 16-year-old Maddy was devastated by the news.

"I was very sad," she said. "I cried all day."

Maddy said the email from EF, her foreign

exchange program, didn't come as a complete shock, however.

"I was kind of expecting it because, a week before, we got emails which said we could decide if we wanted to go back or not. So, it was kind of our decision — at first," she said.

At that time, it was up to her whether or not she wanted to return to Germany.

"My dad said it was my own decision if I wanted to go back because it was worse there anyway, so I would've been safer here probably, also with traveling through all these airports," Maddy said.

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Madleen Reipen (third from the right) is seen with the Brian and Lindsay Switzer family before she returned home to Germany, ending her foreign exchange student experience early due to the coronavirus.

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Neligh man adjudged guilty

By JENNY HIGGINS
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It was a fairly short docket for Antelope County Court cases on Monday, which included a plea for attempted stalking by a Neligh man, and a DUI sentence for a woman who tested nearly five times over the legal alcohol limit.

Doug Carpenter of Neligh, who was originally scheduled for a bench trial, pleaded no contest to attempted stalking, a class II misdemeanor. As part of a plea agreement, Carpenter entered a no contest plea to the amended “attempted” charge, and Antelope County Attorney Joe Abler agreed to drop the other two charges.

Abler said Carpenter repeatedly called the victim’s place of work and even entered her workplace to ask if she was dating anyone. After these reports, Police Chief Mike Wright spotted him driving near her home and later arrested him. Abler said Carpenter said he admitted to calling the victim and driving by her home, stating he was infatuated with her for more than 30 years.

Judge Donna Farrell Taylor accepted his no contest plea and Carpenter was adjudged guilty. Appearing with his attorney Ryan Stover, Carpenter confirmed that he was still on probation

for a separate conviction. His sentencing was set for April 15 at 11:45 a.m.

Natalie Fernau of O’Neill appeared for sentencing on DUI in excess of 1.5 grams, along with her court-appointed attorney Pat Carney.

“This was an awfully high test — a .369 BAC (blood alcohol content),” Abler said.

Due to the high test and Fernau’s prior criminal history, he recommended a jail sentence. Carney requested that the judge make it no longer than 14 days.

“Can you tell me how much you drank on the evening you were arrested that you would test a .369?” Judge Taylor asked before sentencing. “That’s really, really high.”

She replied, “Well, I guess I had a couple Windsors and a beer and a cigarette. I don’t smoke marijuana.”

The charge stems from an October 2019 incident in which several motorists reported an impaired driver “all over the road” prior to her arrest on Highway 20 near Brunswick. Fernau was sentenced to 30 days in jail, given credit for one day served, ordered to pay a \$500 fine and \$105 court costs, and her driver’s license was revoked for one year.

COURTHOUSE

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Other officials attending were Sheriff Bob Moore, Clerk Lisa Payne, Treasurer Deb Branstiter, Assessor Kelly Mueller-Oltjenbruns, Clerk of District Court Judy Cole, County Court Magistrate Linda Mitchell, Extension Agent Brittany Spieker and Veterans Affairs Officer Tom Nelson.

Following the direction of several other Nebraska counties, courthouse doors will be locked and phone numbers will be placed on the doors for stakeholders to call the office they need to utilize. The main entry will be the double doors on the south side of the building. Employees will park on the streets to allow the parking lot to be utilized by county stakeholders.

Stakeholders are encouraged to call ahead and make appointments with officials, though walk-ins will be served as soon as less than 10 people (excluding county staff) are inside the courthouse.

The public is encouraged to use the county website (<https://antelopecounty.nebraska.gov/>) for as much business as possible and to ask questions by phone when possible. Officials told commissioners they understand some business must be completed

PERSONAL PROPERTY

With the Antelope County Courthouse closed to the public (and open by appointment only) due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Assessor Kelly Mueller-Oltjenbruns is reminding residents that personal property filings may be sent to her office by mail, email, fax or via the locked dropbox located by the back door of the courthouse.

face to face, and they are willing to do so.

“We want to keep the courthouse open,” Clerk Lisa Payne told commissioners.

County officials expressed concern at the meeting with how to monitor the number of people in the courthouse. Earlier in the day, a bus brought 27 individuals from another county to utilize the DMV. Although only one person met with the DMV at a time, the rest of the people filled the halls.

The Treasurer is requesting the public to call her office at 402-887-4247 or 402-887-4239 and they will gladly assist over the telephone if possible. Payments may be mailed or dropped in the drop box on the south side of the courthouse.

County court and district court will continue as scheduled at this time.

HUG

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first,” Moore said. “She wondered why they were moving her stuff and helping her to the window, and then she saw us, she almost cried.”

Not only could Johnson see the children she adores, she could hear them laugh and giggle through the telephone.

Jayne Prince, director of The Willows, said that’s the connection her staff is working hard to keep through this difficult time.

“We are a little family here,” Prince said. “We need to keep activities and normalcy here as much as possible, and we’re happy to help the families stay in touch with one another.”

Anne Knust of Neligh has also been visiting her mother, Mary Anne Borer, at the Willows, sitting outside in a chair and visiting on the phone. Knust said she was actually on the phone with her mom when she surprised her as well and appeared at her window.

“My mom’s eyes lit up,” she said. “It was a comfort for her. The older generation is so connected to family.”

Knust said she appreciates how The Willow’s staff is helping the residents maintain normalcy, perhaps even more than those who live by themselves.

“We’re all on lockdown right now, but she has some social activities, she has baths, gets her hair done, people she can converse with,” Knust said. “It’s a comfort to me to know she’s not sitting at home by herself right now.”

Knust said after seeing her mother’s reaction to the face-to-face visits through the window, she encourages others to visit the elderly, even if they aren’t close.

“We need to help the residents who don’t have family nearby,” she said. “Everyone in Antelope County is only 15-20 miles at most from The Willows. They can visit a friend’s family member for a few minutes, too. We need to get creative for these elderly who may have each other, but are feeling confined and alone during this time.”

Moore said she will continue making trips to The Willows, as well as video chatting with Johnson.

“She was like a kid in a candy store when she figured out that the faces came up on her iPad,” Moore said. “It was really special, and we’re going to keep doing these special things.”

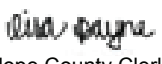
NOTICE OF 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION
ANTELOPE, NEBRASKA

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 12th day of May, 2020, at the designated polling places in the precincts of Antelope County, Nebraska, an election will be held for nominating, or in some cases electing, candidates to various offices and for voting on measures. The polls will open at 8:00 a.m and close at 8:00 p.m. Some races may not appear on your ballot as the candidates and issues are elected by specific subdivisions, districts or wards.

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| COUNTY TICKET | | | |
| For County Commissioner - District 2 Vote for ONE Eli Jacob - Republican Bob Krutz - Republican Donald Lallier - Republican | | | |

AUTOMATIC ADVANCEMENT TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

In compliance with Sec. 32-802 & 32-811, Nebraska Revised Statutes, the names of candidates properly filed for nomination at the primary election for the offices listed below do not exceed two candidates for each position to be filled; these candidates shall be declared nominated and their names shall advance to the general election. Their names will not appear on the Primary Election ballot.

| NONPARTISAN TICKET | NONPARTISAN TICKET | CITY TICKET | SCHOOL TICKET |
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| Northeast Community College For Board of Governors - District 1 4 Year Term - Vote for ONE Donovan Ellis - Non-Partisan | Upper Elkhorn Natural Resource District For Board of Directors -Subdistrict 7 4 Year Term - Vote for ONE Keith Heithoff - Non-Partisan | City of Tilden For Council Member - At Large Vote for up to THREE Travis Rutjens Darrell I. Wyatt Lisa A. Meyer | Creighton Public School Board District 13 - Vote for up to THREE Matthew L. Fritz Greg Kuhlman Duane Fanta |
| Northeast Community College For Board of Governors - At Large 4 Year Term - Vote for ONE Jeff Scherer - Non-Partisan Timothy Miller - Non-Partisan | COUNTY TICKET For County Commissioner - District 4 Vote for ONE Charlie Henery - Republican | SCHOOL TICKET | Boone Central Public School Board Vote for up to THREE Justin Frey Edmond D. Knott Erica Young |
| Lower Elkhorn Natural Resource District For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 1 4 Year Term - Vote for ONE Aaron J. Zimmerman - Non-Partisan Jay Reikofski - Non-Partisan | Antelope County Weed Board At Large - Vote for up to THREE William VanBrocklin - Republican Robert Willats - Republican Edward Jensen - Republican | Elgin Public School Board Member District 18 - Vote for up to THREE Steve Busteed | Plainview Public School Board District 5 - Vote for up to THREE Krista Hanks Michael Sauser Deb Jensen Chance Anderson |
| Upper Elkhorn Natural Resource District For Board of Directors -Subdistrict 5 4 Year Term - Vote for ONE Dennis L. Bridge - Non-Partisan Cody A. Frank - Non-Partisan | CITY TICKET City of Elgin For Council Member - At Large Vote for up to TWO Jim Kittelson | Elkhorn Valley Public School Board District 80 - Vote for up to THREE Jenny Schutt Tyler Tegeler Sam Johnsen Lucas Negus | The Secretary of State will publish a true copy of the title and text of any amendments or referendums once a week for three consecutive weeks preceding the election. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 20th day of March, 2020. |
| Upper Elkhorn Natural Resource District For Board of Directors -Subdistrict 6 4 Year Term - Vote for ONE Arthur R. Tanderup - Non-Partisan | City of Neligh For Council Member - At Large Vote for up to TWO Leonard L. Miller Dale Wilkinson | |  Antelope County Clerk |

Polling sites: Tilden Precinct and Tilden 1st Ward-Tilden Public Library; Oakdale Precinct-Oakdale Community Center; Neligh Precinct, Neligh 1st Ward and Neligh 2nd Ward-American Legion Post 172, Neligh; Brunswick Precinct-Brunswick Community Room Elgin 1st Ward, Elgin 2nd Ward and Elgin Precinct-KC Hall, Elgin; Royal Precinct-Royal Auditorium; Clearwater Precinct-American Legion Post 267, Clearwater; Orchard Precinct-Orchard Fire Hall.



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Easter Egg Hunt
Readers are encouraged to color — or design in their own unique way — the Easter Egg inside this edition of the newspaper and hang it in their window as part of the ACN's Community Cure For Isolation Blues fun going on April 10-12. Send a photo of your egg to be included in our contest. **Look for details and instructions on Page 8.**

Bargain Buyway
The Bargain Buyway, which was scheduled for April 24, 25 and 26, has been cancelled for everyone's safety at this time, according to organizers.

NELIGH

Blood drive planned
The American Red Cross Bloodmobile in Neligh is seeking donors by appointment only for Monday, April 6. The bloodmobile is planned from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Neligh American Legion. Organizer Dani Mortensen said appointments may be made by contacting her at 402-929-3226. She encourages college students who are home to consider giving, as the need is great at this time. Donors are asked to stay home if they are not feeling well. Temperatures will be taken at the door. A sit-down meal will not be served; however, donors will be given sack lunches to go.

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Antelope County's First

POSITIVE TEST

CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE

POSSIBLE EXPOSURE IN NELIGH, CLEARWATER

By CARRIE PITZER
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Antelope County has its first positive COVID-19 case, as of Monday night. The North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) was made aware of a positive COVID-19 case in Antelope County and said the individual and their family are in quarantine. No details, including the individuals' age or community, have been released as of press time.

NCDHD has initiated contact investigations and has been rapidly assessing potential exposures to determine next steps.

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Don Carr listens to Sunday's service at Calvary Bible in Neligh from his pickup during their first "drive-in services." Pastor Peter Sample said he plans to continue drive-in service, including on Easter morning.

PHOTO BY CARRIE PITZER

FROM DRIVE-IN SERVICE TO LIVE STREAMING, CHURCHES FIND WAYS TO REACH CONGREGATIONS

By JENNY HIGGINS
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As the pastor looked out at his congregation, he hoped the sound coming through his microphone was loud enough. "If you can hear me, honk!" Pastor Peter Sample instructed those attending his first drive-in service outside the Calvary Bible Church in Neligh on Sunday.

A resounding blast of car and pickup horns provided the answer he needed.

Pastor Sample smiled and asked his congregation to come to the "front row" before beginning the service. Engines started up and the vehicles moved closer to their pastor who stood on a flatbed trailer with guitarist Brooke Curtis in the background.

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PHOTO BY JENNY HIGGINS

Father Pat Niels is now broadcasting Mass using Facebook Live at St. Francis of Assisi.

PHOTO BY LUKE JACOBSEN

Jennifer Blackburn-Nielsen and son, Cameron, show the type of plastic their company donated.

BLACKBURN SENDS PLASTIC TO MAKE HOSPITAL GOWNS

By LUKE JACOBSEN
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Blackburn Manufacturing is the latest company to help out with the COVID-19 outbreak. Jennifer Blackburn-Nielsen was approached last weekend by a nurse at Bryan Medical Center asking if they would be able to donate plastic to help make masks for the hospital staff to wear. Although Blackburn-Nielsen said she didn't know if their plastic for marking flags would work well for masks,

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PHOTO BY JENNY HIGGINS

Traci Jacobsen delivers flowers to her grandmother, LaNora Taylor, at Arbor Care Center. Jacobsen owns the Neligh Flower Shop and delivered hundreds of flowers to residents this week.

HUNDREDS OF FLOWERS DELIVERED TO NURSING HOME, ASSISTED LIVING

By JENNY HIGGINS
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She smiled through the glass as brightly colored carnations were brought to the door.

The beautiful flowers were a welcome sight as she sat in her wheelchair inside the nursing home — but the person delivering the bouquet made her face light up even more.

LaNora Taylor, 100, a resident at the Arbor Care Center in Neligh had spotted her granddaughter — Traci Jacobsen, owner of the Neligh Flower Shop.

As her granddaughter approached, LaNora slowly raised her hand to place it on the glass door that separated them. Traci pressed her hand against the glass to match her grandma's. It was an emotional moment for both of them.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why close library?

Dear Editor,

In this time of the Covid virus, many people have opinions. As always, opinions are not facts!

When we look back on this time, are we going to be happy with our response? Individually or as a group — medical facilities, non-profits, city councils, etc? We are told to stay at home. But some must work. We that volunteer are needed more now than ever. The average age of volunteers in Nebraska is 55 years of age. As for me, I would gladly continue to help if I could, but even as the price of gas has dropped, so has my income. So delivering food or helping with transportation is no longer possible.

Now I have been told the Neligh Library will close April 1st — the only library that was still open. Not everyone owns a computer or has a smartphone. This was one of my best resources. “The Library is More Than Books.” The folks who staff the library are an undervalued resource in the best of times. The services they provide will be greatly missed by all of us who use them. I hope they will be treated fairly.

My hope is that people will come through this wiser and more compassionate, but right now, common sense should prevail.

Alesiah Dart,
Royal

Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Dear Editor:

Amidst the COVID-19 crisis happening in our communities and beyond, please don't forget about the everyday crisis and trauma that some men, women and children live with daily. Domestic violence and sexual assault do not take a break in times of national crisis.

As people are socially distancing themselves and staying home, remember that home is not a safe place for some people. That sanctuary that most of us can thankfully take for granted, individuals affected by domestic

violence, child abuse, and child sexual assault cannot. If you know of someone in these situations, please reach out to them with a quick phone call. Let them know that you care and are there for them.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and a time that Bright Horizons would usually be working to raise awareness of this important issue. But, like most organizations, our events, displays and fundraising have come screeching to a halt. Despite this upheaval, we want the community to be aware that there is a need to educate on the prevalence of unwanted sexual contact. In the U.S., one in three women and one in six men experience some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime. Only 12% of child sexual abuse is ever reported to the authorities. In eight out of 10 cases of rape, the victim knew the perpetrator. These few staggering statistics show the need to not only be aware, but work towards prevention of these crimes.

As we face the unknown with COVID-19, Bright Horizons wants our communities to know that we are still here. Our advocates will continue to provide services to victims of sexual & domestic violence and their families to the best of our ability. Like the rest of our community we are taking precautions and changing the way in which we provide those services. We will do our best to minimize face-to-face contact without compromising safety of the survivor. Bright Horizons has staff available in all three locations: Norfolk, O'Neill and Ainsworth. We will continue to provide 24-hour crisis line services.

During Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we will be sharing resources on our website and social media pages. Please “like” us on Facebook and subscribe to the blog on our website www.brighthorizonsne.org to help us share our message of hope to survivors.

Amanda Wallace,
Bright Horizons



Traci Jacobsen and Carla Teel at the Neligh Flower Shop.

Flowers

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“I just wished I could have given her a hug,” Traci said. “Just knowing it could be months was really hard.”

Nursing homes and assisted living centers in the area are now closed to visitors as a precautionary measure during the COVID-19 outbreak. The facilities have the capability of doing FaceTime and Skype with their loved ones, but it's still not quite the same.

That's one of the reasons why Traci decided to try something special for them.

On Thursday, the Neligh Flower Shop started an “Adopt-A-Resident” program for those in the Arbor Care Center and The Willows in Neligh and Prairie View Assisted Living in Tilden.

Individuals and businesses were invited to “adopt-a-resident” by sending a double carnation vase

and an uplifting message.

“They aren't able to see their family up close and personal,” she said. “They can talk to them on the phone, they can wave at them through the window, but that's it. I think this will just help brighten their day.”

In order to make sure each resident received flowers, Traci needed 76 total orders — Arbor Care has 38 residents, The Willows 22 and Prairie View 16. By the time the flower shop made their deliveries on Monday, they had received 165 orders.

“The response was overwhelming,” Traci said. “People were saying, ‘If someone isn't getting one, let me know and I'll send more.’ People wanted to make sure everyone got one. Everybody just wanted to help and make the residents feel special. It's a feel good moment.”

Exposure

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All identified close contacts will self-quarantine (stay home) and be actively monitored twice daily by public health officials for fever and respiratory symptoms.

At this time, the community exposure times related to the case are the following:

- March 25th — Casey's General Store in Neligh, NE at 12:00 PM — low risk
- March 25th — Clearwater Market between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM — low risk
- March 27th — Clearwater Market at 4:00 PM — low risk

If you feel you have been exposed, NCDHD encourages you to self-monitor your symptoms. If you feel you are ill, call your provider.

As of Tuesday, four tests had reportedly been administered in Antelope County, according to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Of the four, just one was positive.

The DHHS is reporting 177 positive tests and 3,025 negative tests. There have been four deaths so far reported in Nebraska.

On Tuesday, Governor Pete Ricketts announced a new executive order to give healthcare facilities greater flexibility to respond to COVID-19. The purpose is to enable healthcare facilities to expand capacity. Among other changes, the Governor's order:

- Waives time limits for how long Critical Access Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers may keep patients.

- Waives the Certificate of Need Act to allow hospitals to add or convert any beds into long-term care beds or rehabilitation beds in appropriate locations to care for COVID-19 patients who no longer require acute care support.

- Waives the licensed bed limit if additional unlicensed beds are available or could be added for use in treating COVID cases or to meet the needs of non-COVID patients.

Blackburn

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she thought it may be useful for another purpose.

“I honestly didn't think that the plastic would hold up being used for masks, but then I thought about them being used for gowns and that made a lot of sense to use it for that,” she said.

Blackburn-Nielsen asked others at Blackburn Manufacturing what color they should send and they decided on blue.

“They wanted white and we wanted to give them that, but we

didn't know if we would run out or not, so we decided on blue,” she said.

Cameron Nielsen, Jennifer's son, loaded up the 150-pound roll of plastic on Monday morning and drove it down to the medical center. It was dropped off the same day so the hospital gowns could be made.

“We were just happy to help,” Blackburn-Nielsen said. “In times like this, everyone has to help each other out.”

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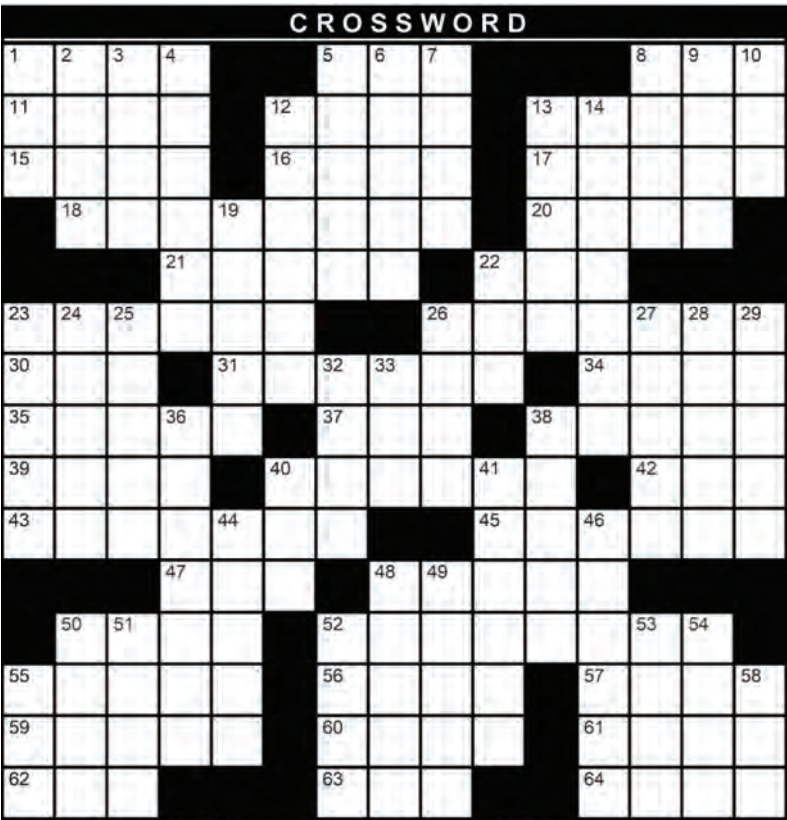
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ACROSS

- Bookie's number
- Parents org.
- Slang for microwave
- Time distortion
- One with biggest share?
- Like a case of appendicitis, possibly
- Decanter
- Knowing about
- Mister in Madrid
- *Usually served on ice, 2 words
- Barber's sound
- Accepted truth
- Took a load off

- Artist's office
- Excites passions, 2 words
- Comic book cry of horror
- Rude or sarcastic
- Chips, perhaps
- Roleplay
- Chinese "way"
- Ice floaters
- 100 centavos
- Merry
- Table scrap
- Breastbone
- *Double shot of espresso
- Feather's partner
- Not here
- Nickname for Putin?
- *Revolutionary event
- *Tea is the only simple

- pleasure left to us," he wrote
- Research facil.
- Typically used in the fairway
- Goodbye to amiga
- Plenty
- Why not
- *Black tea, in China
- Bard's "before"
- Pay close attention

DOWN

- Be in the red
- Crows' cousins
- Actress Barrymore
- More like rumors
- *'70s Ford model
- Native American emblem
- Dwarf buffalo

- Pueblo tribesman
- On top
- For each
- Cosmetic cabinet staple
- Allegro _____ in music, Italian
- *Perk from "Friends"
- Exit plus s
- Article of faith
- Romanov's edict
- *A _____ of tea, in U.K.
- Prowl around
- Embryo cradles
- Green pasta sauce
- One on the list
- Faux one
- *Equal parts espresso and

- warm milk
- Fauna's partner
- Hudson's Bay Company original ware
- Experts
- Nose channels
- Kick the bucket
- Between countertenor and baritone
- Make this, not waste
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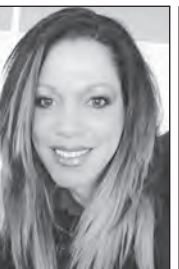
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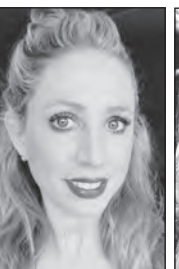
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Did you miss the 4-H deadline? Well, here is some good news: the deadline has been extended to Wednesday, April 15.

Early voting ballots

Due to COVID-19 concerns, voters who do not want to vote at a polling location may request an early voting ballot application for the May 12 Primary Election. You may take a photo of your application or scan in your request and email it to clerk@antelopecounty.org by May 1. Applications may be completed at <https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/early-voting>.

ORCHARD

Photo contest set

Orchard parents are encouraged to post a photo of their Easter Egg hunters to be entered in a drawing for Easter baskets. The Orchard Economic Development Association (OEDA) and Orchard Community Club are hosting the photo hunt instead of a traditional hunt to follow gathering restrictions due to COVID-19. Post photos on the Orchard Economic Development Association Facebook post shown below by 9 a.m. on April 10.

NELIGH

Brightening birthdays

Parents and guardians of children in the Neligh fire district may request to have the Neligh Volunteer Fire Department drive by their home on the special day. With social distancing in effect, a child's birthday may be hard to celebrate, and the firefighters would love to bring a smile to their faces during this time. If you have a child with a birthday in April or May, please send a text to 402-640-0853. A truck will visit with lights and sirens, wishing your child a Happy Birthday. Unfortunately, firefighters will not stop or give rides.

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Teacher remembered for inspiration

Supporters encouraged to line route to cemetery



Clearwater player Brooke Kniewel fist bumps Scott Leisy during a subdistrict basketball last season.

By JENNY HIGGINS

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A beloved Clearwater teacher and coach, who inspired others with his mantra "Win the day," succumbed to cancer on Monday.

Scott Leisy, 34, "considered every day a winning day" after his diagnosis of stage IV colorectal cancer in February of 2018, according to his obituary.

Scott's Squad, a Facebook page that was created for Scott and his family to connect with others during his cancer journey, stated that Scott has now received "the ultimate win" and thanked everyone "for all the love." It also pictured the Bible verse, "The right-living people are finally at rest. They lived well and with dignity and now they're finally at

peace." Isaiah 57:1-2

Family graveside services will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Atkinson. The Clearwater Public School announced that cars may line each side of the route to the cemetery in support. Supporters are encouraged to go to meet at the Atkinson Public Library at 10:15 a.m. and the procession to the cemetery will begin at 10:45 a.m. Attendees may stay in their vehicles or spread out due to social distancing guidelines.

Scott was born on Oct. 28, 1985 in Sidney, Nebraska to Lisa (Sterling) Lamb and was adopted by Darrel and Wilda Leisy at 4 months old. He grew up in

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SEW

Much Support

By JENNY HIGGINS
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In the top photo, Debbie Desautels sews homemade masks for staff members at The Willows in Neligh. Bottom photo: Stacey Mitchell created homemade masks for her grandchildren, Aria, Ella, Dacia and Connor Mitchell, in addition to making them for health care workers at Antelope Memorial Hospital.

Piles of cotton material and elastics clutter the table as they sit behind their sewing machines.

Dining rooms across Antelope County are being turned into makeshift sewing rooms as volunteers make face masks for health care workers, family and friends during the coronavirus pandemic.

This could make a huge impact as many U.S. hospitals are facing a critical shortage in N95 masks, the industry's standard for filtering out airborne diseases.

Stacey Mitchell, a registered nurse at Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh, said she started making masks at home after learning that most health care facilities are not going to have enough PPEs (Personal Protection Equipment) to deal with a COVID-19 outbreak.

"And if I could help out even a little bit, I was going to," she said. "Obviously, these cloth masks cannot be worn when you have a COVID patient, but they could be worn in different areas for a little bit of protection. These are going to be better than nothing. And I hope we do not get down to nothing."

Paula Howard, an Elkhorn Valley first grade teacher, began sewing

masks

on March 16 after one of her friends contacted her about a dire need in Illinois.

"Her friend works for a hospital there that had run out of masks and had nothing at all to protect themselves," Paula said. "These masks were being used, not as a cover for N95 masks, but as a last resort."

She and her daughter, Montana, made 40 masks to help fill the need there and have continued making more.

"I even got the rest of my family to help me do some cutting," Paula said.

The next two bunches of masks, along with the 65 head coverings they requested, were mailed to three more hospitals in Texas. Since then, she has been helping out facilities a little closer to home, such as a nursing home and home health care in Norfolk.

Arbor Care in Neligh has several women stepping up to help make masks, according to Megan Allemang, director of nursing.

At this time, she said Stephanie Stur, Priscilla Blair, Lucy Pyle, Carol Hanlin and Linda Brown are all sewing masks for the Neligh nursing home.

"Many are from within our facility and out in the community," Megan said. I am

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A safe celebration

Communities adapt to governing restrictions

By JENNY HIGGINS

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A firetruck and about three dozen carloads of friends surprised a Neligh woman with a social distancing birthday party on Friday night.

The fire truck led the way, blaring the "Happy Birthday" song over its speaker. Her daughter told her to come outside.

"I was totally surprised, and actually didn't quite understand what was fully happening until about the third car," Angie Belitz said of the caravan that came down the street. "I had seen on ACN that morning that the fire department was going by houses of kids for birthdays, and I thought it was initially just the fire truck."

As vehicle after vehicle stopped in front of her

house, her friends got out with 50th birthday balloons, yard signs and gifts. Instead of birthday hugs, Angie got a few elbow bumps before they headed down the road.

She was still stunned by it all, but finally understood.

"I realized what was happening and looked up the hill at all the cars," Angie said. "It just brought tears to my eyes, and I was so touched, overwhelmed, humbled and totally felt the love of a small town. It still brings tears to my eyes, just remembering."

Even with the social distancing guidelines due to the COVID-19 outbreak, her friends knew they didn't want to let this milestone birthday slip by unnoticed.

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The Belitz family was in on the surprise for Angie as a firetruck and carloads of friends drove by for a social distancing birthday party on Friday. Pictured are Mallory (holding their dog Farley), Cole, Matt, Angie, Tyson and Garret Belitz.



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Angie Belitz waves to Neligh firemen Jason Krebs and Dave Jacobsen, who led the carloads of party-goers during the social distancing birthday party for her 50th birthday on Friday.

Paynes honored as good neighbors

By JENNY HIGGINS
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An Elgin couple jumped into action as soon as they came upon a 2019 car accident. They immediately called 911 and applied a tourniquet to the arm of an injured young man while they waited for rescue personnel to arrive.

Ray and Peggy Payne were recently recognized for their life-saving actions. They were presented the 2020 ServeNebraska Good Nebraska Neighbor Award.

The Paynes received a certificate signed by the governor and their nominator Tom Nelson, Antelope County Veteran Services Officer.

“ServeNebraska is proud to recognize the dedicated Nebraska spirit that Ray and Peggy demonstrated,” Katherine Lacy, program development officer.



PHOTO BY THE ELGIN REVIEW
Tom Nelson, Ray and Peggy Payne are Gary Hoefer are shown during the award presentation.

Celebration

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“I thought about our options and knew we were limited on what we could do, so I thought maybe we could just invite a group of friends and we could drive by her house with our cars decorated and holding signs, and make some noise,” Heather Dawson of Neligh said. “Those that wanted to drop off a gift or balloon could place it on her porch or in her yard.”

Although Heather admits it wasn’t ideal, they decided to make the best of the situation. Leann Frey and Becky Kerkman helped plan the event. Leann sent out a group chat to some of Angie’s friends and encouraged them to secretly spread the word.

“People immediately responded and were very receptive to the idea,” she said.

On Friday morning, Heather contacted Neligh firemen Dave Jacobsen and Jason Krebs after learning they were helping people celebrate their birthdays. They were both willing to participate.

“That is what is so great about living in a small town,” Heather said. “People rally around one

another and are so supportive and willing to help.”

She was pleased with the turnout for the celebration and said everything worked out well.

“The best part was being able to celebrate our friend, despite the current situation, and seeing how appreciative and grateful she was,” Heather said. “It was also pretty cool to see all of those people and the line of cars waiting to drive by and simply wish her a ‘Happy Birthday.’”

Angie said the surprise certainly brightened her day.

“For someone that likes to be around people, I have felt a little isolated lately due to this darn pandemic,” she said. “I had just come to grips that my 50th birthday did not come at an opportune time.”

Angie said the best part was being able to see so many of her friends. She was touched that people would organize something like this for her birthday.

“I literally was speechless. And you know, that’s not typically me,” she said with a laugh.

Sew

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just amazed at times like these how, we as a community, come together and support each other. These homemade masks are going to help us save our PPE supply if we should ever need it.”

Jayne Prince, administrator at The Willows in Neligh, said their facility has been fortunate to receive some surgical masks from the health department, but staff members are placing homemade cloth masks over the surgical masks.

Jeanne Petersen and Debbie Desautels are providing homemade masks for The Willows.

“It’s amazing how many people are coming together and helping us,” Jayne said. “We are all in this together.”

Stacey said she is creating her masks for AMH as “additional protection for their hospital grade PPEs” and has created several different styles.

“I use my own pattern and I’ve been improving it, taking them in and letting the gals try them,” she said. “There’s got to be comfort, there’s got to be durability and, of course, there’s got to be a safety factor also. It continues to be a work in progress. It’s the safety of those nurses and doctors.”

The quality of the piece is the most important part, according to Stacey, who has been wearing them while working at the hospital. And she insists that her masks have adjustable wire nose pieces and comfortable elastic.

“I did some without the adjustable nose clips, and they are not going to be near as safe or even as comfortable because they tend to ride up,” Stacey said. “And elastic to go around the ears is the best, but you have to make sure it’s not too tight because, if you’re going to wear this thing all day, you want it to be comfortable.”

In most of her masks, she’s been using two layers of cotton plus stabilizer, a non-woven

“The particles to get through that stabilizer have to be way, way, way smaller,” Stacey said. “And that’s what you want. You can tell when you put on one that’s two layers of cotton, versus a layer of cotton and stabilizer, because the cotton and stabilizer are much harder to breathe through — you can tell.”

No matter what safety measures are being taken, she said homemade masks should never be worn if a patient is even suspected to be positive for COVID-19.

“If you are going into a room where somebody is being screened for possible COVID, then you darn well better have on your N95, because it takes at least three hours for those particles to settle,” Stacey said. “You don’t want to be breathing in that air.”

She started out using a muslin fabric and has “advanced to wild and crazy colors.”

“And since the one gentleman on our staff wasn’t really partial to my flowered prints, I have now made 25 that are all patriotic,” Stacey said with a chuckle.

The fact that homemade masks are being made in a variety of patterns may be a good thing, according to Megan at Arbor Care.

“I think the residents are going to enjoy seeing all the different masks that staff will be wearing,” she said. “It may just brighten their days during these difficult times.”

The volunteers making these cloth masks are humble about their work, calling them a “small token” as health care workers deal with the daily struggles involving this pandemic.

“The real shout out is to all those doctors and nurses on the front lines,” Paula said. “This is just about helping others in a time of need. I pray they all stay safe and healthy.”

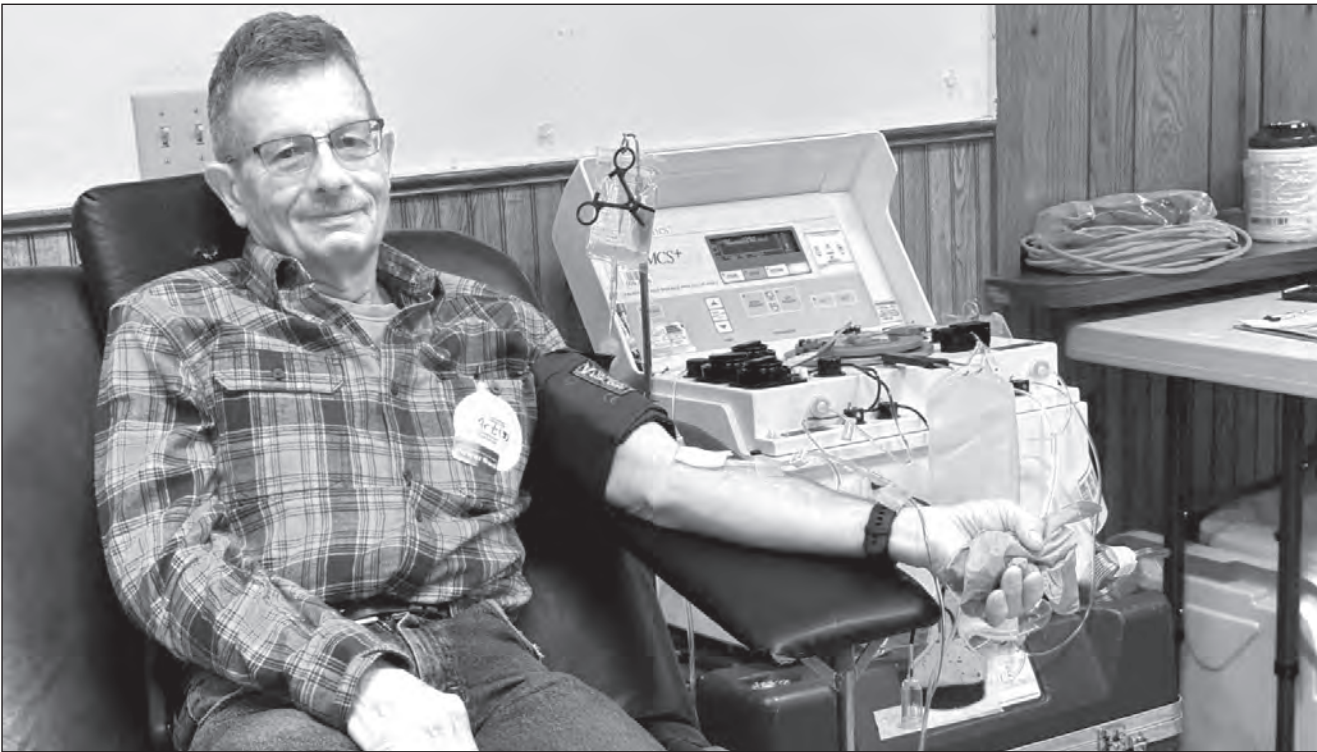


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Art Sehi of Oakdale donates double reds during the American Red Cross Bloodmobile on Monday at the American Legion in Neligh.

Bloodmobile nearly hits goal

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Neligh Legion was just two shy of its 93-unit goal on Monday, according to coordinator Dani Mortensen.

“It was awesome,” Mortensen said. “People knew we were only open by appointment, and we still were able to collect 91 pints.”

Complete list of donors: Robert Kester, Rita Kester, Art Sehi, Lori Murray, Michael Wright, Michael Masat, Jacob Lingenfelter, Terry Smith, Taylor Smith, Phil Hart, Dave Jacobsen, Jennifer Higgins, Jim Koenig, Lori Jones, Gregory Nielsen, Gwen Jacobsen, Heath Morrison, Rhonda Heithoff, Craig Heckert, Emma Bixler, Anita Donason, Carol Anderson, Terry Heithoff, Jeff Doerr, Tracy Sehi, Leann Frey, Kathryn Koenig, Douglas Haselhorst, Adam Mortensen, Nathan Hughes, Dwaine Trease, Emily Mlnarik, Teresa Schade, Koryn Koinzan, Michael Ingalls Jr., Ruth Risinger, Charlene Hughes,

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PHOTO BY CARRIE PITZAEER
Adam Mortensen (shown) and Brent Pickrel of the Neligh Young Men’s Club helped the American Red Cross on Monday as they unloaded equipment and supplies in Neligh.

Teacher

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up in Atkinson and graduated from West Holt High School in 2004. Scott continued his academic and basketball career at Dana College, earning a degree in K-12 physical education and a minor in broadcasting. He married Mary Hendricks in July of 2008 and had three children, Hayden, Baylor and Jordyn.

Over the years, Scott taught and coached in Dorchester, Thedford, O’Neill, McCook and, finally, Clearwater. In 2017, the Leisy family landed “back home,” sharing their life between Clearwater, O’Neill and the ranch near Atkinson.

“The couple has said many times since that move, that God knew they would need to be home for the challenges that were ahead,” his obituary said.

After his cancer diagnosis, Scott’s “infectious positivity, solid faith in the Lord and love for his family and friends were his source of strength throughout his cancer battle.”

Hundreds of heartbroken former colleagues and players struggled to put their emotions into words after learning of his death.

“It’s hard to find the right words... but I’m grateful to have shared so many memories with you, your family, and the different teammates throughout the years,” Kelsey Higgins of Thedford wrote. “What I would give for one more joke or sarcastic comment... or maybe

even one more Irene. It is so apparent how many lives you have touched Coach. You will be missed, but never forgotten.”

Clearwater senior Brooke Knievel stated, “He’s a person who strived to make your day better and absolutely loved to see people smile and make them laugh. He was easily the best person to get along with. I’ll admit, I was a teeny tiny bit of a trouble maker in his class sometimes...all the time...and there were days where I would walk into weightlifting, and he would yell, “Brooke, start running laps!” Right now, I would give anything to hear him say that one more time or play volleyball in P.E. with him and have him block EVERY SINGLE ONE of my hits (he didn’t even have to jump).”

“You will forever be missed, Coach Leisy, “Jayde Haburchak of O’Neill wrote. “I am confident in knowing that you #wonthead and are with our Heavenly Father now. RIP.”

Shelly Mlnarik, former Clearwater boys coach and current athletic director, said she admired Scott’s competitive spirit when it came to coaching — and his battle with cancer.

“He handled everything that cancer threw at him with positivity and grace,” she wrote. “There were so many times I heard him say, “I won the day,” and hit me with a high five! He never complained because he was always grateful for one more day. The last few months were hard on him. There were many days he didn’t feel good, but would be at school, ready

to greet everyone with a high five.”

On April 2, his family posted on Scott’s Squad Facebook page, “Though we don’t know exactly why, Scott has declined quickly this week. There’s lots more details, but the end result is the same. He has decided to enter hospice care. We are at the ranch, trying to stay ahead of the pain & discomfort. He’s in & out, but is feeling the love from everyone who has reached out today. We really do have an awesome squad & love you all.”

On Saturday evening, a convoy of more than 250 cars drove by the family ranch near Atkinson to show support for Scott and his family.

After the Clearwater School officials were notified of Scott’s passing on Sunday night, crisis Zoom meetings were started on Monday morning to help students through this difficult time.

Scott is survived by his wife Mary, who is also a Clearwater teacher; children Hayden age 8, Baylor age 6 and Jordyn age 3; his parents and dearly beloved in-laws, Darrell and Wilda Leisy and Rick and Nancy Hendricks, all of Atkinson; his sister Jenny Leisy of Atkinson; brother-in-law Tim (Kim) Hendricks of Wahoo; grandmother Rita Muhm of Alliance, NE and Della Schwindt of Salina, Kans.; 5 nieces and nephews; and countless students, players and friends.

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Wanek Pharmacy installs window to ‘help customers stay healthy’

By CARRIE PITZER

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Wanek Pharmacy has always tried to offer quick service to its customers, but even owner Danelle Charf is a bit amazed at how quickly she added a pick up window.

“It was officially installed on Monday,” Charf said on Friday. “Dave Schmitt started breaking through the three layers of brick on that Friday, and by Monday, we locked our doors and started using only the window.”

Whether it was irony or good timing, the new pick up window was ready for use the same day the North Central Health Department announced Antelope County’s first positive COVID-19 test, which brought the novel virus close to home.

“With a positive case in the county, it’s alarming and a scary situation,” Charf said. “I have my employees wearing gloves and masks. They may not like it, but it’s going to demonstrate to the community how serious this virus is. This is nothing to mess around with.”

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Wanek Pharmacy employees April Buck, Kim Wright, Heather Bauer, Mary McKillip, Danelle Charf and Sonya Jensen are now serving customers through a newly-added pick up window.

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MEET THE NELIGH-OAKDALE CLASS OF 2020



Jorden Fulsaa

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Student’s School: Neligh Oakdale High School

Parents Names: Angie and Delayne Fulsaa

Siblings Names/Ages: Zia-20, Wynter-20, Krystal-16

What activities did you participate in while in high school? Band, Choir, One-Act, All School Musical/Play

What is your favorite memory of high school? Class C/Class D Honor Band at the hockey game with the lady in front of me with the hockey puck, Laser tag and winning with my favorite team, Skeeter Barnes with

my best friends and prank calling my sisters room

What advice can you offer underclassmen?

Do your homework!!! DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!!!

What are your future plans (college with major if known or workforce) and where do you hope to be in five years? My plan is to attend Wayne State College for a degree in Elementary Education for 4 years. After that I plan to hopefully find a job close to home and finally get to work into the classroom!!

SOCIAL DISTANCING EGG HUNT



PHOTOS BY CARRIE PITZER
Blake Mooney tosses Easter eggs (left) and Alan Vraspir drives the hearse (above) as the Neligh Young Men’s Club hid eggs in yards throughout town. Among the nearly 60 households was that of Cambree Kimes, daughter of Aaron and Terra Bentley-Kimes. The group hid more than 1,600 eggs Sunday morning.

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Steve Simonsen shows the gear Neligh Rescue is wearing during the COVID-19 scare, including a gown, mask and face shield. Simonsen is holding the N95, which will with protect the wearer from liquid and airborne particles.

Neligh Rescue ‘as prepared as can be’

By CARRIE PITZER

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From face shields to gowns, Neligh ambulances are stocked and ready for COVID-19.

“We’re as prepared as we can be,” said Neligh EMT Steve Simonsen. “People shouldn’t be afraid to call us if they need help.”

Calls to Neligh Rescue have decreased in the past several weeks. While there are no specific reasons why that is, both EMT Captain Jared Jacob and Simonsen said people should not be concerned about spreading illness to the EMTs.

If help is needed — from the coronavirus to any other emergency — Neligh Rescue is prepared to assist.

“If someone is sick and needs to get to the hospital, call us,” Simonsen said. “We are prepared and have the gear to get you safely from your home to the hospital. If someone is concerned about our safety, they don’t need to worry about that. We are prepared.”

Jacob said ambulances have the N95 masks stocked, as well as other masks, face shields and gowns. EMTs have gone through training to ensure they know the proper protocol, which now includes putting a mask on patients as well, even during an auto accident, such as the one that occurred on the Oakdale cutacross Friday morning.

Jacob said EMTs wore gloves and masks and also put a mask on the patient during assessment. No extrication was needed Friday, but had it been, the fire department also would have worn masks.

“We’re all on the same page as to what’s expected of the fire department if they’re needed,” Jacob said. “Our goal is to keep them away from the patient and use them as a resource if we absolutely need to. Their bunker gear will work as protection, too.”

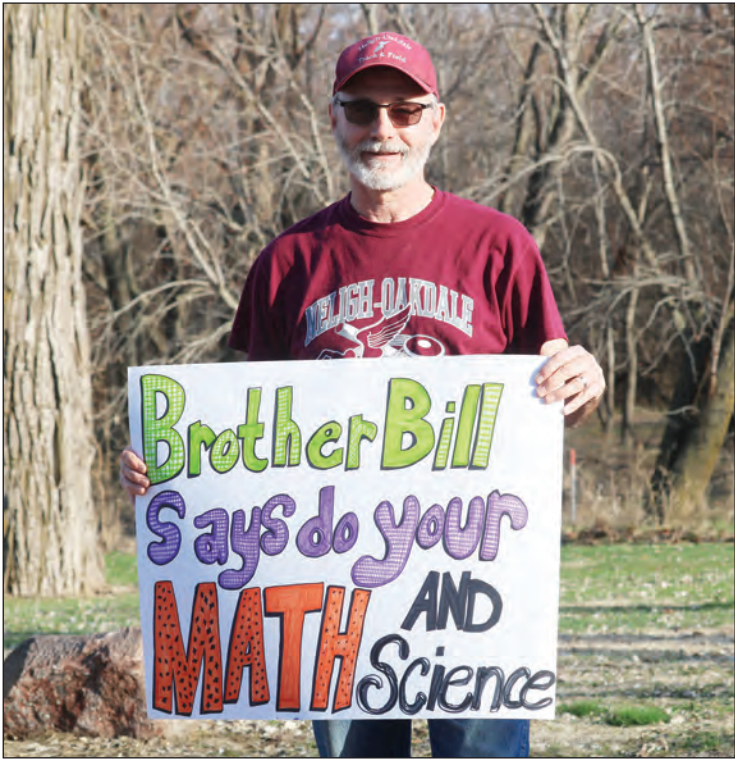
Neligh Rescue handles all rescue calls in Neligh, Oakdale and Brunswick. Several members of the Orchard Rescue also work for the Neligh Rescue, which Jacob said keeps the policies consistent among local EMTs. Simonsen said that’s a key reason the squads are so prepared.

“It pretty much starts from the top down. We work for the hospital, and they’re in touch with the CDC and health department. They get information every day and are passing that down to our captain, so as things change, we change,” he said. “Today we’re ready, though things may change. Right now, we’re as prepared as we can be for what’s going on.”

Jacob said potential COVID-19 cases can call Antelope Memorial Hospital’s triage for assistance as

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TEACHER PARADE



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Rick Eickholt (above) and Lisa Hansen (below) were among the more than two dozen Neligh-Oakdale teachers who hosted a social distance parade around Riverside Park last Wednesday. At least six feet apart, faculty, staff and administrators held signs and waved to students as their families drove around the park waving back and honking.





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Mayor Joe Hartz and City Council Member and ACE representative Dale Wilkinson shown with ACE distribution that Neligh received for \$8,736.00. This is the largest distribution Neligh has received as one of 75 Nebraska members. Since ACE formed in 1998, ACE has returned \$54,631 to Neligh. Part of this year’s distribution proceeds will go toward the CodeRed Emergency Notification System and part of the proceeds are being discussed for community betterment projects.
The 2020 Choice Gas program begins April 10th and will run through April 23rd.

Staffing changes at Clearwater

By JENNY HIGGINS
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On Monday night, the Clearwater Original Board accepted its third elementary teacher resignation since March and discussed the possibility of combining some of its classes.

Sixth grade teacher Abbey Schwindt submitted her resignation, which will take effect at the end of the current school year. Schwindt has accepted a teaching position at Grand Island Northwest after three years in Clearwater.

In March, the board approved resignations for fourth grade teacher Lila Wondercheck and Jamie Turpin, fifth grade teacher and Summerland cross country coach.

After the latest resignation, Principal Mike Sanne said his current plan is to combine this year's third and fourth graders into one class of 17 students next year.

"That is what my intentions are moving forward with staffing here at this point," Sanne said.

In other matters, the board:

- Discussed the school's continuity of learning plan. Sanne said they are using a combination of packets and online learning at this time. He will continue to look into options and said, "This will probably change and grow as things go along."
- Learned that 28 students are

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Orchard earmarks \$400,000

By CARRIE PITZER
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After months of discussions on potentially earmarking funds for the demolition of the oldest section of the Orchard school building, the original board moved forward with it on Monday.

The Orchard Original Board met via Zoom due to gathering restrictions because of COVID-19, and voted 5-1 to earmark \$400,000 for restructuring the school. Principal Cathy Cooper said by definition, that means "to change the make up, organization or pattern of" the building.

Kristi Schutt made the original motion, "so the public knows this is what we're planning to help out with." After about 15 minutes of discussion after the motion was made, Terri Hergert said she'd second the motion "to push it to roll call."

All of the board members voted in favor of the earmark, except for Nate Schwager, who during discussion, said he wanted to wait a month and have a meeting with the Village of Orchard, Orchard Young Men's Club and Orchard Economic Development Association to discuss whether they were interested in purchasing the Orchard school building.

"The problem is with our

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Orchard grad designs 3D printed face shields

By CARRIE PITZER
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Before Matt Newman was even in kindergarten, he built a working elevator out of blocks while sitting on his grandma's living room floor in Inman.

Now a mechanical engineer — and 2010 Orchard graduate — Newman designed the face shields being 3D printed for healthcare professionals dealing with COVID-19.

"Everyone needs to be doing their part right now to help," said Newman, who is an engineer at Nebraska Innovation Studio and is working on his PhD at UNL. "There are a lot of shortages and people have to do their part to relieve the stress that's on the medical industry. They are getting bogged down."

Newman — son of Butch Newman of Orchard and DeAnne Newman of Azle, Texas — dedicated 100 hours in six days to speed up the design process, which would normally take weeks. He said it was essential to finish the design for the more than 60 3D printers that were ready to help mass produce the shields for Nebraska healthcare workers.

His dedication was of little surprise to his sister, Amanda Schaaf, who is a nurse at Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh.

"Matt is very dedicated when he starts a project," she said. "As a nurse and in the healthcare field, I'm very proud of him and proud that is the direction he chose to go to help. He's focusing on health care, and that's awesome."

Through additional partnerships with the University of Nebraska-based National Strategic Research Institute and private companies including Firespring, Midlands Packaging, Lincoln Tool and Design and Virtual Incision, the team at Innovation Studio is beginning assembly of around 1,000 shields a day, which will benefit more hospitals, according to UNL.

"The corroboration and effort everyone has made is fantastic. I'm proud of the guys running printers and the machinists who have supported us," Newman said.

The rapid turnaround, Newman admitted,



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Matt Newman — shown with his wife, Elina — graduated from Orchard in 2010, received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from UNL in 2015 and earned his master's in 2017. He's working on his PhD and working as a mechanical engineer.

is unheard of in the field and purely due to the teamwork of the project, which he described as a "very intricate process," including the consistent wall thickness to ensure the shield doesn't warp. Two of the pieces have to be machined down to .0003 inches, he said.

"It's very precise features," Newman said. "It's a lot of little features and a very tedious process to get that mold made, and then getting everything installed, intune and with temperature controls to make sure the mold stays the right temperature. Then there's the plastic management."

Newman is the lead engineer on a wide range of engineering projects that are in support of important missions. He manages and trains a student-operated machine shop, including 3D printing, CNC machining, injection molding, circuit printing, and other manufacturing processes.

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80TH BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER



The family of Judy Kerkman of Clearwater would like to honor her with a card shower for her 80th birthday on April 12, 2020. Cards can reach her at: 51443 846th Road Clearwater NE 68726-5293

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Every one of the Orchard teachers paraded through town on Monday morning honking and waving at students. (Clockwise) Kalee Michaelson and children Lauren and Reagan, Sierra Summers and son Brekkan and Jim Schutt are seen driving. Schutt was the final vehicle in a parade of about two dozen teachers. His signs read "Making History" and "We Are Family."



MEET THE EWING CLASS OF 2020



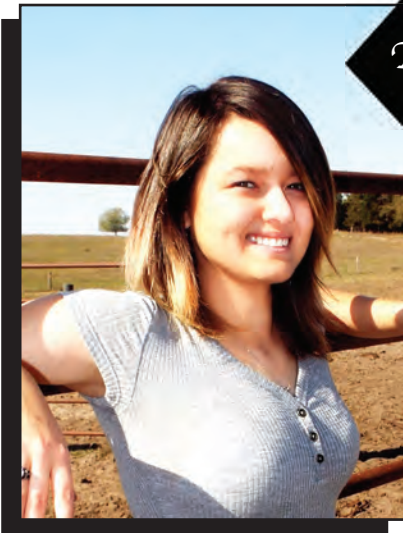
Mackenzie Cunningham

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Student's School: Ewing High School
Parents Names: Daniel and Jennifer Cunningham
Siblings Names/Ages: Blake Joseph (25), Elise Laura (20)
What activities did you participate in while in high school? FBLa, FCCLA, Choir, Yearbook
What is your favorite memory of high school? Gage Nilson standing on a chair trying to lift a ceiling tile to crawl up in the ceiling breaking out to the maconaria when Mrs. Sukup was coming into the library.
What advice can you offer

underclassmen?
Do your homework and never give up
What are your future plans (college with major if known or workforce) and where do you hope to be in five years? Attend Northeast Community College extended campus in O'Neill, still trying to decide if I want to study nursing or vet tech.
in 5 years I want to be moved into my own place with my significant other and my dogs out in the country and working somewhere local. Spending my free time working at the local sale barn.

MEET THE CLEARWATER CLASS OF 2020



Taylor Anne Bolling

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Student's School: Clearwater Public School
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Siblings Names/Ages: Cameron (22) Dominic (20)
What activities did you participate in while in high school? One Act (4yrs) Choir (3 yrs) Art (4yrs) Skills USA (3 yrs) Quiz Bowl (2 yrs) 4-H (6 yrs)
What is your favorite memory of high school? My favorite memory of high school was this years senior class went to Omaha to Blood Rush. We also went go-karting and the people working there got mad because we

were going to fast.
What advice can you offer underclassmen? My advice would be to put your school work first. Don't get behind on homework because it's a pain to catch up. Keep your heads up kids.
What are your future plans (college with major if known or workforce) and where do you hope to be in five years? My future plan is to attend Northeast Community College and major as a veterinary technician. I also plan on joining the rodeo team. In five years I plan on staying in the area.



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The 1955 Ewing football team went undefeated but never played in the state title game.



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District clerk retires

Judy Cole, longtime Antelope County Clerk of the District Court, submitted a letter of resignation, which was read at the commissioner's meeting on Tuesday morning. Cole plans to retire and her last day will be June 30.

Early voting ballots

Due to COVID-19 concerns, voters who do not want to vote at a polling location may request an early voting ballot application for the May 12 Primary Election. You may take a photo of your application or scan in your request and email it to clerk@antelopecounty.org by May 1. Applications also may be completed at <https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/early-voting>.

Tax exempt filings

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NELIGH

Sirens to sound

The sirens will sound in Neligh on Wednesday afternoon at 4:19 p.m. in honor of the essential workers impacted by the COVID-19 situation. Neligh Mayor Joe Hartz asked everyone to take this moment to say a prayer and thank the workers who are continuing to keep the community running. "We are thankful for everyone's hard work and appreciate them very much. Together, we will get through this trying time," Hartz said.

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Hinrichsen Sand & Gravel sells after 54 years

Jason Jacob purchased Hinrichsen Sand and Gravel on April 1. Lawrence and Sharon Hinrichsen had owned the Ewing business for 54 years.



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After more than a half century, Lawrence and Sharon Hinrichsen have proudly turned over their business built on sand.

On April 1, Jason "Spud" Jacob officially took ownership of Hinrichsen Sand & Gravel at Ewing, which is now called Spud's Sand & Gravel.

"I like Spud," Sharon said last week with a smile. "He's got the work ethic it takes to do this. Not many have the work ethic that Spud has. He's a go-getter."

The Hinrichsens have owned the 173-acre gravel pit since 1966. Purchased two years after they were married, the couple raised five

children there — Michael, Jody, Judi, Janeen and Matt.

The Hinrichsens will soon be leaving Ewing and moving to the Greta area, where they will be closer to Judi, who lives in Lincoln, and Matt, who is incarcerated at the state penitentiary in Tecumseh.

The Hinrichsens admitted it was difficult to sell the business since they had hoped to pass it down to their youngest son, Matt. However, both agreed that Jacob is a great fit for the company.

"These are huge shoes to fill," Jacob said. "This name has been sand and gravel for 54 years, and everybody and their dog has heard of them. That's all there is to it, so it's like falling

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BLACKBURN DONATES SIGNS TO HONOR MEDICAL WORKERS

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It was just two words. But when Peggy Green pulled into her drive last Friday night, the Neligh woman teared up when she saw the sign outside her home.

Speckled in pink, the words "Healthcare Hero" were printed on the corrugated sign planted in her front yard.

"Not going to lie, it brought a tear to my eye," said Green, a registered nurse at Antelope Memorial Hospital. "Thank you to whoever put the sign in my yard and to whoever nominated me. I am truly touched. . . . What a great community we live in. Thank you to everyone for all the love and support during these trying times. We are all heroes, and we are all in this together."

Thanks to what Krista Schindler described as "lots of teamwork," 100 local individuals in the health industry were nominated and surprised with signs declaring them healthcare heroes.

"I don't know if it was because it had been so long since I've seen people, but it was wonderful to put the signs out and to see their reactions," said Schindler, who is the marketing director at Blackburn Manufacturing (BMC) in Neligh. "This took an amazing team effort to get accomplished."

Due to COVID-19, BMC has allowed only employees into their flag- and sign-making facility for the last month. BMC is taking the state's Directed Health Measure seriously, even though they're not on the frontlines like the healthcare workers they helped honor.

"It's scary for them to go to work, and I felt like this was something the rest of us could do to not only say thank you and tell them they are appreciated, but also to be a little bit essential,"

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Food pantries move to curbside pick up

By JENNY HIGGINS

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She never considered completely shutting down the food pantry.

"I have people that only live on Social Security, so I don't know how they are making ends meet anyway, and then without this to rely on. . ." Bev Alderson trailed off with a sadness in her voice.

Providing food assistance for about 50 families each month, Bev knew she had to figure out a way to keep the Antelope County Food Pantry going through the coronavirus pandemic.

"A lady from the state called the

third week in March and told us to close down immediately," she said. "Luckily, we were just about finished up for the day."

In April, Bev switched to curbside pickup at the Antelope County Food Pantry in Neligh. She decided this was their best option since the ban may not be lifted for months — and the need for food still exists.

The food pantry is typically open on the first and third Thursdays of the month, but now Bev heads to the food pantry whenever she gets a call from someone in need.

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Bev Alderson now offers curbside pickup at the Antelope County Food Pantry in Neligh. Although COVID-19 restrictions prohibit opening the pantry to others, she felt it was important to continue offering food assistance to those who need it.



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into a championship team as a coach. I need to maintain this.”

Jacob said he'd been working on the purchase for several years and this winter things fell into place.

Lawrence said Jacob bought more than just a gravel pit and business. The property comes with a lot of Holt County history. He said it once housed a still years ago and was also home to one of the county's first post offices.

As Lawrence and Sharon told story after story at the kitchen table — from jobs to family memories — Jacob hung on every word and laughed along side them.

“This one is my favorite story,” Jacob interrupted.

“Matt was in Phoneix and was 22-years-old. He was applying for a job running a loader at a junk yard. The guy asked him, ‘What do you have that these other 75 men don't have?’ Matt said, ‘I have 10 years of experience.’”

Jacob jumped in and said, “At age 22, he already had 10 years of experience.”

“He got the job,” Sharon said, proudly.

Lawrence said he's hauled gravel from south by Spalding to Sunshine Bottom and everywhere in between during the 54 years. Each story told always brought them back to Ewing, where they proudly called home for decades. They're still proud of being among the first to donate to the Summerland Golf Course.

“We got the ball going for that golf course,” Sharon said matter-of-factly. “They needed about

\$5,000 in sand and gravel, and when we donated that, we were told a lot of others started donating as well so that led to more sizable donations.”

For Jacob, he said purchasing the business was a natural progression for him since he also owns a trucking business.

“They go hand-in-hand,” he said. “There's a huge demand for aggregate in all shapes and forms. I'm trying to remain diversified in what I do.”

Jacob isn't looking to make changes with the purchase. Gravel remains the focus.

“My first plan of attack is pump a lot of gravel because there's such a demand for road gravel,” he said. “We'll concentrate on gravel and road aggregate for counties, cement plants and other customers.”

Jacob said the ownership transition has been smooth, which is a credit to the Hinrichsens, who have treated him like family.

While Jacob said he eventually will move into the home on the property, he's in no hurry. The Hinrichsens plan to stay until they secure their next home.

Until then, Sharon is busy packing and no longer worrying about her husband in the truck.

“I'm not going to worry any more,” Sharon said. “I'm finally not going to worry about him driving the truck and wondering if he's driving too fast.”

To that, Lawrence just shook his head and said, “It was time, and this is a good fit with us and Spud. It was time to retire.”

ANTELOPE COUNTY COURT

McKenna Anderson, 18, Saint Paul, Take/possess fish without permit, \$100 fine, \$49 court costs, Officer Andreason.

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COVID-19 Preparedness at AMH

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

“Antelope Memorial Hospital continues to have daily meetings, monitor the constant COVID-19 updates and take steps to stay prepared in the event the virus reaches our doors,” said Diane Carlin, AMH CEO. “Plus, our entire staff is taking many precautions to help protect against the spread of a possible COVID-19 infection to other patients or our employees.”

Currently, clinic patients with non-respiratory symptoms (back pain, med reviews, wellness baby checks/vaccinations, etc.) are being seen in the old Neligh AMH Family Practice Clinic (which was recently remodeled), Carlin added. Patients with respiratory symptoms (shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, diarrhea, severe fatigue and/or fever of ≥100.4°F) from any AMH clinic are being seen ONLY in the new AMH clinic in Neligh.

Before appointments are scheduled, patients are screened

over the phone and advised as to which clinic to go to. Patients are asked:

#1) do they have any symptoms of respiratory issues (shortness of breath, cough, sore throat diarrhea, severe fatigue and/or fever of ≥100.4°F),

#2) in the last 14 days, have they or anyone close to them traveled out-of-state or the country or to Omaha, Lincoln or Grand Island and

#3) have they been in close contact with anyone who has been ill or who has been suspected of or tested positive for COVID-19?

Upon arrival at the clinic (prior to their appointment), each patient's temp is taken electronically and they are asked the screening questions again. These steps are taken to protect other AMH patients or employees from exposure to a possible COVID-19 infection.

Doctors are determining if a patient is to be tested for COVID-19

– based on the patient's present condition and on the three priority levels that have been established by the Center of Disease Control (CDC) for COVID-19 testing, said Carlin.. Priority 1 is for hospitalized patients and healthcare facility workers with symptoms. It ensures optimal care options for all hospitalized patients, lessens the risk of healthcare-associated infections and maintains the integrity of the healthcare system.

Priority 2 is for patients with symptoms who are over 64 years old, in long-term care facilities and/or have underlying conditions. First-responders with symptoms are also included in this level. Priority 3 is for individuals with symptoms who do not meet the above categories or are critical infrastructure workers. Other individuals at this level include healthcare facility workers and individuals with mild symptoms - in communities with high numbers of COVID-19 hospitalizations.

These guidelines help ensure the limited testing available is prioritized appropriately.

We are confident of our COVID-19 preparedness at AMH, added Carlin. We're also pleased to announce that AMH Family Practice Clinics are now offering “Facetime” appointments with AMH providers, Individuals who require an appointment and are not able to get to an AMH clinic - may schedule a Facetime appointment instead of an in-person office visit.

“Overall, our AMH staff remains well-prepared and upbeat regarding the changes and challenges that we are all experiencing,” said Carlin. “Despite the difficulties, there are many good things that will come from times like these. I feel our staff is committed, courageous and dedicated to meeting the needs of individuals who may require our care. It's a privilege to be a part of AMH at this time.”

Signs

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she said. “They are essential, but it's also essential that we all support them during this.”

The idea of the signs actually stemmed from Lindsay Nelson of Brunswick, who wanted to make a sign for her niece and mom — both are in the healthcare industry. Nelson contacted her sister-in-law, Stephanie Keetle, who works at Blackburn Manufacturing.

“I thought it was a great idea,” Keetle said. “I mentioned it to a couple of people at work, and then they wanted signs, too. They had family in healthcare who they wanted to recognize.”

It didn't take long until word spread to Schindler, who not only loved the concept, but wanted to take the idea to the next level and give signs to 100 healthcare heroes throughout Antelope County.

“I thought it would be fun to have people nominate their healthcare heroes,” Schindler said. “I told them to make up 100 signs, and then I'd get with the ACN to get the word out. That's when it kind of exploded and was even bigger than I could have imagined.”

ACN readers from all over the country started nominating people in Antelope County and Ewing. From doctors and nurses to CNAs and EMTs, it took just a matter of hours to

reach 100 names.

Early Friday afternoon, Schindler, along with her husband and son, loaded up dozens of signs and started placing them in yards in Oakdale, Neligh, Clearwater and Ewing. Cameron Nielsen did the same in Tliden and Elgin while Stephanie Keetle put signs out in Royal, Brunswick and Orchard, hitting all of the communities in the ACN coverage area.

“That was one of the neatest parts,” Schindler said. “We went all over Antelope County and in Ewing, too. This was such a great way to recognize our healthcare workers.”

Schindler said the reaction was the same in every community — humbled healthcare workers who were touched by the gesture.

“We have a lot of humble people, who don't think of themselves as heroes,” Schindler said. “I got a call from Stacey Mitchell's husband thanking me. He said she had tears in her eyes when she saw the sign. It was just a sign, but she knows how much she's appreciated now.”

Those receiving signs were encouraged to post photos on social media to spread the positive news.

“In times like these it definitely takes a team approach, and I am so proud to be part of that team and this community. May we all come out

of this stronger, healthier, and kinder,” wrote Angie Belitz, a physical therapist at Overland Rehab in Neligh.

Jared Jacob, an EMT with Neligh Rescue, admitted he normally doesn't post personal recognition but did so because he was very grateful for the gesture.

“There are so many others who deserve this over me, but I do thank you all. I love serving not only the City of Neligh, but the surrounding towns as well in Antelope County with the ambulance service,” he posted.

Courtney Schumacher, a Nurse at Faith Regional Health Services and clinical nurse educator at St. Joseph's Rehabilitation and Care Center, said she was surprised to return to her Clearwater home after a long day and be filled with such hope thanks to the sign.

“Words cannot express enough how grateful I have felt the last almost month now for the outpouring encouragement and support from family, friends and community members... and also much love to all of my co-workers and residents at St. Joseph's Rehabilitation and Care Center,” she wrote. “You are all my heroes. We will get through this together. The power of prayer and believing in Him will shine through.”

Pantries

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The pantry, located at the corner of 5th and N streets in the Neligh Lion's Club building, now features a bright orange sign on the door: “Closed until further notice, 843-5307, Bill and Bev at Elgin.”

She has established new protocols to keep everyone safe.

Due to state restrictions, the food pantry building is not open to the public at this time. Those in need must call the Aldersons and the order will be filled for them, according to what they usually

receive. Bev sets the order on the sidewalk and closes the door — before the recipient may pick up their groceries.

“Now it's when anybody calls, we go over,” she said. “I even wear a mask when I place it outside. The person picking it up is supposed to stay in their car until I go back inside, so there is absolutely no contact.”

If the recipient doesn't have a car, Bev said the Antelope County Sheriff's Department delivers the food to them. Together, they make

sure food gets to families in need.

“At this time, our food banks need the generosity and support of Nebraskans more than ever,” Gov. Pete Ricketts said on Monday. “Let's make sure our families can continue to access the food they need during this pandemic.”

Food and monetary donations to the Antelope County Food Pantry are always welcome, Bev said. Monetary donations may be made directly to the food pantry account at Pinnacle Bank in Neligh or mailed to Bev Alderson, P.O. Box 61, Elgin, NE 68636.

Another way to help the Antelope County Food Pantry is to “Grow a Row,” a program that supports the pantry when people grow an extra row of produce in their garden and donate the harvest.

This program is being promoted by the Antelope County Extension Office using grant funding from DHHS.

“Fresh produce can be a bit more expensive to purchase; therefore, potentially making it more difficult for families with limited resources to purchase fresh produce,” explained Brittany Spieker, Food, Nutrition and Health Extension Educator. “Fresh produce helps add much needed nutrition, color and additional flavor to meals.”

The Mobile Food Pantry, which usually makes a stop at the Neligh American Legion once a month, is changing the way it disperses food

as well.

After cancelling its March event, Jeanie Juracek plans to go forward with the Mobile Food Pantry from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21 at Riverside Park in Neligh.

“Per recommendations from the CDC, the Governor and Feeding America, we have been advised to move our mobile food pantry to an open-air, drive-thru model,” Jeanie said. “This format will be continued until further notice. All of the food will be pre-boxed in Omaha at the Food Bank for the Heartland. Our volunteers will load the boxes of food into the individual cars so there will not be hardly any contact with other people.”

She said the outdoor food pantry will be held in the park, just west of the swimming pool. Recipients will remain in their vehicles and volunteers will load the food for them. For the safety of their volunteers, Jeanie said only four cars will be allowed in the loading zone at once. All four must wait until everyone is loaded and have been given an okay to leave the area before departing.

“I would like to have some younger people volunteer to help, as this type of mobile pantry will be more physical than our older helpers can handle,” she said.

Volunteers are asked to report by 2 p.m. that day with a face mask and gloves. Anyone with questions may call Jeanie at 402-887-4735



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Cade Heithoff of Elgin stands on the football field last Friday night. To recognize the Class of 2020, Elgin turned on its lights at 8:20 p.m., or 2020 military time.



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Student's School: Elgin Public Schools
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Siblings Names/Ages: Nick Iburg 20, Shelby Iburg 16, Tina Taylor 37, Johnny Iburg 39
What activities did you participate in while in high school? FFA, a year of football
What is your favorite memory of high school? There is too many to choose from
What advice can you offer underclassmen? Work hard now, because the GPA and grades you get now affect and build your future.
What are your future plans (college with major if known or workforce) and where do you hope to be in five years? Go to Northeast for Agribusiness I hope to be working for a good business in the Agriculture area.



Breanna Bartak

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Student's School: Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School
Parents Names: Mary and Gary Bartak
Siblings Names/Ages: Steven (30), Jessica (29), Lee (25), Maria (22)
What activities did you participate in while in high school? One-act, speech, musical, track, national honor society, student council, choir, and junior right to life
What is your favorite memory of high school? When my classmates and friends gave me a surprise 18th birthday party.
What advice can you offer underclassmen? Be kind to everyone
What are your future plans (college with major if known or workforce) and where do you hope to be in five years? My future plan is to attend the University of Kearney. I am going to major in Interior Design. In 5 years I hope to be graduated from college.

Kayce Kallhoff

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Student's School: Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School
Parents Names: Brent and Susan Kallhoff
Siblings Names/Ages: Kyle (21) and Karson (12)
What activities did you participate in while in high school? Volleyball (4), basketball (4), track (2), FFA (2), musical (4), one-act (4), dance (3), junior right to life (4), student council (2), national honor society (2)
What is your favorite memory of high school? Having 10 chaperons sitting outside of our hotel room in Washington D.C. during the March For Life.
What advice can you offer underclassmen? High school is stressful, but don't spend too much time stressing about things, just go out and have fun; the 4 years with your best friends goes fast.
What are your future plans (college with major if known or workforce) and where do you hope to be in five years? Attending Southeast Community College in Lincoln, then transferring to UNL. I am planning on going into college with my major undeclared, but I am interested in majoring in graphic design and minor in advertising. In 5 years I hope to graduate from college and have a job in my field.

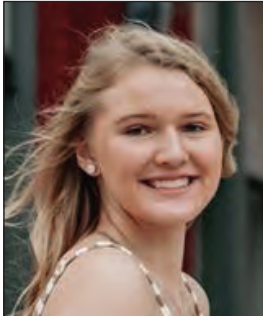
Class of 2020: The senior year no one could have predicted



Brynn Dilly, Pope John



Connor Napier, Ewing



Brooke Kniesel, Clearwater



Gage Clifton, Orchard



Sadie Smutny, Elkhorn Valley

By JENNY HIGGINS

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When area seniors left their high schools in mid-March, they expected to return in a few weeks. After all, they still had prom, senior trips and graduation.

Most didn't realize it may have been the last time they were together as the Class of 2020.

Within one week, schools started announcing closures due to the coronavirus pandemic. On April 1, all of Antelope County was placed under a Directed Health Measure by Governor Pete Ricketts, effective until at least May 11. This measure cancelled school and all school activities — abruptly halting events the seniors had been looking forward to and leaving behind many unknowns.

Since then, local communities have shown their support for the Class of 2020 in different ways. Elgin turned on the football field lights last Friday at 20:20 (military time) for 20 minutes and Orchard plans to do the same on April 24. In addition, parents have created senior displays at their homes.

Here are some of their thoughts on a senior year cut short:

Cade Heithoff, Elgin Public

"It feels strange knowing we won't be going back to school," Cade Heithoff said. "What I am most sad about is not being able to see all my friends every day."

Cade said he was first told school was closing down until March 31 before learning he would not return for the rest of the school year.

"The final quarter I was looking forward to lots of events — golf season, state FFA convention, prom, and graduation to name a few," he said. "Some of the items I will miss the most are being on the golf team, eating lunches and being with my classmates, and going to school activities with my class."

Cade said it is his hope that they can still have a graduation ceremony "eventually" and would like to have a graduation party with his family and friends whenever it's OK to do so.

After high school, he plans to find a job related to agriculture.

Skylar Long, Neligh-Oakdale

"I was pretty upset, crying — my friends will tell you I cry pretty easily," Skylar said of when she found out school was closing for the rest of her senior year.

She is disappointed about not seeing her friends and teachers, making a senior countdown, going on a senior skip day, but most of all, prom and graduation. Skylar was also looking forward to State FCCLA.

"My favorite memories are of National FCCLA, Commissioner's recognition, Mr. Bloedorn accusing me of stealing his computer charger and spending six out of eight class periods with Ms. Scarborough learning from her, annoying her, and using her room as my locker," she said. Skylar remains hopeful that a normal graduation ceremony can be held, along with the party she and her mom have been planning for so long.

"Someday, I think we will look back at this time as unique stories to tell future generations, telling younger kids to live high school to the fullest and enjoy every minute because it is over too fast!" she said.

Skylar plans to attend college at Wayne State and major in FCS education.

Brynn Dilly, Pope John

"I am probably the most disappointed about missing out on many memories I would have made, like senior prom, the end of speech season, and graduation," Brynn said of ending her senior year early.



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A display was created by Skylar Long's mom at their Neligh home in honor of her senior year that was cut short.

She was disappointed she wouldn't be able to spend the final months of school with her friends.

"I was looking forward to making those final memories with my classmates before we all left for college," Brynn said. "I will definitely miss the close relationships I have formed with all of my friends and teachers because they are all like family to me."

Pope John has rescheduled its graduation for July 19, and she hopes the restrictions will be lifted so commencement exercises can go on as planned.

"I will definitely look back and remember this time as an unexpected and unwelcome end to my high school career, but at least I will have a good story to tell," Brynn said lightheartedly.

She plans to attend Mount Marty in Yankton and get her pre-professional bachelor's degree in physical therapy, followed by her doctorate.

Connor Napier, Ewing

"I thought it was just for precaution, like two weeks and we'd be back, not a big deal," Connor said when school was temporarily called off.

He is most sad about not being able to graduate with his classmates in May of 2020.

"Some of my favorite memories just have to do with being in class, a few have to do with sports, but having all of us in class, we made many memories throughout the day," Connor said.

He and his classmates really want to walk the stage together at graduation.

"Looking back, it's an eye opener," Connor said. "None of us would have guessed our senior year would have gone like this, it just shows things can happen in the blink of an eye."

He plans to attend Northeast Community College for heating and air, then go back for plumbing.

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Joey Getzfred



Layne Bullock

Elgin juniors picked for boys state

The Elgin American Legion Post #229 recently announced its two selections for 2020 Cornhusker Boys State.

Layne Bullock, a junior at Pope John, and Joey Getzfred, a junior at Elgin Public, were named the Boys State representatives for Elgin. Layne has been active in football, basketball, golf, one act, Junior

Right to Life, March for Life, student council and quiz bowl. He is the son of Stephen Bullock and Chris and Natalie Bitney.

Joey participates in FFA, one act, football and track. He is the son of Tony and Denise Getzfred.

This year's Cornhusker Boys State has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.



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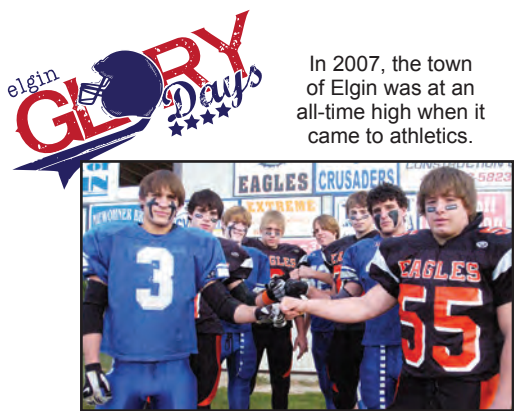
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Groundbreaking set

The Summerland School groundbreaking ceremony will be Friday, May 1, at 3 p.m. The Antelope County News will be live streaming the ceremony, the public is asked to stay in their vehicles due to Directed Health Measures. Any of the public attending may not exit their vehicle as the district follows the 10-person gathering restriction set by the state.

NELIGH

Cruise Night planned

Buff's Dew Drop Inn is hosting a community cruise night on Friday, May 1 from 6-8 p.m. The cruise night is to honor the Neligh-Oakdale senior class of 2020. The Neligh Chamber will be handing out flowers to the seniors. **Look for specials & details on Page 4.**

EWING

Cruise Night set

The community of Ewing will honor the senior class of 2020 with a cruise night on Saturday, May 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. At 8:10-8:30 p.m. the lights on the football field will be turned on in honor of the seniors.

Graduation date

Ewing Public Schools Graduation will take place on Sunday, July 26, 2020 at 2:00 pm. The ceremony will either be a regular graduation ceremony, a limited attendance ceremony, or some type of virtual/pick up diploma ceremony. We will Honor the Class of 2020, the last graduating class of Ewing Public Schools.

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HUNDREDS SHOW SUPPORT FOR CLASS OF 2020 DURING ORCHARD'S COMMUNITY CRUISE NIGHT

By CARRIE PITZER
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Nearly 100 vehicles surrounded the Orchard football field Friday night as Jim Schutt's voice echoed.

While the Athletic Director counted down from 10, horns honked, firetruck sirens whistled and a few fireworks popped as football coach Jeff Shabram flipped on the lights at exactly 8:20 p.m. or 20:20 military time to honor the Class of 2020 — the final graduating class at Orchard High School.

"Looking out at all the cars, it was pretty cool," Schutt said. "People wanted to celebrate the graduates and felt bad about the school year being cut short. They wanted to do something special for them."

Due to the Directed Health Measure issued by the State of Nebraska, Orchard — and all schools in the state — closed their doors. Enrichment activities have continued for students as teachers strive to not let their students fall behind academically.

But for the seniors, their final year of last was cut short. No prom. No spring sports. No state organization meets. Graduation continues to be on hold with the Department of Education advising late July as the earliest time frame, but even that remains uncertain.

"I actually miss being in school," said senior Eli Macke. "I was able to



Nearly 100 vehicles surrounded the Orchard football field Friday night as the community honored its seniors. Photos at left clockwise, a cruise night kicked off the night. Several business owners decorated their windows, including Tammy Cheatum of Corner Hardware and More. Many decorated their vehicles, including family of Eli Macke, who is seen meeting a line of vehicles led by the Orchard Fire Department. (PHOTOS BY CARRIE PITZER)

Elkhorn Valley students shine with celebration, trivia night



COURTESY PHOTO

Elkhorn Valley students were tested on how well they know their teachers during a virtual two-day trivia event last week.

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The Elkhorn Valley staff is finding fun ways to stay connected to its students during the COVID-19 pandemic — from a Beacon of Light Ceremony for the seniors to an elementary virtual trivia event.

Last Monday, about 65 cars, trucks and motorcycles joined a parade around the Richie Ashburn Field field in Tilden to honor the Class of 2020, essential workers and healthcare workers.

The football field lights shone brightly from 8:20 p.m. (020 military time) to 8:40 p.m. during the Beacon of Light Ceremony. Participants drove through with their headlights on and honked their horns in celebration.

Later that week, more than 50 Elkhorn Valley elementary students, parents and teachers played virtual trivia during a two-day event.

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The Falcon faithful showed their support for the Class of 2020, essential workers and healthcare workers with a Beacon of Light Ceremony at the football field in Tilden last Monday night.



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A sign hangs on the door of Razor's Edge in Neligh, indicating a soft reopening on Monday, May 4.

Restrictions to be eased next week

Antelope County sees second positive test

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About 24 hours after the governor announced COVID-19 restrictions would be eased, Antelope County recorded its second positive coronavirus case.

Governor Pete Ricketts said some Nebraska businesses and churches will be allowed to open back up Monday, May 4.

On Saturday afternoon, the North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) announced a positive case was recorded due to close contact with an individual who has tested positive, who is not in the local health district.

"The case has been in self-isolation at home since the onset of symptoms and continues to remain at home in self-isolation. At this time, the risk to the public remains low due to the diligence and self-awareness of symptoms and prompt action of the case to self-isolate," according to NCDHD.

On Friday afternoon, Ricketts called the loosening of restrictions "small steps" because it only applied to specific businesses, and

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Neligh offers grants to help businesses

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The City of Neligh is working to help local businesses struggling during the COVID-19 situation through both grants and loan deferment.

During a special meeting Wednesday night, the council unanimously approved the LB 840 emergency grant program, which is designed to assist the "most vulnerable businesses" in Neligh. The council approved \$25,000 to be used for grants up to \$1,500 per business that meets the criteria.

"It seems to me that these businesses that are going to get these grants need the grants and are going to have a tough time continuing because this virus is continuing. From my point of

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Commending parents for handling situation

I ran into Melissa Henery last week while she and her children were out for a walk. It wasn't an ordinary walk because, as you all know, nothing is ordinary anymore.

They each had sidewalk chalk and were writing inspirational messages in front of businesses on Main Street of Neligh. In front of the Clip & Curl, they wrote, "Choose To Shine." Next to our storefront, she wrote, "Stay Strong."

I told Melissa that she's doing a great job with her kids, and she told me that she's not a teacher and couldn't be one. But Melissa said she's doing the best can with a full-time job, young children and a lot of uncertainty. I couldn't agree more.

Parents and guardians aren't giving themselves enough credit for the way they're handling this situation. Most parents are trying to balance work with educational supplements and Zoom activities, not to mention handle the stress of a pandemic that's filled with uncertainty from health to financial. All the while, they're trying to not let their children see their frustration and fear.

Kenny Reinke tweeted a photo one day of his daughter's Barbie doll buckled in the truck beside them and another photo of his son using Zoom in the pickup after they found a good spot for service. I'm sure Kenny has had plenty of frustrating moments as well, but he's adapting to the situation and being the best parent he can be.

Healthcare providers are definitely on the frontline. Grocery workers and truck drivers are absolutely essential. But let us not forget the parents and guardians who are doing an incredible job balancing everything this crazy



CARRIE PITZER
PUBLISHER

world is throwing at them right now.

It's going to get worse before it's better, and I'm not talking about the virus. I'm talking about when summer hits, the temperature increases and the kids want to go to the swimming pool, play ball or having a outing with friends — and can't. This isn't summer vacation, but summer vacation will be here soon. This summer will look like nothing we have ever seen, and it will be hard for the youth — and for parents and guardians.

There's a reason the adage says, "It take a village to raise a child." I witnessed it first-hand on Friday as the community of Orchard pulled together to recognize it's seniors. I expect the same amazing support on Friday in Neligh and Saturday in Ewing.

We all choose to live in rural Nebraska because of this support and unity, so I know the villages will be there to help. But please remember parents and guardians likely won't ask for help because no one likes to show weakness. Rural Nebraska is also proud.

Let's be the village that raises our children together through this uncertainty.

Voting is best way to change government

By now, all registered voters in Nebraska should have had the opportunity to fill out an application for an early (absentee) ballot. That application should be mailed to your county's Election Commissioner, which for most folks reading this will be your County Clerk. Once you have your ballot, please be sure that it is received by your county offices by the 12th. I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage all of you reading to exercise your constitutional right to vote. I won't use this space to advocate for any particular candidate, as our local papers afford me these column inches not as a candidate, but in my capacity as a public official. However, I will remind you that voting is the best way to change the way your government is working for you. With that in mind, be sure to read up on the candidates on your local ballot, find out where they stand on the issues that matter to you, and always vote your conscience.

Also coming up are some relaxations of the Directed Health Measures which have been in place for us for several weeks now. All nine of the counties I represent (Antelope, Boone, Garfield, Greeley, Howard, Pierce, Sherman, Valley, and Wheeler) are included in the counties which will see eased restrictions on May 4th. Among the businesses which will be allowed to see patrons, with various restrictions, are restaurants, beauty and hair care salons, barbershops, massage



TOM BRIESE
STATE SENATOR

therapists, and tattoo shops. There will still be requirements regarding social distancing, the use of masks, restaurant capacity, and daycare groups, for instance, among others. But this is very good news for many of the small businesses in our community which have been struggling to keep their heads above water for several weeks now.

Along with voting, I would encourage you to do your duty for your community, and support our local businesses in any way that you can, if your family has the financial means to do so.

As always, I am interested in hearing from you on state-level issues that matter to you. You can email me at tbriese@leg.ne.gov and you can call my office at (402)471-2631. Someone is only in the office a few hours a week while stricter measures are still in place in Lincoln, but my staff and I check the voicemail several times a day, so please leave a message if you call and we will get back to you.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Keep School Building

Dear Editor:

After I read the paper from two weeks ago and read that the school board is pretty sure they want to tear down the older portion of the school.

After reading this it made me think about all the memories I myself have of being in the school. It made me teary eyed that this building is just going to be ripped down like it means nothing to our community.

If you read in the Memories of Orchard book, you'll read about the administrators and educators who worked super hard to get one building to house all the grades and students attending to be under one roof together. This finally happened when the building was finally completed in 1924 which means that this building is almost hundred years old.

So, thinking of all of that I ask, "why tear it down and what is seriously wrong with the older half

that we can't use it?" It also makes me wonder how are we supposed to help our kids appreciate all the hard work, sweat, tears, and sacrifices the men and women put into creating and building our town. We need to save the whole school not just one half.

I hope and pray I am not the only one who feels this way. I just want everyone to remember that this is not just a brick building it is the place where huge accomplishments took place and kids were inspired to go after their dreams. This building is the place where not only many friendships formed but relationships which later turned into families that are still living in this community today.

So, in conclusion, maybe we could come up with a way to use our whole school for years to come and keep it right where it rightfully belongs.

Brandi Van Ostrand,
Orchard

WEATHER REPORT

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ANTELOPE COUNTY COURT

Colleen Murphey, 60, Orchard, Reckless driving-first offense, \$350 fine, 9 months probation, \$49 court costs, Officer Shaver.

Danny Snyder, 65, Oakdale, Disturbing the peace, \$250 fine, \$49 court costs, Officer Moore.

Douglas Carpenter, 43, Neligh, Criminal attempt-stalking, \$500 fine, 3 days jail, \$49 court costs, Officer Wright.

Lisa Merrigan, 52, Yankton, So. Dak., Speeding 80 in a 65, \$75 fine, \$49 court costs, Officer Mann.

Nancy Berg, 57, Lincoln, Speeding 75 in a 65, \$25 fine, \$49 court costs, Officer Eischeid.

Justin Napier, 20, Ewing, Speeding 75 in a 65, \$25 fine, \$49 court costs, Officer Hampton.

Melissa Montoya, 50, Norfolk, No license on person, \$25 fine, \$49 court costs, Officer Shaver.

Enrique Martinez, 23, Lexington, No valid registration and No registration in vehicle, \$25 fine, \$25 fine, \$49 court costs, Officer Koch.

Gabriel Delriocontreras, 34, Los Angeles, Calif., Speeding 78 in a 65, \$75 fine, \$49 court costs, Officer Detlefsen.

Chism Sholes, 26, Inman, Speeding 78 in a 65, \$75 fine, \$49 court costs, Officer Detlefsen.

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If you have questions, please contact the Antelope County Assessor's Office at 402-887-4515. Fax 402-887-4215 E-mail assessor@antelopecounty.org

Homestead Exemption

File Through June 30, 2020

Homestead Exemption filings are due on or before June 30, 2020. Please call the Antelope County Assessor with any questions you may have - 402-887-4515.

Orchard Cruise Night

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do most of the things that I was looking forward to, like football. But we didn't have prom, and we still don't know about graduation. I really hope we have a graduation."

Macke said he was happy to see so many cars cruising, but he wasn't entirely surprised by the number. After all, he said, the tight-knit community knows all of the seniors and has show a lot of support to his class and to the school.

Schutt agreed that he wasn't surprised the turnout of people, especially considering it wasn't

a school event and was instead hosted by the community.

"This was the Village of Orchard, Orchard Community Club and a lot of businesses working together to make this happen," he said. "That's what really makes this special. It wasn't the school — this was the community showing support for the school and the senior class."

While the cruise night kicked off at 6:30 p.m., vehicles were out both earlier and later, especially with local businesses offering specials. Even the Last Chance Bar in Royal offered specials and free popcorn.

Orchard Fire & Rescue had

several fire trucks and the ambulance cruising the streets with sirens before parking near the baseball field on the north side of the football field.

At about 8:10, all of the vehicles were parked at the field with 20:20 already lit on the scoreboard in honor of the Class of 2020.

"That was cool. I really miss being on the field," said Macke, who was selected to several all-star football teams this summer. One has been cancelled due to COVID-19, but Macke is still hoping to play in the other game.

Besides football and graduation, Macke said also on his list of things

he misses was the annual principal prank. He said the seniors had several ideas, but they hadn't settled on how they were going to prank Principal Cathy Cooper.

Schutt said there were so many positive comments that some even suggested a cruise night every year for the seniors.

"Who knows what will come out of all this? The normal may not be the new normal when things come back around," Schutt said. "Maybe we pick up new ideas, but most importantly, as a community, we came together to honor the Class of 2020 during this difficult situation."

Eased Restrictions

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even those have limitations.

"No one document is going to work as a one-size-fits-all answer," Ricketts said. "We're going to put together a plan that is right for Nebraska."

He said 19 new Directed Health Measures will be issued for each public health district — including the NCDHD with Antelope and Holt counties, but excluding Elkhorn Logan Valley Health Department with Madison County.

Even with the changes, the 10-person restriction will remain in effect for most things through May 31.

Exceptions to the 10-person rule include places of worship; however, there will be no communion or passing of offerings. Households may be together, but they will

need to be six feet away from other families. This includes wedding and funeral services as well.

Restaurants, salons/barber shops and other businesses could start reopening with restrictions, Ricketts said. A 50 percent capacity will be allowed at restaurants, with six feet between parties. A maximum of six people will be allowed per party.

At salons and barbershops, the patron and the person serving them must wear a mask.

Bars and movie theaters will remain closed, and restaurant buffets will not be allowed.

Swimming Pools

In other COVID-19 restriction news, many communities are considering whether to open their public swimming pools this summer. LARM, a risk

management pool made up of 170 Nebraska public entities — including the City of Neligh, is recommending not to open pools.

"Elected and appointed officials have tough decisions to make. This one is about a trade-off of our kids having a fun place to spend their summer afternoons or potentially saving lives in our communities. While swimming pools are a quality of life issue, they are unfortunately outweighed at this time by COVID-19, which is a quantity of life issue," said, Dave Bos, Loss Control Manager for LARM.

Small Business Loans

Ricketts said Nebraska business led the country in applications for small business loans through the federal stimulus legislation. Ricketts said Nebraska had 18,565

loans through the Paycheck Protection Program, totaling \$2.7 billion and covering 75 percent of eligible payroll.

Quarantine Housing

Wayne State College may begin offering housing for those needing to quarantine themselves after being exposed to or coming down with the coronavirus.

Ricketts said the state has made arrangements for people to stay in dormitories at the University of Nebraska's Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney campuses. Additional rooms could be made available at the state colleges in Wayne, Peru and Chadron and at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis. Ricketts said people should contact their local health departments to use the housing option.

City of Neligh Grants

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view, a number of these businesses may not survive," City Attorney Jim McNally said. "It seems to me this should be true and simple grant to assist these business in this difficult time."

Following a motion by Leonard Miller and second by Dale Wilkinson, the City Council approved the funds and authorized the Neligh Economic Development board to administer the program and set up the guidelines.

Councilman Ted Hughes, who said he supported the program, raised several concerns, namely that some small business owners may not apply for the grant, even though they need the assistance.

"There may be some people who have to think about this that really need the money but may be proud and don't want to ask for help," he said. "I have no problem for this grant for people who need it. It's kind of foolish to look at starting new businesses if you let businesses you have flush at."

Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen commended the ED board for their assistance in creating the point system, which will be used to score the grant applications, which requires a business to score 50 points to be considered.

"What we've put together tonight are guidelines for a request of \$25,000 for LB 840 emergency grant program to the Neligh businesses we've identified as the most vulnerable, which would be those closed due to the Directed Health Measures and Neligh's newest businesses that are less than two years or old or recently transitioned to new ownership," she said.

The LB 840 funds used for the program will be from the savings account, which is money that has been paid back to the city by the eight businesses that have received LB 840 loans. The account has about \$50,000 in it while the other LB 840 account has another \$220,000. Considering the \$25,000 approved is just half of what the savings account has in it, Mayor Joe Hartz questioned if more money should be used for the grant program.

"In three days, that money will be gone," he said. "So now do we have another meeting for another \$25,000 or do we want to have some flexibility?"

The council agreed that they will have their regular meeting in about 2 1/2 weeks and can authorize more funds if necessary. Miller said by then, there will be enough applications for the ED board to make a recommendation if more funds are needed.

"Working together, the ED Board has shown great leadership in providing Neligh's business community with support and resources. We are here to help today, as well as in the tough days that may lie ahead. We as a board are confident that Neligh's grit and determination will pull us through and make us stronger community in the end," said Andy Elder, Chairman, Neligh Economic Development Board

The applicant/business must have a net income of less than \$75,000 per their 2019 income taxes. If 2019 income taxes have not been completed, 2018 will be accepted. A copy of Schedule C for sole proprietor or front page of Form 1065 or Form 1120 for partnership or corporation must be provided with the completed application. New businesses who have not filed a tax return will need to provide

proof of ownership of the business and projected income/expenses during normal times and projected income/expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic period. NEDO may require additional information that it determines necessary.

Additional documentation required to process the grant application include; proof of rent/mortgage payment, utility bill(s), documentation of wages paid to self or staff, and P&L to support business loss due to COVID-19 epidemic. The names of the applicants and the information provided will be kept confidential and not divulged to any party not involved in the review process. Grant applications that are recommended to City Council for approval from the LB840 Emergency Commercial Grant Program committee will become public information at the City Council meeting.

Grants will be scored on four categories:

1. Closed/Reduced Services due to DHM (25 points)
2. Length of time in business (25 points)
3. Loss due to COVID-19 epidemic (P&L) (25 points)
4. Contact with financial institution for long term plan/goals (25 points)

A minimum score of 50 points is required to qualify for The City of Neligh LB840 Emergency Commercial Grant Program.

Applications can be requested from the Neligh Economic Development Office by calling 402-887-4447. Completed applications and supporting documentation may be returned in a sealed envelope to the drop box at City Hall, 202 Main St., mailed to Neligh Economic Development Office, 105 E 2nd St., Neligh, NE 68756 or sent digitally.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF NELIGH

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NELIGH MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL APRIL 22, 2020

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Neligh was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Joe Hartz and Council

Members Ted Hughes, Leonard Miller, Brent Pickrel and Dale Wilkinson. Also in attendance were City Attorney Jim McNally, City Clerk Danielle Klabenes, Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen and News Reporter Luke Jacobsen. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in four public places on April 20, 2020. A copy of the City Council acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Mayor

Hartz offered a prayer before opening the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open by video streaming through Antelope County News. Mayor Hartz presided over the meeting and noted that parts of the Open Meetings Act was waived by the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-03 and that the public could participate by telephone, 402-887- 4066, if they so desired. Clerk Klabenes recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

LB840 EMERGENCY GRANT

Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen reported the Economic Development Board had developed guidelines for \$25,000 of the LB840 savings funds to be offered as \$1,500 Emergency LB840 grants to the most vulnerable businesses that may have closed due to the directed health

measures (DHM), being in operation less than 2 years or recently transitioned into new ownership. Discussion was held that the grant was not limited to businesses with existing economic development loans. Discussion was held for the current proposed grant would use \$25,000 of the approximate \$52,000 LB840 loan repayment funds. Discussion was held that to clarify that approximately \$200,000 of sales tax receipts not included in the emergency grant were available for new businesses and existing business expansion under the Neligh LB840 Economic Development Plan.

Discussion was held that a review of the business financial need would be discussed at the regular May council meeting to allow businesses an opportunity to apply for the emergency grant and allow the ED Board time to determine the level of need met and unmet. Discussion was held for a scoring sheet in determining

grant eligibility with more points awarded to those businesses with more need and a minimum scoring threshold. Discussion was held that businesses should be eligible and receive the full \$1,500 grant instead of a portion of the grant at different times.

Discussion was held for a Memorandum of Understanding which stated that a portion of the grant would be paid back if the business did not stay in business for 5 years. Discussion was held that the businesses needed the assistance now and to leave the grant as a grant without a pay-back, thus not approve the Memorandum of Understanding.

Council member Miller moved to approve the LB840 Emergency Grant program administered by the Economic Development Board guidelines and to extend funds up to \$25,000 from the LB840 savings funds. Any grant made would not need to be refunded. Seconded by Wilkinson. Roll call votes in favor

were Wilkinson, Hughes, Pickrel, Miller. Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to conduct Council member Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Pickrel, Wilkinson, Miller, Hughes.

Opposed: None. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared the meeting adjourned. Time: 6:07 P.M.

Joe Hartz, Mayor
Danielle Klabenes, City Clerk
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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

NOTICE OF ANTELOPE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

The Nebraska Democratic Party and the Antelope County Democratic Party hereby give notice that the County Conven-

tion will be held on the phone, due to the Coronavirus, on May 18 at 6:00 p.m..

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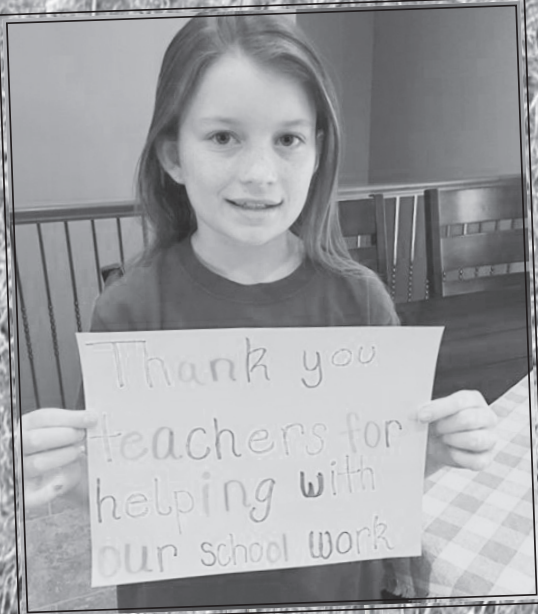


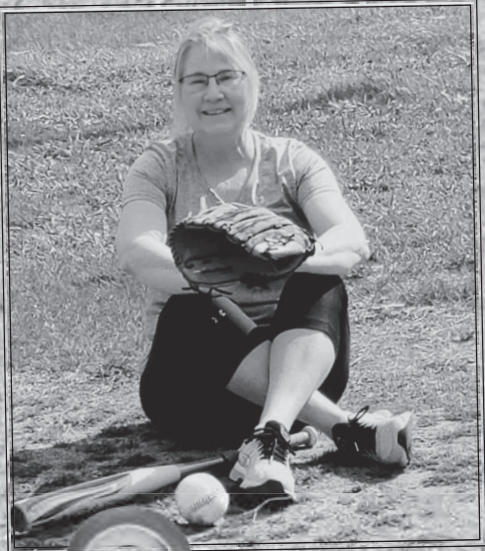
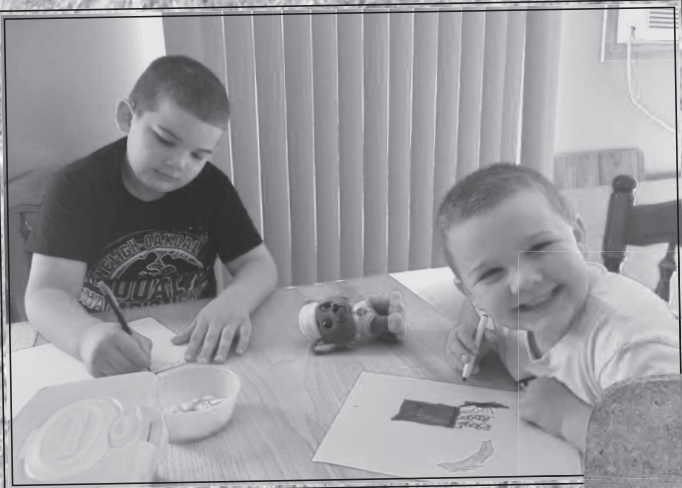




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Neligh-Oakdale hosted a "Stay At Home Spirit Week" for students and staff last week. Monday was Warrior Day, Tuesday was Workout Wellness Day, Wednesday was Crazy Hair Day, Thursday was Be Positive Day and Friday was You Are the Chef Day. Show in the photos are (clockwise from the top), Elise Henery, Becky Hurtig, Owen and Asher Kinnan, Lena Strom, Brie Kester, Adien Boggs, Ashley Olson, Benson Metschke and Jenny Kinnan and Linda Wilkinson.



End of the Year Procedures

- The last packet will be sent out on Monday, May 4. It will have the work that is to be done through May 14.
- On Friday, May 15, there will be a pick-up drive thru similar to packets and meals handed out, where families can return items they normally would at the end of the year such as books, computers, etc.
- Free breakfast and lunch meals through May 22. That will be the last day.
- Due to healthcare professionals being very busy at this time, the NSAA has relaxed the requirement to get a medical physical before participation in extra-curriculars this fall. Students who will be 8th, 10th, 11th or 12th graders in 2020-2021 school year will NOT need a new physical. Neligh-Oakdale will use the one they had this year. However, students still need the state required physical before 7th grade and they need a physical if they will be in 9th grade and plan to participate in athletics. Also, Kindergarten students and students that transfer into the district will still need their physicals as always.
- There will be virtual awards night video showed. A date has not been set.
- Awards will be handed out to students when they return their items on the 15th.
- All fees, fines, lunch accounts, etc. are paid in full by May 22.

Elkhorn Valley Students

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“We did it twice so we could reach as many kids as possible,” Principal Brandon Black said. “Everybody is in a different situation right now, some kids can get online in the evening and for some, it works better to get on in the morning. We just wanted to make sure as many kids could participate as possible.”

Thursday’s trivia night drew 45 participants and about 15 joined in the fun on Friday morning.

Black said the idea was brought up by elementary teachers during one of the staff Zoom meetings a few weeks ago, and they all agreed it was a good idea. Third grade teacher Stephanie Hamilton agreed to spearhead the event.

“Mrs. Hamilton had teachers send information about themselves that the kids may or may not know, and she created questions from there,” he said.

Hamilton said the trivia events were a fun way to bring everyone together for “a little friendly competition.”

“It helped us feel connected during this time of social distancing,” she said. “I think it was important to do this because we have been missing so much of the teacher/student connections that are present every day when school is in session.”

Black proctored the event, starting out with a 15-minute grace period before the trivia started.

“I read some lame jokes to them before the game started,” he said with a laugh. “Some of the kids had so much fun that they came back the next morning with their own jokes. It was a lot of fun.”

Since the trivia included personal facts about their teachers, there were many questions that stumped the students.

“Some of it was jobs they did in college, maybe some feats that they accomplished doing sports, a lot of baby pictures that were slowly revealed, and they had to guess what teacher it was,” Black said.

They used Zoom to connect with students on their electronic devices and then utilized Kahoot! — a game-based learning platform that offered four possible answers to each trivia question.

There were 61 total questions. The senior photos were the easiest questions to answer, since some of their staff members have not changed that much, but Hamilton said there

My son played football for the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

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Answers

▲ Mrs. Smith

◆ Mrs. Legate

● Mrs. Patras

■ Mrs. Bradley

Elkhorn Valley hosted a trivia night with 45 students participating last Thursday night and another 15 the next morning. Among the fun questions was which teacher’s son played football for the University of Nebraska. The correct answer was Mrs. Legate, mother of former Husker Tyler Legate.

were a few questions that shocked the students. “The kids’ reactions were priceless,” she said. “There was cheering and a lot of ‘What? I didn’t know that!’ It was interesting for the kids to see that not only the band and music teachers could play multiple instruments, or that some of the teachers had some interesting jobs before they became teachers. One student said, ‘The teachers need to tell us more!’”

Black said it was fun to see and hear reactions from the students.

“They were trying to figure it out and problem solve,” he said. “They had a blast. It got pretty noisy.”

On Thursday night, the students were 39 percent accurate overall with the winning team of Aubrey and Brenna Lawson at 64 percent. The overall accuracy improved to 50 percent

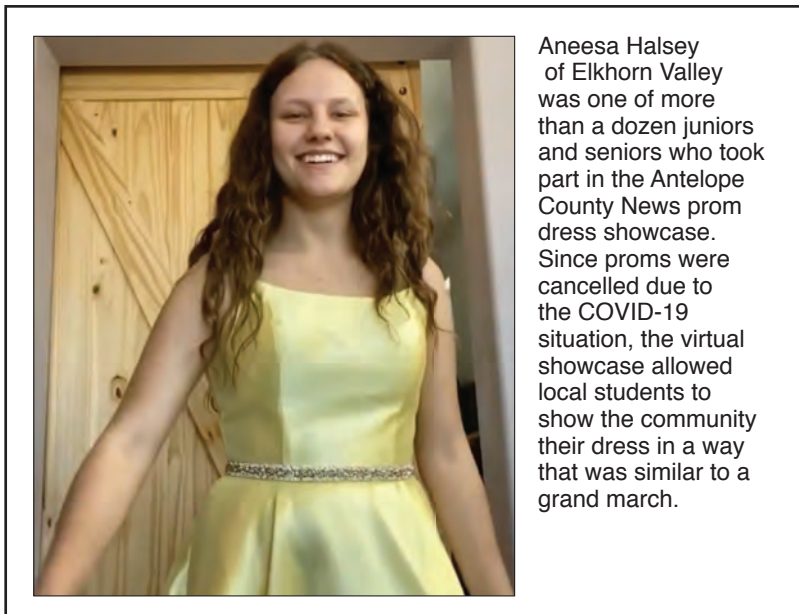
on Friday morning, and Lara Rutjens got 80 percent of the questions correct.

Freddy the Falcon was a surprise guest on Thursday night.

“Seeing their reaction with that was pretty cool because a lot of those young kiddos really like him,” Black said. “They were surprised to see him.”

They both agreed that it was just nice to be together again — even it was virtually.

“It was great listening to the conversations going on between all the students and staff,” Hamilton said. “Sometimes students, especially the younger ones, don’t realize that teachers have lives outside of the school. I think it will lead to some fun conversations when we are all finally able to come back to school together again.”



Aneesa Halsey of Elkhorn Valley was one of more than a dozen juniors and seniors who took part in the Antelope County News prom dress showcase. Since proms were cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation, the virtual showcase allowed local students to show the community their dress in a way that was similar to a grand march.

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ELKHORN VALLEY

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Seniors: Brandon Evans, Haley Fleetwood, Joslyn Klinetobe, Kolton Krick, Alyssa Maughan, Olivia Nall, Angel Qualset, Sadie Smutny, Haley Tegeler, Jace Thompson, Josiah Wriedt
Juniors: Hunter Bennett, Gavyn Clause, Jacob Cleveland, Trevin Hanson, Hunter Howard, Kendra Larsen, Adam Miller, Braedyn Ollendick, Victoria Sierra, Damian Smith, Ruth Vigil, Ben Wilcox
Sophomores: Carney Black, Erica Brown, Karissa Fernau, Walter Furstenau, Bria Gale, Carleigh Greene, Aneesa Halsey, Mariah Hansen, Taylor Hasebrook, Conner Klein, Alisha Larsen, Conner Larson, Sibley Mollhoff, Kenzie Mosel, Carter Rautenburg, Madison Schafer, Amaya Smith, Aaron Suckstorf, Johannah Tassemeyer
Freshman: Daniel Chvala, Samantha Hobbs, Alexis Lind, Charles Qualset, Carter Werner, Brooke Wilcox
Eighth Grade: Abby Brown, Nathan Decker, Kristapher Fernau, Ethan Frey, Anneka Furstenau, Mavrick Hagemann, Dawson Hansen, Drew Hansen, Macy Hansen, Jailee Hogancamp, Montana Howard, Joslynn Larson, Blane Mollhoff, Britni Pelan, Kennedy Penne, Emma Qulaset, Mason Schaffer, Akecheta Thompson, Merinee Vaughn, Waylon Warneke, Whitney Wilkins, Elissa Wright
Seventh Grade: Jessica Black, Karlee Broberg, Paizlynn Glenn, Lilia Godel, Lily Hartl, Caydence Liester, Jacobs Lind

White Honor Roll
Seniors: Bryson Anderson, Kaylee Bacon, Eric Mucker, Zane Richardson, Jorge Jr. Vigil
Juniors: Kayleigh Fernau, Tristan Hecht, Katarina Scannell, Felicia Short
Sophomores: Erica Bacon, Reed Bennett, Jaxson Eischeid, Michael Glynn, Hunter Klinetobe, Alexis Larsen, Kristi Nierodzik, Zachary Ryan, Maverick Short, Tanner Sparr, Journey Werner, Matthew Wright
Freshman: Peyton Bromley, Nathan Halsey, Delilah Harper, Rylee Herbert, Desirae Kilonzo, Araceli Martinez, Kegan McAllister, Brendyn Ollendick, Madison Parker
Eighth Grade: Aubrey Dexter-Menke, Aubrea Howard, Tristan Kallhoff, Bailey Kiehl, Makenzi Mutum, Abraham Rautenberg, Gabriel Vigil
Seventh Grade: Kaylee Bartling, Marissa Bennett, Isaiah Eckert, Elias Gusman, Lillian Hagemann, Jaxen Halsey, Trevis Halsey, Wyatt Nierodzik, Mason Nitz, Kellyn Ollendick, Easton Rystrom, Esther Vigil

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