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BLAIR THE TOWN BEAUTIFUL REVISITED

Blair opens for business

Railroad helped grow city, establishments

BY LEEANNA ELLIS

For the Enterprise

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of stories looking at Blair both past and present through the book "Blair the Town Beautiful" written by John A. Rhoades, former Enterprise publisher. He published the book in June 1926.

When the city of Blair was founded, it was said to have "sprang into existence as if by magic," according to an article in the June 9, 1881, Pilot.

Much of that can be attributed to established businesses from Cuming City and DeSoto, both founded in 1855, moving once it was realized

the railroad would go through Blair. Businesses that moved included hardware, implement and dry goods stores, a hotel and a bank.

However, one of the first businesses settled near what is now modern-day Blair was a general merchandise store operated by the Herman Brothers – David, Chris



COURTESY

The Blair Depot was a vital part of Blair's railroad history.

and John.

"During the summer of 1868, while the railroad was in course of

construction, and before the company made any definite move toward the location of a town, it was

generally supposed that one would be located

SEE HISTORY, 12A

SHINE UPON ALL VETERANS

Blair High School, Legion host Veterans Day services

BY GREG FORBES
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Blair High School student Kym Dykstra put Veterans Day in the context of children of her generation. She said students may not know the extent of sacrifices necessary for service, but know the qualities those who have served possess.

"Many kids in my generation don't know how crucial your sacrifice was to ensure the safety of us and our rights," she said, addressing the Veterans and families at the Hain-Flynn American Legion Post 154's Veterans Day service on Nov. 11. "You all possess courage, passion, dedication to one's self and your country and selflessness and for that, I commend you all."

Dykstra said Veterans Day is a chance to acknowledge those who have served, but also thank the families of those who served. They, too, feel the hardships of deployment.

"I would also like to thank family members of those who served," she said. "Although you are not actively serving, the role of a family member to a service member must not be forgotten." "We all appreciate your patience and resilience in supporting those who you love."

At the Legion service, guests heard from post commander Carl Lorenzen, who touched on the importance of Veterans Day. In 1918, on the 11th day of the 11th hour of the 11th month, the Armistice with Germany went into effect, Lorenzen said. From that day forward, Nov. 11 became a day to honor the sacrifices of all who served.

"We want to ask that the Lord shine upon all veterans who have served honorably," he said. "That's what Veterans Day is all about."



GREG FORBES | PILOT-TRIBUNE
Blair area veterans stand at attention while the Blair High School choir performs the National Anthem at the BHS Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11.



JOE BURNS | PILOT-TRIBUNE
The Blair Bunch presented the Veterans Quilt to Deb Wehrli.

The Legion service also included the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem, led by BHS students Marissa Fauve and Ruby Gutzman, respectively, and

Taps, played by Kyle Lamoureux. The Blair Bunch also presented its annual Veterans Quilt to Deb

SEE SALUTE, 13A

Blair ACT scores up slightly in 2022

Proficiency, core subject support focus increases throughout district

BY GREG FORBES
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Following a dip amid the COVID-19 pandemic, ACT scores at Blair High School are ticking back up.

Blair Supt. Dr. Randy Gilson said BHS students collectively increased scores in math and science by .6 and .3 points, respectively. Language Arts also increased by .1 points. Gilson said the students averaged a 20 in the science and math portions and 18 in reading. Prior to the pandemic, Gilson said Blair averaged a 19 in reading, 20.5 in math, and 21 in science.

Statewide, composite scores dropped from 20.0 in 2021 to 19.4 in 2022. National scores for English, reading, math and science were 18.6, 19.8, 19.1 and 19.3 respectively. It should be noted that Nebraska requires all public

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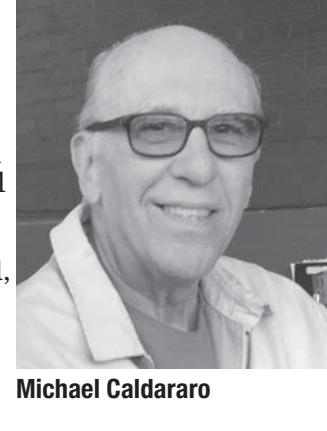
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OBITUARY

Michael A. 'Mike' Caldararo, 80

Michael A. 'Mike' Caldararo, age 80, of Valley, died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022, at Methodist Fremont Health. Mike was born Sept. 10, 1942, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Michael and Jean 'Napolitano' Caldararo. He was raised in Levittown, Long Island, N.Y., and graduated from Division Avenue High School. Mike graduated from Wayne State College with his Bachelor of Arts in Education degree. He received his Master's degree from Brooklyn College. He taught first at West Junior High School in Brentwood, N.Y. before coming back to the Midwest. He served as an admission counselor at John F. Kennedy College in Wahoo. Mike spent his career teaching Physical Education in the Blair Community School system at Old Central and Arbor Park Schools, retiring in 2004.



Michael Caldararo

He married Janet Anderson on Aug. 1, 1964. Mike was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fremont and past active member of the Fremont YMCA.

Survivors include: Wife – Janet of Valley; Daughters – Christine (David) Goodwater of Council Bluffs

and Teresa (Richard) Keyser of Fremont; Grandchildren – Samuel Leriger, Audrey Keyser and Pierce Keyser; Brothers – Richard (Diane) Caldararo of Queensland, Australia and William (Kathy) Caldararo of Ladson, S.C.

Mike was preceded in death by an infant son Steven, and his parents.

The funeral was 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fremont. Burial followed in Ridge Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Nebraska Children's Home in Omaha. Visitation was Sunday with the family present from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Ludvigsen Mortuary Chapel in Fremont.

Online guestbook at www.Ludvigsenmortuary.com

DEATH NOTICE

Shirley M. Dixon, 85

Shirley Murphy Dixon, age 85 of Blair, passed away Nov. 12, 2022. Services are currently pending with Campbell Aman Funeral Home in Blair.

OBITUARIES

are published at a cost in the Arlington Citizen and the Washington County Pilot-Tribune & Enterprise. Funeral information is posted as soon as it is received and complete obituaries can be found online at www.enterprisepub.com. Submit obituaries with a return telephone number to reporter@enterprisepub.com. The cost is \$0.25 per word.

CORRECTION

In the article "Blair voters choose new mayor, Ward I councilman," in the Nov. 11 Enterprise, the vote numbers for the county seats only reflected the early voting numbers. The totals should be: Scott Vander Schaaf (6,978 votes), county attorney; Barb Sullivan (7,145), county clerk; Susan Paulsen (7,261), clerk of district court; Marjorie Hoier (7,608), treasurer; Carolyn Stodola (7,241), register of deeds; Michael Robinson (7,220), sheriff; and Gary Tinckham (7,071), county surveyor, all ran unopposed and earned election.

Three Washington County Board of Supervisor seats were up for election, as well. Lisa Kramer (1,045), District 2; Jon Stewart (1,005), District 4; and Steven Kruger (1,100), District 6, all ran unopposed and won their respective seats.

The Enterprise apologizes for the error.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

NOV. 7

CAR-DEER: 5:41 a.m. – Report taken; U.S. Highway 75 at mile marker 121.

SCHOOL PATROL: 7:40 a.m. – No violations; Arlington.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: 7:40 a.m.

– No violations; Fort Calhoun.

MOTORIST ASSIST: 9:37 a.m.

– Tow lined up; County Road 22, west of County Road 21.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE MALES:

12:24 p.m. – Left prior to arrival; 13300 block of County Road 30.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: 3:00 p.m.

– No violations; Fort Calhoun.

SCHOOL PATROL: 3:15 p.m. – No violations; Arlington.

BARKING DOG AND POSSIBLE ILLEGAL BREED: 3:49 p.m. – No contact; Arlington.

FOLLOW UP: 4:05 p.m. – Information obtained; Arlington Village Clerk's Office.

MOTORIST ASSIST: 4:23 p.m.

– Contacted a family member to bring gas; 10000 block of U.S. Highway 75.

Possible Burn: 10:09 p.m.

– Hazy with the smell of smoke. Checked surrounding area but unable to locate any fire; County roads 15 and P14.

NOV. 8

TRAFFIC STOP: 12:09 a.m.

– Arrested Carolyn Jensen, 52, for driving under the influence; Blair.

BUSINESS CHECKS: 2:19 a.m.

– 12 checked, all secure; Fort Calhoun.

BUSINESS CHECKS: 2:45 a.m.

– 15 checked; Arlington.

MEDICAL CALL: 4:48 a.m. – Fire and Rescue squad handled; 13200 block of County Road 25.

SCHOOL PATROL: 7:35 a.m. – No violations; Fort Calhoun.

FOLLOW UP: 7:45 a.m. – Information obtained; Arlington.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: 7:45 a.m.

– No violations; Arlington.

CHECKED IN WITH VOTING LOCATION: 8:44 a.m. – All good;

Arlington.

POSSIBLE PERSONAL INJURY

ACCIDENT: 8:58 a.m. – No injuries, no damage; County roads P40 and P51.

NEIGHBOR DISPUTE: 11:42 a.m. – Provide options; Fort Calhoun.

CHECK ON POLL WORKERS:

11:59 a.m. – No issues; Fort Calhoun.

SPECIAL ATTENTION: 12:30 p.m.

– Appears OK; Fort Calhoun.

CHECKED IN WITH VOTING LOCATION: 12:40 p.m. – All good; 15700 block of County Road P30.

CHECKED ON POLL WORKERS:

12:55 p.m. – All is good; 10100 block of U.S. Highway 75.

CHECKED ON POLL WORKERS:

1:37 p.m. – All is good; Washington.

CHECKED ON POLL WORKERS:

1:59 p.m. – All is good; Lakeland.

FOUR BLACK CATTLE ON ROADWAY: 2:50 p.m. – Rounded by owner and neighbor in area; 10700 block of County Road 32.

CHECKED IN WITH VOTING LOCATION: 2:56 p.m. – All good; St. Paul Lutheran Church.

SCHOOL PATROL: 3:10 p.m. – No issues; Fort Calhoun.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: 3:20 p.m.

– No issues; Arlington.

CHECKED IN WITH VOTING LOCATION: 4:46 p.m. – All good; Herman Community Church.

CHECKED IN WITH VOTING LOCATION: 5:28 p.m. – All good; Reach Church.

PERSON WALKING ON SHOULDERS:

DER: 6:21 p.m. – He stated he was OK and did not want to talk any further; U.S. Highway 30 and County Road 29.

WELFARE CHECK: 7:59 p.m.

– Made contact, no further action needed; 15400 block of County Road 11.

VEHICLE ON FIRE. VEHICLE WAS INVOLVED IN A DOUGLAS COUNTY HIT AND RUN: 8:03 p.m. – Paul Waggener, 68,

4385 Hillside Drive, electrical with fixtures

3121 County Road 15, electrical with fixtures

18021 County Road 16, electrical with fixtures

2322 County Road 39, electrical with square feet

12593 County Road 7, electrical with fixtures

23411 Deerson Lane, electrical with fixtures

8626 County Road P32, electrical with fixtures

5850 County Road P39, electrical with fixtures

10930 Lariat Lane, electrical with fixtures

20725 County Road 38, electrical with fixtures

17135 County Road 15, electrical with fixtures

1559 County Road 49, electrical with square feet

9145 County Road P38, electrical with square feet

25475 state Highway 91, plumbing

26673 County Road 12, plumbing

10930 Lariat Lane, plumbing

14862 County Road 7, plumbing

011 Glen Oaks Drive, retaining walls

1141 Macc Lane, roof

17224 County Road 7, roof/siding/gutters

18358 County Road 11, roof/siding/gutters

16388 County Road 3, roof

3678 County Road 33, roof

9145 County Road P38, roof/siding/gutters

8120 Highview Lane, septic

11741 County Road 9, septic

20251 County Road 28, septic

8190 County road 51, mechanical

8120 Highview Lane, mechanical

835 Hickory Drive, mechanical

1105 Ash Drive, mechanical

7606 County Road 39, mechanical

13047 County Road 10, mechanical

3811 Golden Eagle Circle, mechanical

1105 South Lakeshore Drive, mechanical

9145 County Road P38, mechanical

17172 County Road 24, plumbing

25475 state Highway 91, plumbing

26673 County Road 12, plumbing

10930 Lariat Lane, plumbing

14862 County Road 7, plumbing

011 Glen Oaks Drive, retaining walls

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17224 County Road 7, roof/siding/gutters

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16388 County Road 3, roof

3678 County Road 33, roof

9145 County Road P38, roof/siding/gutters

8120 Highview Lane, septic

11741 County Road 9, septic

20251 County Road 28, septic

13449 County Road 19, septic

10020 Queens Terrace, septic

4659 County Road P39, septic

4760 County Road 39, septic

9470 Murphy Lane, septic

4385 Hillside Drive, solar panels

arrested for driving under the influence - first offense, driving under revocation, and refusal of preliminary breath test; 2300 block of County Road P40.

SCHOOL PATROL: 7:50 a.m. – Complete; Arlington.

FRAUD: 10:48 a.m. – Report; 11400 block of Ridge Drive.

HERMAN OFFICE: 10:56 a.m.

VETERANS HONORED AT ARBOR PARK



Arbor Park students recite the Pledge of Allegiance during the opening of A Salute to Veterans on Nov. 11.



PHOTOS BY JOE BURNS | PILOT-TRIBUNE

Blair High School sophomore Truman Stanley plays TAPS at the conclusion of the Arbor Park Salute to Our Veterans program.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROUNDUP, NOV. 7

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS • features@enterprisepub.com

Note: The Washington County Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting Monday, Nov. 7, due to the Nov. 8 election.

Federal Aid project

A resolution to sign a contract with Omni Engineering for work on a federal aid project on County Road 34 in Fort Calhoun was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Jordan Rishel was absent from the meeting.

Omni Engineering's total bid for grading, cul-

verts, seeding, bituminous and general items was \$758,975.58.

Jail revenues

Capt. Steve Bolton gave the Board of Supervisors an update to the October 2022 corrections billing.

The totals were as follows: Cuming County, \$2,210; Otoe County, \$6,890; Burt County, \$12,285; Richardson County, \$6,890; Pawnee County, \$325; Gage County, \$3,705. The total for the month of October was \$32,305.

The total 2022 fiscal

year to date is \$145,600.

Jail phone provider

The board unanimously approved a renewal contract with Combined Public Communications (CPC) and authorized Chairman Steve Dethlefs to sign a contract with CyberPath Services for the Washington County jail phone services.

Highway Supt. certification

A resolution signing

the year-end certification of Washington County Highway Supt. Bill Hansel was unanimously approved by the board.

The resolution states that the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires every county to certify the appointment of the highway superintendent every year.

Comp. Plan agreement

The board unanimously approved an agreement with Marvin Planning Consultants for services relating to

the upcoming public meetings for the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations.

The projects total is \$3,000 for all four meetings, which will include meals and mileage. Any additional meetings will be charged at a rate of \$600.

Distress warrants filed

The board unanimously approved a letter to be placed on file by Marj Hoier, Washington County treasurer.

The letter contains 89 distress warrants, totaling \$71,584.68, which

will be turned over to Sheriff Mike Robinson for collection.

Cleaning service contract approved

The board unanimously approved a contract with TNT Cleaning Services as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee.

The cleaning company will clean at the courthouse and annex building Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The total annual cost is \$70,000.

Robin Andreason ready to take over as Washington County Assessor

BY GREG FORBES

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After 25 years of service in the Washington County Assessor's Office, Robin Andreason will assume the role of Assessor.

Andreasen was elected in the Nov. 8 election after long-time Assessor Steve Menke decided to not run for reelection. Andreasen ran unopposed and earned 7,228 votes.

Andreasen said she was thrilled at the voters' support despite being a first-time candidate.

"It was very heart-warming," she said. "I was surprised at how much support I had. I didn't realize there were that many out there that would support me like that."

Andreasen said she wanted to run for the position because

many of her coworkers, including Menke, were retiring. She saw an opportunity to continue the direction of the office, as well as her career.

"You have to have a license to hold the Assessor's position and I was the only one in the county that had it," she said. "I wasn't ready to retire yet and I enjoy working here, so I wanted to go ahead and go for it."

Andreasen first began service with Washington County in 1992 for the roads department before splitting time with the roads and assessor's office in 1996. She switched to full-time service with the assessor's office in 1997, first working as a clerk processing sales. She's held several duties during her time and has been trained to fulfill most duties involved

with the office, which she credits to Menke.

"When Steve came on board, he cross-trained us through the whole office and that has been a huge benefit," she said. "I enjoy the different type of work that we all do on a daily basis, year-round."

Currently, she said she's training for the

transition, which will take full-effect in January. She said she's nervous, but ultimately, ready, to assume the role as assessor.

"I'm a little nervous," she said. "I know I've been here a long time, but it's different when you're the hot seat."

"But I'm pretty excited about it."

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BLAIR FALL CLEANUP OPPORTUNITY TO DISPOSE OF YARD WASTE

The City of Blair Fall Cleanup will begin **Friday, November 4 and run through Sunday, November 20, 2022**. Dumpsters will be provided at the Blair Public Works Yard at Third Avenue and Colfax Street.

HOURS OF OPERATION:
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

The cleanup site is for Blair residents only and proof of residency will be required (i.e. driver's license, car registration).

Batteries, Tires, Liquid Paint and hazardous wastes will not be accepted.

Dumpsters will be designated for yard waste (leaves and grass) only. Yard waste must be separated from other cleanup waste and must be removed from bags when depositing in dumpster.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED:
THERE IS NO BURNING WITH A PERMIT ALLOWED

Mon., Nov. 7 through Thurs., Nov. 10;
and Mon. Nov. 14 through Thurs., Nov. 17

Time to say farewell to my NU Football hat

After the loss to Michigan last Saturday, it's assured the Huskers will once again be staying home over the holidays and will miss a bowl appearance for the sixth year in a row.



ON THE
MARK

Mark Rhoades



"The Hat"

It's an amazing fall from grace for this once proud program. At one time the Huskers had the 2nd longest bowl game streak in the nation with 35 years in a row, just one behind Florida State. Now we have the sad designation as the only Power 5 team in the country not to make a bowl game in the last six years. It's the longest bowl drought for NU since the Bill Jennings era from 1957 to 1961. That's right, the worst in 60 years.

I purchased my current NU Football hat as a souvenir for the Big 12 championship game in Indianapolis in 2012. I was lucky enough to snag some last minute tickets and carpooled with my in-laws and son to watch what we hoped would be our first outright Big 10 Championship. Instead, what we witnessed was a complete thrashing of the Huskers by Wisconsin, 70-31. Strike one for the hat. When I returned home, I threw the hat in disgust in the corner of the closet vowing never to wear it again.

Of course when the next season rolled around I scrounged through my drawer full of hats, thinking surely this year The Hat could bring the Huskers some luck. Well, The Hat kind of did it's job the next two years as Pelini's Huskers won nine games those years and won one of two bowl games. Of course that record wasn't good enough for the NU athletic director at the time, Steve Petersen, and Pelini was shown the door.

Then it was on to Mike Riley. The Hat continued to lose it's mojo and the Huskers stumbled around during Riley's tenure. After he only won four games his third year, he was told to pack up his Prius, and head back to Oregon.

Like most Nebraskans, I was giddy when it was

announced that Scott Frost was coming back to be the savior of Nebraska football. I happily pulled my NU Football hat out of storage, gave it a good washing and prepared to wear it while I watched Frost's first game and what we all thought would be a certain victory. It was a sign of things to come when dark clouds moved in over Memorial Stadium bringing with it dangerous lightning. Frost's first game was canceled, and he ended up losing six games before he won his first game.

Here we are 4.5 seasons, and 37 loses later, and Frost too is gone. While it's amazing that Memorial Stadium is still full for each home game, I think a lot of Husker fans like me, have become numb to the losses. What really hit home recently was the news that our six-year-old grandson, who is planning on playing football at the highest level, announced that on signing day, he'll be making his commitment to Oregon or Michigan. Ouch!

I've come to the decision that when a new coach is hired to take the reins at Nebraska, I am going to have a hat burning ceremony to retire the old NU Football hat. I won't be burning it out of anger or disgust with the program. I'll burn it as a sign that we're starting a new era. Much like when a new pope is named it is signaled by the white smoke coming from the Vatican. I'll have just a little puff of black smoke as The Hat goes up in flames.

I'll put 'new Husker hat' on my Christmas list, and wait anxiously for next season. In the meantime, I'll be pulling out my Creighton Bluejay cap and wearing it proudly as we hope to see this years' Jays make it to the Final Four.

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INTERACTIVE READER POLL RESULTS

How much snow do you think we'll get this winter?

1-2 feet, 29 votes, 36%

3-plus feet, 29 votes, 36%

Less than a foot, 23 votes, 28%

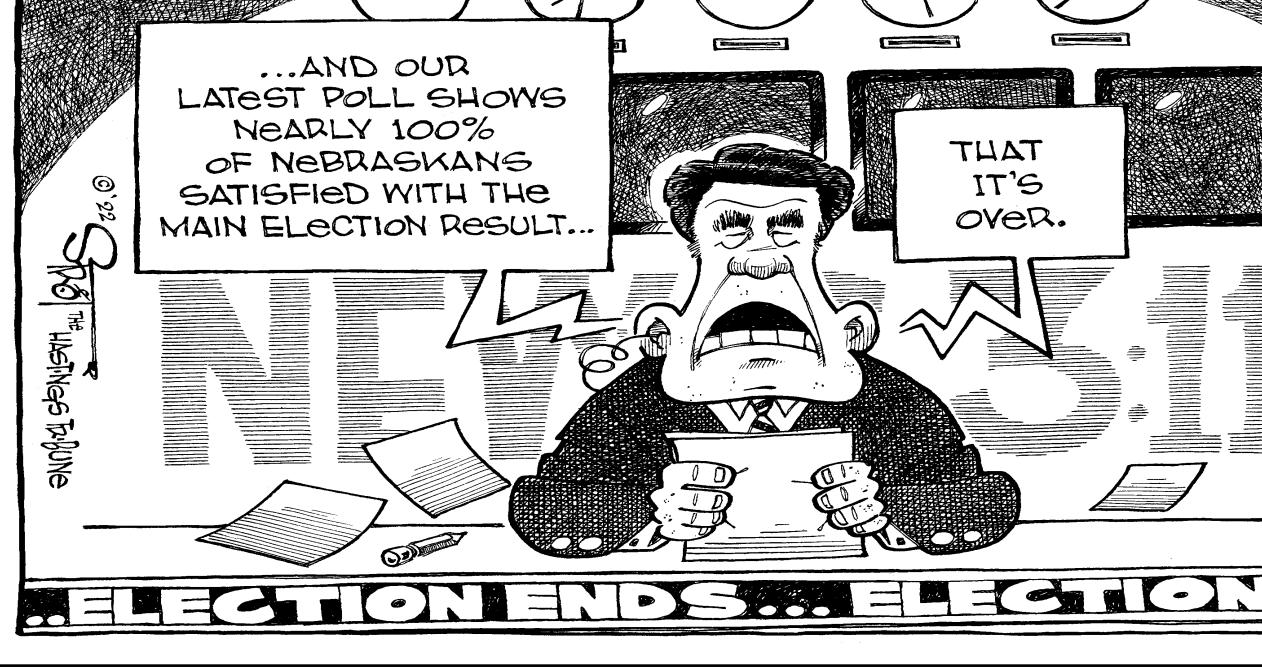
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THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Were you surprised by the national election results?

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"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" Want Growth? Focus on Local Restaurants

Marcus Samuelsson once said, "One of the reasons that people enjoy coming to a great restaurant is that when an extraordinary meal is placed in front of them, they feel honored, respected, and even a little bit loved". That statement is why the restaurant business is so vital to the ultimate success and growth of a community. Communities without great places to eat are communities that will find it hard to sustain any sort of consistent growth. Over the past couple years many restaurants have closed. Those local restaurants that haven't closed are either near their breaking point or approaching that point quickly. If there ever was a time for the community to yell, "all hands-on deck", now is the time in the restaurant business.

This column is a call to arms for the entire community. While not totally true 100% of the time, in the past it was safe to say restaurants have historically suffered due to poor management and were forced to close their doors. What is left today are restaurants that have resilient management yet have been buffeted by the economic winds of COVID, inflation, sky-rocketing wages, and recession leaving them vulnerable to joining the others already shuttered.

When I say the words "all hands-on deck", I mean the entire community. Now is the time for each of us to step-up and be a community leader in this effort. Don't get the wrong impression, this is a two-tiered approach, one by the community and the other by the restaurants. Knowing that, let's take a quick look at what can be done now.

First, everyone in the community must commit to frequenting local restaurants more than they might normally have done. When you are thinking of visiting a national chain for a meal, make a conscious decision to visit a locally owned restaurant instead. Nothing against national chains, but most chains have deeper pockets allowing them to weather the current storm. Your local restaurants do not have this safety net. When you spend locally, each dollar spent will be multiplied throughout your community 3-7X, this is much higher than national chains. This effort will help to save your local restaurants. This places your community on more solid ground. In a community or county of 25,000 residents, just one extra visit each month, per person, spending an average of \$20/pp equates to \$500,000 each month flowing through the community, or \$6,000,000 per year. Add in the compounding aspect and you have about \$18,000,000 floating through each year. How many local restaurants and jobs will that save?

John Newby, is a nationally recognized Publisher, a Community, Chamber, Business & Media consultant & speaker. His "Building Main Street, not Wall Street," column runs 60+ communities around the country. The founder of *Truly-Local*, dedicated to assisting communities, their businesses and local media to build synergies, thus creating more vibrant communities. He can be reached at: info@Truly-LocalLLC.com.

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Scarecrow winners announced

Winners for the 2022 Washington County Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow contest have been announced. This year's winner was the Washington County FOP Lodge #36 with a Minion jailbreak theme.

Second place went to Fairway Oil Company for its "Fall Fill Up" theme. Promedcare dressed up two scarecrows as patrons of their business for third while BabKel Mechanical LLC's "Bab-Kel Has Talent" display won

fourth. Enterprise Media Group earned fifth with a firefighter retrieving a cat out of a tree.

Votes were decided by interactions on the Washington County Chamber's Facebook page.



Fairway Oil Co. won second in the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow Contest with a fall fill up theme, complete with a gas pig pumpkin.



The Washington County FOP Lodge #36 won this year's Washington County Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow Contest.

Local WWII veteran remembered in 2022 novel

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS
features@enterprisepub.com

In a novel dedicated to her father-in-law she never had a chance to meet, Carroll Lund and her husband, Jack, the son of PFC Edward Lund, gathered the more than 460 letters sent between him and his wife, Jean, during World War II. "Bridge to My Father: World War II Letters" was published in April 2022.

Carroll, alongside Jack, spoke to a group at the Fort Calhoun American Legion Post 348 Saturday morning and discussed the book and the contents of the letters.

Edward was born in Fort Calhoun in 1916, and was drafted into the war in 1943 amid his son, Jack, being born.

Edward was killed in action in Germany in April 1945.

"You can imagine that neither father nor son had much in the way of bonding," Carroll said.

During the war, Edward and Jean wrote hundreds of letters back and forth, which featured stories of Edward's every life as a soldier to jokes.

These letters were unknown to Jack until 1998 when he was 58.

"Edward Louis Lund actually showed up on Jack's doorstep... a box of 469 letters — 370 of them were addressed to Jean and Jackie," Carroll said. "Thirty-two of them were 'return to Jean' marked deceased. They were letters that she had written, but by the time he got them, he was already deceased."

"There were 67 of them that

had been saved by his mother."

Carroll said she and Jack were happy to be able to memorialize Jack, as well as dig into the history of the 1940's and World War II.

"It is how my husband, Jack, got to know his father, so it has been a labor of love and a labor of thank you to all veterans and, really, kind of understanding from the heart what goes on in the life of a soldier," Carroll said. "When we say 'thank you' to you, to you veterans... and honor your service, we're also honoring our Ed Lund and his service and his short time in the military, short time as a husband, short time as a father. He has become real to us. I do have a father-in-law, Jack does have a father, the kids have a grandfather."

DOLLAR GENERAL WORK NEARS END



Work is nearing the end on the Dollar General Distribution Center in Blair. At full capacity, the contemporary 800,000-square-foot facility is expected to create approximately 400 new career opportunities and support more than 1,500 stores in the Midwest. Dollar General has been holding hiring events throughout the area to bring staff to the facility.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Better quality school lunch should not be a taxpayer burden

The moment election results were confirmed, I heard a community member raise a concern regarding the quality of school lunches. This is surprising to me. So many have voiced their concern regarding the role of education on one hand, and our high taxes on the other hand.

While a quality lunch is important, it is costly and outside of the scope of the three R's, and should not be the responsibility of education in the first place. Maybe it sounds insensitive to say, but the fact of the matter is that school lunches are socialist.

Furthermore, moving on so quickly from a Truth in Taxation Hearing and a heated election cycle around CRT and CSE, is insensitive to overburdened taxpayers, many of which are on a fixed income.

I take the responsibility to feed my children seriously, and I have the opportunity through benevolence to feed others. However, using force to take my money for your lunch is the most classic depiction of bullying there is.

Hearing measures right away, that would raise taxes, is not a great start.

Ben Stangl
Fort Calhoun

Thank you to first responders

Dear editor and members of our community:

First, we would like to thank Enterprise Media for their ongoing supportive articles and recent special edition insert entitled, Salute to Heroes honoring local volunteer firefighters and fire departments.

About a year ago on Thanksgiving weekend, we looked out the window, and saw that our barn was on fire. An alarming experience to say the least! But within a few minutes neighbors drove up the driveway to grab garden hoses in an attempt to stave off the damage, and shortly thereafter, volunteer firefighters from Blair, Ft Calhoun and Kennard arrived with pumper trucks and worked diligently in their heavy attire for hours. They sacrificed their time that day to make certain that the fire didn't advance to our house or that of nearby neighbors. The first question that some firefighters asked was, "Are there animals in the barn?" This must be so hard for you." What heroes these volunteers are!

One of our neighbors even fetched his tanker truck filled with water to refill a portable container from which the Blair firefighters pumped water on the fire. Another hero! As the embers died down, neighbors and friends called to make certain that we were safe. We are more than fortunate – we are blessed beyond measure. We are deeply indebted to the people who volunteer with our nearby Volunteer Fire Departments and gratefully thank them.

As the holiday season approaches, we encourage others to remember and acknowledging the sacrifices made by Volunteer Fire Departments, First Responders, Law Enforcement personnel, and medical care providers. Today, we acknowledge and thank the U.S. Military Veterans for their service to our country, and other volunteers who humbly and quietly serve in our schools and other organizations in order to make Blair a great & safe place to live.

Richard and Laura Ulrich Ronning
Blair

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WHAT'S UP?

EVENTS

TODAY- NOV. 21

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK: 4 to 6 p.m., Nov. 14 - 18; noon to 2 p.m., Nov. 18-21, at PassageWay Church, 715 Grant St., Blair. Visit <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> for more information.

TODAY

WOMEN'S CONNECTION: 6:30 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 201 N. 2nd St., Missouri Valley, Iowa. Speaker Cynthia Sheppard will share about "Thanks-Living" at the Missouri River Area Women's Connection. Gratitude journals, a meal and fellowship are part of the evening. All women are invited. For reservations, call Tricia at 402-426-7068.

BLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY SECOND ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST:

Kits available for pickup beginning Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the circulation desk at Blair Public Library and Technology Center, 2233 Civic Drive, Blair.

WEDNESDAY**BOB COFFEY AND JOE BURNS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT:**

7 to 8:30 p.m., at Blair Public Library and Technology Center, 2233 Civic Drive, Blair. Opening of the Bob Coffey and Joe Burns Photography exhibit

COMMUNITY MEAL: 5 to 6:30 p.m., at Blair First United Methodist Church, 1656 Colfax St., Blair. Menu: Turkey Dinner. Free Will Offering.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECT:

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Blair First United Methodist Church, 1656 Colfax St., Blair. Please enter at east door. Learning and Activities for Ages 4-High School. Nursery is available. CONNECT: The One Where They Come Together In Faith.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: at the Kennard Auditorium, 208 Main St.; Each meeting will run from 6 to 8 p.m. Those with questions prior to the meetings email newregs@washingtoncountyne.gov or mail comments to Washington County Planning, 1555 Colfax St., Blair, NE, 68008.

THURSDAY**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS:**

6 to 8 p.m., at the Fort Calhoun Fire Hall, 602 North 14th St., and Nov. 22 at Arlington Village Hall, 245 North 2nd St. Each meeting will run from 6 to 8 p.m. Those with questions prior to the meetings email newregs@washingtoncountyne.gov or mail comments to Washington County Planning, 1555 Colfax St., Blair, NE, 68008.

LUNCH AND LEARN "CANCER... NOW WHAT?": Noon, at 810 N. 22n St., Blair. Howard /Sievers Conference Rooms. RSVP at 402-426-1494 or lwilley@mchhs.org.

SATURDAY**CRAFT FAIR FUNDRAISER:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at First Lutheran Church, 2146 Wright St., Blair.**SUNDAY****BLAIR AREA COMMUNITY CHOIR REHEARSAL:**

5- 6 p.m., at First Lutheran Church, 2146 Wright St., Blair. October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, and 27. The choir will be joining the Community Band for their concert on Dec. 4, at 2 p.m., at Blair High School.

NOV. 22**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS:**

6 to 8 p.m., at Arlington Village Hall, 245 North 2nd St. Each meeting will run from 6 to 8 p.m. Those with questions prior to the meetings email newregs@washingtoncountyne.gov or mail comments to Washington County Planning, 1555 Colfax St., Blair, NE, 68008.

NOV. 24

THANKSGIVING DINNER: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, 2005 Davis Drive, Blair. Turkey, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes,

mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, bread, pumpkin pie, pecan pie. All are welcome. Carry out and delivery available.

NOV. 28**PASSAGEWAY CHURCH WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

7 p.m., at PassageWay Church, 715 Grant St., Blair. A Women's Bible study on 1 Corinthians is being offered at PassageWay Church. Learn from Jennie Allen and local women how much God loves you!

DATES: August 15, 29; Sept. 12, 26; Oct 10, 24; Nov 14, 28; Dec 12 at 7 p.m. Come to any or all that your schedule allows. For more contact: info@passageway.church

ONGOING**MIDWEEK MEAL:**

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

ENOA ON AGING, BRINGING CARE TO THE CAREGIVER:

Webinar is available starting Nov. 8, to access free videos go to: enoa.org/resources/bringing-care-to-the-caregiver. ENOA is helping caregivers navigate through their caregiving roles with webinars.

KNITTING AND CROCHET:

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS:

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

BLAIR FAMILY YMCA SENIOR EVENTS:

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY:

7 p.m., the second Thursday of each month (except December and January), at the Blair Library and Technology Center, 2233

Civic Drive, Blair. Meetings open to Washington County residents; registered Democrats are eligible to vote on party decisions. For more information email washingtoncounty.dems@gmail.com

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS:

Toll free:(877)226-3632, website: www.omahaaa.org

• **ARLINGTON:** Community Church, 355 N. Fourth St. (Concurrent Al-Anon meeting); open meeting Thursdays at 8 p.m.

• **BLAIR:** First Step, St. Mary Episcopal Church, 1734 Grant St.; meetings are Friday at 8 p.m. Contact David 402-505-0870. Meetings are also Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

• **BLAIR:** Happiness Group, Episcopal Church, 1734 Grant St.; meetings are Tuesday; open meeting at 8 p.m. and Wednesday morning group open meeting at 10 a.m.

• **FORT CALHOUN:** Monday Night Group, St. John Baptist Catholic Church, 215 N. 13th St.; open meeting Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

• **HERMAN:** Freedom Group new Herman fire station, 508 U.S. Highway 75; open meeting Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Al-Anon.

• **TEKAMAH:** 12x12 Group, Friday 7:30 p.m. (Concurrent Al-Anon meeting) Presbyterian Church, 1318 K St.

AL-ANON MEETINGS: Toll free (888) 425-2666, email: wso@al-anon.org, website: nebr-al-anon-alateen.org.

• **ARLINGTON:** 12x12 AFG, Thursdays at 8 p.m., Arlington Community Church, 355 N. 4th Street.

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Find a meeting at oa.org. Call 505-891-2644 for more information. Call 402-237-5398 to speak to a local member.

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

CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION: Monthly chapter

meeting on the second Saturday of the month at Pizza Ranch, 84th and Center in Omaha at 5 p.m. for food and fellowship and 6 p.m. for the business meeting. For information email washingtoncounty.dems@gmail.com

ACME FABRIC OPEN SEWING:

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

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

TRIVIA NIGHT AT GEORGE'S TAVERN:

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

COMMUNITY PRAYER NETWORK:

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

QUILTERS:

Blair Bunch Quilt Group meets the second Monday of the month at 9:30 in the Training Room at the Blair Police Department, 1730 Lincoln St., Blair. All skill level of quilters welcome. Demonstration of a technique or pattern each month. Contact Myrna Vercrysee, 402-533-3592 or Diana Stier, 402-278-0797.

FORT CALHOUN AMERICAN LEGION POST 348:

4:30 to 7 p.m., Monthly dinner on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Everyone welcome.

PASSAGEWAY CHURCH WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

7 p.m., at PassageWay Church, 715 Grant St., Blair. A Women's Bible

study on 1 Corinthians is being offered at PassageWay Church. Learn from Jennie Allen and local women how much God loves you!

DATES: August 15, 29; Sept. 12, 26; Oct 10, 24; Nov 14, 28; Dec 12 at 7 p.m. Come to any or all that your schedule allows. For more contact: info@passageway.church

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECT ACTIVITIES:

at Blair United Methodist Church, 1656 Colfax St., Blair. Nursery through 12th grade and eighth grade Confirmation meet on Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. for classes and activities. We invite you to check out these learning opportunities! Community Meals will happen in October: 5 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 12 - Nov. 16.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH HOUSE OF PRAYER:

Every Wednesday, 5 to 6 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church, 750 Angels Share Drive, Blair. 402-426-2424

CHRIST IN ACTION:

Every Wednesday, 5 to 6:30 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church, 750 Angels Share Drive, Blair. Open to all children ages 5 to 12 years old. Bible Lesson, Activities, Meal is Provided 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to join!

80TH BIRTHDAY

Frederick

Carol Frederick of Blair is celebrating her 80th birthday Nov. 18, 2022.

A card shower is being thrown for her in her honor. Cards may be sent to 1224 Fairview Drive, Blair, NE 68008.



Carol Frederick

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The Mayor and City Council have designated the dates of **November 18, 19, & 20, 2022**. The Fire Chief may issue permits for burning of tree and shrub trimmings, leaves, grass, weed and garden vegetation. Burning is permitted from **8:00 a.m. until sundown** on the dates specified by the City Council only.

THE FOLLOWING TWO STEPS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE YOU CAN BURN:

1. You must apply for and be issued a signed Burn Permit from the Blair Fire Department. Permit applications can be obtained from Blair City Hall (218 S. 16th Street). Office hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm.
2. You must call county dispatch at 402.426.6866 immediately prior to burning.

State law requires a Burn Permit in order to burn during a designated burn period. Burn Permits will not be issued when burning is prohibited by the State Fire Marshal or the Blair Fire Chief due to atmospheric conditions or local circumstances which make open burning hazardous.

Residents may obtain burn permits by stopping by City Hall, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to apply for a permit. Residents may also go to the South Fire Station, 218 S. 16th St., Thursday - November 17, 2022 between 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to obtain a permit directly from the Fire Chief or his designee.

The following items ONLY are allowed to be burned with a permit during burning: tree trimmings less than one half (1/2) inch in diameter, shrubs, grass and weed trimmings, leaves and garden vegetation.

During the approved burning period, it shall be unlawful, even with a permit to:

1. Allow any burning on the public right of way, including but not limited to streets and alleys.
2. Allow any smoke generating debris to continue to generate smoke past sundown.
3. To leave any fire, whether actively burning or smoldering, unattended.
4. Not to have water immediately available within fifteen (15) feet of the fire until all fire is fully extinguished.

To submit items for the Fort Calhoun page, call Cheyenne Alexis at 402-426-2121, fax to 402-426-2227 or email features@enterprisepub.com

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Col. Janel Nelson was the keynote speaker at the Veterans Day ceremony at Fort Calhoun High School Friday morning.

Fort Calhoun celebrates annual Veterans Day ceremony

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS
features@enterprisepub.com

The annual Veterans Day ceremony at Fort Calhoun High School was held Friday in the gymnasium.

The program, put on by SkillsUSA, featured many veterans in attendance, as well as students from both the elementary and high school.

Wyatt Appel introduced the program, and Sophie Thomas acted as emcee throughout the morning.

The Fort Calhoun American Legion Color Guard posted the Colors before the Fort Calhoun Concert Band performed the National Anthem.

There were two choral performances by the Fort Calhoun Senior High Choir and fourth-graders, who sang "We Honor You" and "On Veterans Day," respectively.

One portion of the program was the band playing the "Armed Forces Salute," and during this time, veterans in the audience were encouraged to stand when their branch was played.

The keynote speaker of the morning was Col. Janel Nelson, who is an Air Force veterans and chief of staff STRATCOM command and control directorate at the United States Strategic Command.

Nelson, who lives in Fort Calhoun, shared a story of her great-uncle,

who was killed during the Korean War.

"Even after joining the military in 1997, I still did not have an appreciation for the sacrifices that military members made," she said. "My appreciation grew as I started to learn about when my own family felt sacrifice and loss."

At the POW/MIA office, located at Offutt Air Force Base, Nelson learned more about her uncle.

"I visited the office, and they provided everything they had on him," she said. "Great uncle John was declared missing in 1951. I talked to my mom about Uncle John, and she told me great-grandmother, his mother, was sent a form from the government for \$700 for the loss of her son in April of 1952, as he was presumed dead."

Nelson said a soldier had come across her great-uncle's body, which was explained in a letter retrieved at the POW/MIA office.

Nelson said she wanted the audience to remember not only veterans, but also their families and the sacrifices they've made.

"They also need to be honored on this day," Nelson said. "Service men and women and their families sacrifice so we can live and breathe every day, every hour, every minute, every second in this great nation."



Each year, Fort Calhoun's Veterans Day ceremony features a large garrison flag overlooking the gymnasium.



Sophie Thomas was the emcee of the Veterans Day ceremony, held at the Fort Calhoun High School gymnasium Friday morning.



The Fort Calhoun Senior High Choir performed "We Honor You" Friday during the Veterans Day ceremony.

Irvine family hosts foreign exchange students throughout the years



CHEYENNE ALEXIS | PILOT-TRIBUNE
The Irvine family of Fort Calhoun is hosting two foreign exchange students through the school year. Pictured from left, Jose Luis Soriano, from Spain; Bella Irvine; Minnie Ma, from Taiwan; Nicole Irvine and Chance Irvine.

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS
features@enterprisepub.com

For several years, the Irvine family has welcomed foreign exchange students from across their world into their home in Fort Calhoun.

This year, Nicole, Chance and senior Bella Irvine have two foreign exchange students living in their home: seniors Jose Soriano from Spain and Minnie Ma from Taiwan.

Nicole, who is an international coordinator for EF High School Exchange Year, said she and her family have hosted nine students over the years.

"When we first hosted for the first time, we were hosting a moved student — she was attending a larger school in Omaha at the time, and so we offered to invite her to our home and family and we had such a good experience that we kept with it," Nicole said.

Soriano and Ma said they've enjoyed staying with the Irvine family and being able to experience high school in Fort Calhoun.

"I think it's a good experience for me (to spend) one year here," Soriano said. "I really

like the school."

"I wanted to improve my English," Ma said.

There have been many differences the two students have experienced while attending school in America.

"The school, the food — everything is different," Ma said, adding that she also enjoys having the same classes every day, like art.

Since they've attended Fort Calhoun High School, Soriano has been involved in football and basketball, and Ma joined Phenomenon Show Choir and basketball.

Nicole said hosting students over the years has been a "blessing" to her and her family.

"Every child is different," she said. "It causes us to see new and unique things about ourselves as a family unit, because we have to adjust and do our best to help bring them out of themselves and discover who they are in the context of immersing themselves here in the U.S. and in our family. And so that causes us to adjust, as well."

Having lifelong connections from students and their fami-

lies all over the world is also a bonus for the Irvine family.

"Kids still keep in touch with us, we still check in on them, one's coming back for Christmas this year," she said. "(We enjoy the) relationships and just that ability to continue to hang out from afar."

"It's important to the community, as well, to introduce some new culture, and Fort Calhoun has a lot to offer. They can come and join an activity where, in a larger school, they might not be able to actually get play time."

Chance and Bella said they've also enjoyed hosting new students every year.

"Bella's older sister, a junior in college, spent the summer in Europe and stayed with kids who have come and gone," Chance said. "That was really neat. It's been exciting getting to know folks."

"Without them, I probably wouldn't be the same person I am today," Bella said. "It's a huge, important experience for people. I've noticed so many changes throughout the years — every year, we learn some sort of big lesson or big growth for the family."

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Otte Blair Middle School announces first quarter honor roll

6TH GRADE



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Otte Blair Middle School sixth grade honor roll includes, from left: (first row)

Samantha Anderson, Ava Andrews, Olivia Bacon, Bailey Batenhorst, Avery Baughman and Jax Baughman; (second row) Taylor Beister, Taryn Beyerink, Ella Bonney, Drayk Bowen, Barrett Brown and Quinn Brown; (third row) Evelyn Bruck, Sean Casey, Camden Clements, Brooks Davis and Axel Dick; (fourth row)

Nicole Dondelinger, Avery Drew, Ronan Flynn, Quinnton Foulk, Eliana Goeken and Rebecca Grabowski; and (fifth row) Amelia Grace, Matilde Hall, Emma Hernandez, Alyssa Hodges, Lanea Jackson and Natalya Jensen.

Not Pictured is Asminda Dasa.



The Otte Blair Middle School sixth grade honor roll includes, from left: (first row)

Jackson Kempke, Melanie Korth, Easton Kosch, Jasmine Rose Kue, Samuel Kunkle and Benjamin Lantry; (second row) Landry Larsen, Connor Leehy,

Audrey Loftis, Parker Madden, Donovan Maggio and Brooklynn Matzen; (third row) Caitlyn McGill, Casey Mertz, Allison Miller, Anika Nemechek, Halle Olson and Nathan Preister; (fourth row) Hailey Quick, Khloe Ramirez, Mia Rasmussen, Kennedy Roan and Kole Ryden; (fifth row) Sophia Schneider, Levi Shillcutt, Liam Smith, Anna Stirek and Emmett Tegtmeyer; and (sixth row) Claire Tetrick, Scarlett Thompson, Cayleaha Tucker Abbigale Vakner, Elias Whitney and Ava Wroblewski. Not pictured are Brooklyn Reid-Hansen and Avery Spence.

7TH GRADE



The Otte Blair Middle School seventh grade honor first quarter honor roll includes, from left: (first row) Ty Aguilar, Draeson Allen, Guinevere Andersen, Daphne Barondeau, Miriam Belles and Applelynn Berryman; (second row)

Levi Beyer, Caden Beyerink, Brayden Brensel, Annaliese Collins, Josephine Cummings and Renn Dresden; (third row) Coen Dubon, Cadence Field, Sofiya Georgiu, Addison Greenwood, Hannah Gross and Wyatt Gunderson; (fourth row) Nathaniel Guynan, Sophia Guynan, Kaden Haack, Helen Hall, Lydia Haner and Madison Hiles; and (fifth row) Kennedy Hilgenkamp, Emma Himes, Hudson Holz, Hannah Huenink, Hailey Jackson and Theodore Jensen. Not pictured is Lauren Bray.

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Otte Blair Middle School announces first quarter honor roll

7TH GRADE



COURTESY PHOTOS
The Otte Blair Middle School seventh grade first quarter honor roll includes, from left: (first row) Richard Kelley, Sophie Kern, Ayden Klitzke, Devin Larson, Brevin Leggott, Sadie Madsen and Makenzie Martinez; (second row) Lynden Matejka, Jaxson McIntosh, Hugo Mendoza, Lindsey Moeller, Bianca Moreno, Leilany Navarro and Leonardo Ortiz; (third row) Ike Petersen, Caleigh Peterson, Elise Redfern, Alisson Romero, Colton Scheer and Keivah Schuler; (fourth row) Evin Skinner, Wyatt Smith, Andrew Spangler, Ronin Spence, Aubriella Stahl and Parker Steffen; and (fifth row) Aftyn Sullivan, Chase Thurlow, Beau Wendt, Hailey Westover, Laurana Winz and Joleigh Young.

8TH GRADE



The Otte Blair Middle School eighth grade first quarter honor roll includes, from left: (first row) Aliyah Anderson, Ryon Anderson, Landon Arlauskas, Aubri Baker, Cole Baker, Jacob Baker and Baylor Barrow; (second row) Madeline Chikos, Alayna Brown, Drew Brandl, Amelia Boswell, Lillymay Borges, Regan Blattert, Aude Emmanuelle Belnog and Jackson Barta; (third row) Lane Christensen, Judson Cloudt, Kasey Cottle, Nathaniel Cummings, Braxton Davis, Vanessa Delisle, Amiah Dirkschneider and Samantha Dodds; (fourth row) Jonathan Foged, Kieran Flynn, Emma Flynn, Kathryn Fauve, Mya Dyer, Tobin Dubon, Jacob Dondelinger and Luke Donner; (fifth row) Sadiea Fuhlrodt, Destiny Furchert, Jessica Garcia, Emilia Hall, Hudson Hamm, Jade Hekter and Havah Huber; (sixth row) Gueryn Kay, Kallie Jordan, Kaylie Johnson, Ireland Johnson, Mahony Jenson, Genevie Jensen and Parker Jennings; and (seventh row) Mia Kern, Kaylee Knapp, Mckoy Kosch, Josie Kros, Landon Krysl-Zahourek and Triston Krysl-Zahourek. Not Pictured are Garrett Anderson and Noah Keough.



The Otte Blair Middle School eighth grade first quarter honor includes, from left: (first row) Cecelia Lamontia, Jase Lantry, Madilyn Larick, London Larsen, Thomas Legrand, Lucy Lindau, Eleanor Loftis, Jaxon Logan and Taytum Macholan; (second row) Sidney Moeller, Carter Miller, William Meier, Ava Meads, Kennedy McKeon, Jordan McGill, Mia McClain, Zachariah Matney and Leah Martinez; (third row) Lily Moore, Taylor Munger, Nathan Murray, Kailey Nelson, Colton Nixon, Kaitlynn O'Neil, Hayden Olsen and Lauren Opetaia; (fourth row) Bella Reynolds, Aaden Reinders, Brooks Ray, Claire Rasmussen, Dominic Peterson, Annasophia Petersen and Rudra Patel; (fifth row) Brooke Roewert, Brooklyn Schroeter, Jillian Schueler, Tommy Scott, Ava Shaffer, Briar Stambaugh and Makaela Opetaia-Swope; (sixth row) Logan Wayman, Ava Van Epoel, Kate Urquidi Suchilt, Cecelia Thompson, Ty Tessendorf, Tucker Storjohann and Brogan Steffen; and (seventh row) Alayna Welte, Katelynn Wheeler, Siyea Whitelock, Ellie Williams, Olivia Wolff, London Woodard, Cole Woods-Flynn and Jaron Zurek.
Not Pictured: Avery Moreland, Mya O'Grady, Carter Ross, Jayna Washington

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TIMES GONE BY

Week of Nov. 13 through Nov. 19, 2022

1902 (120 years ago)

- Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin played to a fair house Tuesday night at Germania hall. Of all the dramatic successes known there is none that equals this great play which is established in public favor and needs no endorsement.

1922 (100 years ago)

- Rain has twice prevented the Blair Walking club from carrying out its program of taking place at 2:30 from the city library and hiking from some distant point. This will be attempted next Sunday for the third time. If the roads are too bad, the club will meet anyway at 2:30 and take a hike without cars.

1942 (80 years ago)

- Uncle Sam is not forgetting that his fighting men need food and the best of it. This is evidenced by the Thanksgiving preparations that have been going on and turkeys are being bought by the hundred for that big day. The Blair Hatchery, E. A. Donaldson, manager, shipped out 400 turkey toms last

Friday, and on Monday 400 hens for the army and he reports that he received a very good price for them.

1962 (60 years ago)

- It is believed that there are more divorces on file in the office of Clerk of the District Court than ever before. The records in the office run by Chris K. Bendorf are bulging with cases of couples who seek to set aside their marriages. During 1962 there have been eleven divorces granted in Washington county. Two of these have gone on record this month. There are 17 more divorce cases pending and the number is increasing faster than they are being settled. Lawyers who handle divorce cases point out that there are many more marital rifts which are patched up before they ever get to the courts.

1982 (40 years ago)

- Acting Mayor Bud Jenny and the City Council approved the creation of a new position to head the Blair Library. The new job description is Library



Aug. 13, 1925. If you have any information regarding this photo, please contact Fallon at reporter@enterprisepub.com

2002 (20 years ago)
• A familiar couple

Director. The position pays \$14,300.00 per year and has a three week vacation benefit per year.

showed up in Blair on Saturday, Nov. 16, to help the Blair Chamber of Commerce and downtown merchants usher in the holiday season. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus greeted

children, handed out candy and waved to passing motorists as they made their way up and down Washington Street during the "Find the Magic of the Holidays" festivities.

NOTICES

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE

Public notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Council of the City of Blair, Nebraska, at their meeting on November 8, 2022, have passed and approved Ordinance No. 2490 the title of which reads as follows:

**ORDINANCE 2490
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BLAIR CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 5-203 TRUCK ROUTES, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF**

ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AND PUBLISHING IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Said Ordinance has been published in pamphlet form. Copies of the Ordinance as so published are available at the office of the City Clerk at 218 S. 16th St., Blair, Nebraska.

Brenda Wheeler, City Clerk

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PT 11-15-22

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case No. SC22-10

NOTICE TO DEFENDENT

Patricia Swanson, Plaintiff, vs. Dominick J. Vacura, Defendant.

This claim has been filed against you.

You must appear before the Washington County Court located at 444 So. 16th Street, Blair, NE 68008 on November 17, 2022 at

11:00 A.M. If you do not appear, a judgment will be entered against you, together with costs of this action. You should read the information on the back of this claim notice. If you have any questions about the procedure, you may contact the clerk of the court in person or by calling: 402-426-6833.

DATE: October 14, 2022

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Sarah Deemer

Asst./Clerk

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PT 11-1, 11-8 & 11-15-22

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE

In the County Court of Washington County, Nebraska Estate of Dorothy Arlene Moody, Deceased Estate No. PR 22-87

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of November in the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of Dorothy Arlene Moody, Decedent, and that Donald D. Moody, 2106 Independence Drive, Lincoln, NE 68521, was informally appointed

by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 9, 2023 or be forever barred.

/s/ Vicki Kuhlmann
Clerk of the County Court
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PT 11-8, 11-15 & 11-22-22

MEETINGS

Upcoming meeting seeks public comments

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Washington County Planning Department has scheduled four public meetings as follows:

1. November 14, 2022, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Herman Firehall, 508 Main St, Herman, NE.

2. November 16, 2022, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Kennard Auditorium, W 2nd St, Kennard, NE.

3. November 17, 2022, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Fort Calhoun Firehall, 602 N 14th St, Ft. Calhoun, NE.

4. November 22, 2022, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Arlington Village

The purpose of the meetings is to accept comments and answer questions regarding the proposed Washington County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. The proposed Comp Plan and Zoning Regulations

can be reviewed on Washington County's web site at: www.co.washington.ne.us. Questions can be emailed to newregs@washingtoncountyne.gov

The public is invited to attend.

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PT 11-15, 11-22-2022

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska will be held on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall. An agenda is kept continuously current and available for inspection in the office of the City Clerk. Meeting is open to the public.

Individuals with disabilities may

request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting the city clerk at 402-468-5303 not less than 5 days prior to the meeting.

Alicia Koziol
City Clerk
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PT 11-15-22

MINUTES

City of Blair Regular Council Meeting October 25, 2022

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session in the City Council Chambers on October 25, 2022, at 7:00 PM. The following were present: Holly Hafer, Kevin Hall, Kirk Highfill, Mindy Rump, Andrew Schank, Jon Stewart, Frank Wolff. Absent: Kevin Willis. Also present were City Administrator Storm, Assistant City Administrator Barrow, Director of Public Works Schoemaker, City Attorney Solomon, Library Director Zarco and Chief Lager. Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order and made introductions at 7:00 p.m. followed by a statement of compliance with the open meetings act and the Pledge of Allegiance. Consent agenda approved the following: 3a) Approval of Minutes of the Special Council meeting on October 18, 2022, 3b) Clerk report of Mayoral Action of meeting and 3c) Claims as approved by the Finance Committee. Council voted to deny the request by Bob Frahm to eliminate the sidewalk on the east side of the property located at 1106 Park St.; approved an Engineering Agreement with Felsburg Holt Ullevig for Traffic Counting in Blair and amend the agreement to also include traffic

counts on Butler Street; approved an Engineering Agreement with JEO Engineering for Street Improvements in the amount of \$19,250; adopted Resolution 2022-36 approving the Nebraska Department of Transportation annual agreement for Highway Maintenance for 2023 and postponed consideration of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5, Article 2 of the Municipal Code of the City of Blair, Nebraska by amending Section 5-203 regarding truck routes on city streets within the Municipality until the next meeting. City Administrator had no report. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. The following claims were approved: ACCO INV 2791.34, BLACK HILLS ENERGY SVC 533.29, ARPS RED-E-MIX INV 2957, BLAIR GARDEN CTR INV 339.5, BOMGAAR INV 1289.87, COUNSEL OFFICE & DOC SVC 572.85, PIONEER PHONE SVC 23.97, CCP INDUSTRIES INV 265.47, CARGILL SVC 500, CITY OF BLAIR SVC 1359.44, CEDE & CO INVEST 242830, CUMMINS SVC 5286.66, DPC INDUSTRIES INV 90, DEMCO INV 1653.95, DICKS ELECTRIC SVC 2251.89, FIRST NATL BANK SVC 277.07, GATEWAY SVC 20, GERHOLD INV 449, GETZSCHMAN SVC 165, HGM SVC 3500, HACH INV 812.75,

INTL CODE COUNC SVC 86.25, INGRAM LIBRARY INV 823.12, MCKINNIS ROOFING & SHEET SVC 500, MISSISSIPPI LIME INV 25183.53, MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIAL INV 450.76, NE DEPT OF REV SVC 14890.32, NE PUB HLTH SVC 2071, BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD SVC 79989.29, OREALLY INV 42.94, POUNDS PRINTING INV 120, JONESYS TOWING SVC 500, SE SMITH & SONS INV 13.95, STATE BANK INVEST 2546718.69, BOBCAT OF OMAHA INV 615.64, VESSCO INV 339.57, WA CO REG DEEDS SVC 334, HSA 16764.6, WOODHOUSE FORD SVC 341.02, JONES AUTO SVC 13060.7, KELLY RYAN EQUIP SVC 60.07, AMER UNDERGROUND INV 4157.88, AMER LIBRARY ASSOC SVC 236, NE CHILD SUPPORT 429.24, NE DEPT OF ECON DEV SVC 7500, NWEA SVC 200, D&D COMM SVC 286.88, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC SVC 267.36, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS INV 832.5, GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS INV 951.46, BURNS & MCDONNELL SVC 4387.68, ASCE SVC 270, ONSITE SERVICES SOLUTIONS SVC 1950, JACKSON SERVICES 456.99, AIR PRODUCTS & CHEM INV 4230.78, ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING SVC 360, THOMPSON SVC

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ATTEST:
Brenda Wheeler, City Clerk

A complete text of the minutes, Resolutions, Ordinances are on file in the office of the City Clerk, 218 S. 16th Street, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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PT 11-15-22

MEETINGS

The City of Blair has filed its Amended Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Sale and To Distribute Excess Funds in the City of Blair vs. Melvin Campbell, Alice Campbell, Pennie Keller, Shirleane Keller, Alpha Capital-BMO Harris, Washington County District Court, Case No. CI21-32 and City of Blair vs. Real Property Located at 1049 Park Street, Legal Description of Lot 5 and part of vacated street of Block 4, 2nd Addition, Blair, Washington County, Nebraska, 68008, Case No. CI 21-168. The Hearing

will be held at the Washington County District Courtroom, Judge Samson presiding, December 6, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. All Defendants, persons, or people who may have a claim to any excess proceeds being held in these matters after the payment of the City of Blair's claim are to appear at court on December 6, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable Judge Samson to be heard or will forever be barred.

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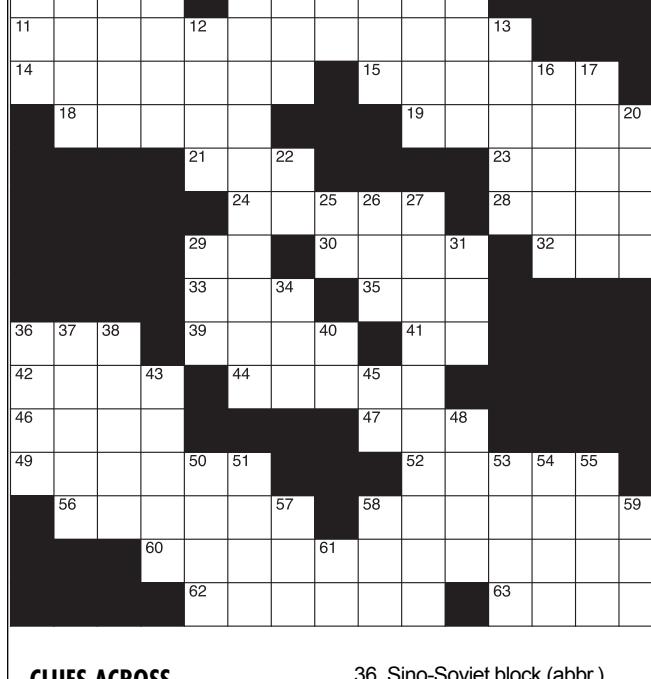
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November 15



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1. Greek mountain
5. One dependent on something
11. Gratitude
14. Glazed ceramic ware
15. Padding
18. Step
19. More greasy
21. Upper-class young woman
23. Light beige
24. Belief in a supreme being
28. Indigenous people of Scandinavia
29. A beloved princess
30. Transfer property
32. Field force unit
33. Automated teller
35. When you hope to get there

36. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
39. Politicians Fischer and Conroy are two
41. Blood type
42. Stringed instrument
44. Curses
46. Barbary sheep
47. Belonging to a thing
49. Supporters
52. Leaf-footed bug
56. A shower of water
58. Attribute to
60. Intermittent
62. Soda waters
63. Scottish island

CLUES DOWN

1. Klutz
2. Relaxing places
3. Expel saliva
4. The extended location of something
5. Certified
6. Cease to exist
7. Powerful legal pro
8. The OJ trial judge
9. Popular greeting
10. "90210" actress Spelling
12. __ Blyton, children's author
13. "This Is Us" star Fitch
16. Battery cell with a nickel anode
17. Full of bacteria
20. Remains of an old building
22. Exist
25. It gets you into places
26. Witness

27. The spreading of a disease to another part of the body
29. Father
31. Touch gently
34. Licensed for Wall Street
36. Herring-like fish
37. Lute used in N. Indian music
38. Mirabel shouldn't talk about him
40. Atomic #62
43. Religious
45. Silvery-white metal (abbr.)
48. Influential civil rights organization
50. Acknowledgment (abbr.)
51. Turn away
53. Kidney disease (abbr.)
54. Smooth-feeling fabric
55. Competently
57. Sea eagle
58. General's assistant (abbr.)
59. It helps you see
61. Emerging technology

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somewhere near its present site, and speculation was rife," the Pilot wrote.

At the time, an old military wagon road, which was the only commercial thoroughfare in Washington County, ran along the foot of the bluffs. Many thought that the most likely place for a town might be where the railroad crossed that road. In July 1868, the Herman Brothers established their store near the crossing and began doing business right away.

"Following them closely in point of time at the same place, came two gentlemen, who under the firm name of Bush & Richardson, built a house in which they opened a harness shop," according to the Pilot article.

In December 1868, H.B. Dexter, who built a number of buildings in Blair, constructed a hotel north of the crossing. The hotel was later owned and operated by L.D. Cameron.

Following the sale of lots on March 10, 1869, the Herman Brothers relocated their business in one of the first brick buildings inside Blair's city limits. The store was located on Lincoln

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Street. The brothers also traded in livestock and horses.

Two men named Clark and Donovan constructed what was likely the first building on the site of present-day Blair. They opened a "railroad store" while the railroad was making progress.

Their location was only transient, and with the disappearance of the gangs of workmen, they also moved to other fields," according to the Pilot. The building was sold to J.J. Adams, who opened a grocery store

and was the first permanent trading house in Blair.

The railroad, which figured prominently in the city's founding, also played a role in its growth. In 1873, the M&O Railroad pushed out from Omaha, passing through Blair. The city became a railroad center and a roundhouse was built.

For a time it looked like she might be favored with the railroad shops, but the building of the bridge across the Missouri River east of

here, changed the current of railroad events and soon the roundhouse was moved away," John A. Rhoades wrote in his book "Blair the Town Beautiful." "And Blair settled to a steady but healthy growth."

By 1876, the city was growing. There were now 1,500 residents, and the shipping of livestock was the big business in town. The building of the bridge across the Missouri River in 1882 made Blair a boom city, Rhoades said. Hundreds of workmen were in the city for more than a year. Work on the bridge was completed in fall 1883 and the workers left.

While it is not central to business in Blair as it once was, the railroad is still high-profile in the city today as it brings in supplies for Cargill and the other companies on the biocampus.

Next in the series

Who shaped the early years of Blair? Learn about its earliest leaders.

Leeanna Ellis is a former managing editor of the Washington County Pilot-Tribune and Enterprise. She is currently the public relations strategist for College of Saint Mary in Omaha.

OTTO HONORED WITH HERITAGE AWARD



COURTESY

Sue Ellen Hammer, left, with the Washington County Genealogical Society, awarded Zayling Otto with a Heritage Level 1, Beginner, Special Event plaque. The presentation was made at the Nov. 2, meeting of the WCGS. Zayling received the award for her Memories Scrapbook. She gave the WCGS group an informed presentation and her scrapbook contains treasured memories that will last a lifetime.

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our teachers. They've done an exceptional job on getting kids to progress and it's nice seeing closer to back on track with the ACTs," he said.

"We're still down a little bit but we're seeing some big, record gains below that."

Gilson noted the steps in place have lead to a noticeable increase in proficiency on the MAPs assessment and academic achievement in grades 3 through 8.

"We've seen enormous gains in grades 3-8," he said. "With all of those things, you hope to see a steady increase."

With added interventions and a focus on proficiency, Gilson said he expects numbers to continue to improve and said this year's ACT scores were a good start.

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OPPD earns praise for efforts to reduce emissions

Omaha Public Power District is receiving recognition for working to reduce emissions on its path to a goal of net-zero carbon production by 2050. Valmont Industries presented the utility with its Environmental, Social Governance (ESG) award for the organizations' joint work on a portion of OPPD's Power with Purpose (PwP) project.

Through PwP, OPPD will add 400 to 600 megawatts (MW) of utility-scale solar and up to 600 MW of natural gas balancing generation. The project will provide the needed generation for the growing communities across OPPD's 13-county service territory. It's one of the largest renewable energy projects in the Midwest.

Valmont Utility, a Valmont company, is working with OPPD to build transmission lines to connect two new natural gas balancing plants being built – Turtle Creek Station in Sarpy County and Standing Bear Lake Station in Douglas Coun-



Valmont Industries recently honored OPPD for its efforts to reduce emissions. From left, Shannon Eggert, vice president and general manager of Valmont Utility; Troy Via, COO and vice president of utility operations at OPPD; and Lisa Olson, vice president for Public Affairs at OPPD.

Working together

During the recent tour, Valmont representatives showcased their work to engineer 263 total transmission structures, including more than 2,200 separate structural components to support the lines.

These pieces were specially customized for the landscape on which they will be located.

"Valmont has made remarkable strides to minimize our environmental impact in Omaha and around the world, while creating increasingly efficient and sustainable solutions for our customers," said Aaron Schaper, Valmont group president of Infrastructure.

"Conserving resources and improving life is our tagline and purpose here at Valmont, and it's at the forefront of all we do."

Valmont has stepped up its carbon reduction efforts in recent years, achieving more than 18,000 metric tons of carbon emission reductions

since 2018. Over the past 40 years, Valmont's products have not only evolved to meet their own conservation goals, but also the utility industry's need to balance clean energy with reliability and resiliency.

"The OPPD project provides the ability to increase load growth, which requires grid resiliency for uninterrupted power," said Valmont Utility President Chris Colwell. "We are also addressing heightened demand for renewable energy sources and the need to support investments in the electrical grid. Through these efforts, we are hardening the grid while softening climate impact through the strength of our utility structures."

You can read more about Power with Purpose at OPPDCommunityConnect.com. To learn more about Valmont's commitment to sustainability, see the company's sustainability page.

SALUTE: Blair High School, Legion host Veterans Day services

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Wehrli, who served active duty in the Army from 1975 to 1981.

Prior to the Legion service, Blair High School students gathered in the high school gymnasium for a ceremony that included the presentation of colors, the National Anthem performed by the high school choir, a vocal performance of "God Bless the USA" from Scott Wachter, a history of Veterans Day from Lorenzen and the playing of Taps. Veterans were treated to a breakfast hosted by Blair FFA students prior to the ceremony.

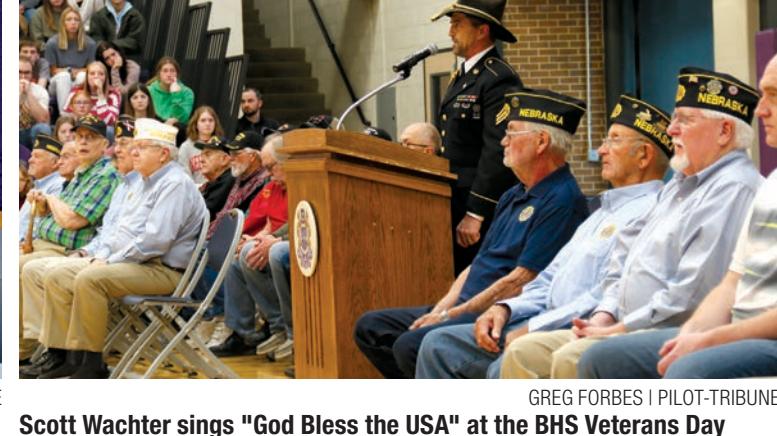
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Students stand at attention while the color guard presents the colors at the BHS Veterans Day ceremony.



Ruby Gutzman sings the National Anthem at the Blair American Legion's Veterans Day service.



Kym Dykstra delivers the Veterans Day address.



Scott Wachter sings "God Bless the USA" at the BHS Veterans Day ceremony.

St. Paul's students pay respect to veterans

BY GREG FORBES
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Students at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Arlington had the chance to hear about an Arlington native's role in World War II and what happens when a soldier doesn't return home.

Rob Royuk provided the Veterans Day address at the St. Paul's Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11. Royuk spoke of his uncle, Paul Schmidt, who served in the United States Army in 1942 in the African theater of World War II.

Royuk said his uncle was moved to Africa in October of 1942, shortly before the invasion of North Africa. Schmidt was killed in action in May the following year.

Schmidt's death resulted the family's Gold Star status. Royuk explained to the students what a Gold Star Family is.

"The title is reserved for families of military members who died in the line of duty," he said. "It's meant to honor the service of member's ultimate sacrifice by



St. Paul's Lutheran students sing "We Honor You" during the Veterans Day service on Nov. 11.

acknowledging their family's loss, grief and continued healing."

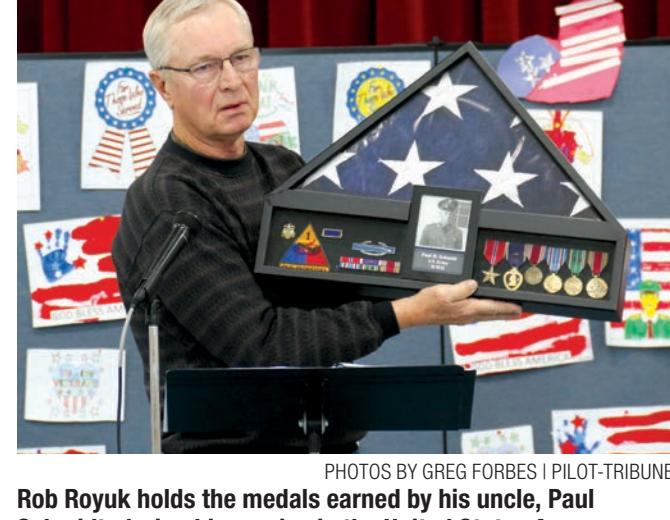
In World Wars I and II, families of soldiers would hang blue stars in their window and if a soldier was killed in action, the star would be switched to gold. In World War II, 63 members of St. Paul's Church served. Schmidt was one of two to be declared gold star status.

Royuk said Schmidt is interred at the North Africa America Cemetery in Tunisia. Royuk said the

cemetery, dedicated in 1960, has 2,841 American soldiers buried in it. A wall of missing soldiers has more than 3,000 names as well.

Royuk said the amount of soldiers buried at the cemetery and other cemeteries established overseas for those killed in action is a humbling reminder of the toll of World War II.

"A tremendous loss and we're forever grateful to our Veterans, that's for sure," he said.



PHOTOS BY GREG FORBES | PILOT-TRIBUNE
Rob Royuk holds the medals earned by his uncle, Paul Schmidt, during his service in the United States Army. Royuk's presentation was part of the Veterans Day ceremony at St. Paul's Lutheran School on Nov. 11.



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The Tannenbaum event returns to Blair Thursday



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Families sipped on hot chocolate and munched on cookies as Mayor Rich Hansen threw the switch to light the official Blair Christmas tree last year. The tree-lighting, along with several other activities, return this year for the Tannenbaum event.

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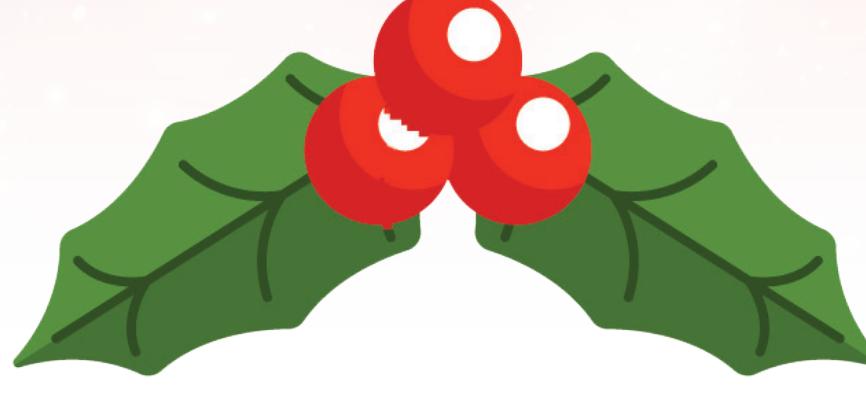


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BHS grad makes umpiring history at state softball

Jessica Schenck and her sister both work behind the plate

BY GRANT EGGER
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It hadn't even occurred to Renee Williams, Jessica Schenck and Megan Herz.

NSAA Assistant Director Dan Masters informed the umpires of their accomplishment, took them aside and snapped their photo at the Bill Smith Softball Complex in Hastings.

"You guys made history," Schenck recalled him saying.

The 2017 Blair High School graduate, Williams and Herz became the first all-female umpire crew to call an NSAA State Softball Championships tournament game.

SEE JESSICA, 2B



Renee Williams, from left, Jessica Schenck and Megan Herz comprised the first all-female NSAA State Softball Championships umpire crew last month.



Sisters Morgan, left, and Jessica Schenck once played softball as Blair Bears, but they now call balls and strikes.

STORM THE FORT

ARLINGTON, BLAIR AND FORT CALHOUN TEAMS COMPETE AT YOUTH HOOPS TOURNEY

PHOTOS BY GRANT EGGER | PILOT-TRIBUNE

Paxton Wagner, right, of the Fort Calhoun Youth Sports Organization (FCYSO) sixth-grade basketball team dribbles while defended by Blair Basketball Club Purple's Cole McCarty on Saturday during the Storm the Fort Tournament at FCHS.

Boys and girls teams in grades 2-6 competed during the two-day event, which was played in Fort Calhoun's high school and elementary gyms.



Fort Calhoun fifth-grader Lucy Billesbach, left, dribbles Saturday at Fort Calhoun Elementary School.



Fort Calhoun sixth-grader Damian Springer dribbles on the baseline Saturday at FCHS.

Crosby Swanson, left, and Cam Clements of the Blair Purple sixth-grade team competes Saturday at FCHS.



Fort Calhoun fifth-grader Claire Husk, left, dribbles up the floor Saturday at Fort Calhoun Elementary.

Fort Calhoun sixth-grader Michael Dennis, left, gets some coaching from Drew Wagner on Saturday at FCHS.



Gabby Muse, right, passes the ball Saturday at Fort Calhoun Elementary.



Greyson Kay of BC's Helpers, left, spikes the ball by the Gangsta's Dawson Fricke on Thursday during the Macho Man Volleyball Tournament at Blair High School.

National Honor Society hosts annual Macho Man Tourney

BHS senior boys play volleyball in costume

BY GRANT EGGER
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Blair High School National Honor Society (NHS) students and the senior class boys raised money for the Washington County Food Pantry on Thursday night.

The Macho Man Volleyball Tournament returned with the teenagers themselves orchestrating the annual event.

"I don't do a whole lot of the organization," said BHS counselor and NHS sponsor Vicki Griffin. "The kids do."

Kaitlyn Johnson and Derek Wang led efforts, signing up teams of senior boys, assigning those teams to the schedule and assigning coaches.

"It's just my job to be here,"

Griffin said.

Though there were challenges during the preparation stages, four volleyball teams competed Thursday with a team of teacher's and coaches set to play the winners during the night's final matchup.

"We have teams. We have coaches," Griffin said, crediting her students for their work. "Everything's going, so they did fine."

The BHS counselor has served as the NHS sponsor for five years and has seen what the senior boys have come up with for team uniforms and costumes each tourney.

Thursday's themes and team names were Frat Boys, Black Out Aces, Gangstas and BC's Helpers.

The Helpers — a Brayan Caraveo as Santa with his elves theme — were Griffin's favorite.

"Very, very funny," she said.



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BC and his Helpers stand for the National Anthem on Thursday at Blair High School.

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Winter high school sports practices begin

Competition begins before the end of the month

STAFF REPORTS

Winter high school sports practices began Monday at Blair, Arlington and Fort Calhoun High Schools.

In addition to boys wrestling, Blair and Arlington start their girls programs this winter. Head coaches Erich Warner of BHS and Doug Hart of AHS will oversee both teams, while the Bears' Terry Bellemey and Eagles' Madison Wakefield will lend their coaching efforts to the girls, too.

The Blair girls wrestling program starts its inaugural season alongside the boys Dec. 1. The home triangular with Fremont and Papillion-La Vista South starts at 5 p.m.

The Arlington boys and girls wrestling teams start competition Dec. 2 at Columbus Lakeview.

Fort Calhoun wrestling, meanwhile, starts its season Dec. 3 at Bennington. The Pioneers are again coached by Drew Welchert.

All six Washington

County high school boys and girls basketball coaches return this season, too. Blair coaches Matt Aschoff and Chris Whitwer will lead teams against Luke Brenn and Tyler Spitser's Arlington teams during a pair of Nov. 21 exhibition games at BHS. It starts with the 5:30 p.m. girls game.

Then, on Dec. 1, Aschoff's BHS girls host Omaha Mercy in their season opener. The boys, meanwhile, host the Ralston Rams on Dec. 3 after the girls' second game of the winter.

Both Arlington basketball teams, meanwhile, officially start their seasons Dec. 1 with home games against West Point-Beemer.

Fort Calhoun basketball coaches Marty Plum and TJ O'Connor will have their teams in action for Nov. 28 home exhibition games as well. Plum's girls team then plays at Fremont Bergan on Dec. 2 before O'Connor's squad plays the Knights in the nightcap.

Arlington and Blair also have established co-ops with Fremont High School swimming. The Tigers' first event is a home dual Dec. 1.

JESSICA: BHS grad makes umpiring history at state softball

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"We didn't even realize it," Schenck said.

The gravity of the accomplishment took hold though as congratulations and recognition came in. The former Blair Bear heard from family and friends as did her folks back home in Washington County.

Schenck said her twin sister Morgan, who is currently busy with grad school, wishes she could have been there in Hastings, too.

"I think a part of her was a little jealous," Jessica said, chuckling at the thought.

Both Schenck sisters played softball during their days at BHS.

The Bears reached the NSAA Championships during their freshman and sophomores seasons, allowing the twins to experience state firsthand.

It just took Jessica a few years to get back.

Her journey to last month's 2022 state tournament started when she began umpiring youth games alongside Morgan in 2016 under the guidance of Gail Snyder. Jessica still remembers putting together oddball uniforms consisting of extra-large shirts and navy shorts for the work.

Since, the Schencks graduated high school in 2017 and have risen the umpiring ranks. Both have called high school games as they've studied and earned college degrees.

School came first, though, with Jessica taking some time away from prep umpiring as she furthered her

education. Recently, however, time opened up as she earned her Masters of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies from the College of Saint Mary in Omaha.

As a result, the umpire — who officially starts her career in Omaha this January — took on a busy fall season. She signed up with the NSAA and was selected to work state tournament games for the first time.

"It was a big honor," Schenck said, noting the season-long evaluations and coaches' recommendations that go into who gets a spot in Hastings. "Felt super great."

The trip back to the Bill Smith Complex was nostalgic for the BHS grad.

"I feel like the time flew by (during the tourney)," she said, noting nice weather with a few windy outings mixed in.

The history Schenck made with Williams and Herz was icing on the cake. The umpire is happy to know softball players competing in those games can look behind the plate and down the lines at women they can relate to. She hopes more-and-more take on the new role when their playing days come to a close.

For now, though, Schenck is happy to be one of the youngest umpires in the state with her fellow crew members looking out for her.

Out on the diamond, she said it's like working alongside "a separate little family."

One that makes history together.



COURTESY PHOTO

The second-grade Fort Calhoun flag football team recently went unbeaten during its Blair Family YMCA season. The squad was 7-0 in second- and third-grade division play, and was photographed here wearing Pink-Out Game gear and showing support for Marla Romans and Nicole Treves. They are Sam Treves, front row, from left, Maddox Rutledge, Cohen Hallberg, Lucas Benson and Houston Huettner. Second row: Abie Weber, Eli O'Connor, Nash Romans, Gabe Barthel and Stetson Pane. Back row: coaches Taylor Huettner, Clint Benson, Russell Romans, Marla Romans, Erich Barthel and Grant Rutledge.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY HOSTS ANNUAL MACHO MAN TOURNEY



Nate Teager misses a swing Thursday at Blair High School.



The Frat Boys' Dominic Maggard, middle, spikes the ball over the net Thursday at Blair High School.

Kaden Sears of the Frat Boys serves Thursday at Blair High School.

FCHS football players claim all-district honors

4 earn 1st-team designation

STAFF REPORTS

Seven Fort Calhoun Pioneers were recognized with the recent release of the Class C1-1 All-District football

team.

Austin Welchert, Grayson Bouwman, Colton Miles and Blake Welchert earned first-team honors, while Andrew Namuth, Alex Christensen and Levi Lasher took honorable mention.

Austin Welchert, FCHS' senior quarter-

back, threw for 1,515 yards and 13 touchdowns during the Pioneers' 4-5 season.

His top target, junior Grayson Bouwman, caught 42 passes for 801 yards and 10 scores.

Freshman Blake Welchert, meanwhile, caught 28 passes for 360 yards and ran for 293

more. Miles, a sophomore, blocked for him on the offensive line, while also making 11 total tackles defensively.

Namuth (53 total tackles), Lasher (43) and Christensen (21) were key defensive contributors this past fall, too.

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A LOOK AT TIMES GONE BY

Blair, Arlington and Fort Calhoun reach 2009 football playoffs

Bears finish 10-2 overall

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

The Blair, Arlington and Fort Calhoun football teams all reached the NSAA football playoffs in 2009.

It was the first time they'd all qualified at the end of the same season.

The Bears, who finished the regular season 8-1, would go 2-1 in Class B postseason play, while the Eagles and Pioneers each went 0-for-1 in C1.

BHS reaches semifinals

Coach Darren Harsin's Blair squad reached the Class B semifinals with back-to-back wins against Omaha Gross and Waverly.

Omaha Skutt, however, was too much.

The Skyhawks advanced to the finals 32-0, ending the Bears' campaign at 10-2.

"It's been a great year," Harsin told the Enterprise at the time.

BHS' 38-28 win against Gross was the school's first postseason victory since 1995. Ryan Randall ran for 295 yards and four touchdowns in the win, while Jake Schany also earned a trip into the end zone and Sean Wade hit a field goal.

Jerad Petersen, meanwhile, led the Blair defense with 10 total tackles and a sack against the Cougars.

In the next round, the Bears turned a 4-0 turnover advantage into a 24-6 win against the Vikings. Schany blocked Waverly's first-series punt and Petersen picked it up to score a 7-0 lead.

Randall added another rushing touchdown, Wade hit another postseason field goal and quarterback Jordan Flynn connected with Joey Gentzler on a 51-yard touchdown catch in the win.

Against Skutt, though, BHS managed just 149 offensive yards to its opposition's 409.

Fort Calhoun finishes 4-5

The Pioneers' first postseason trip in 11 years ended with a 41-0 loss at Boys Town.

Coach Michael Huffman's squad was within 6-0 at halftime, but

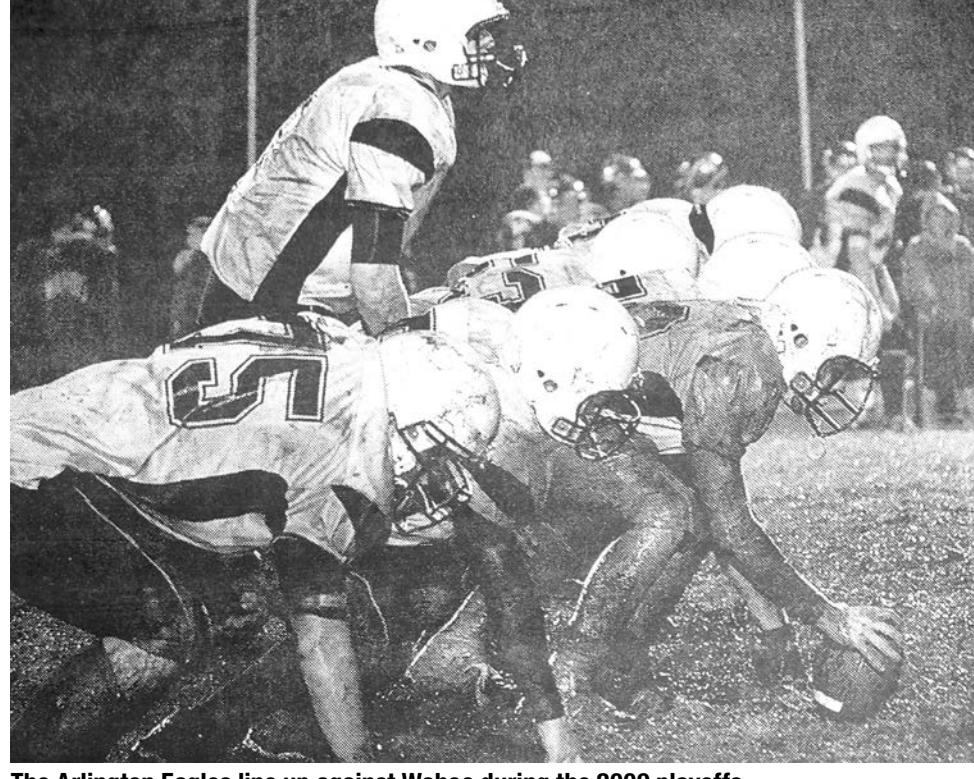


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The 2009 Blair Bears celebrate a 24-6 playoff victory against Waverly.



Fort Calhoun senior linebacker Taylor von Knorring, right, recovers a Boys Town fumble during the teams' 2009 playoff game.



The Arlington Eagles line up against Wahoo during the 2009 playoffs.

couldn't keep up with the Cowboys after the break.

"We played an excellent first half of football in all three aspects of the game," said the coach, who now leads the Bellevue West program.

Boys Town won the third and fourth quarters 35-0, ending Fort Calhoun's '09 season at 4-5. Taylor von Knorring led the Pioneers defensively with a pair of

fumble recoveries, while AJ Nelson notched 10 total tackles.

Eagles bounce back from 0-8

Arlington lost its 2009 Class C1 playoff game to Wahoo, 29-0, ending the year 5-4 — a five-win improvement from the previous winless campaign.

"This was a great comeback year for us after a disappointing year in 2008," Eagles coach

Steven Gubbels said. "I'm really happy for all the guys."

Rain made for a muddy game against the Warriors, who scored their first points on a blocked-punt safety. AHS' Matt Ostrand had 11 tackles and Jared Maslowsky ran for 55 yards, but the Eagles' season ended by more than four touchdowns on the road.

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5 p.m., Arlington junior high boys basketball hosts West Point GACC

5 p.m., Fort Calhoun junior high boys basketball hosts Fremont Bergen

6:30 p.m., Blair High School winter sports parent meeting, BHS Auditorium

FRIDAY

5 p.m., Intramural Blair seventh- and eighth-grade boys basketball game, Arbor Park Intermediate School

Note: Schedules are subject to change. To submit events to be listed, email sports@enterprisepub.com with a brief description of the event, the date and start time.

NCC recognizes 3 county volleyball players

STAFF REPORTS

Two Fort Calhoun Pioneers and an Arlington Eagle were recently recognized by the Nebraska Capitol Conference with the release of their All-NCC volleyball teams.

Olivia Quinlan and Raegen Wells of FCHS — as well as the Eagles' Peyton Timm — received honorable mention for their season-long play. Three Douglas County West players, one from Syracuse, one from Yutan, one from Ashland-Greenwood and another from Logan View/Scribner-Snyder comprised the first team, while the second team had one volleyball standout apiece from Raymond Central, Syracuse, DC West, Ashland, Yutan, Conestoga and Louisville.

Quinlan, a setter, achieved a pair of Pioneer school records during her senior season. She had two matches of 12 service aces, while also setting the new high mark for aces in a season — 61.

The Calhoun honoree also notched 74 kills, 220 digs and 427 assists.

Wells, meanwhile, led the Pioneers in kills with 170 during her junior campaign. She also contributed 35 aces, 24 blocks and 236 digs.

In Arlington, Timm led her team with 78 kills this past season. She had a team-best 25 aces, too, while contributing 132 digs.

The Eagles were 1-26 this fall, while FCHS closed its season 13-20.

2022 ALL-NCC VOLLEYBALL

FIRST TEAM: Nora Wurtz, Anna Borner and Aubree Liss, DC West; Kadyn Sisco, Syracuse; Mylee Tichota, Yutan; Marley Glock, Ashland; Grace Schlueter, Logan View/Scribner-Snyder.

SECOND TEAM: Quincy Cotter, Raymond Central; Katelyn Smith, Syracuse; Keira Murdock, DC West; Raeghan Craven, Ashland; Ellie Lloyd, Yutan; Sophia Ackerman, Conestoga; Sagan Leach, Louisville.



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Blair All State choir and band participants are, from left: (front) Jenna Thompson, clarinet; Marissa Faue, french horn; and Abi Lundberg, clarinet; and (back) choir members Ruby Gutzmann and Whitney Belles. Not pictured are Tyler Lantry, euphonium and Kyle Gross, trumpet.

Plan to attend the All-State Group Concert on Friday, Nov. 18 at the UNL Lied Center for the Performing Arts

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AREA HOLIDAY CONCERTS

BLAIR
Jr. High Pops concert
7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28,
Otte Middle School gym

Blair High School band concert
7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29,
Lela Neve Auditorium, BHS

Blair Area Community Band and Choir concert
2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4,
Lela Neve Auditorium, BHS

7th/8th Grade Band concert
7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6,
Otte Middle School gym

Blair High School Holiday Vocal Concert
7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8,
Lela Neve Auditorium, BHS

6th Grade Band/Vocal concert
7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13,
Otte Middle School gym

5th Grade Band/Choir concert
7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15,
Lela Neve Auditorium, BHS

ARLINGTON
Elementary music concert
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, old gym

Middle school/high school winter concert
6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8,
main high school gym

FORT CALHOUN
Jr./Sr high band Christmas concert
3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11,
new high school gym

Jr./Sr high winter choir concert
7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15,
new high school gym



CHEYENNE ALEXIS | PILOT-TRIBUNE
Michael Maxon, a tuba player for the Fort Calhoun Pioneer Marching Band, will participate in the Nebraska All-State Band Nov. 18.



CHEYENNE ALEXIS | PILOT-TRIBUNE
Five Arlington High School students were selected to participate in the Nebraska Music Education Association's 2022 All-State Chorus. Pictured clockwise from front, Jordan Tweedy, Malyna Lozo, Kolby Tighe, Garrett Hager and Kayli Praus.



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