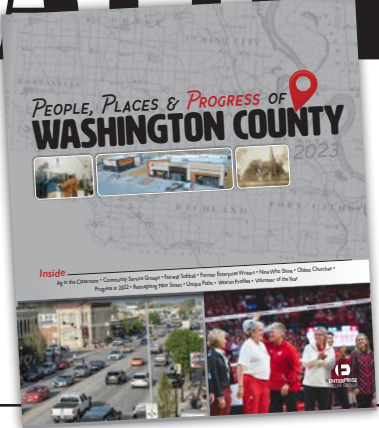


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## Arlington admins reflect on familial ties to education

BY GREG FORBES  
 For the Citizen

Collectively, the Arlington Public Schools administration team has a deep family connection to education.

Superintendent Dr. Dawn Lewis' grandmother taught at the Normal schoolhouse in South Dakota and her son now teaches in Brandon, S.D.

Middle School and High School principal Aaron Pfungsten's mother spent most of her career teaching elementary school at Tri-County Schools in DeWitt, Neb., and has a daughter pursuing a degree in education.

Elementary principal and special education director Jackie Morgan's grandfather coached and

taught business education, physical education and served as assistant principal while her mom spent 42 years preschool and four years in special education.

Curriculum director Tashia Wolf's father served as an educator and eventually superintendent and athletic director at Elmwood.

Growing up with education, Pfungsten said it was hard to ignore both the benefits and struggles of a career in education.

"I grew up knowing my mom to be at the school which has its benefits and has its drawbacks," he said. "Certainly as you reflect back, there are a lot more benefits than drawbacks. And then that modeled kind of



Education is a family affair for Arlington Public Schools Supt. Dr. Dawn Lewis, right. Her husband, Clint, left, and son, Sully, are both teachers as well.

what it meant to be a teacher."

For some of the Arlington crew, seeing a parent or grandparent toil in education was ini-

tially a deterrent to get in the field themselves.

"I was the 'I'll never be a teacher' type be-

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Tashia Wolf, the curriculum director at Arlington schools, shares a familial education tie with her father, Dan Novak, who served as a teacher and administrator for Elmwood schools.

## Booster Club, community donate \$4,500 to Striv program



CHEYENNE ALEXIS | CITIZEN

The Arlington Booster Club and community donated \$4,500 to the Arlo Striv program. Pictured from left, Landon Olson, Joe Burns, Aaron Fuchs, Dalton Newcomer, Dawn Klein, Trevor Denker, Kolby Tighe, Paxton Kizeor and Scott Parson.

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS  
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The Arlo Striv program will be able to expand with equipment and other necessities following a \$4,500 donation from the community and Arlington Booster Club.

Arlington's Striv program was created five years ago to introduce students to the world of broadcasting and producing and filming videos.

The students in Striv primarily broadcast home athletic games, as well as other events such as music concerts and spelling bees.

The program covers around 40 events during the year, and in 2022, received 14,000 page views

during the different broadcasts.

Dawn Klein, president of the Booster Club, said the group wanted to show support to the Striv program and advisor Scott Parson for their work during events.

"I think it stemmed from last fall when (Parson) was kind enough to bring his sound system to the homecoming pep rally that the Booster Club put on, and we just thought it was such a generous offer of his time and equipment," Klein said. "I know that one of the speakers that day kind of blew out. It kind of got our wheels turning."

Originally, Klein said the Booster Club was contemplating a few different donation drives, but ultimately decided to match

up to \$500 from freewill donations at the Feb. 10 boys varsity basketball game.

But funds exceeded all expectations, and the Booster Club extended the donations one more week at the Feb. 17 boys varsity basketball game, while also deciding to match donations dollar-for-dollar.

Klein said the donations fell right in line with the Booster Club's mission to support student-athletes.

"There was such an outpouring of donations via cash, check and Venmo," Klein said. "So, we're really, really happy with the efforts and the generosity of the Arlington community

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## Fort Calhoun, Arlington superintendents respond to alleged basketball incident

BY GRANT EGGER  
 sports@enterprise.com

Superintendents from both Fort Calhoun Community Schools and Arlington Public Schools recently released statements regarding Enterprise Media Group inquiries into alleged incidents occurring during the schools' high school basketball games in late January.

A Fort Calhoun boys basketball player was accused of using a racial slur during both of the teams' meetings Jan. 26 and Jan. 31.

Supt. Jerry Green of Fort Calhoun emailed the following statement to the Enterprise:

"The Fort Calhoun administration took the alleged comments very seriously and worked diligently with the Arlington administration. It is our hope that from the negativity surrounding the situation that there will be learning and growth. No further comments can be made."

Arlington Supt. Dawn Lewis' statement was shared with the Enterprise by activities director James Shada:

"Arlington administrators were made aware of the alleged comments, and worked closely with the Fort Calhoun administration team to ensure the matter was handled appropriately. Students and student-athletes make mistakes, and while we take this very seriously, we also choose to extend young people some grace to learn from their mistakes and grow as individuals and teammates."

The email from the AHS offices closed with a note that any further comment from the school on the situation would be inappropriate, as it is considered a disciplinary matter.

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## OBITUARIES

## Carolyn J. Nielsen, 87

Carolyn J. Nielsen, 87 years of Fremont, passed away Monday, Feb. 13, 2023 at Dunklau Gardens in Fremont. She was born on Sept. 7, 1935, in Leigh to J. Henry and Bessie (Novotny) Miller.

Carolyn was raised in Leigh until she moved to Fremont in 1946. She graduated Fremont High School in 1953. Carolyn married Lee Nielsen on January 14, 1955, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fremont. She was employed by J.C. Penney and Don Peterson & Associates.

She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fremont and the Women Of Faith group.

Carolyn is survived by her grandchildren, Jessie (Vinnie) Krikac and children Calum and Katelyn of Lincoln; Chris (Mary Jane) Nielsen of Omaha, Tara (Brad) League and children Cameron, Grace and Cody of Waterloo, Spencer Nielsen and son Grayson of Fremont; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lee; sons, Timothy Nielsen and Randy Nielsen; sisters, Marlene Keyes, MaryAnn Cate, and Jeanette Mather.

A memorial service was held 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fremont. Visitation was Monday, Feb. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Moser Memorial Chapel in Fremont. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at church.

Burial will take place at Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or donor's choice.

Online condolences may be left at: [www.moser-memorialchapels.com](http://www.moser-memorialchapels.com).

Moser Memorial Chapel, 2170 N. Somers Ave., Fremont, NE 68025 402-721-4490.



Carolyn Nielsen

## Joan Nenow, 86

Joan Ruth Marie Biberdorf Nenow 86, of Salisbury, passed away Feb. 17, 2023, at Novant Health.

Joan was born Oct. 11, 1936, in Trail, British Columbia to the late Earnest Biberdorf and Helen Koehler Biberdorf.

Joan was a Registered Nurse who loved helping people in any way she could. She was an avid reader and a long-time member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

In addition to her parents, Joan was preceded in death by her husband Charles DeWayne Nenow, and two brothers; Donald and Ralph Biberdorf.

Those left to cherish her memory include two sons Mark Charles Nenow and wife Pamela of Boone N.C., and Timothy Ernest Nenow of Ft. Myers, Fla., two Daughters Leslie Joan Nenow Volk and husband Clark of Arlington and Jill Marie Nenow Zorzanello and husband William of Mullica Hill, N.J., one brother Roy Biberdorf, one sister Marilyn B Hellwege, and nine grandchildren; Claire Volk, Joesph Nenow, Destiny Vonhof, Maddie Volk, Rebecca Nenow, William Zorzanello, Sophia Zorzanello, Andrew Nenow, and Grace Volk.

A funeral service will be conducted on March 4, 2023, at 11 a.m., at Salem Lutheran Church 4005 NC Highway 16N Taylorsville NC 28681.

Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Lutheran World Relief in memory of Joan Ruth Marie Nenow. 800.597.5972 or email [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org) with any questions.

Chapman Funeral Home is serving the Nenow Family.



Joan Nenow

## Ina M. (Hunzeker) Hecht, 85

Ina Marie (Hunzeker) Hecht, 85, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023, at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, S.D. Funeral services were 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 27 at the Salem Reformed Church in Menno, S.D. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at the Menno Cemetery at a later date. Online condolences may be sent at: [www.opsahl-kostelfuneral-home.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneral-home.com).

## OBITUARIES

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## Semi driver uninjured in rollover accident

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS  
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A semi driver who lost control of his truck, causing it to roll on its back, was unscathed following an accident on U.S. Highway 30 and County Road P29 Monday morning.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office, as well as Blair and Kennard fire and rescue squads, responded to the accident around 8 a.m.

The highway was closed at the roundabout in Blair in order to clear the semi and clean the road, which was covered in mud.

Sgt. Alex Judkins said the semi driver was headed westbound just past CR P26 when another semi on the side of the road pulled out in front of him.



CHEYENNE ALEXIS | CITIZEN

A driver of a semi truck was uninjured following a rollover accident on U.S. Highway 30 Monday morning.

"He hit his brakes, pulled to the right to attempt to miss that semi and the semi in question continued on P26,"

Judkins said. "However, the driver believes his back wheels went off the shoulder, sunk in the mud — after tha, he was

unable to regain control and it pulled him all the way over and he rolled."

## WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

## FEB. 20

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 7:25 a.m. — Complete; Fort Calhoun.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 7:45 a.m. — Complete; Arlington.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL:** 10:07 a.m. — Semi changing battery on side of road requesting traffic control due to location; 4100 block of U.S. Highway 75.

**DEER IN ROAD:** 11:54 a.m. — Deer removed; 2800 block of U.S. Highway 75.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT MESSAGES BETWEEN SON AND FEMALE FROM A FAME CHAT ROOM THAT LEAD TO PHONE CONTACT:** 12:30 p.m. — Both parties were juveniles of same age; Phone call.

**WELFARE CHECK:** 1:14 p.m. — Contact with party, everything OK; Arlington.

**VERBAL DISTURBANCE:** 2:44 p.m. — Situation mediated; Kennard.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 2:45 p.m. — Complete; Fort Calhoun.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 3:10 p.m. — Complete; Fort Calhoun.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 3:15 p.m. — One written warning, white female; Arlington.

**POSSIBLE FRAUD:** 3:50 p.m. — No report at this time; Arlington.

**PHONE CALL:** 5:02 p.m. — Director of Dismas Charities. Provided same information that was provided int he previous phone call; 444 South 16th Street.

**PEOPLE POSSIBLE FIGHTING AT BALLFIELDS:** 6:23 p.m. — Group of fourth grade scouts hiking in the woods by the ballfields. Supervised by adults; Fort Calhoun.

**GAS LEAK:** 8:33 p.m. — Traffic control; Fort Calhoun.

**SPECIAL ATTENTION:** 8:50 p.m. — All OK; 8200 block of Dutch Hall Road.

## FEB. 21

**VEHICLE PARKED INSIDE GATE:** 2:39 a.m. — 2015 Ford F150 parked inside the gate of Countryside Marina and RV Park. Unoccupied; 2100 block of County Road P51.

**SPECIAL ATTENTION:** 3:22 a.m. — All seemed OK; 8200 block of Dutch Hall Road.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 7:30 a.m. — Complete; Arlington.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 7:45 a.m. — One verbal warning, white male.

**COWS OUT:** 8:20 a.m. — Unable to locate; County roads 11 and 28.

**CIVIL ISSUE - DISPUTE WITH LANDLORD:** 12:05 p.m. — Information obtained; 27600 block of County Road 12.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 2:35 p.m. — Complete; Fort Calhoun.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 2:55 p.m. — Complete; Arlington.

**ROCKS IN ROADWAY:** 3:50 p.m. — Loose gravel; state Highway 31 and U.S. Highway 30.

**POSSIBLE CHILD ABUSE IN MOVING VEHICLE:** 4:44 p.m. — Traffic stop and interviewed male and juvenile. Abuse unfounded. Information report; County Road A and U.S.

Highway 75.

**WELFARE CHECK:** 7:50 p.m. — Landowner found a male party walking through the field near the house. Blair Police Department was looking individual. Transported Blair Police Department; 12800 block of County Road 10.

**AGENCY ASSIST:** 9:38 p.m. — Blair Police Department requested an escort to Omaha for a female party that did not feel safe driving at night. Female party turned back into Blair as we were leaving town. She advised dispatch I was leading her to an ambush. No further action attempted; Blair.

**DOG AT LARGE:** 9:53 p.m. — Owner located; Arlington.

## FEB. 22

**SPECIAL ATTENTION:** 2:25 a.m. — No issues; 8200 block of Dutch Hall Road.

**BUS SELECTIVE:** 7 a.m. — No violations; U.S. Highway 75 - south of Blair.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 7:30 a.m. — All OK; Arlington.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 7:45 a.m. — OK; Fort Calhoun.

**ASSIST ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT:** 10:31 a.m. — Complete; Arlington.

**RECKLESS DRIVER - WHITE PICKUP:** 10:33 a.m. — No contact. Blair to state Highway 31; Eastbound U.S. Highway 30 from Arlington.

**REFERENCING CITIZEN COMPLAINT:** 10:42 a.m. — Information obtained; Phone call.

**FOLLOW UP:** 11:51 a.m. — Statement obtained; Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCOS).

**PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT:** 1:09 p.m. — No contact between the two vehicles. Driver was just shaken up. He continued on his way. No report; 13400 block of U.S. Highway 75.

**MOTORIST ASSIST - TWO SEMIS STUCK:** 1:51 p.m. — Semis were on their way, roads were slick from ice; County Road 32 and state Highway 133.

**FOLLOW UP:** 2:08 p.m. — No contact; 2700 block of Herbert Henry Lane.

**TRAFFIC STOP 99 MPH IN 65 MPH ZONE:** 2:27 p.m. — Arrested Jennai Faulkner, 51, on Washington County warrant; Fort Calhoun.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT:** 2:41 p.m. — Report; 5800 block of High Pasture Drive.

**POSSIBLE ANIMAL ABUSE:** 3:00 p.m. — Dogs had food, water, and shelter; 13400 block of County Road P16.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT:** 3:46 p.m. — Car vs. school bus, no injuries, report taken; County Road P7 and U.S. Highway 30.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT:** 6:24 p.m. — Report; state Highway 133 and County Road 35.

**SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE:** 7:58 p.m. — Located vehicle, no action taken; Fort Calhoun.

## FEB. 23

**LOST DOG:** 1:30 a.m. — Information obtained; Marian Rose Avenue.

**BUS SELECTIVE:** 7 a.m. — No violations; U.S. Highway - south of Blair.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 7:30 a.m. — All OK; Arlington.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 7:50 a.m. — OK; Fort Calhoun.

**SINGLE-VEHICLE PROPERTY DAMAGE CRASH:** 9:04 a.m. — Report; state Highway 133 and County Road P30.

**ASSIST RESCUE:** 1:30 p.m. — Assisted; 9600 block of U.S. Highway 75.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT BUS ACCIDENT ON FEB. 22, 2023:** 2:08 p.m. — Answered questions; Phone call.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 3 p.m. — All OK; Arlington.

**TRAFFIC STOP:** 4:07 p.m. — Arrested David Changala, 65, for driving under revocation; Fort Calhoun.

**ALARM:** 9:12 p.m. — False alarm; 13100 block of County Road 16.

**DRIVE THROUGH OF STORAGE LOT:** 11:38 p.m. — Gate to storage lot is froze open; Arlington.

## FEB. 24

**SPECIAL ATTENTION CHECK:** 3:23 a.m. — OK; 8200 block of Dutch Hall Road.

**BUSINESS CHECKS:** 3:47 a.m. — 10 checked, OK; Fort Calhoun.

**SPECIAL ATTENTION CHECK:** 4:23 a.m. — OK; 8800 block of County Road 37.

**VERBAL DISTURBANCE:** 6:32 a.m. — Three juveniles playing prank on friend. No action taken; 1200 block of Kameo Drive.

**WELFARE CHECK:** 1:20 p.m. — Made contact with homeowner. No issues; Fort Calhoun.

**SCHOOL PATROL:** 3:15 p.m. — Complete; Arlington.

**MOTORIST ASSIST:** 10:34 p.m. — 24 hour red tag issued. Silver Buick Rendezvous; state Highway 31 and Rix Lane.

**TRAFFIC STOP:** 11:02 p.m. — Arrested Shaun Williams, 37, for driving under the influence, third aggravated; County Road 9 and Washington County Fairgrounds.

## FEB. 25

**MOTORIST ASSIST:** 12:12 a.m. — 24 hour red tag, red 1996 Ford F150; U.S. Highway 30 and County Road 23.

**BUSINESS CHECKS:** 2:41 a.m. — 12 checked, all OK; Fort Calhoun.

**BUSINESS CHECKS:** 3:05 a.m. — 12 checks, all OK; Arlington.

**REFERENCING POSSIBLE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** 5:21 a.m. — Occurred in Douglas County, advised to contact Douglas County Sheriff's Office. Provided options for protections order; Phone call.

**ALARM:** 7:23 a.m. — House secure; 1300 block of Kameo Drive.

**TRAFFIC STOP:** 8:24 a.m. — Ar-

rested Loren Hurt, 20, for warrant; Fort Calhoun.

**TRAFFIC COMPLAINT:** 12:08 p.m. — 20 plus vehicles parked along Lincoln Street. Nowhere else for them to park for Wrestling event at Fort Calhoun High School. No action taken; 14th and Lincoln streets.

**WELFARE CHECK:** 1:14 p.m. — Self-committal; Kennard.

**FUNERAL PROCESSION:** 2:15 p.m. — Complete; Herman.

**SUSPICIOUS PARTY:** 2:23 p.m. — Farmer of the land working in the shop; 3700 block of Rivers Way.

**BUYING FIREARMS WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE NOT STOLEN:** 3:07 p.m. — Verified not stolen; Phone call.

**SCAM:** 3:30 p.m. — Information obtained; 11800 block of Cydney Lane.

## FEB. 26

**SPECIAL ATTENTION:** 1:38 a.m. — All OK; 8800 block of County Road 37.

**PARKING COMPLAINT:** 6:24 a.m. — Advised options; Arlington.

**TRAIN BLOCKING ENTRANCES:** 6:35 a.m. — Union pacific advised the crew was out of hours and could not move until new crew arrived. Estimated time of arrival is 90 minutes. Train eventually moved; 89A Spur Highway.

**PARTY WALKING ON SHOULDER OF HIGHWAY:** 7:57 a.m. — Did not want a ride; U.S. Highway 30 and County Road 23.

**RESCUE CALL:** 8:51 a.m. — Assisted Fort Calhoun Fire Department with medical call; 6000 block of Green Acres Lane.

**DISTURBANCE:** 11 a.m. — Situation mediated; 13100 block of County Road 16.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT PREVIOUS CALL:** 12:30 p.m. — Answered questions and advised to discuss situation with retained legal counsel; Phone call.

**DOG AT LARGE:** 12:56 p.m. — Dog was confined, advised to take to animal shelter; 15400 block of U.S. Highway 75.

**FOLLOW UP:** 1:51 p.m. — Information obtained; Washington County Sheriff's Office.

**MOTORIST ASSIST:** 8:18 p.m. — No action taken; 4900 block of County Road P43.

**VEHICLE DRIVING ERRATIC AND HITTING BRAKES:** 10:13 p.m. — Followed vehicle, no violations observed; U.S. Highway 75 and Mary Nelson Lane.

**MOTORIST ASSIST:** 11:55 p.m. — 24 hour red tag; U.S. Highway 30 and County Road 23.

## FEB. 27

**BUSINESS CHECKS:** 1:57 a.m. — 12 checked, all OK; Fort Calhoun.

**DISTURBANCE:** 2:16 a.m. — Mediated; 7900 block of County Road 24.

**BUSINESS CHECKS:** 3:20 a.m. — 12 checked; Arlington.

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# Panelists discuss church safety and security at forum

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS  
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Church parishioners and community members gathered at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Saturday morning to discuss safety and security measures in place for their respective places of worship.

Five panelists, Dan Douglas, Washington County emergency manager; Mike Robinson, Washington County sheriff; Joe Lager, Blair Police chief, Keith Bell, Nebraska State Patrol trooper; and Melissa Schutt, Fremont attorney, answered questions and provided advice during the church safety and security forum.

Leading the group was Dale Hilgenkamp and Stan Carlson of Carlson Counseling Services in Fremont.

In the crowd were members of several Washington County churches — Christ Lutheran Church, Great Commission Baptist Church, First Lutheran Church-ELCA, St. Mary's Episcopal Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church — and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hooper.

"We've had some conversations with Dan several times,

and we've been able to make some progress in our emergency plans for our church," Carlson said. "We still have a lot of questions here... and so that's one of the reasons that kind of motivated me to begin to get some sort of panel going so questions could be answered."

The forum began with Douglas explaining what his role as emergency manager looks like during an active threat.

For incidents like threats, domestic disputes and active killings, Douglas said making a preparedness plan is crucial for churches, especially for a place like St. Paul's — a church and school.

"(First responders) are the outside responders, but what does it mean inside the facility — who are your inside first responders?" Douglas said. "Do you need inside first responders, and at what level do you need them?"

Douglas also shared a few news clips from two national scenarios where places of worship were attacked by a gunman: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Ala., in 2022 and West Freeway Church of Christ in

White Settlement, Texas, in 2019.

In Texas, the gunman was killed by members of a church security team within six seconds of him killing two church members.

In Alabama, the gunman, who had visited the church before, was apprehended by a victim before law enforcement arrived.

Douglas said while churches don't necessarily need to arm themselves like "a detention center," there is a potential balance to allow for safety inside places of worship.

"We can't be caged down... we can't scare people with everybody walking around with ammunition strapped to them like a SWAT team," he said. "The question is, what level of security is going to make people feel safe enough to come?"

## Panelists discuss security options

Robinson said since 1999, there have been more than 20 active shooter incidents in places of worship, with varying motives from the shooters. "It's taken the lives of just

about 100 people, the worst one being Southern Hills, Texas — 26 dead. There have been a couple where armed security has stopped the threat after a minimum of lost lives," Robinson said. "You look at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, the Sikh Temple (Oak Creek, Wisc.), the church shooting in Charleston, S.C. — those were racist shootings.

"Why is this happening to churches? Because we're a soft target. Period."

Bell said it's imperative for individuals to learn how to defend themselves.

"Most of these situations are finished within three minutes, so what does that mean? It means that someone locally, someone in the building is going to have to do something," he said. "It's going to be on you before we get there. We're coming, but you're going to have to take action."

For people of the public who may apprehend or even kill the suspects, Schutt provided some guidelines to help protect those defenders.

"If you do have an active killer, you have the right to defend yourself and defend others and even with deadly force," Schutt said. "Say some-

body came in, made threats and takes off. Well, at that point, let them go. Let somebody else go get them. If there is an active threat to you or if they're using deadly force... you do have the rights, certainly, to defend yourself."

The churches relayed their current security plans or plans to set up a security plan.

Some churches mentioned their use of a security team, which is made up of a few parishioners who will be armed and alert during services for any potential threat.

One question from the crowd touched on the discomfort some parishioners might feel if police are called during a disturbance.

Lager said it's important to get as many officers on scene as possible, even if the situation ends up being non-threatening.

"You have to get over that perception that it's bad for officers to go into a church for whatever reason," Lager said. "If your house is burning, are you worried about the fire department showing up with your lights and sirens? No, you want them there to put it out."

# Read Across America takes over Arlington Elementary

Arlington Elementary students were expert readers during Read Across America Week.

Students could dress up each day based on the five categories throughout the week, and also participated in a different activity or challenge during their silent reading time.

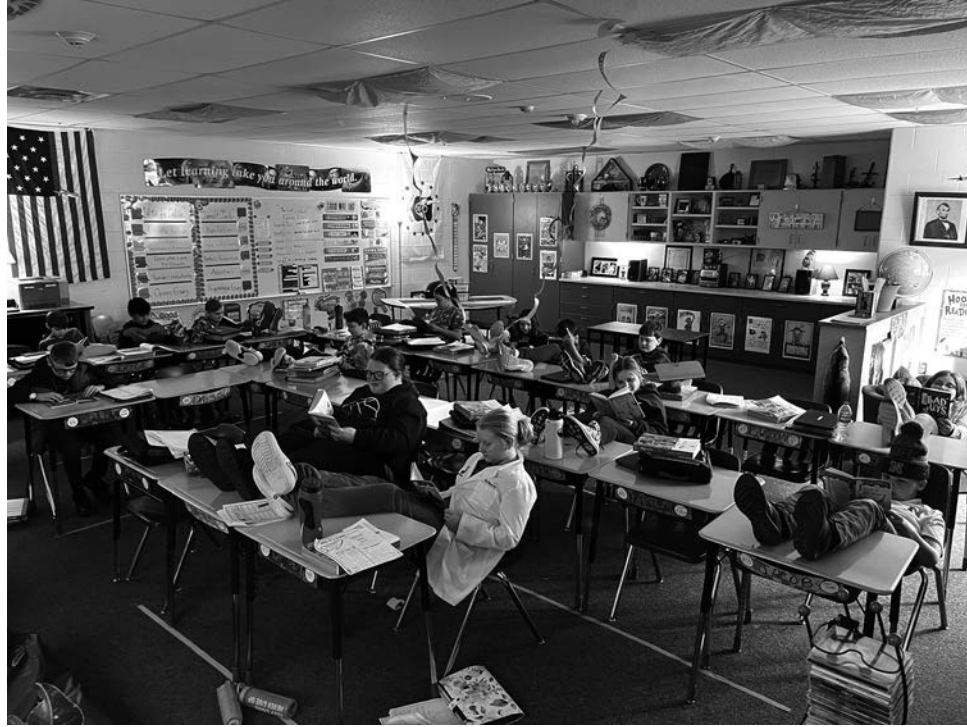
On Monday, students wore hats and read like detectives with either a magnifying glass or flashlight.

Tuesday was all about careers, with students dressing up as their future jobs and read like a boss by kicking their feet up on their desks.

Wednesday focused on collaboration, with students pairing up to dress alike and reading with a friend.

On Thursday, students showed leadership by dressing in their favorite outfit and reading atop their desks.

And on Friday, students dressed like their



Students in Erin Reed's class enjoy kicking their feet up and dressing as their ideal jobs during Read Across America Week at Arlington Elementary. COURTESY PHOTOS

favorite book characters and read all around their classroom.

Friday also included a Dr. Seuss-inspired breakfast before school.



Students in Nichole Fairhead's second grade class sport their favorite hats on the first day of Read Across America Week at Arlington Elementary.



Marcia Kaup's second grade class kicks their feet up boss-style during their reading time Tuesday at Arlington Elementary.

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## Rest in peace, Mr. Bouska

BY AARON HICKMAN  
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I recently experienced a first, and it wasn't a good one. A teacher who meant a lot to me passed away, leaving behind a wife and four children.

I had Mr. Bouska for math classes during both my junior and senior years at Mason City High School up in north Iowa, and they were the only two years that I actually looked forward to going to math class.



Aaron Hickman

I should note, it had nothing to do with the math itself. I still hated that aspect. But Mr. Bouska's passion for what I found so boring definitely made the period more bearable, and more importantly than that, he was just a great guy to talk to.

He was sarcastic and quick-witted, which did make a student or two cry due to his rough sense of humor. But he also had a softer, more caring side that he didn't show unless the situation warranted it. I knew that if I went into his classroom before or after school in search of help with an upcoming exam, he'd treat it very seriously.

It's also worth mentioning that, if a class did particularly well on an exam, Mr. Bouska would bring in cake pops for us all to enjoy. And they were actually made by him!

I'll admit my guilt: I never told Mr. Bouska what a great teacher he was while I was in high school. In fact, I don't think I told any of the teachers that had a great impact on me that they did just that.

I took it for granted. Once you mature and get out into the "real world", you learn a lot about what it means to have someone in your corner. A teacher who cares about your education and well-being is one of the most valuable things anyone can experience during adolescence.

Mr. Bouska had told us about some of his health problems in class, and I was made aware that he retired at a young age just a few years ago due to ongoing health issues.

But you still never stop and think that that person can be gone in the blink of an eye. I sure didn't, and I guess I'm writing this now to make up for it.

Don't be like me. Give people their flowers while they can still smell them. I plan to do a better job of that moving forward.

Thanks for being a great teacher, Mr. Bouska.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

LB 626 is the abortion ban bill currently being debated in the Nebraska legislature (It technically bans abortion at six weeks, which is an abortion ban). Under this new law, Nebraska women and girls who become pregnant and do not want to take the physical risk of having a child will be forced by the government to do so.

Let that sink in for a minute. Women will not have a choice in the matter — they will be forced to carry and give birth. Women, moms, daughters, sisters, girls who do not want the risk of being forced by the government to give birth against their will have only two choices: sterilization or

complete abstinence. There is simply no other way to be certain to avoid the risk.

No matter how you feel about abortion itself, what we can agree on is that these lawmakers are trying to take away the body autonomy of Nebraska women. That is not in dispute. Pregnant women will now have no choice but to do the bidding of the government, no matter the physical risk and consequences. Do we want to give our government the power to force any of us, men or women, to do something with our bodies that puts us at physical risk, that we absolutely don't want to do?

This is an incredibly extreme bill. Is this a precedent we want to set? Where does this end?

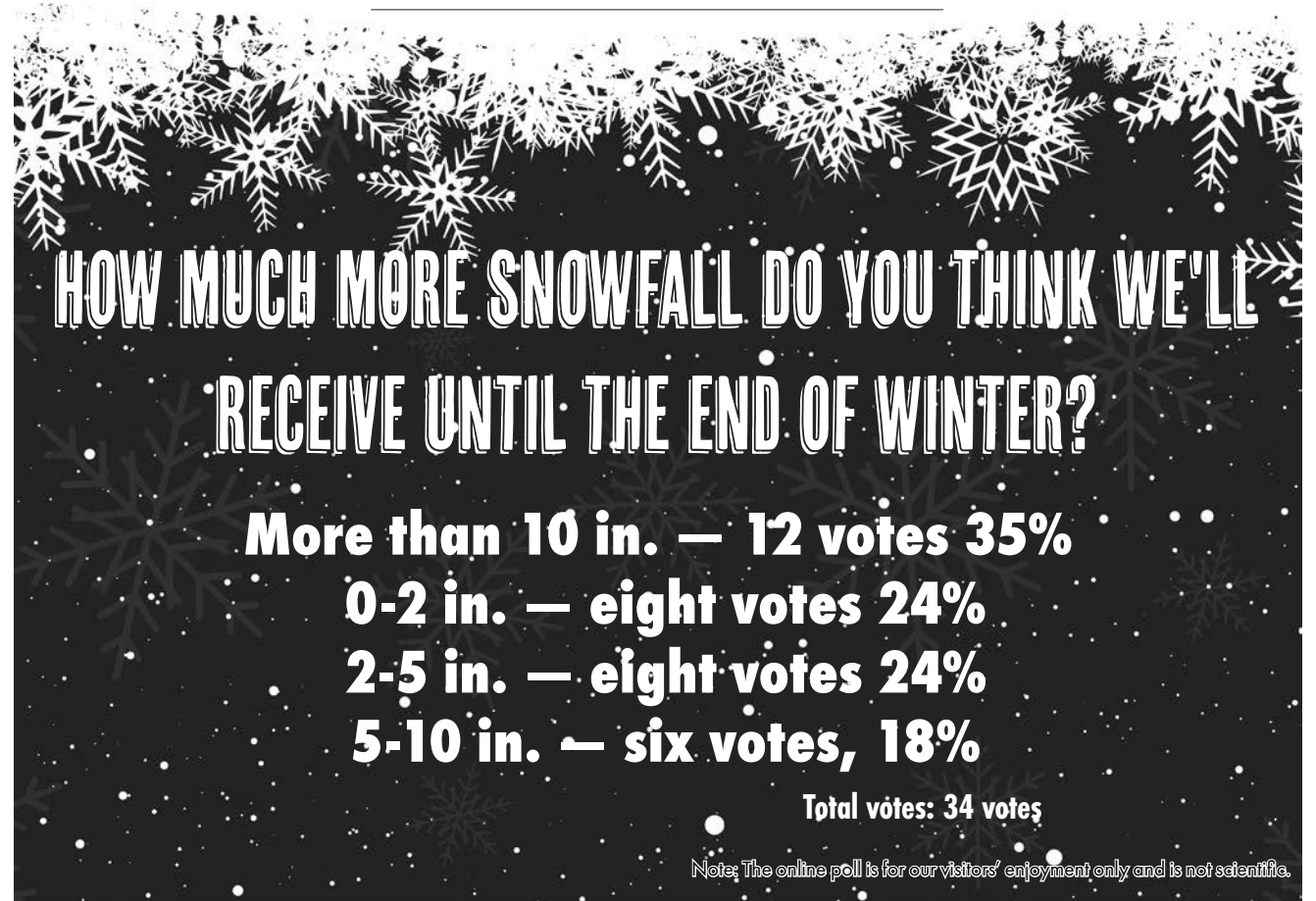
Our current abortion restriction is 21 weeks (fetal viability) which nearly all people in Nebraska agree is reasonable. We should not enact this extreme abortion ban in Nebraska. Please call any/all of our Nebraska senators (including but not limited to Ben Hansen) and tell them not to vote for this extreme and harmful law.

Janice Laplante, Blair

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## WHAT'S UP?

### EVENTS

#### MARCH 31

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### ONGOING

**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.

**SECOND SATURDAY STORYTIME:** 10 a.m., Arlington Public Library, 410 W. Elm St., Arlington.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING:** 2 p.m., second Wednesday of the month. October's meeting will be held at 4 p.m. There is no meeting in December.

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

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

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

• **HERMAN:** Freedom group new fire station, 508 U.S. Highway 75; open meeting Saturdays at 7 p.m.

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**TUESDAY:** 6:30 p.m. — Preschool open house

**WEDNESDAY:** 8:45 a.m. — Chapel, 11:30 a.m. — early dismissal with no bus service, 12:45 p.m. — EVLSA Spelling Contest, 4 p.m. — Confirmation, 5:45 p.m. — Lenten Dinner/HOME, 7 p.m. — Lenten Worship

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## MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arlington, Nebraska, was held at the Arlington Village Hall at 245 N 2nd Street, Arlington, NE. Board Chairman, Paul Krause, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows: Travis Kraemer, Absent; Scott Pokorny, Present; Jeremy Hansen, Present; Jason Wiese, Present; Paul Krause, Present. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Arlington Citizen, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Village Board members and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. The availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Board of Trustees of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Chairman Krause noted the posting of the Open Meetings

Act as posted on the wall at the entrance to the Conference Room.

Jason Wiese moved to approve the consent agenda. Scott Pokorny seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0. Consent agenda items approved included: monthly claims for payment: 12 Points Technologies, IT services, new computer \$1,795.00; Accent Window Fashions, Library blinds, \$925.00; All Recipes, Library, \$8.56; Arlington Public Schools, 2022-2023 Liquor and Tobacco License fees, \$510.00; Fastwyre, internet/phone, \$399.18; Black Hills Energy, gas service, \$2,987.13; Bomgaars, Streets, \$39.98; Border States, Streets, \$98.80; Fremont Dept. of Utilities, sewer, \$5,745.40; Core & Main, water meters, \$3,725.04; Enterprise Publishing, public notices, hiring ads, \$480.06; CSG Forte, bank charges, \$108.36; Fuelman, Fuel, \$272.98; Good Housekeeping, Library, \$18.99; Greg Russell, Auditorium, entryway electric work, \$882.01; Ingram, Library books, \$629.56; JEO Consulting Group, 2023 Street Improvement Project, \$19,895.50; John Deere Financial, Parks, \$139.33; Leading Edge Printing, checks, \$126.53;

MacQueen Equipment, streets, \$2,034.07; MaxD Designs, 2023 ATV/UTV tags, \$21.75; Menards, Auditorium, entryway remodel \$2,030.49; National Financial Services, retirement, \$548.63; NDEE Swimming Pools, Pool license & operating permits, \$160.00; NE Dept of Revenue, state withholding & sales tax, \$3,363.22; Nicola Drywall Inc., Auditorium, entryway remodel, \$2,810.00; O'Reilly First Call, streets, \$799.07; One Call Concepts, locates, \$8.80; Omaha Public Power District, electricity, \$7,967.77; PeopleService, water/sewer, \$10,774.00; Principal Life Insurance, general, \$267.16; RM Clapper LLC, Water, account credit, \$77.74; Verizon Wireless, cell phones, \$211.13; Visa, general, \$356.72; Walmart, Janitorial supplies, \$19.64; Washington County Treasurer, streets, \$300.00; Washington County Sheriff, police, \$6,493.76; Waste Connections, trash service, \$517.17; Payroll, \$25,122.40, \$5,568.10 = \$108,239.03. Bond interest payment for General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 in the amount of \$1,147.00 due on 3/15/23. SDL: Fire Department fundraiser on 3/4/23; AYF for NWTFF banquet on 3/25/23; AYS for Fish Fry on 3/31/23. Form A: Ana Nolasco's

rental on 2/25/23; Ashley Reents' rental on 3/4/23; Iginia Garcia's rental on 1/20/24. Swimming Pool Party pass for Arlington PTO Trivia Night on 3/18/23.

Scott Pokorny made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. Jason Wiese seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0.

Jeremy Hansen made a motion to approve the quote from Generators For Sale for a 48kw liquid cooled generator for Village Hall in an amount not to exceed \$33,893.49. Jason Wiese seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0.

The Auditorium security and towing company discussions were tabled until the next board meeting on 3/20/23.

The Board of Trustees had a discussion with JEO engineers regarding 3 exhibits for 2023 Street Improvement Project. The discussion will continue at the next board meeting on 3/20/23.

Scott Pokorny made a motion to approve the quote from Hotsy Equipment for the Hotsy Model #795 electric hot water

pressure washer in an amount not to exceed \$5,495.00. Jeremy Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0.

Jason Wiese made a motion to approve the quote from Eagle Auto Repair, LLC for tires for the 2018 Chevy Tahoe in an amount not to exceed \$851.35. Scott Pokorny seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0.

Jason Wiese made a motion to approve the Post Prom Street Dance to be held on 3rd street south of Eagle street on June 30, 2023 pending the Post Prom committee inform the residence on 3rd street. Scott Pokorny seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0.

Jason Wiese made a motion to approve the quote from Electric Pump for a SCADA System and Control upgrade in an amount not to exceed \$119,190.00. Jeremy Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0.

Jason Wiese made a motion to approve the service agreement for Ric Ortmeier CPA services

effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025. Scott Pokorny seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0.

Scott Pokorny made a motion to approve a new monitor for the Deputy Clerk computer at a cost of \$199.00. Jason Wiese seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0.

Jeremy Hansen made a motion to approve the renewal of the IIMC membership for the Clerk at a cost of \$210.00. Scott Pokorny seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0.

Scott Pokorny made a motion to adjourn. Jason Wiese seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Kate Robertson  
Village Clerk/Treasurer  
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## MINUTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, February 15,  
2023 7:00 PM Central  
HS CONFERENCE ROOM  
705 N 9th Street  
Arlington, NE 68002

### 1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1. Call Meeting to Order  
Chase Kratochvil Called the meeting to order at 7:00

1.2. Roll Call

Jason Arp: Present, Cassie Flesner, Present; Chase Kratochvil, Present; Brian Laaker, Present; Matt O'Daniel, Absent; Shanon Willmott, Present  
Also present were Superintendent Lewis, Principals Morgan and Pflingsten, AD James Shada and recording Secretary Jennifer Arp  
Motion to approve Matt O'Daniel's absence for tonight's meeting Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Brian Laaker.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

1.4. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Jason Arp and a second by Cassie Flesner.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

2. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Dwyer addressed the board. He liked the community engagement, and would appreciate more interaction. He also commented on being available to aid in legislative matters. Mr. Dwyer mentioned a few bills that he is currently watching and spoke on at the legislative level.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Jason Arp.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

3.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s)

3.2. Monthly Financial Reports

3.3. Resignations:

Hires:

Reassignments:

4. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION REPORTS

\* 5th Grade

\* Family Consumer Science (FCS)

5th Grade- Carla Kaup, Claire Smith, Landon Walkenhorst were present at the board meeting.

Family Consumer Science- Doug Hart was not present tonight due to getting ready for state wrestling.

5. PRINCIPALS REPORTS

5.1. Mrs. Morgan's Elementary Report

5.2. Mr. Pflingsten's Secondary report

5.3. Mr. Shada's Activity Report

6. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

6.1. Legislation Updates

Dr. Lewis, spoke to the board about some of the bills in legislative works at this time. Updated on the most important ones and how they might affect schools and districts.

6.2. NRCSA and NASB Updates

6.3. Enrollment Report

Dr. Lewis reported on student numbers from the end of last year's numbers of students to the current number of students.

6.4. Report on ECF computers:

120 student computers for total of \$43,800

Mr. Larson put in a request for the funds for 120 student computers and we received the funding.

In the past 2.5 years we have received 620 student computers and 30 staff computers with ECF funds (grant funds)

No money has come out of the APS budgeting for any of these computers.

6.5. Discuss Snow Day and Projected End of the School Year

Have had 3 snow days for the 22-23 school year moving our end of year date being May 26th

If the need arises to have to use more snow days, Dr Lewis prepared the board that she may need to come back in the coming months to ask them to excuse the days and not have staff and students make up the days. Days would need to be made up after Memorial Day (May 29th) and the board agreed that it would not be effective to make those up.

6.6. Recap and Discussion of Community Engagement Meeting

The board discussed the community engagement meeting- the board agreed that the community would like to have a more question and answer session instead of a presentation.

They would like to see more engagements like this, and the board agreed.

7. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

7.1. Buildings and Grounds Committee:

\* While the committee has not formally met, several board members have met with Dr. Lewis regarding facilities, so we will report on this

The members of the committee have all come up to school and have gone through the school and looked over some of the projects that are going on. The committee will be going over the list of summer projects that will need to be addressed this year.

7.2. Negotiations Committee

Negotiations committee has met with AEA and the proposals will be presented in New business items:

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1. Discussion and Update on Fence/Fire Marshall Compliance for Fuel Tank

The previous meeting a bid was presented for the work needed to finish at the bus barn, a new bid was proposed that will include some of the concrete work at the school as well, came in at \$8800 total.

Once weather is permitting the work will begin and the tank and fence will be set.

Both the EMS and Village have their codes and are able to use the tank if needed.

Buses have been actively filling at the bus barn and saving miles for fueling.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Discuss, Consider, and Approve Negotiated Master Agreement with Arlington Education Association for the 2023-2024 School Year

Matt O'Daniel and Chase Kratochvil met to go over the negotiations. Cassie Flesner is also on the committee, but due to the timeline of her election,

she was not able to meet prior to October.

Most of the changes are wording in the negotiated agreement, an increase in the district portion of the health insurance, wording on the unused sick leave pay out, and that certificated staff could move over unused personal days to the sick bank to carry over.

the total of the package that is presented to the certificated staff is about a 4.07% increase

Motion to Approve the Negotiated Master Agreement for Certificate Teaching Staff for 2023-2024 as discussed Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Shanon Willmott.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

9.2. Discuss and Consider Changes to Policy 5007 Foreign Exchange Students

Policy is looking to have language change from having students currently enrolled in High School, to change to enrolled in the district.

9.3. Review Policies 6300-6500's:

\*6300-Review of Instructional Materials

\*6310-Textbook Loan

\*6320-Parent Requests for Exclusion

\*6360-Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs

\*6370-Multicultural Education

\*6380-Affirmative Action Instruction Program

\*6390-Controversial Issues

\*6391-Controversial Issues in the Classroom

\*6400-Parental Involvement

\*6410-Family Engagement Policy from NDE

\*6500-Free and Reduced Price Meals

Some of these policies could change if new legislative bills are passed. If the changes are needed, the policies will be updated and then there will need to be 2 viewings again on the policy to correct, change and adopt the new wording on the policy.

At this time, no changes are needed to the policies, they are just for review.

9.4. Discuss, Consider and Approve Administrator Contracts for 2023-2024:

Mr. Pflingsten  
Mrs. Morgan  
Mr. Shada  
Mrs. Wolf

Negotiation committee meet again on these contracts. They looked at data from the array from other schools when determining the contracts and salaries. Mrs. Morgan is also the SPED Director, most schools have a separate SPED director, Tashia Wolf is the only curriculum director in our array that was on the teacher's salary schedule and not being paid out on a contract. A proposal is being made to move her over to an Admin contract and include her extra working days into the contract. She would only move up about a \$500 increase to being on the teacher's salary schedule. This contract is not to make Mrs. Wolf an administrator, just to move her over to a contracted position, rather than a placement on the teacher salary schedule.

Shanon Willmott would like to go on record and say that she cannot in good conscious vote for having 5 administrators with a 700 student district. At Board Member Willmott's request, she asked that the motion be separated, and

Mrs. Wolf's contract be voted on separately.

Approve Contracts as Follows:

Aaron Pflingsten, 7-12 Principal (\$116,616.60); Jacqueline Morgan, PK-6 Principal/SPED Director (\$112,985.40); James Shada, Asst. Princ./AD (100,332.30); Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Cassie Flesner.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

Motion to approve the contract as follows: Tashia Wolf as curriculum director at \$85,000 Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Cassie Flesner.

Shanon Willmott: Abstain (Without Conflict), Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chase adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm

Matt O'Daniel, Board President

Dawn Lewis, Board Secretary

CHECK REGISTER FOR February 2023 BOARD MEETING

(Includes special fund checks)

PAYEE NAME, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT

American Broadband, Telephone service, \$410.44

Airgas, welding tank rental, \$148.39

Awards Unlimited, Name plates for board members, \$25.90

AKRS equipment, repair work on equip, \$1,000.72

Bobcat of Omaha, parts, \$81.57

Blair Community School, OT Agreement, \$1,294.07

Capital One (Walmart), supplies, \$239.12

Martin Clausen, pest control services, \$92.64

Carolina Biological, Science supplies (Back ordered from July), \$76.00

DB Nebraska, repair on hv/ac-ignition switch, \$313.00

Dennis Supply, Ignition Control for hv/ac, \$275.35

Dodge County Clerk, Postcards and election fee, \$238.53

Sid Dillion, Oil change, \$70.06

Embroidery Connection, 1/4 zips logo for board, \$63.00

Eagle Auto, repairs for vans, \$1,891.99

Enterprise Publishing, Legals and minutes for paper, \$399.61

Enterprise Publishing, Progress ad in Paper, \$575.25

5th Season, New year contract for grounds, \$7,423.20

Hy-Vee, food supplies, \$594.56

Hireright, drug testing, \$73.62

Hansen Tire, repairs for buses, \$666.44

Hometown Leasing, Copier Lease for December, \$1,810.93

Jamie Huss, Athletic Trainer December, \$3,400.00

Hobby Lobby, life skills supplies, \$24.42

Integrated Life Choices, 2nd quarter services for student, \$2,555.82

Jostens, Certificate of completion for student, \$17.40

Nichole Kern, Reimburse for science supplies, \$36.70

Knudsen's, Fuel for fuel tank (Buses), \$9,337.94

KSB school Law, legal services, \$1,040.00

Lou's Sporting Goods, Girls wrestling shorts, \$472.12

Learn 2 Move, PT services, \$158.25

Metal Door & Hardware, fix west gym doors and new exit sign, \$440.00

Menards, Parts and supplies for maintenance repairs, \$272.93

Menards, Maintenance, \$132.95

NASCD, renewal for superintendent, \$40.00

NCS Pearson, Monthly Psych testing supplies, \$51.40

NASB, annual board membership, \$4,862.00

NASB, online superintendent evaluation fee, \$300.00

Nebraska council on ECON Ed, stock teams for business classes, \$150.00

O'Reillys, parts for buses, \$171.83

Omaha Truck Center, bus parts and repairs, \$240.92

OPPD, electricity, \$8,588.03

One Source, Background check service, \$55.50

J.W. Pepper, music, \$36.49

Payflex, Fee for account managing, \$100.00

Quill, Copy Paper and supplies for teachers, \$4,221.96

Ralston Public Schools, Deaf and Hard of hearing services, \$16,292.25

United Private Networks, Distance Learning Subscription, \$555.34

Village Of Arlington, Water, \$822.94

Ventris Learning, UFLI teacher manual for elementary, \$90.00

Winnelson, parts, \$379.27

Wood River, Natural Gas, \$18,336.49

Visa (General Supplies), Various Items for General Fund, \$4,689.91

Waste Connections, Trash service, \$637.42

WestOmaha Winsupply, Parts for maintenance- bathroom and salt, \$1,289.69

Total Payables (GF checks not mailed until approved by the BOE), \$97,564.36

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

Warren Scheer, Electricity usage for bus, \$124.49

Casey's, Fuel for vans, \$414.16

Waste Connections, didn't have total before Dec board meeting, \$643.87

Wesley Martens, Books for basketball games, \$260.00

Nebraska FBLA, Sponsor Registration, \$116.00

Total Hand payables, \$1,558.52

Total General Fund, \$99,122.88

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

\$-

Total Special Funds, \$-

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## SCHOOL: Arlington admins reflect on familial ties to education

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cause I saw my mom in school all the time and we would spend lots of hours with her and I was like, 'Who would do this to themselves intentionally?'" she said with a laugh.

Morgan went to school for psychology but when some uncertainty about that profession crept in, Morgan's mother told her to just try an education course.

"I did, and I really had one of those realizations of, 'Gosh darn it, I feel like I'm really good at this,'" she said. "It really did feel like where I'm supposed to be."

Wolf said she initially did not set out for a career in education but once she made the switch, she realized it was partly because of the positive experiences she had growing up with her father and the work he did.

"There was a time where there was not a custodian, so he was the nightly custodian and our family was the weekly custodian so on Sundays, we'd go in and clean the school,"

she said. "It was such a family-oriented atmosphere and that's why I think that I went into education."

Lewis said she knew immediately she wanted to be an educator and didn't find out until later in her career her grandmother had been a teacher.

She didn't have a family influence one way or the other towards education as she chose her career, but used the example of her parents to determine that's what she wanted to do.

"I think there are different kinds of people and people whose families tend to gravitate towards service-oriented professions, I think those qualities are passed through their parenting and family activities," she said.

"I think sometimes I think it's just inevitable they're going to gravitate to some sort of a profession that's going to be service-oriented where they're going to impact people and I think that's where it came from."

Whereas her fellow

administrators had parents who are teachers, Lewis did not but has gained the point of view of a parent watching their child go into the field. She said he was never forced or outwardly encouraged to pursue education but the examples they set as educators likely played a big role in her son's eventual decision to jump into teaching.

"I think we assume we didn't do anything other than set an example of how to be teachers and school people for him. We actually encouraged him to explore other careers and work jobs outside of the teaching profession," she said, adding with a laugh, "I don't think (he) has come out and said, 'Mom, dad, you're the reason I became a teacher,' but we kind of own that we may be the reason."

Although all four took different paths to education, some taking longer to get into the field than others, they all believe they've found their true calling. Whether or not they believe their family

history in education played a role in them choosing their careers, they all acknowledge that education can be contagious for families because of the lessons of service, selflessness and personal growth to which teaching lends itself.

Pfingsten, who also has a daughter pursuing elementary education, said leading by example as an educator goes a long way towards inspiring others to at least give the career a look.

"We're very fortunate with our kids, a lot of times they're up here with us. They see what it means to be here early, to be here late, to get a call and have to come up here," he said. "They see what that is and that becomes familiar so maybe that becomes a piece of it."

"And then hopefully a piece of it is that we do some things right as parents and they wouldn't mind that if their life looked like that with some different pieces, that wouldn't be so bad."

## Protecting our kids is my top priority

JIM PILLEN  
Nebraska Governor

We all agree that our kids are our future. In every community across our state, no matter the size, we all want the same thing – a better future for our kids than we had.

Our highest priority is to protect our kids and their adolescent minds until they are old enough to discern and make their own decisions.

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will keep misinformed parents from allowing their kid to have irreversible, gender-altering surgery.

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Senator Kauth's LB 575, which I also support, will provide protections for single-sex spaces particularly girl's sports, bath-

rooms, and changing rooms.

We need to pass this common-sense bill to keep less protective policies out of our state.

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## Youth wrestlers compete at Fort Calhoun

PWC, Arlington  
and Blair earn  
1st-place finishes

BY GRANT EGGER  
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Five mats were used Saturday during the Fort Calhoun Youth Wrestling Tourney at Fort Calhoun High School.

On them, 10 Pioneer Wrestling Club, five Arlington and four Blair wrestlers earned first-place finishes in their brackets. The hometown

team's champions were Rowan Combs, Bowen Jorgensen, Aiden Maschman, Bennett Gosman, Cache McNew, Thomas Jensen, Kyler Pearson, Ledger Bernasek, Carter Doyle and Raymond Caruso.

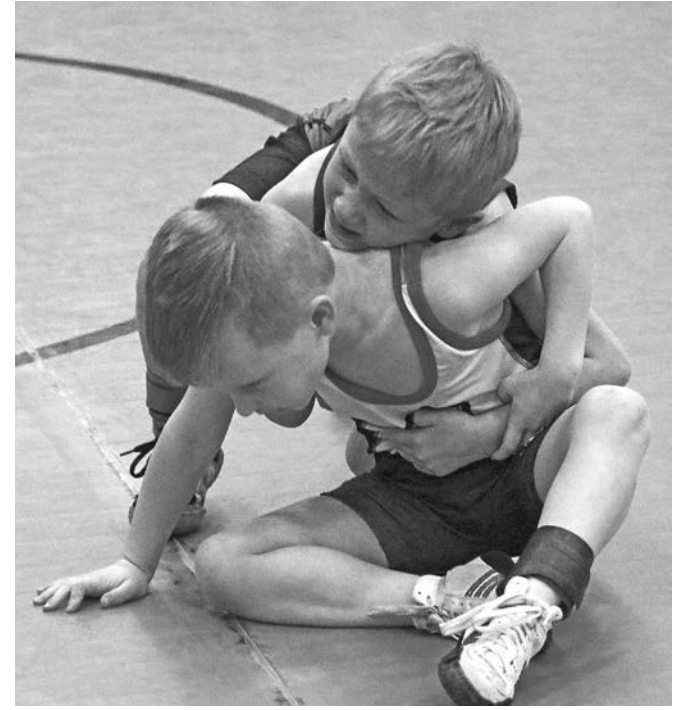
For Arlington Youth Sports, Edwin Dunklau, Ryker Nelson, Alex Blake, Ryker Wegner and Tyson Soll claimed first as did Blair Wrestling Club's Berkley Kruse, Connor Ferrari, Easton Kruse and Emmett Tegtmeier.

The tournament occupied both FCHS gyms with three mats inside one and two in the other



Arlington wrestler Hudson Bebout, right, starts a match Saturday at FCHS.

with several high school wrestlers keeping score at the scorer's tables.



Arlington wrestler Edwin Dunklau, top, competes Saturday during the Fort Calhoun Youth Wrestling Tourney at FCHS.



Fremont Tiger Cade Arnett of Arlington adjusts his goggles Friday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.



Arlington senior Cade Arnett dives into the pool Friday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

## 3 county swimmers medal at state championships

3 Bears, 2 Eagles  
compete for FHS overall

BY GRANT EGGER  
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Arlington High School swimmer Lizzie Meyer had an extra 50-yard freestyle race at the end of the first day of the NSAA State Swimming & Diving Championships in Lincoln.

Once she won the swim-off and climbed out of the Bob Devaney Sports Center pool, she expressed positive feelings toward day No. 2.

"With a good recovery tonight, I'll be ready to go tomorrow," Meyer said Feb. 24. "It'll be good."

In the end, three Fremont Tigers from Washington County high schools claimed top-eight finishes Saturday afternoon. The FHS girls' team was ninth behind co-champions Omaha Westside and Omaha Marian, while the boys were 14th behind the state champion Junior Jays of Omaha Creighton Prep.

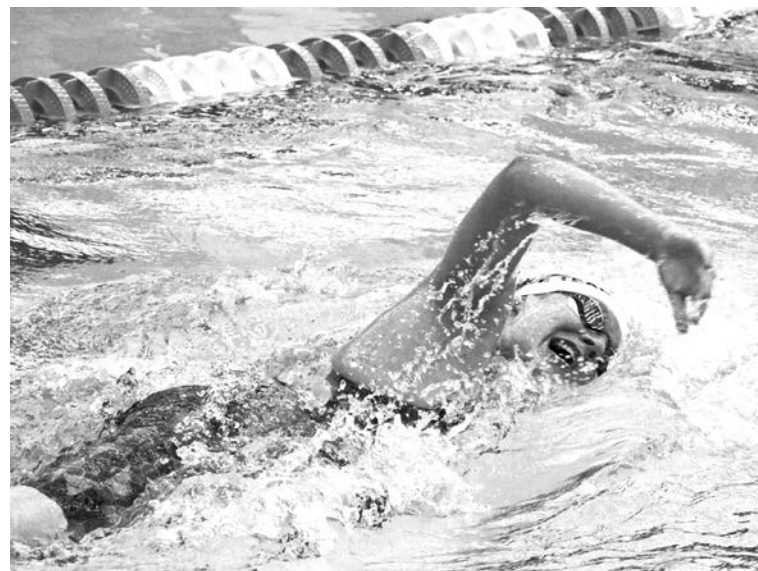
Meyer, as well as Blair High School sophomores Ryleigh Schroeter and Jane Busboom, earned sixth and seventh-place results on Fremont relay teams.

"We all just kind of mesh together," the junior Arlington Eagle said. "We can really get each other going."

Alongside Fremont teammate Madelyn Buck, the Washington County trio claimed sixth in the 400-yard free relay in 3:40.04. They were seventh in the 200 free relay, too, stopping the clock in 1:39.34.

Busboom added her own individual seventh-place finish in the 100 backstroke as well. Her championship finals swim took 59.62 seconds after she finished prelims with a 59.25.

"I just focused on starting my first 50 (yards) really strong, and just holding that tempo and building it up toward the end," she said after the first race.



FHS swimmer Lizzie Meyer of Arlington competes in a freestyle race Friday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Schroeter, meanwhile, also earned a pair of eighth-place individual finishes Saturday. The Blair sophomore clocked in at 1:57.62 over 200 yards and 5:24.7 over 500.

On Feb. 24, Schroeter shot her head out of the water after the 500-yard freestyle prelims and smiled. Her 5:18.88 time is Fremont's best.

"It was the school record," she said before further explaining her joy in the mo-

ment. "It was the goal time that we wanted, and I held all of my splits, too."

The Tiger added that it took a lot of pace work to set the school mark.

On the boys' side, Arlington senior Cade Arnett and Blair freshman Jacob Hanson wore Fremont swim caps in Lincoln, too. Arnett capped his high school swimming career with three

SEE SWIMMING, 9

## Spring sports practices begin at county high schools

It's almost time for me to buy sunscreen again.

The NSAA's spring sports season began Monday with the official start of practice for track and field, boys golf, baseball, soccer and girls tennis. Arlington and Fort Calhoun competes in the first three high school sports I listed, while Blair has all five.

As you will see in our extensive coverage, we have a few new coaches this spring, too. The Pioneers are good to go with returning coaches Roy Prauner (baseball), Dustin Humphrey (golf) and Mandy Taylor (track), but new Eagles head track coach Tyler Spitzer takes over for the retired Steven Gubbels. Former AHS golfer Landon Walkenhorst is back and taking over the golf program from Scott Parson, too, while Tyler Stender returns to the Washington County Fairgrounds dugout for the baseball team.

In Blair, Ross Udey (golf), Bryan Soukup (track) and Curt Scott (boys soccer) are back. So, too, are John Roan (baseball), and Nick Hall (girls soccer), but as head coaches after stints as assistants.

James Bilsend served as BHS' head baseball coach last spring, but will be the assistant again this year. Ashley Brown remains involved as girls soccer assistant, too.

David Christensen is brand-new, however, as the Bears' tennis coach.

I look forward to the change of scenery spring sports provide, unless the weather's bad. Then, nobody's happy.

Good luck to all involved.



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Arlington sophomore Malory Rollins swims and wins the Special Olympics 50 freestyle Friday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

## Rollins wins 2nd Special Olympics race

Arlington High School swimmer Malory Rollins won her second-straight state race Feb. 24 during the NSAA State Swimming & Diving Championships in Lincoln.

After claiming the Special Olympics 50-yard freestyle in 42.75 seconds last year, the Fremont swim team representative stopped the clock in 38.49 last week. The sophomore won the race by more than six seconds.

Second-place Alma Gonzalez Celedon of Omaha South clocked in at 44.64 seconds, while third-place Addi Davis of Omaha Westside stopped it in 45.15.

Fremont's Josie Saunders was fourth, too.

Once the race was finished, Rollins was presented her championship medal atop the podium. She and her fellow swimmers then waved to a cheering crowd.



# SWIMMING: 3 medal at state championships

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consolation relay races Saturday afternoon. The 200 medley relay team finished 11th, the 200 free squad was 13th and the 400 free lineup took 15th.

The senior also participated in the individual 100 freestyle Feb. 24, clocking in at 51.42 seconds for 27th.

Hanson, meanwhile, was 25th in the 200 freestyle and 31st in the 100 freestyle. His state debut times were 1:53.19 and 51.87, respectively.

The Washington County swimmers' results were among their Fremont teams' best at state. Buck added a seventh-place effort in the 50 freestyle, while Connor Christ notched another seventh-place effort in the boys' 100 breaststroke.



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Fremont swimmers and coaches watch from the side Friday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

## NSAA SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS FEB. 24-SATURDAY AT BOB DEVANEY SPORTS CENTER, LINCOLN

### WASHINGTON COUNTY RESULTS

#### BOYS 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY: 11, Fremont (Cade Arnett w/

Landon Lamson, Connor Christ and John Monson), 1:39.93.

**200 FREE RELAY:** 13, Fremont (Arnett w/ Monson, Christ and Gabe Christ), 1:31.51.

**400 FREE RELAY:** 15, Fremont (Arnett w/ Monson, Christ and Christ), 3:25.45.

**100 FREESTYLE:** 27, Arnett, 51.42. 31, Jacob Hanson, 51.87.

**200 FREESTYLE:** 25, Hanson, 25.5. 1:53.19.

#### GIRLS

**200-YARD FREE RELAY:** 7, Fremont (Jane Busboom, Lizzie Meyer, Ryleigh Schroeter w/ Madelyn Buck), 1:39.34.

**400 FREE RELAY:** 6, Fremont (Schroeter, Meyer, Busboom w/ Buck), 3:40.04.

**50 FREESTYLE:** 17, Busboom, 25.32 seconds. 18, Meyer,

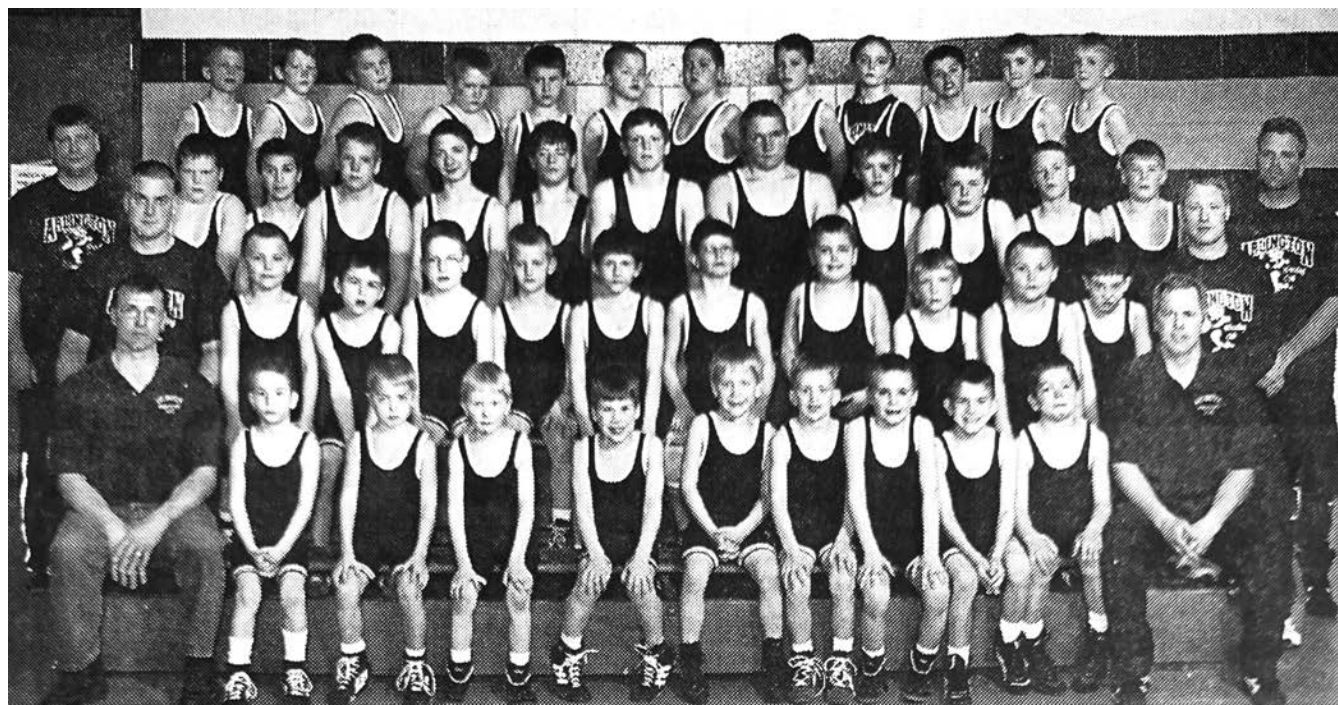
25.5. **100 FREESTYLE:** 24, Meyer, 56.49.

**100 BACKSTROKE:** 7, Busboom, 59.62.

**200 FREESTYLE:** 8, Schroeter, 1:57.62.

**500 FREESTYLE:** 8, Schroeter, 5:24.7.

## A LOOK AT TIMES GONE BY



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The 2004 Arlington youth wrestling team. Front row, from left: Coach Mark Rasmussen, Jared Howrey, James Becker, Sam Plugge, Tyler Mcley, Jacob Miller, Thane Marshall, Cameron Mengendoht, Logan Tate, Ben Hatten and coach Dave McCarty. Second row: Coach Greg Sampson, Aaron Doll, Skylar Andrews, Ross Miller, Calen Kollars, Joe Vampola, Tanner Mastin, Alec Stromer, Zach Erickson, Michael Doll, Blake Bracht and coach Neil Plugge. Third row: Coach Scott Miller, Casey Harper, Nathan Neary, Dillan Burreis, Raffi Howrey, Matthew Rasmussen, Riley McCoy, Coleton Harper, Coleton Wehmeyer, Landon Hallstrom, Cody Erickson, Phillip Rasmussen and coach Todd Becker. Fourth row: Patrick Donnelly, Taylor Mues, Christian Lindley, Dylan Riecken, Sam Neary, Austin Sampson, Travis Prtichard, Joey Herrick, Sidney Whitmarsh, Zach Miller, Tanner Schmidt and Cory Moravec.

# 200-plus youth wrestlers compete in '04 Arlington tourney

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

More than 200 youth

wrestlers competed in the first Arlington Youth Wrestling Club tournament in March 2004.

"The money raised from the event will be used to send Arlington wrestlers to tournaments next year and to buy equipment for the club," reported the Citizen newspaper.

Kindergartner Jacob Miller was among the

first hometown tourney champs as were James Becker, Phillip Rasmussen, Joe Vampola, Taylor Mues, Landon Hallstrom and Riley McCoy.

The 2023 Arlington Wrestling Club Annual Trophy Tournament was Jan. 15 with more than 350 wrestlers taking part, according to track-wrestling.com.

## WHEN AND WHERE

### TODAY

**SPOTLIGHT EVENT:** 4 p.m., Arlington junior high wrestling at Fort Calhoun: Eagles wrestlers compete in a Friday night Fort Calhoun junior high tournament.

### SATURDAY

9 a.m., NSAA Girls State Basketball Championship games, Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln

### WEDNESDAY

9 a.m., NSAA Boys State Basketball Championship tournaments begin, Lincoln

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.

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# FFA students participate in CDE

District III Career Development Event (CDE) No.1 was held on Tuesday, Feb. 21 in Fremont.

Twenty-seven Arlington FFA members participated in four different events: agronomy, vet science, poultry and meats. The agronomy and vet science teams both placed high enough in district competition to qualify for the state events to be held at the end of March in Lincoln.

The agronomy teams focused on problem-solving and individually identifying seeds, crops, machinery, weeds, insects and diseases and also had a knowledge test.

For vet science, students completed a knowledge test and identification of tools, breeds and parasites individually. Then in a team of four, there are four different practicums related to clinical procedures and animal restraints and one team member is assigned to each one to make up the remainder of the team score.

For poultry, students judge carcasses, perform egg grading, cut identification, meat defects and also have a knowledge test.

In the meats category, there is a knowledge test and cuts identification.

The agronomy teams consisted of Braden Monke, Blaine Vogt, Aaron Fuchs, Brooke Hilgenkamp, Wes Monke, John Von Behren, Shane Japp, and Dalton Newcomer.

The vet science team consisted of Gracen Adams, Libby Hegemann, Libby Stork, Brooke Hilgenkamp, Hailey O'Daniel, Lizzie Meyer, Lydia Schappveld, Taylor Arp and Grace Jones.



**The Arlington FFA vet science team participated in the District III CDE (Career Development Event) and will advance to the state competition to be held in Lincoln at the end of the month. Pictured front from left, Gracen Adams, Libby Hegemann, Libby Stork and Brooke Hilgenkamp. Back from left, Hailey O'Daniel, Lizzie Meyer, Lydia Schappveld, Taylor Arp and Grace Jones.**



**FFA students from Arlington participated in the District III Career Development Event in Fremont Feb. 21. The agronomy teams will advance to the state competition in Lincoln. Pictured front from left, Braden Monke, Blaine Vogt, Aaron Fuchs and Brooke Hilgenkamp. Back from left, Wes Monke, John Von Behren, Shane Japp and Dalton Newcomer.**

COURTESY KALI AGLER

# Gubbels ranks among top 2% at ISU

Arlington native Kailynn Gubbels, a sophomore in the College of Human Science at Iowa State University, ranked among the top 2% of students in her college.

# ARLINGTON: Booster Club, community donate \$4,500 to Striv program

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because it's just such a good program. It's such a great way for parents and relatives that can't be in person at events to stay in touch and see what's going on, plus it gives a great opportunity for the Arlington students who are involved, and they do such a wonderful job. Their commentating and their professionalism is just top-notch."

Landon Olson, an Arlo Striv member, said he joined the program with his friends and to gain new skills in broadcast.

"It's been a lot of fun hanging out, learning new things — it's kind of like our own T.V. station," he said.

"You get to go to all the games for free, support and knowing that other people can watch from different places besides the school is nice.

"I'm excited (for the donation) because we're going to get a lot of new equipment that we need to help our production, make it a lot better."

With the funds, Parson said he hopes to upgrade some equipment and also purchase new tools for students to work with.

"As Striv, we always try to represent our school well because

we don't know who's watching from wherever we are," he said. "We always try to do things to the best of our ability. We don't really have a massive fund of income, so this has been huge for us, and we're extremely thankful for the community and the Booster Club for running it and everybody who donated, because it will allow us to increase our capacity, which helps us get more kids involved."

During the remainder of the school year, Parson said the program is aiming to cover the home track meets, which is now possible with the tentative purchase of a new wireless camera connection.

Parson said Striv has helped students gain communication and teamwork skills over the last five years, and he hopes the program can gain even more interest.

"I think a lot of kids just enjoy it because they have an opportunity to go to a game and do something fun and see their friends compete, but then have something bigger to represent," Parson said. "It's been a joy to have the kids and see some of them grow and see where it goes."

# Hansen: LB 42 crucial in preventing child neglect, abuse

BY SEN. BEN HANSEN  
Dist. 16

I was thankful for the opportunity to present LB 42 to the Judiciary Committee last week as I work to narrow and clarify the definition of "neglect."

If we look at the reports of suspected abuse and neglect that are received by DHHS, we find that more than 90% of the calls turn out to be unfounded.

While the reporting process is crucial, LB 42 would help screen calls and focus on getting protection for those who are actually in need. A key component to this bill is realizing that one size does not fit all when it comes to the standard of living.

What would be determined as proper parental care for one can be vastly different in the opinion of another. Things like beliefs, cultures, backgrounds and family traditions play an instrumental part in how one chooses to parent their children.

There is also a pattern of reports identifying hardship as harm. While assistance might be needed, poverty shouldn't be automatically labeled as child neglect.

In 2021 alone, there were 16,021 investigations that invaded the privacy of families but found no evidence of

neglect.

The final reason for bringing LB 42 is to permit children who are of sufficient maturity, physical condition and mental abilities to engage in independent activities. Parents know their children's abilities and strengths more than anyone else.

When certain protections are in place, they should be able to allow for activities like walking to school, playing out doors, remaining unattended in a car when the weather is nice or staying home alone for a reasonable amount of time.

Law enforcement officers have given their support for these changes and the effort to make the reporting process more efficient.

It is a sobering thought to think of even one child who has experienced pain due to negligence by those who

are supposed to be the main source of love, care and security in their lives. I want to make sure our resources and energies are spent on these children.

With LB 626 and LB 754 advancing out of the HHS committee last week, the political divide has intensified here in the legislature. Certain senators intend to control the remaining of the session in an attempt to force compromise.

While we now spend most of our time listening to filibuster endeavors, I appreciate the leadership of Speaker Arch in remaining consistent.

My inbox receives hundreds of emails a day and recently, I have corresponded with numerous proponents for homebirth who are raising awareness of its popularity in Nebraska.

Our previous governor actually made a proclamation naming

June 6 as International Homebirth Day stating that homebirth is a viable and safe option for mothers and children. Hundreds of mothers across the state choose to birth at home and it is my intention to help them continue to do so.

Another subject that fills my inbox is support for LB 77 and permitless concealed carry. I'll let you know how the debate goes this week. If you have questions or comments, please contact Carson Clayton or Ellie Stangl in the District 16 office at 402-471-2728 or email me at bhansen@leg.ne.gov.

To follow along with the session, please visit nebraskalegislature.gov or you may watch the live stream when available at nebraskapublicmedia.org.

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