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Final phase of Veterans Tribute Plaza Memorial comes together

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS

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One of the key, and 20-year-old Veterans Tribute Plaza Memorial project was installed Friday morning.

signed a sculpture, titled chairman. "Stars and Bars," more The firs than 20 years ago at the of the project consisted start of the project.

a long time coming.'

Located at 13th and to today.

Washington streets in Blair, the wall was con-round the tribute include original co-chairs, former bricks from donors, a polformer state Sen. Mick lights surrounded by Mines.

Ryan replaced the co-Former Dana art pro- chairs in 2003, and, pres-

of constructing the wall "I'm very excited," he that contains more than "This is a day that's been ton County veterans who served from the Civil War

ceptualized in 2002 by its a flag island, engraved eight smaller lights in the Carl Lorenzen and Jim center and above-ground lights by the flagpole.

With a donation from her late husband, Roger, The first two phases the final phase includes sculpture and fountain. Heinrich said he de-

said Friday morning. 7,000 names of Washing- signed the sculpture 22 years ago out of card-

'When we didn't have

The pieces that sur- the money to finish this job, I thought I'd just store that model," he said. "As delicate as it was, I kept final, elements to the Sen. Bud Robinson and linator garden, four large it for those years. When this donation became available, I pulled out the model and started to do revisions of it."

Friday morning, with fessor Milt Heinrich de- ently, Lorenzen is the sole Donna Stork in honor of the help of Hempel Sheet Metal Works of Omaha, who built the sculpture, the addition of Heinrich's the art piece was put in place at the center of the wall of veterans' names atop the fountain.

"They were responsible

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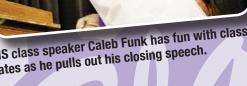
Jarod Casev, a member of the Hempel Sheet Metal team and a veteran, was chosen to install the final piece of Milt Heinrich's sculpture at the Veterans Tribute Plaza Memorial Friday morning.

Bears class of

Blair High School seniors turn their tassels during the 2024 graduation ceremony Sunday afternoon.











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CLASS OF 2024 EAGLES FLY THE NEST



PHOTOS BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS I PILOT-TRIBUNE

Arlington High School graduates throw their caps in the air at the conclusion of graduation Sunday afternoon.



Aiden Borhart receives his diploma from Arlingon Board of **Education member Jason Arp.**



Arlington High School vocalists perform with the choir for the final time. Singing her own solo is Kayli Praus.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

MAY 13

ARLINGTON: 1:40 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 15 checked.

FORT CALHOUN: 1:56 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 16 checked.

ARLINGTON: 7:45 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL;

PBX: 11:02 A.M. POSSIBLE FRAUD; Info obtained.

WCSO: 12:03 P.M. FOLLOW-UP; Info obtained. **8000 BLK CR 37:** 1:10 P.M. MOTORIST ASSIST; White Toyota Camry went up minimum maintenance portion of CR37 and buried in mud. BLAIR: 2:08 P.M. FOLLOW-UP; Delivered Subnoena

8600 THOMPSON DR: 2:24 P.M. FRAUD; Report. FORT CALHOUN: 2:50 P.M. SCHOOL PATROL;

All okay. PBX: 3:19 P.M. RP WAS SEXUALLY AS-SAULTED 17-20 YEARS AGO; Will be at the office 05/14/2024 to file report.

12300 IRMA AVE: 4:21 P.M. FEMALE PARTY -SUICIDALLEFT RESIDENCE IN A VEHICLE; Had contact by PBX. Not suicidal.

PBX: 5:30 P.M. EX - OPENING UP MAIL; Son with same name lives with Ex. Ex returns all mail that is not for the kid.

HWY30&CR21:6:17 P.M. MOTORIST ASSIST; Have help. Vehicle is off the hwy.

4300 CR P40, OMAHA: 7:11 P.M. MAIL THEFT;

PBX: 8:08 P.M. WELFARE CHECK: All ok. 2100 HWY 75, OMAHA: 8:45 P.M. CAR VS DEER; Report.

HWY 30 & CR 21: 9:08 P.M. M/A; 24 hour red tag, black Kia Optima.

MAY 14

ARLINGTON: 1:11 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 12 checks all ok

16300 DUTCH HALL RD: 2:25 A.M. SA; All appeared ok.

BLUE'S SPIRIT LN: 3:23 A.M. SA; All appeared

FORT CALHOUN: 3:44 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 13 checked all ok.

FORT CALHOUN: 7:40 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL; ARLINGTON: 7:45 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL;

All okav. **ARLINGTON:** 7:10 A.M. PARKING COMPLAINT;

RP stated vehicle was "illegally" parked, it was just poorly parked. Vehicle was moved. 444 S 16TH ST: 9:54 A.M. FOLLOW-UP; Info

obtained. HWY 91 & CR 9: 2:36 P.M. SINGLE VEHICLE

PD ACCIDENT; Report taken. ARLINGTON: 3:05 P.M. SCHOOL PATROL; No issues

SKINNY BONES PUMPKIN PATCH: 3:37 P.M. 9-1-1 HANGUP/WELFARE CHECK; Everything okay.

1500 CR 49: 4:52 P.M. IDENTITY THEFT; Report taken.

HWY 133 & TODD DR: 4:49 P.M. RESCUE CALL; Assisted FCVFD and KVFD.

ARLINGTON: 9:05 P.M. HIT & RUN, PD AC-CIDENT; Report.

PBX: 10:55 P.M. FOLLOW UP; Info obtained.

MAY 15

13500 CR 7: 1:07 A.M. 3 VEHICLES ATTOWER SITE; N/C, tower site was checked and secured.

FORT CALHOUN: 2:37 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 14 checks all ok.

ARLINGTON: 2:42 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 14 checked all ok. FORT CALHOUN: 7:45 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL;

All ok, no issues. ARLINGTON: 7:45 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL;

FORT CALHOUN: 11:10 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL;

All ok, last day of school. 4500 HWY 133: 11:22 A.M. PBX; Refillegal tree

dumping in ditch. Special Attention created. ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: 12:40 P.M. PARADE DUTY; Traffic Control for seniors last day of school parade. No issues.

BLAIR CLINIC: 2:53 P.M. ANIMAL BITE; Report. ARLINGTON: 2:56 P.M. ANIMAL WELFARE CHECK; No signs of abuse.

PBX: 4:59 P.M. FOLLOW UP; Info obtained. FORT CALHOUN: 10:15 P.M. T/S; Driver Samuel Walocha (11-11-03) and front passenger Kylie Westphal (03-22-04) both cited for possession of MJ less than 1 oz and drug para. Walocha also cited for speeding 42 in 25.

MAY 16

16300 DUTCH HALL: 1:09 A.M. S/A; All ok. ARLINGTON: 2:08 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 15 checked.

FORT CALHOUN: 3:10 A.M. BUSINESS CHECKS; 15 checked.

ARLINGTON: 8:10 A.M. SCHOOL PATROL; No

issues, all ok. HWY 30 & CR 8: 9:01 A.M. MOTORIST ASSIST;

Help on the way. HWY 75 & CR P16: 10:50 A.M. RP ADVISED TURKEY APPEARED TO BE HIT AND SUF-FERING; Animal dead on arrival, removed from roadway.

ARLINGTON: 2:50 P.M. SCHOOL PATROL; No issues, all ok.

4900 CR 40: 2:55 P.M. ASSIST IDA UNITS; Standby while IDA units post uninhabitable structure signs.

15500 CR 34: 9:22 P.M. DOG BITE; Report taken.

MAY 17

FORT CALHOUN: 2:19 A.M. BUSINESS

BLAIR: 6:00 A.M. ASSIST BPD AND OPD WITH

CHECKS; 16 checked.

SEARCH/ARREST WARRANT; Tactical Team used to secure residence.

FINAL PIECES: Final phase of Veterans

Tribute Plaza Memorial coming together

FROM PAGE 1

for actually building the sculpture under my direction — they did a wonderful job," Heinrich said.

Titled "Stars and Bars," the sculpture has several meanings, Heinrich said.

"It's the focal point of the Veterans Plaza, which I helped design two decades ago," he said. "The sculpture actually is the two walls and the piece that we are installing today.

"The bars in this particular case are the slender pyramidical pieces with the crowded stars at the top. That gives a nod to our flag — the flag is very important to veterans. It's important to all of us. The second meaning is a celebration of the names that are on the walls."

Heinrich said the sculpture is also a nod to the Fourth of July, the National Anthem and even to war.

"Because the bombs bursting in air," he said. "And that's why the bars are not straight up — they're at an angle, they're symbolically an explosion. That explosion, in particular, has a nod to the gold names — those that passed away

in service." Atthefinalstageofinstallingthe sculpture, Jarod Casey, a member of the Hempel Sheet Metal and veteran, was chosen by the company to place the final spire atop the sculpture.

A public dedication will be held on June 14, Flag Day.





PHOTOS BY JOE BURNS | PILOT-TRIBUNE

One of the final elements of the Veterans Tribute Plaza Memorial, a sculpture designed by Blair artist Milt Heinrich, was installed Friday morning.



Hempel installers move the sculpture into place Friday morning.



A final polishing completes the sculpture installation Friday morning.

THE BLAIR CEMETERY

The Blair Cemetery would like to inform patrons that all Memorial Day decorations may be set out beginning May 23, 2024 and remain out until June 3, 2024. Glass or ceramic jars are not permitted at any time in the **Cemetery**. This does not include flowers that are in permanent vases or decorations/mementos that are attached to the head stone.



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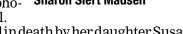
Sharon Siert Madsen, 83

Sharon Siert Madsen of Surprise, Ariz., passed away on April 1, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Sharon was born Aug. 25, 1940, to Robert and Dorothy Siert of Blair.

Her life's passion was for the love of her husband (and their 66 years of marriage) and the love of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She also loved pho- Sharon Siert Madsen tography and travel.



She was preceded in death by her daughter Susan Madsen.

She is survived by her husband Robert; her two sons, Mike of York, Neb., and Jeff of Blair, Neb.; her grandchildren, Kylie (Travis) Stuhr of York, Neb., Bryan (Kirstie) Madsen of Lincoln, Neb., Jake (Katie) Tiede of Fargo, N.D., Justin (Sydney) Caldwell of Blair, Neb.; and her five great-grandchildren, Tavin, Leland, Henri, Sullivan and Karson. She also has one sister: Barbera Sandvold of Blair, Neb. She also leaves behind many relatives and lots of great friends.

A memorial service will be held at Campbell Aman Funeral Home Saturday June 1 at 1 p.m. Graveside service will be at Blair Cemetery immediately after the memorial service.

There will be a celebration of life at the Blair Legion on Saturday, June 1, also at 2 p.m. Come and help us celebrate Sharon's life.

CORRECTION

In the Blair High School graduation tab, a graduating senior's name was spelled incorrectly and one of her guardians was not listed. Stephaine Deemer is the daughter of Janet and Steve Deemer. The Enterprise apologizes for the error.

EARLY PRINT DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday, the May 28th Pilot-Tribune and Clipper editions will be printed early. Deadlines are as follows:

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Blair teacher makes quarterfinals in America's Favorite Teacher contest

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS features@enterprisepub.com

A Blair High School math teacher made it to the top 1% of the America's Favorite Teacher contest through the help of community votes.

Heather Hayduk, a second-year teacher at Blair High School, placed 11th in the quarterfinals of the contest.

The annual contest is it goes." held to honor teachers across America through a voting system. The winner of the contest will win \$25,000, a trip to contest. Hawaii and will appear in Reader's Digest.

losophy for teaching is from the competition, but making math enjoyable Hayduk was surprised to and easy to understand see she kept advancing for each student.

we used to have indoor recess and we would kids do," she said. "And I always enjoyed teaching the math. I had a brother that struggled with math, and I liked to teach it to media), 'Hey, community, where he understood it. I always thought it was so there were so many people fascinating how different studentslearn. That made Mrs. Hayduk, she does mewanttogoineducation a great job.' It was very to teach to the student's heartwarming to see that, ability—notjustteachthe to make it known that I basic formulas, but teach really am making a difwhat they know."

Prior to teaching in Blair, Hayduk taught for five years in Cedar Bluffs,

"I got a random message from a past student who said, 'Hey, I nominated you, you're going to get an email. You don't have to fill it out if you don't want to, but you touched my heart so much teaching," she said. "I said, 'OK, I'll fill it out, we'll see how

Hayduk filled out the questionnaire and began waiting to see how far she would make it into the

Every week, in her group of 50, more and Hayduk said her phi- more teachers were cut within her group until she 'When I was younger, ultimately placed first in her round.

Hayduk said the Blair play school, as all little community surprised her not advance to the final They see that, they see every time she advanced.

> "My husband was asking people on the Blair gossip page (on social go vote," she said. "And commenting, 'We love ference and helping out



CHEYENNE ALEXIS I PILOT-TRIBUNE

Heather Hayduk is a second-year math teacher at Blair High School. She recently finished in 11th place in the quarterfinals of the America's Favorite Teacher competition.

these kids."

semifinals in her group second to first before she ultimately made it to the quarterfinals.

rounds of the competition, she said she is humbled by the community support and making it as far as

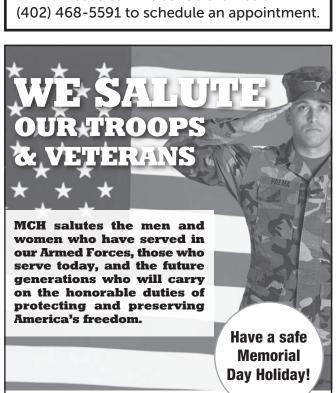
abigger community, but it making it this far."

still has that small town Hayduk made it to the feel, the support," she said. "I think it goes to show and kept bouncing from that building relations with the students and being able to make that connection with them also Though Hayduk did goes with their parents. vou care for their child outside their home. The fact that I've gotten this much support from the community just blows my "IloveBlairbecauseit's mind. I never imagined

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Rustic Gold performed several classic hits Friday afternoon at Good Shepherd Lutheran Community in Blair in celebration of National Nursing Homes Week.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Community residents rest in the shade and enjoy music by Rustic Gold Friday afternoon.



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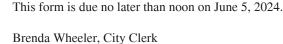
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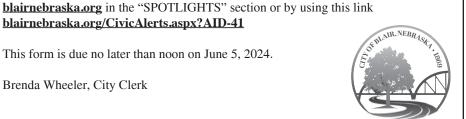
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Reflecting on last week's election

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Rarely does anything fail for only one reason. Life just isn't that simple.

And I don't think the decision by Blair voters not to approve a ballot



Kevin Bumgarner

initiaincreased the local sales tax by a half cent was any different.

Blair could have used for housing and transportaspread the cost of those entire group of people who benefit from Blair's only those who call 68008 home.

come to Blair to do at least some of their shopping. I'm glad they do. They But they also use our streets, water and public but don't live there. facilities, and I thought a very modest increase in the sales tax was a fair and equitable way to have what Blair offers pay part tion infrastructure benof the bill.

And, if the city of Blair is able to do what this mayor and city council wants to do, that bill is actly how the money was going to be sizable in the going to be spent, and they years to come.

improvements is a North passorcity pool upgrades. Highway 75 pedestrian Others, no doubt, thought bridge, water, sewer and — incorrectly — that street improvements, a private funds are paying north bypass, a remodel for all of the proposed of the city pool to include a dog park improvements, zero-depth entry feature, fire hall renovations and the money? south fire station expantrails.

come to Blair to shop will benefit from all of those potential improvements.

In addition to those things, Blair's tight hous-forward. ing market is no secret, and Mayor Mindy Rump has put together a Housing Advisory Committee I will continue to support that right now is in the the leadership in Blair process of deciding on that is following its vision potential sites and types of how to make this town of housing to recommend a better place to live, work to the full City Council for and call home. potential expansion.

not going to get into the editor for Enterprise Media Group. He may housing business, but be reached at 402-426-2121 or editor@ part of that sales tax increase was supposed to

help pay for some of the housing infrastructure andpotentialenticements that would bring home builders to Blair.

But here we are, a week after the state primary election, coming to terms with the reality that some of these things may not happen, or may not happen as soon as they could

As one of the Monday morning quarterbacks looking at these election results, I think there are tive in the June 14th atleastahandfulreasons election that would have that Blairfinds itselfinits current situation.

The first two are related: Tax increases are I supported the initia- never an easy sell, and tive because it would have Nebraska's current mood generated money that makes that job even more difficult. You don't have to look any further than Lintion infrastructure, and coln to realize that. And the residents of Bellevue improvements over the also said no to a half-cent sales tax bump on May 14th that would have put infrastructure instead of more money into parks and infrastructure. And, just as Gateway Develop-As we've reported, ment Corp. was trying more than 30,000 people to do in Blair, promoters of the tax hike in Bellevue were pointing out that those improvements keep our economy going. could be paid for by people who benefit from the city

Beyond that, I think some Blair voters didn't understand the potential benefits. The phrase all those who benefit from "housing and transportaefits" doesn't typically get the blood pumping.

I'm sure a fair number of voters understood exsaw no need for a pedes-Among the proposed trian bridge, north by-

so why does the city need

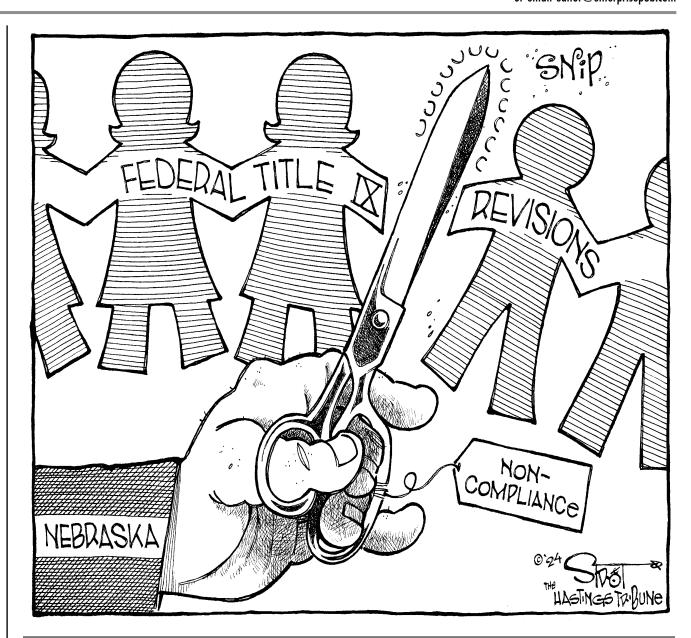
Finally, there is the sion, a new dog park, and whole issue of how many expansion of parks and people voted. Countywide, only one in four I could make the case of the eligible voters in that our neighbors in Washington County went Missouri Valley, Logan, to the polls. And people Tekamah and Lyons who who don't want something to happen always seem more motivated to get out the vote than those whowantsomethingtogo

> I respect the right of voters and residents to let their voices be heard, and

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POLL RESULTS

ARE YOU PLANNING TO TAKE A SUMMER VACATION THIS YEAR?

YES, I'M GOING OUT OF STATE: 39%

NOT THIS SUMMER: 31% YES, I'M GOING OUT OF THE COUNTRY: 17% YES, BUT STAYING WITHIN THE STATE: 7%

YES, BUT IT WILL BE A "STAYCATION": 6%

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Why do you think Blair voters said no to a half-cent sales tax increase in the May 14 primary election?

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

Power of Micro TIF Districts in Revitalizing Small Communities

In the arena of community revitalization and development, smaller communities will often face significant challenges in attracting investment dollars and revitalizing their local economies. Traditional methods of revitalization, such as large-scale infrastructure projects or tax incentives, will not always be feasible or effective for these

However, a relatively new tool known as Micro Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts has emerged as a promising solution. Micro TIF districts can be a lifesaver for many smaller communities attempting to revitalize their communities, they can provide the means by which projects can be undertaken and completed.

Before we discuss the benefits of Micro TIF districts, it's crucial to understand what they entail. TIF districts, in general, are designated areas where property tax revenues are redirected towards funding economic development projects within the district. Unlike traditional TIF districts, which often encompass large swaths of land and involve substantial investments, Micro TIF districts are smaller in scale and tailored to the needs of small communities.

One compelling example of the success of Micro TIF districts can be found in the town of Paw Paw, Michigan. As with many small towns or communities, they were facing economic decline and struggling to attract businesses, Paw Paw implemented a Micro TIF district focused on its downtown area. By leveraging tax increment financing, the town was able to undertake beautification projects, support local entrepreneurs, and attract new businesses. As a result, Paw Paw experienced a revitalization of its downtown, with increased foot traffic, job creation, and economic activity.

Similarly, in Iowa, the town of Waverly utilized a Micro TIF district to rejuvenate its historic Main Street. Through targeted investments in infrastructure improvements and facade renovations, Waverly was able to preserve its heritage while creating a vibrant hub for commerce and community engagement. The success of these examples highlights the potential of Micro TIF districts to catalyze revitalization efforts in small communities.

Numerous studies have examined the impact of TIF districts on local economies, including those in small towns. A study by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy found that TIF districts can lead to increased property values, job creation, and business growth within designated

areas. When tailored to the scale of small communities, Micro TIF districts can have an even more pronounced effect, as they target specific areas in need of revitalization.

Data from the National League of Cities indicates that small towns across the United States are increasingly turning to TIF districts as a tool for economic development. In rural areas where traditional funding sources may be limited, Micro TIF districts offer a flexible and adaptable mechanism for spurring growth and investment.

From a logical standpoint, Micro TIF districts make sense for small communities for several reasons. Firstly, they allow towns to leverage their existing tax base without imposing additional burdens on residents. By capturing future increases in property tax revenue generated within the district, municipalities can fund revitalization projects without raising taxes or diverting funds from other essential

Secondly, Micro TIF districts provide a targeted approach to economic development. Rather than adopting a one-size-fits-all strategy, communities can tailor their revitalization efforts to suit local needs and priorities. Whether it's improving downtown infrastructure, supporting small businesses, or preserving historic landmarks, Micro TIF districts offer the flexibility to address specific challenges facing

Finally, Micro TIF districts promote community involvement and collaboration. By engaging residents, business owners, and other stakeholders in the planning and implementation process, towns can foster a sense of ownership and pride in the revitalization efforts. This grassroots approach not only ensures that projects align with the community's vision but also builds social capital and cohesion.

Micro TIF districts represent a powerful tool for revitalizing small communities. By harnessing the incremental growth in property tax revenue, these districts enable towns to undertake targeted economic development projects that spur investment, create jobs, and enhance quality of life. Micro TIF districts offer a pragmatic and effective solution to the unique challenges facing small towns in today's economy. As more communities recognize their potential, Micro TIF districts can and will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of rural and small-town America.

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WHAT'S UP

MAY 23 DOCTALK FOR GROWING FAMILIES:

a panel discussion for expecting parents and parents of babies and toddlers, will be held at Memorial Community Hospital and Health System from 5-7 p.m. in the Howard Sievers Conference Room, 810 N 22nd St. To register, visit mchhs.org.

MAY 27 MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE 5 ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING KICKOFF: begins with Raptor Recovery at 7 p.m. in the auditorium, 410 W Flm St.

JUNE 11

BATTLE BUDDY CHECK UP: Discover Hope. As veterans we are taught that no one is left behind. Do you feel you are alone and missing something, are you lost? We are here to tell you that you are not! Join the veterans of Living Hope Assembly of God and hear what God has done in their lives. Refreshment provided. Where: 10194 N Highway 75 Blair, NE, 68008. Time: starting at 7 p.m.

ONGOING

MCH HAS FORMED A CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP CALLED VILLAGE **CONNECT:** The group will meet the first and third Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at 718 North 21st Street, the Senior Life

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.

Solutions office.

ENOA ON AGING, BRINGING CARE TO THE CAREGIVER: Webinar is available starting Nov. 8, to access free videos go to: enoa.orgresources/bringingcare-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 DEMOCRAT-

IC 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 washington. county.dems.ne@gmail.com



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEET-

INGS: 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.

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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

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•9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Pre-K through eighth grade.

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- 6:45-7:30 p.m.: CONNECT for kindergarten to sixth grade and seventh and eighth grade confirmation
- •7-8 p.m.: Chapel Choir

WASHINGTON COUNTY FOOD PAN-

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CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS AS-**SOCIATION:** Monthly chapter meeting on the second Saturday of the month at Pizza Ranch, 84th and Center in Omaha at 5 p.m. for food and fellowship and 6 p.m. for the business meeting. For information, contact Patty Martin at 402-533-8700.

ACME FABRIC OPEN SEWING: 9a.m.

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

GOLD WING TOURING ASSOCIATION:

Chapter Z Country Wings Of Blair, Monthly meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Missouri Valley, Iowa. For more information contact Wayne or Mary Flora 402-426-2254, or @ mwjoyride@abbnebraska.com.

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



TRIVIA NIGHT AT GEORGE'S TAVERN:

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QUILTERS: Blair Bunch Quilt Group meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 at the Acme Fabric & Quilt Co., 1716 Washington. St., Blair. All skill level of quilters welcome. Demonstration of a technique or pattern each month. Contact Myrna Vercruysee, 402-533-3592 or Diana Stier, 402-278-0797.

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WASHINGTON-BURT COUNTY COUN-

CIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MONTH-LY GATHERING: 10-11 a.m., first Saturday of the month, at Saint Francis Borgia Social Hall, 2005 Davis Drive, Blair. All women, Catholic or non-Catholic, come for faith building, fellowship and fun! Contact Dixie Hansen at 970-443-9724.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED:

11 a.m., first Saturday of the month, at Saint Francis Borgia Hall, 2005 Davis Drive, Blair. Those who wish to be part of the nationwide effort to ensure that everyone in our parish community knows where to refer a pregnant woman in need Contact Angie Boesch at acre9502@abbnebraska.com or Morgan Casper at caspermorgan2020@gmail.com

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



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- 15. Fungal spores
- 16. Erstwhile
- 17. Engine additive 18. Nasal mucus
- 19. Fit a horse with footwear 21. Consumed
- 22. Settle 28. Basketball's GOAT
- 27. Larry and Curly's pal
- 37. Actor Nicolas 38. Not hot

33. Exclamation of surprise

39. Talk

34. Made tight

36. Before

- 40. Pledge 41. Abandon a mission
- 44. Trims by cutting 45. Aspects of one's character
- 48. Boxing GOAT's former surname
- 49. Holy places
- 50. Body art (slang)
- 51 Attributes

25. Atomic #52

30. Month

32. Nullifies

26. Santa's helper

29. Rapper __ Rule

31. Word formed by rearranging

35. Young woman ready to enter

CLUES DOWN

- 1. How one feels 2. American Nat'l Standards
- Institute 3. Information
- 4. Licensed for Wall Street
- 5. Keyboard key 6. Born of
- 7. Choose to represent 8. Small European freshwater fish
- 9. Everyone has their own 10. Line from the center of a
- polygon 11. Lebanese city
- 12. Type of watercraft
- 14. A way to twist 17. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 18. Greek island 20. Medical practitioner

24. Partner to "oohed"

- 36. Unemployment 38. Weight unit 40. Formal party

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- 41. Computer language 42. Residue formula in math
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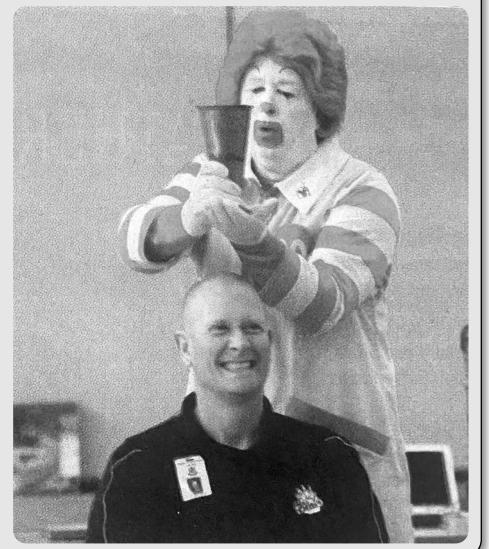
2004 (20 years ago): In a short meeting, the Blair Airport Authority recently approved closing a grass runway at the airport in order for a runway expansion project to proceed. Airport Authority Chairman Tom VanSlyke explained while the runway, located south of state Highway 133, is used by a few light airplanes, it has been taken out of the layout plan for the expansion project.

1994 (30 years ago): A telephone organization. pioneer and well-known Blair businessman, Emory C. Hunt, Jr., died at Immanuel Medical Center of complications of emphysema. Emory C. Hunt, Jr., was born in 1911 in Creigh-

2014 (10 years ago): What do you ton, where his father, E.C. Hunt, was general manager and owner of the Northern Telephone Company, which included Creighton and Niobrara Telephone exchanges.

> 1984 (40 years ago): The Blair Chamber of Commerce hosted a picnic for 30 of the 34 Nebraska Tour Association Guides at Black Elk-Neihardt Park. Thursday was the fourth of a 12-day statewide tour for the guides to see first-hand the sites they will recommend to summer travelers. The vacation guides are employed by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Division of Travel and Tourism.

> **1974** (**50** years ago): The first "Tivoli Too" Celebration is slated to open on May 24 in Blair. The celebration is named to associate with the ethic Danish background of Blair and the "Tivoli" amusement in Denmark. Featured at the celebration with amusement rides, appearances of many dignitaries, dances and a Saturday afternoon parade, according to the sponsoring Blair Jaycee



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ORGANIZATION OF SAGUARO SYNDICATE LLC Notice is hereby given of the organization under the laws of the State of Nebraska of Saguaro Syndicate LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company (the

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on May 15, 2024. The Company's

ELIZABETH A. SEVCIK,

Incorporator and Attorney with

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OF THE MAKEUP ARTIST

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PT 05-21, 05-28, 06-04-24

incorporated under the Nebraska

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29, 2024. The corporation is a

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not have members. The street

address of the corporation's

registered office is 2120 South

72nd Street, Suite 1200, Omaha,

Nebraska 68124, and the name

of the initial registered agent at

The Registered Agent of the

Company is Logan Jon Berry,

14924 Bodmer St, Bennington,

NE 68007. The Certificate of

Organization was filed with the

Nebraska Secretary of State on

initial designated office is located

at 2940 S 110th Ct, Omaha,

Nebraska 68144. The name

and address of the Company's

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PUBLIC NOTICE

OPEN HOUSE

The City of Fort Calhoun will be hosting a public open house on Wednesday, May 29th from 5:00 Alicia Koziol, City Clerk p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Fort Calhoun ZNEZ City Hall (110 S 14th St) to review the Fort Calhoun Future Land

Use Map. The public is invited to come give their input and recommendations

PT 05-21-24

MEETINGS

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that public meetings of the Washington County Board of Equalization will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 9.00 A M Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at

PT 05-07, 05-14, 05-21-24 A current agenda for the meeting

is available for public inspection at the office of the County The agenda may be modified at such meeting only to include items of an emergency nature. Anyone requiring special accommodations or assistance

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors and the Washington County Board of Equalization will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at the Washington County Courthouse in Blair, Nebraska. The Board of Supervisors meeting will begin at 3:00 P.M, with the Board of Equalization meeting being the first agenda item at 3:00 P.M. A current agenda for the meeting is available for public

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MEETINGS

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MINUTES

Regular May Meeting Monday, May 13, 2024 7:00 PM High School Media Center as advertised in the Pilot-Tribune/Enterprise and on fortcalhounschools.org Agenda

ROUTINE BUSINESS

-Call to Order Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws

-Excused Absences

-Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

REGULAR AGENDA

the portion of the meeting when Those wishing to speak to agenda items should wait until that item is -Policies However, the board shall require members of the public desiring Issues, 3028-Sex Offenders, to address the board to identify themselves, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual

Under the policies of the board, the board will generally allow a total of 30 minutes for the presentation all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time, and must limit comments to no more than 5 minutes. If there are more than 6 individuals who wish to address the board, the 30 minutes will be divided equally between the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.

-Approval of May Claims: Moved that the claims for May be approved in the amount of \$137.656.56 from the General Fund, \$ \$72,478.00 from the Bond Fund and \$44,476.01 from Savings and Depreciation. -Approval of Claim for Abe's Trash

Service: Moved that the claim for meeting adjourned. Abe's Trash be approved in the ZNEZ amount of \$1,325.45. -Consent Agenda: Moved that

the Consent Agenda be approved

as presented. Any item on the Consent Agenda may be acted upon separately if discussion is needed. The Consent Agenda Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Expenditure Reports, Food Service Report, Report Transportation Receipts Report.

-Standing Committee Reports

-Elementary Principal: Moved that the board of education offer a contract of employment to Sara Horstman as Elementary Principal to begin July 1, 2024. -Resolution-Updating Staff to WCB Accounts: Moved that the board of education pass Resolution #2024-1 to add Eric Jones to the WCB accounts -Public Participation: This is previously held by Martin Plum, who will be removed. This is visitors to the meeting may speak necessary to add our new Head to any item not on the agenda. Girls Basketball coach to our WCB accounts

3026-Handbooks, under consideration by the board. 3027-Resolution of Conflicts Between Parents Over School and 3029-Distribution Advertising Flvers School Organization Activities: Moved that the board of education waive first reading and pass on second reading 3026-Handbooks, Policies 3027-Resolution of Conflicts Between Parents Over School Issues, 3028-Sex Offenders, and 3029-Distribution Flyers Advertising Non-School Organization Activities. These policies are a continuation of the policy review

> -Administrator Reports -Superintendent Report and Legislative Update Board Goals for 2023-24 Track and Field Update Summer Projects Graduation/End of the Year

-Board Member Reports

Activities **Board Retreat** Legislative Update

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There being no further business, the president may declare the

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BLAIR'S BAESSLER, EWOLDT EARN STATE TRACK TITLES IN CLASS B

BY GRANT EGGER

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Blair senior sprinter Ethan Baessler, middle, reacts to winning his second-straight Class B state title in the 100-meter dash. The Bear won the 200 dash Thursday at Omaha Burke Stadium, too.

sports@enterprisepub.com A neighborhood dog couldn't stop Reece Ewoldt. One snipped at the Blair Bear during her warmup run near Omaha Burke Stadium, but the senior still broke her own school record and won the 1,600-meter run Thursday at the NSAA Class B State Track and Field Championships. "It wasn't super bad," Ewoldt said, smiling and pointing to the scratch on her leg. "But it scared me." Both Ethan Baessler and Ewoldt earned allclass gold medals for coach Bryan Soukup's

Waverly girls, meanwhile, were Altogether, though, 13 of the Bears' 17 state qualifiers earned medals during the two-day championship meet. No one earned a bigger haul than Baessler, the reigning 100- and 200-meter dash champ who left his final state meet with four more medals and a pair of updated state

team as the BHS boys and girls

each earned seventh in the overall

standings. The Norris boys and

records.

Prior to state, the Blair senior who's signed to run track as a South Dakota Coyote in college — hadn't quite matched his 2023 success this season. Without naming names, Baessler said some from other schools were questioning whether he still was the fastest sprinter in Class B.

"So, I just had to come out here and

let them know," he said.

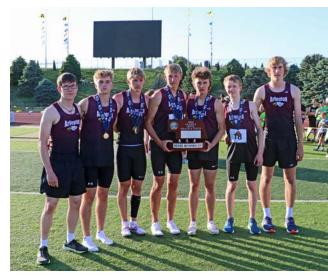
The sprinter started the meet May 15 with a new Class B state and state meet record in the 100 dash prelims — 10.5

SEE GOLD-MEDAL, 10

Blair 1,600-meter champ Reece Ewoldt, left, leads York's Kassidy Stuckey going into the final lap Thursday during the NSAA State Track and Field Championships at Omaha Burke Stadium.



AHS boys secure Class C runner-up trophy



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Arlington High School state qualifiers and medalists pose for a photo Saturday after earning second in Class C during the NSAA Track and Field Championships in Omaha. From left: Trey Hill, Kevin Flesner, Kaden Foust, Nolan May, Dallin Franzluebbers, Kolby Tighe and Trent Koger.

3,200 relay team, O'Daniel win gold medals at state

BY GRANT EGGER sports@enterprisepub.com

director James Shada couldn't wait.

The Arlington High School track and field boys were about to hold up the NSAA Class C runner-up trophy Saturday evening and he was going to be in position to document the moment. The A.D. stepped away from the gathered crowd and took a knee in front of the Omaha Burke Stadium stage, phone in hand, waiting for the announcement of the Eagles.

They weren't up first, so Shada took his thumb off of the button.

second either, leaving its school history A.D. on one knee. It did eventually get its time

in the spotlight, though, and Shada was there for the pic.

The Eagles finished second to champion Chase County, but bested third-place Lincoln Lutheran, 49-46.5, for a Nebraska-shaped trophy memorializing their accomplishment.

"It's about time," se-Ecstatic activities niorNolanMaysaidafter four years running crosscountry and track in AHS colors. "It's about time this hard work paid off."

It was a proud moment less than 24 hours before graduation ceremonies.

"It feels so good to end in a positive way for once," he said one year after the Eagles scored zero points in Class B. "I couldn't be happier for my team."

Classmate Kevin Flesner competed alongside May the whole way through both of their prep careers.

"A lot of sacrifices," he said when asked what Coach Kyle Bucking- it took to secure AHS' ham's AHS team wasn't best state track finish in

SEE STATE, 12



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Blair coach John Roan, left, embraces senior Dylan Swanson as he replaces him on the mound May 15 during an NSAA State Baseball Championships elimination game at Tal Anderson Field in Omaha. The Bears lost 5-0, closing the spring season in the state semifinals.

BHS state baseball run ends in semis

Gretna East eliminates the Bears, 5-0

> BY GRANT EGGER sports@enterprisepub.com

Down five runs and headed toward a seasonending loss, the Blair Bears met on the mound May 15 at Tal Anderson

Field in Omaha. catcher Nate Wachter gloves on their hips, coach John Roan took the base-

ball from senior pitcher Dylan Swanson during the seventh inning of a 5-0 loss to Gretna East. Hehuggedtheleft-handed starter, who received a standing ovation from the Blair faithful in the NSAA Class B state semifinals crowd as Jakob Gaskill took his place.

"That was tough," Roan said. "That was real, real tough."

It was the end of Swanson's time pitching at BHS.

"He's an incredible With his infielders and baseball player," Roan said. "And, I guess, if our watching, hands and season was going to end,

SEE BEARS, 12

10 SPORTS THE PILOT-TRIBUNE I TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024

Unified BHS, FCHS athletes secure top finishes at state track



PHOTOS BY GRANT EGGER | PILOT-TRIBUNE

Unified Blair shot put partners Cornez Tucker Jr., left, and Jaden Rogge pose for a photo before competing Thursday during the NSAA State Championships at Omaha Burke Stadium.

Finken, Wyman work together for 2nd in long jump

BY GRANT EGGER sports@enterprisepub.com

Blair High School's 12-10. Caden Finken and Keenan Wyman stood on Calhoun's Will Maxon and Logan Brewer did Thursday at Omaha Burke Stadium.

The Unified track and ered 34-1.25. field long jump duos all claimed medals during the NSAA Class A and B State Track and Field Championships. They weren't alone either with Jaden Rogge, Cornez Tucker Jr. and Andrew Namuth claiming top finishes, too.

combined long jump eighth.

distance earned a pair of silver medals. Wyman covered 17 feet, 9.25 inches with his best attempt, while Finken jumped 14-2.

Maxon and Brewer, meanwhile, were seventh. Brewer's best jump covered 16-11.5, while Maxon's top attempt was

In the Unified shot put, Rogge and Tucker the same podium Fort Jr. finished third for BHS. Tucker Jr. threw the weight 40 feet on his best attempt, while Rogge's top throw cov-

Fort Calhoun's team, Maxon and Namuth, took fourth in shot put, too. Their top attempts combined for 71 feet, 7 inches with Namuth's going 42-0.5.

Blair also qualified for state and competed Thursday at Burke Sta-Finken and Wyman, dium in the 400-meter though, claimed the relay. The Unified team overall top Unified re- of Atticus Dick, Lincoln sult for Washington Kruse, Cooper Sorensen County schools during and Riley Yanek stopped the state meet. Their the clock in 1:00.55 for



Unified Fort Calhoun shot put partners Will Maxon, left. and Andrew Namuth pose for a photo Thursday at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Blair's Caden Finken takes a practice run down the long jump runway Thursday at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Blair's Colin McCabe, front, starts his run around the curve May 15 at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Emma Ammon of Blair competes in the high jump Thursday at Omaha Burke Stadium.

GOLD-MEDAL: Blair's Baessler, Ewoldt earn state track titles in Class B

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seconds.

"The biggest thing for me yesterday was to send a message," Baessler said.

On Thursday, he pounded the idea home with dominant victories in both individual sprints. He won the 100 dash with a finalstime of 10.51 seconds and the 200 in 21.82.

"It felt really good to get that out there after not really running that (time) all season," the four-time state champ said.

Ewoldt's win, meanwhile, came in just 4:53.87 – the Bears' new all-time record in the mile. She'd only broken 5 minutes once previously this season, repeating the feat Thursday to best top contender Kassidy Stuckey of York, who finished in 4:56.97. Stuckey had edged BHS' soon-to-be University of Nebraska-Kearney Loper 10:40.94 to 10:46 for first in the 3,200 run 24 hours before.

"It means a lot," Ewoldt said of her gold medal win. "I worked so hard to be here."

It took a concentrated effort across four laps.

"I just really had to champ said.

From the rigors of the race or the dog's bite?

In addition to Blair's two new champions, two miracle through every team points of the meet here." in the pole vault, besting 2023's third-place finish after nine total athletes advanced past 11 during the competitive event.

"Everybody's so good. It's kind of cool to see that good of a competition,' Galbraith said. "I feel like it pushes you more. If you want it, you've got to go get it."

The senior had wanted a little bit more from her final BHS meet, but she reflected quite positively on her high school track and field career as a whole.

"It's just unreal," Galbraith said. "All of the it's just unbelievable something I'll take with ing the bar." me forever."

earned a second-place finish in her last state meet, too. The 100-meter dash runner-up wasn't necessarily expected to do that well going in, though.



PHOTOS BY GRANT EGGER I PII OT-TRIBLINE

Blair senior Reese Beemer, middle, crosses the finish line second in the 100 dash Thursday at Omaha Burke Stadium.

"Third," she said after a 12.45-second effort in the Class B finals. "I got third at districts."

The Bear bested that easily in Omaha.

"Genuinely, yesterday in prelims, I was placed, like, 20th," Beemer said. "I was not supposed to place at state whatsoever. Ī didn't even think I was going to make it through prelims."

Buttheseniordidwitha push through pain," the season-best time, gaining confidence and producing an even better individual finish than during her "Both," she said, laugh- breakout freshman season in 2021.

"I think this all took a more Bears earned silver thing I've been through,' medals during the NSAA she said, referencing an State Championships. injury that cost her the Senior Greta Galbraith 2022 season. "I'm just secured her school's first extremely blessed to be

Bears Emma Ammon and Braden McGill finwith a runner-up effort ished outside of the topthis year. She cleared the two in their individual bar set at 11 feet, 6 inches events, but well within the top-eight to earn state podium spots, too. Ammon was fifth in the high jump, leaping over the bar set at 5 feet, 3 inches.

"I knew this was my chance," she said. "I didn't get a chance last year, and I worked really hard to get a chance this year."

While the jump itself gets athletes over the bar, Ammon said the approach has always been key to her medal-winning efforts.

"It's always my main part, the curve," she said. "Whatever you do on the friends and coaches that curve is how you're jump I've gotten close with, is going to be. If you mess up the curve, you're miss-

The Blair sophomore Senior Reese Beemer succeeded Thursday, securing a medal.

> McGill, a senior, earned his in the shot put on May 15. The Wayne State College recruit was seventh in Class B, producing a



Blair senior Braden McGill competes in the shot put May 15 at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Blair senior Ben Holcomb starts the 400-meter relay for his Bears on Thursday at Omaha Burke Stadium.

personal record distance while, finished in 3:24.03 49.5, respectively.

earned podium spots a school-record time of 42.62 seconds.

The 1,600 squad, mean-

of 50-10.75 on the big stage. to cap the state meet. His other state attempts Baessler, Daggett, Mccovered 47-3.75, 48-9.5 and Cabe and Caleb Funk earned fifth for their Three BHS relays Thursday evening efforts.

Allie Czapla, Kate Wulf, in Omaha as well. The Lainey Bilau and Ewoldt, boys' 400 relay squad — meanwhile, secured sev-Ben Holcomb, Baessler, enth in the girls' 3,200 Hayden Daggettand Colin relay on the first day of McCabe—was third with the two-day Class B meet. They stopped the clock in 9:51.39.

CLASS B TEAM SCORES

MAY 15-THURSDAY AT OMAHA BURKE STADIUM BOYS STANDINGS: Norris 103.33 team points, Waverly 55, Omaha Skutt 53, Wahoo 41, Elkhorn North 35, Gretna East 34, Blair 32, Hastings 29, McCook 26.33, Douglas County West 22, Broken Bow 22, Grand Island Northwest 19, Sidney 19, Albion Boone Central 18, Lincoln Christian 16, Omaha Roncalli 15, Cozad 10, Gering 10, Elkhorn 9, Central City 9, Platteview 9, Holdrege 8, Aurora 8, Columbus Lakeview 8, Ralston 8, Beatrice 7, Bennington 6, Seward 5, Gothenburg 4, Ogallala 3.33, Lexington 3, Minden 3, West Point-Beemer 3, Milford 2, O'Neill 2, Scottsbluff

2, York 2, Adams Central 1, Columbus Scotus 1.

GIRLS STANDINGS: Waverly 66 team points, Elkhorn North 62, Sidney 57, Norris 51, Gl Northwest 41.5, Bennington 41, Blair 39, Seward 30, Gothenburg 27, York 26, Skutt 21, Lincoln Christian 20, Elkhorn 17, Lexington 15, Auburn 15, Hastings 12, Ashland-Greenwood 8.25, Cozad 8, Fairbury 8, McCook 8, Milford 8, Lakeview 8, Adams Central 7.5, Roncalli/Duchesne 7, West Point-Beemer 7, Lincoln Northwest 6, Gretna East 5, Holdrege 5, Pierce 5, Aurora 5, Central City 5, Ogallala 4, Scottsbluff 4, Minden 3.25, Beatrice 3, Boone Central 3, South Sioux City 2, Crete 1, Plattsmouth 1, Fort Calhoun 0.25, Raymond Central 0.25.

State competition continues today in Lincoln, Scottsbluff

STAFF REPORTS

After state baseball and track last week, Blair High School and golf were set to continue Class B competition Monday and today.

The Bears started NSAA State Tennis Championships play Mon-

1 singles play, while Fiene Bakker was matched up against Omaha Gross' Grace Riha in No. 2 singles.

The Bears' No. 1 doubles team Ally Sullivan and Abby Leggott student-athletes playing tennis — were to face Emma Cerny and Emma Schultes of Hastings St. Cecilia first, while Leah Chance and Shelby Wolff — coach David Christensen's No. 2 pairing — was day at Woods Tennis Center in to compete against Gothenburg's Lincoln. BHS' Abi Lundberg was Alex Beveridge and Kinley McCoy. scheduled to compete against Cor- The championship event continues

Bears compete in tennis, golf nerstone Christian's Erin Nordby today with play-in fifth- and sixth-during the opening round of No. place matches, and semifinals matches, beginning at 9 a.m.

The Class B state golf tournament, however, starts today at Scotts Bluff Country Club in Scottsbluff. Blair's Bode Soukup qualified May 13 at River Wilds Golf Club and starts his first of two 18-hole rounds at 9 a.m. local time.

The Btourney continues Wednesday with second round starting, again, at 9 a.m. local time.

STATE: AHS boys secure Class C runner-up trophy

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The result ultimately came down to the final relav—with May, Flesner, junior Dallin Franzlueb-Foust all contributing. They finished fourth, they knew would cinch up second place.

race for "the three guys it's been about all year."

It's a great group, Franzluebbers said

"They're family," he moment." explained. "That's what they are to me."

Altogether, the Arlington boys and girls earned 11 top-eight finishes for podium spots Friday and Saturday in Omaha. Eaglesstood on the very top of top-six finishes. that Class C podium twice.

Eagles earn gold medals

Junior Hailey O'Daniel sat down on Burke Stadium grass, legs sprawled out as she caught her breath.

Track and Field Championships, the Eagle was one one." of five 2024 state champions on Coach Buckingham's team.

"That's so surreal," O'Daniel said after a race do very good," Arp said that took her just 5:14.99. "I never thought I could

be here.' relay on Friday before medal in the event. their distance-running teammate won her's a day later.

800 for second — fell behind a lead runner early. but trusted her training to overcome the challenge with a dominant back half. Many of them watched her post-race interview from behind a chain-linked fence near where she sat.

"I'm so blessed for the opportunity to be at the top like this," the junior said. "It still hasn't settled in that I just won state."

May, however, felt it right away after running theanchorlegofthe2-mile relay a day earlier.

"Feels amazing," he said after the 8:06.88 effort—anothernew school record. "Feels like a lot of hard work finally paid off for something.'

"It's just nice to get one win with the boys," Flesner added. "One for the team."

AHS bested the secondplace relay lineup by more than 8 seconds.

"This was kind of a goal I had personally and I know these guys did, too," Franzluebbers said.

In addition to their relay work, Foust, May and Flesner medaled individually at Burke. May was second in the individual 3,200 and added a bronze medal in the 1,600.

Foust, meanwhile, broke his own school record in the long jump for a silver medal. His best attempt covered 22 feet, 1.5 inches, while his 400 dash time -50.21 — secured fourth.

Additionally, Flesner finished the individual 800 meters in 2:00.41 for fifth.

The Eagles Kolby Tighe race — the 1,600-meter contributed three team points at state, too. He finished the 3,200 in 10:10.14 bers and senior Kaden behind May for sixth in the state.

Tighestarted the 2-mile earning the team points race fast, leading the way during its early stages.

"I got there to push Foust said he ran the myself and I was one second off of my (personal next to me. That's what record)," he said. "Maybe it wasn't the best strategy, but my brain told me to do it in the heat of the

While O'Daniel led the Arlington girls team at state, Hayley Arp and Whitney Wollberg helped itto a seventh-place finish, too. The pair combined for eight team points with

Arp secured fourth in the discus, producing a 128-3 mark on just her second attempt.

"It kind of came out of nowhere," the freshman said. "I was having—and in practice, too — I was having a rough week, but, After 1,600 meters Sat-yeah, that one was my best urday at the NSAA State throw by far because that was really the only good

She was the only nonsenior to finish in the topeight of the Class C event.

"I didn't think I would with a smile.

Wollberg, however, earned her sixth-place Flesner, Franzlueb- result in the pole vault. bers, Foust and May won The junior cleared the bar their state title in the 3,200 at 10 feet for her first state

"Ithinkit was just great experience for even next year, but also just remi-O'Daniel — who set a niscing about this and new school record in the being happy about how I did here," Wollberg said.

The AHS standout produced results by clearing her mind.

"I think I just did well She thanked her parents, at just staying out of my distance coach Michaela head," she said. "Vaulting Curran and her team. my own and not paying attention everyone else. Just staying in my own head and doing what I know how to do.

In addition to their medalists, the Eagles' Trey Hill, Trent Koger, Taylor Arp, Austyn Flesner, Kelise Krivohlavek and Brooke Hilgenkamp participated at state Friday and Saturday. They competed during Arlington's best state weekend in school history.

CLASS C TEAM SCORES

FRIDAY-SATURDAY AT **OMAHA BURKE STADIUM** TOP-15 BOYS TEAMS: Chase County 65 team points, Arlington 49, Lincoln Lutheran 46.5, North Platte St. Patrick's 45.5, Perkins County 35, Battle Creek 31, Hastings St. Cecilia 30, Wahoo Neumann 28, Elmwood-Murdock 28, West Holt 27, Stanton 26, North Bend Central 16, Ainsworth 16, Freeman 15, Syracuse 14, St. Paul 14.

TOP-15 GIRLS TEAMS: Kearney Catholic 86.5 team points, Neumann 60, Syracuse 40, Crofton 36, West Holt 30, Grand Island Central Catholic 29, Arlington 26, Yutan 24, David City 20, Wakefield 20, Doniphan-Trumbull 19, Battle Creek 18, David City Aquinas 18, Norfolk Catholic 17, Chase County 14, Ponca 14.



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Arlington junior Hailey O'Daniel sports a sizable lead going into the final lap of the Class C 1,600-meter run Saturday at Omaha Burke Stadium. The Eagle won the race, breaking the school record for a gold medal.



Arlington senior Nolan May starts his leg of the 3,200-meter relay with a wide lead Friday during the NSAA Class C State Track and Field Championships at Omaha Burke Stadium. The team of Kevin Flesner, Dallin Franzluebbers, Kaden Foust and May earned first with a school record time.



Arlington senior Kaden Foust leaps through the air Saturday



Arlington's Kolby Tighe, middle, earned sixth during the 3,200-meter run Friday at Omaha Burke Stadium.

WHEN AND WHERE

TODAY

9 a.m., Blair varsity tennis at NSAA Class B Girls State Championships, Woods Tennis Center, Lincoln (only with Monday advancement)

SPOTLIGHT EVENT: 10 a.m., Blair varsity boys golf at NSAA Class B Boys Golf State Championships, Scotts Bluff Country Club, **Scottsbluff:** The Bears' Bode Soukup plays his

5 p.m., Fort Calhoun Junior Legion baseball hosts Schuyler/ North Bend

first 18 holes of the state tournament.

5:30 p.m., Blair Junior Legion baseball at Omaha Concordia, Orval Smith Field, Ralston

7:30 p.m., Fort Calhoun Senior Legion baseball hosts Schuyler/North Bend

8 p.m., Blair Senior Legion baseball at Omaha Concordia. Orval Smith Field, Ralston

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m., Blair varsity boys golf at NSAA Class B Boys Golf State Championships, Scotts Bluff Country Club, Scottsbluff 5 p.m., Fort Calhoun Junior Legion baseball hosts Omaha Concordia

5:30 p.m., Blair Junior Legion baseball hosts Omaha Roncalli, Vets Field

5:30 p.m., Arlington Junior Legion baseball hosts West Point. Washington County Fairgrounds

7:30 p.m., Fort Calhoun Senior Legion baseball hosts Omaha

8 p.m., Blair Senior Legion baseball hosts Omaha Roncalli,

8 p.m., Arlington Senior Legion baseball hosts West Point, Washington County Fairgrounds

THURSDAY

7 p.m., Blair Senior Legion baseball hosts Omaha Northwest, Vets Field

5:30 p.m., Blair Junior Legion baseball hosts Scottsbluff doubleheader, Vets Field 7:30 p.m., Fort Calhoun Senior Legion baseball hosts Arlington

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A LOOK AT TIMES GONE BY



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Blair outfielder Victor Wolff makes a diving catch during the 2008 NSAA Class B State Baseball Championships. The Bears went 0-2 in state tourney play.

Blair baseball goes 0-2 at 2008 state tourney

BY GRANT EGGER sports@enterprisepub.com

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 High School baseball team went 0-2 during the 2008 Class B state tournament.

school's first NSAAney in 57 years, the Holy Name. Bears lost games to

Elkhorn and Omaha Skutt. They dropped their game with the Antlers 13-9 first before a 9-2 loss to the Skyhawks. EHS eventually went on to defeat Skutt for the Class B title.

Coachedby Jon Small, BHS finished the season 11-9 overall. It started the campaign 0-4, but bounced back with home tournament victories against Beatrice and Gretna and qualified Playing in their first for its first NSAA state tourney since the 1951 sanctioned state tour- team lost 11-1 to Omaha

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Thayer-Mencke medals as FCHS relay breaks school record

Track squad's 400 team earns 9th in Class B

> BY GRANT EGGER sports@enterprisepub.com

Fort Calhoun High School alum Cole Biodrowski, a state recordholder in the 200-meter dash, was in attendance when the 2024 Pioneers broke their school's 400 relay record at districts.

"He came down and congratulated us," senior Preston Johnson said.

The Pioneers broke that all-time sprint mark again Thursday during the NSAA Class B State Track and Field Championships at Omaha Burke Stadium.

years to break," Johnson being ninth."

The relay squad of Alex to think about.' Schuler, Člay Bohnenand the senior finished just one spot out of a state medal, clocking in at 43.42 seconds. The finish was FCHS' second-best of the day Class B meet. state meet.

Freshman Emilee he said. Thayer-Mencke earned medal in the high jump. She tied with three other jumpers, clearing the bar set at 5 feet, 1 inch.

"I wish I could have done better, but I know that I can definitely do better the next years," Thayer-Mecke said. "If I just keep working, I'll ka Wesleyan runner was definitely get there.'

Altogether, though, the ninth-grader enjoyed her



Fort Calhoun senior Lawson Tjardes runs during the 3,200-meter relay May 15 during the NSAA State Track and Field Championships at Omaha Burke Stadium.

first trip to the state meet in Omaha.

'You get to see people from all over the state, all "It's great. It took 23, 24 of these athletes," she said. "Then, you just think, 'Oh said. "It's good to break it my gosh.' You're here with again at state, but it hurts all of these good athletes in the state. It's just crazy

Calhoun senior Lawkamp, Michael Maxon son Tjardes enjoyed his time at Burke, too, despite his 3,200-relay squad's 16th-place finish May 15 on the first day of the two-

"It's great to be here,"

The Pioneers — Will the top result for coach Dennis, Chris Post-White-Mandy Taylor's squad, owl, Seth Waters and earning an eighth-place Tjardes — finished the 2-mile state race in 8:35.84 after setting a school record, 8:21.17, earlier this season.

> "Wasn't our best day today, but they're going to be crazy next year," Tjardes said.

The soon-to-be Nebrasproud of his relay's season overall.

"The improvement you—to be honest."



PHOTOS BY GRANT EGGER I PILOT-TRIBUNE

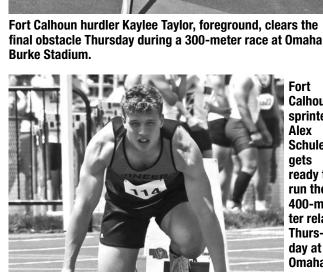
Fort Calhoun senior Preston Johnson, right, runs through the 400-meter relay finish line next to a Beatrice sprinter on Thursday during the NSAA State Track and Field Championships at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Fort Calhoun freshman Emilee Thayer-Mencke competes in the high jump Thursday at Omaha Burke Stadium.

we've had is crazy," he said, noting FCHS' aforementioned school-best mark. "If you told me we were going to break our school record at the beginning of the season. I wouldn't have believed

Maxon and two fellow Fort Calhoun juniors — Matthew Kelly and Kaylee Taylor — competed in individual events at state, too. Maxon took 22nd in the 100 dashin 11.34, while 7 inches with her best at- Thursday with a group of Kelly earned 21st in the tempt, topping sophomore FCHS supporters watch-110-meter hurdles with a teammate Ari Nelson, ing from the side.



Calhoun sprinter Alex **Schuler**

gets ready to run the 400-meter relay Thursday at **Omaha Burke** Stadium.

who leapt 33-2.75. Nelson Taylor finished 17th was 15th out of 24 jumpers

Another Pioneer, Dylan during her third-straight Keyser, earned 18th in the trip to Burke Stadium for discus as well. His best state. She cleared 34 feet, attempt covered 134-8 on



Blair senior J'Shawn Unger drops his bat on a double to the wall May 15 at Tal Anderson



PHOTOS BY GRANT EGGER I PILOT-TRIBUNE

Blair senior Brady Brown slides in safe at third base as Gretna East's Tanner Erdkamp can't quite handle the throw his way May 15 at Tal Anderson

BEARS: BHS state baseball run ends in semis

FROM PAGE 9

I would want it to end with him on the mound because that's our guy." The coach corrected himself,

though. He has more than one guy. "Him and Tanner," Roan said. Altogether, six Bears closed their final prep season May 15 two wins shy of the Class B finals. Tanner Jacobson and Swanson are two with the top of the second frame. Three J'Shawn Unger, Blaine Rosenbaum, Wachter and Brady Brown. They all played key roles during Blair's 2-2

and we're going to miss them," Roan said. "But they laid a real good groundwork for us going forward."

state tourney run.

Fresh off of back-to-back state elimination game wins against sixth-seeded Plattsmouth and No. 2 Elkhorn North, the seventh-seeded Bears started their semis matchup against the Griffins with a scoreless first inning.

After that, though, storm clouds arrived as did an extended delay. Gretna East would bat first when play resumed more than an hour later.

"Havingtocomebackoutandplay defense is a difficult task," Roan said. "You're trying as best as you can to keep (the players) in the moment. Keepthemfocused. But coming back out is just a hard thing to do.'

swings, scoring five runs during community proud."

NSAA CLASS B STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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singles and a bases-loaded walk produced the lead the Class B finalists would win with.

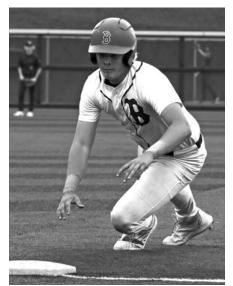
"Mother Nature is what it is," "They'reamazing human beings Roan said. "You just have to deal with it."

As outfielder Carter Saylor arrived back to the dugout after the five-run frame, he told a teammate, "Done it before. Let's do it again."

The Bears overcame a four-run deficit to Elkhorn North the previous night, but Gretna East's lead proved more solid. Unger hit a double to the wall during the bottom half of the second inning, singled in the fourth and watched as Brown singled during the sixth, but that's all of the hits BHS managed against Griffins pitchers AustinCopelandandChaseNeneman.

Swanson, meanwhile, took the BHS loss on the hill despite four strikeouts across 6 1/3 innings.

"Those guys have nothing to hang their head about," Roan said The Griffins took advantage of after his team's last huddle of the their second chance to take their spring season. "They made their



Blair base runner Lucas Matejka dives back to first base May 15 at Tal Anderson Field.

The state victories were Blair's first since 2016. The Bears hadn't won a district title since 2017 either, but they did just a few weeks back.

"The season wasn't a failure for them — it was a complete success," Roan continued.

He was proud of all of his guys. "They deserved this ride we just went on—this run," the coach said. "It was incredible. Like I told them out there, probably the most-memorable time I ever had in baseball."

The Blair Senior and Junior American Legion baseball seasons begin today against Omaha Concordia.

Fort Calhoun Seniors lose summer debut

during the 300 hurdles overallinherdebutNSAA

in 49.09, but also finished championships debut.

egion baseball. team hosts games tonight

time of 16.04.

10th in the triple jump

STAFF REPORTS

The Fort Calhoun Senior Legion baseball team opened its season Saturday with a 10-6 home loss to the Millard Sox Black.

The Zig Drywall Pioand 6-5, but watched as the Sox scored the gametying run in the fourth inning and the go-ahead runs during the sixth. Post 348 was scheduled to host the Millard Sox today against Schuyler/ the next four frames.

North Bend.

The Fort Calhoun Juniors, meanwhile, open the season at 5 p.m. today at home.

In the Seniors opener, though, Jordan Back plated Fort Calhoun's first run of the summer campaign with a single. Carter Christensen scored him before another run scored on an error and AJ Duros touched home plate on a wild pitch.

Ahead 4-3, the Pioneers held leads of 4-3 neers allowed two runs during the top of the third inning before retaking the lead with two of their own during the bottom half. Declyn Otte tallied the go ahead run on another wild pitch be-Gold on Sunday, too, and fore the Sox, ultimately, next competes 7:30 p.m. earned the win across

POST 348 SENIOR LINE SCORES

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2024 NSAA STATE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP



PHOTOS BY GRANT EGGER I PILOT-TRIBUNE Blair high-jumper Hayden Daggett clears the bar May 15 at Omaha Burke Stadium.

Blair's Riley Yanek crosses the Unified 400 relay finish line Thursday

at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Blair's Chase Cottle, right, leads a pack of runners May 15 at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Blair's Lainey Bilau runs her leg of the 3,200-meter relay May 15 at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Logan Brewer of Fort Calhoun makes a long jump attempt Thursday at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Blair's Lincoln Kruse takes off on his leg of the Unified 400-meter relay Thursday at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Blair track coach Bryan Soukup embraces Greta Galbraith after the senior cleared 11-6 in the pole vault May 15 at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Seth Waters of Fort Calhoun runs past as the Omaha Burke Stadium video board broadcasts the 3,200-meter relay May 15.



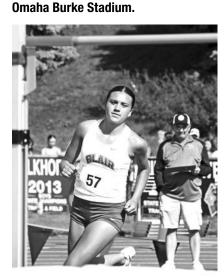
Blair's Allie Czapla starts the 3,200-meter relay May 15 at



Fort Calhoun hurdler Matthew Kelly, left, competes next to a Adams Central Patriot on May 15 at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Fort Calhoun's Chris Post-Whiteowl runs the 3,200-meter relay May 15 at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Blair's Hailey Roewert makes her approach to the high jump bar Thursday at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Kate Wulf of Blair runs the 3,200-meter relay May 15 at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Blair's Declan McCabe runs the 3,200-meter relay May 15 at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Fort Calhoun's Ari Nelson competes in the triple jump Thursday at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Arlington senior Kevin Flesner, right, leads his 800-meter run section off of the start Saturday at Omaha Burke Stadium.



Arlington's Dallin Franzluebbers, right, sprints out of the blocks Friday at Omaha Burke Stadium



Arlington's Whitney Wollberg competes in the pole vault Friday at Omaha Burke Stadium.

2024 NSAA STATE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

CLASS B
MAY 15 FIELD EVENTS
GIRLS POLE VAULT: 2, Greta
Galbraith, Blair, 11 feet, 6
inches.

BOYS HIGH JUMP: 12, Hayden Daggett, B, 6-2. BOYS SHOT PUT: 7, Braden McGill, B, 50-10.75.

MAY 15 RUNNING EVENTS

3,200-METER RELAY: 7, Blair girls (Lainey Bilau, Allie Czapla, Reece Ewoldt, Kate Wulf), 9:51.39. 10, Blair boys (Chase Cottle, Caleb Funk, Colin McCabe, Declan McCabe), 8:14.9. 16, Fort Calhoun boys (Will Dennis, Chris Post-Whiteowl, Lawson Tjardes, Seth Waters), 8:35.84.

110 HURDLES PRELIMS: 21, Matthew Kelly, FC, 16.04. 100 DASH PRELIMS: 1, Ethan Baessler, B, 10.5.5, Reese Beemer, B, 12.39. 22, Michael Maxon, FC, 11.34.

400 DASH: 13, Daggett, 50.56. 22, C.McCabe, B, 51.75. **3,200 RUN:** 2, Ewoldt, B,

10:46. 18, Czapla, B, 11:52.29.

200 DASH PRELIMS: 1, Baessler, B, 22.07.

THURSDAY FIELD EVENTS

GIRLS HIGH JUMP: 5 (tie), Emma Ammon, B, 5-3. 8 (tie), Emilee Thayer-Mencke, FC, 5-1. 12 (tie), Hailey Roewert, B, 5-1.

GIRLS TRIPLE JUMP: 10, Kaylee Taylor, FC, 34-7.15, Ari Nelson, FC, 33-2.75. BOYS DISCUS: 10, McGill, B,

147-3. 18, Dylan Keyser, FC, 134-8. **UNIFIED SHOT PUT:** 3, Blair

(Jaden Rogge, Cornez Tucker Jr.), 34-1.25 and 40. 4, Fort Calhoun (Will Maxon, Andrew Namuth), 29-6.5 and 42-0.5. UNIFIED LONG JUMP: 2, Blair

(Caden Finken, Keenan Wyman), 14-2 and 17-9.25. 7, Fort Calhoun (Maxon, Logan Brewer), 12-10 and 16-11.5.

THURSDAY RUNNING EVENTS

800 RUN: 10, Funk, B, 1:57.53.

400 RELAY: 3, Blair boys (Baessler, Daggett, Ben Holcomb, C.McCabe), 42.62. 9, Fort Calhoun boys (Clay Bohnenkamp, Preston Johnson, Maxon, Alex Schuler), 43.42.

UNIFIED 400 RELAY: 8, Blair (Atticus Dick, Lincoln Kruse, Cooper Sorensen, Riley Yanek), 1:00.55.

100 DASH FINALS: 1, Baessler, B, 10.51. 2, Beemer, B, 12.45.

1,600 RUN: 1, Ewoldt, B, 4:53.87. 24, Ryleigh Schroeter, B, 5:56.83.

300 LOW HURDLES: 17, Taylor, FC, 49.09.

300 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES: 20, Holcomb, B, 42.51.
200 DASH FINALS: 1,

Baessler, B, 21.82. **1,600 RELAY:** 5, Blair boys (Baessler, Daggett, Funk, C.McCabe), 3:24.03.

CLASS C

FRIDAY FIELD EVENTS BOYSTRIPLE JUMP: 14, Trent Koger, Arlington, 40-8. GIRLS POLE VAULT: 6, Whit-

ney Wollberg, A, 10. **GIRLS DISCUS:** 4, Hayley Arp, A, 128-3. 20, Taylor Arp, A, 106-5.

FRIDAY RUNNING EVENTS

3,200 RELAY: 1, Arlington boys (Kevin Flesner, Kaden Foust, Dallin Franzluebbers, Nolan May), 8:06.88. 12, Arlington girls (Brooke Hilgenkamp, Kelise Krivohlavek, Hailey O'Daniel, Wollberg), 10:25.32.

400 DASH: 4, Foust, A, 50.21. 22, Franzluebbers, A, 54.71.

3200 RUN: 2, May, A, 10:04.00. 6, Kolby Tighe, A, 10:10.14.

SATURDAY FIELD EVENTS
BOYS LONG JUMP: 2, Foust,

GIRLS SHOT PUT: 23, H.Arp, A, 34-9.75.

SATURDAY RUNNING EVENTS

800 RUN: 2, O'Daniel, A, 2:17.66. 5, Flesner, A, 2:00.41. 16, Trey Hill, A, 2:05.61.

1,600 RUN: 1, O'Daniel, A, 5:14.99. 3, May, A, 4:31.29. 14, Kolby Tighe, A, 4:44.49. 1,600 RELAY: 4, Arlington boys (K.Flesner, Foust, Franzluebbers, May), 3:24.77. 9, Arlington girls (Austyn Flesner, Krivohlavek, O'Daniel,

Wollberg), 4:10.77.

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FORT CALHOUN END-OF-THE-YEAR SPLASH PAD PARTY



Fort Calhoun High School Booster Club members served up a hot dog lunch after school as the splash pad opened up for summer fun.



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The summer fun began in Fort Calhoun immediately after the school doors closed and the splash pad opened for the season.



An avalanche of water pours over youngsters at Fort Calhoun Fort Calhoun students ended the school year with a party at Adams Street Plaza splash pad.



the Adams Street Plaza splash pad.



The Adams Street Plaza splash pad in Fort Calhoun opened for the season immediately after the school doors closed.

PARTICIPANTS CELEBRATE NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY



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The color guard leads the National Peace Officers Memorial Walk as the procession leaves the Blair Police Station Wednesday evening.



Participants bow their heads and hold blue candles as Chaplain Mark Degner delivers the benediction at the Peace Officers Memorial Walk at the Washington County Sheriff's Office.



National Peace Officers walk participants pass under the American flag at the intersection at 16th and Colfax



JOE BURNS I PILOT-TRIBUNE The Omaha Metro Police Pipes and Drums participated in the procession at 16th and Colfax streets.





METEOROLOGIST RUSTY LORD SPEAKS TO OBMS STUDENTS



WOWT 6 News Senior Chief Meteorologist Rusty Lord points to the path of the Arbor Day Tornado through Douglas and Washington counties. Sixth grade students at Otte Blair Middle School were visited by Lord on Wednesday. Atmosphere and weather are the final topics covered in the sixth grade curriculum each school year. Lord's presentation consisted of information related to the layers of the atmosphere and how weather events form and develop. The discussion also covered precautions and safety measures to take





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Second-graders tour Arbor Park neighborhood

BY JOE BURNS photos@enterprisepub.com

It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood on Thursday when Arbor Park second grade students arrived at the Blair Train Depot at Lions Park.

While on their walking tour to learn about their Arbor Park neighborhood the students and their teachers Rachel Aten, Ashely Bacon and Rachel Hambidge visited the Blair Post Office for a behind-the-scenes look at how the postal service as well as the historic Blair Train Depot.



PHOTOS BY JOE BURNS I PILOT-TRIBLINE

Arbor Park second grade students arrived at the Blair Train Depot at Lions Park Thursday to tour the depot and learn about the neighborhood history.



Dawn Nielsen answers students' questions about the Blair Depot.

Knights of Columbus provide dinner, donations to tornado victims

STAFF REPORTS

The state Knights of Columbus group came together Sunday evening to prepare a free dinner and give back to victims of the April 26 tornado.

Hosted at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, the group provided pulled meat sandwiches, among other sides and dessert, and also gave out \$100 Visa gift cards for families to use as they please.

According to Mike Conrad, a member of the Knights of Columbus in Fort Calhoun, the group has also assisted in helping victims around other affected areas in the state, such as Lancaster County and Elkhorn.



CHEYENNE ALEXIS I PILOT-TRIBUNE

The Nebraska Knights of Columbus group prepared a free dinner of pulled meat sandwiches and other items for victims of the April 26 tornado at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church Sunday evening. The group also donated \$100 gift cards to victims to buy whatever they need amid their loss.

CLASS OF 2024 EAGLES FLY THE NEST



Senior Austyn Flesner embraces Board of Education member Cassie Flesner while receiving her diploma.



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Olivia McClurg is all smiles as she walks off the stage after receiving her diploma.



Valedictorian Brooke Hilgenkamp stands as she is recognized as one of the top 10% of her class.

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Around 3,000 years ago, the Chukchi people, a semi-nomadic tribe living in Siberia, wanted to expand their hunting grounds.

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When they sleep they can use their long bushy tail for extra warmth and protection from the elements. They wrap it around their face which still allows it to breathe yet keep its nose and face warm.

Huskies were brought to Alaska in 1909 for sled dog racing, and they soon became established as consistent winners. Huskies often makeup the team or are part of the team that participates in the grueling and difficult annual Iditarod race.

It is often referred to as the Last Great Race on Earth and has become famous worldwide. It is a race of some 1,049 miles that pits a human and animals against the weather and wild terrain of Alaska.

Today, huskies have also become playful and faithful pets that are very loving of people. Their demeanor around children make them a wonderful

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Bears class of 2024 and class Sunday.

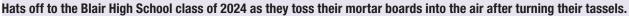




Hannah Mackie receives her diploma.



Foreign exchange student Sakuto Yamada receives his diploma at Blair High School Sunday afternoon.





The BHS Senior Vocal Ensemble sings "Where'd All the time Go."



The Blair class of 2024 prepares to receive their diplomas.



Emmie Haynes enters the gymnasium during the processional.



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