



The West Holt high school girls cross country team with their runner-up team plaque from the West Holt Invite. Pictured (L to R): Yazmin Zamora, Anel Monasterio, Ava Hoffman, Felycia Kerkman, and Kearsten Keogh. Photos by Blake Hilkemeier.

West Holt hosts home cross country invite, high school girls team is runner-up

By Blake Hilkemeier
Graphic Staff

The Atkinson-Stuart Country Club played host to 331 junior high and high school runners on Thursday, Oct. 2 for the 56th annual West Holt Cross Country Invite.

The 56th annual invite, which was also senior night for the West Holt runners, began with the high school girls race, which saw a total of 52 runners and nine full teams compete.

Out of nine teams, the Lady Huskies landed towards the top of the pack, as they finished in second place with 22 total points scored.

Leading the way for the Lady Huskies was the trio of Felycia Kerkman, Ava Hoffman, and Kearsten Keogh, who each landed a spot in the top 15 to secure individual medals.

Kerkman led the trio with a seventh-place finish, while Hoffman crossed the finish line in 12th place, and Keogh earned 14th.

In the high school boys' race, the trio of Kellen Monasterio, Alex Gotschall, and Jacob Panning competed in the largest field of the day, which saw a total of 109 runners and 15 full teams.

Monasterio once again led the way for the trio, as he crossed the finish line in just over 19 minutes to place 18th.

Shortly behind Monasterio was Gotschall in 57th, while Panning rounded out the three with a 104th-place finish.

The effort of these three runners earned them a 13th place finish as a team.

After the high school boys' race was the junior high girls race, which included two Husky runners amongst the field of 48.

Leading the way for the duo of Lady Huskies was Camry Deseive, who finished in 12th place with a time of 7 minutes and 46 seconds.

Shortly behind Deseive was Rebekah Olson, who crossed the finish line in just under eight-and-a-half minutes to place 28th.

Finally, the long afternoon of racing concluded with the junior high boys' race, which featured 89 runners and 11 full teams.

In the race, the Huskies saw two runners earn their way to the

medal stand in Liam Langan and Jasiel Monasterio, who took home the 12th and 13th place medals, respectively.

Rounding out the top three performances for the Huskies was Giovanni Monasterio, who finished in 19th place.

The combined efforts of these three Huskies landed the junior high boys' team a fourth place finish in a competitive team race.

The conclusion of the 2025 West Holt Invite also marked the end of the West Holt runners' regular seasons.

Looking ahead, the Huskies will now travel to Summerland Country Club on Thursday, Oct. 9 to compete in the Greater Northeast Activities Conference Invite, which will begin at 4:00 p.m.

This will be the Huskies final invite prior to the high school runners' district race, which will take place on Thursday, Oct. 16 in Ainsworth.

Full team and individual results from the 2025 West Holt Invite are as follows:

High School Girls Team Results (Place, Team, Score)	
1, Ainsworth, ...	.20
2, West Holt, ...	.22
3, Boone Central, ...	.23

Individual Results Place, Name, Time	
7, Felycia Kerkman, ...	:21:46.67
12, Ava Hoffman, ...	:22:46.38
14, Kearsten Keogh, ...	:22:53.49
27, Anel Monasterio, ...	:22:44.12
38, Yazmin Zamora, ...	:27:11.65

Boys Team Results	
1, Doniphan-Trumbull, ...	.23
2, O'Neill, ...	.23
13, West Holt, ...	.134

Individual Results	
18, Kellen Monasterio, ...	:19:07.58
57, Alex Gotschall, ...	:21:29.73
104, Jacob Panning, ...	:27:19.04

Junior High Girls Team Results	
1, Ord, ...	.13
2, Doniphan-Trumbull, ...	.22
3, Elkhorn Valley, ...	.31

Individual Results	
12, Camry Deseive, ...	:7:46.08
28, Rebekah Olson, ...	:8:28.28
Boys	
1, Ord, ...	.18

2, Elkhorn Valley, ...	.20
3, Ainsworth, ...	.39
4, West Holt, ...	.41

Individual Results	
12, Liam Langan, ...	:6:49.38
13, Jasiel Monasterio, ...	:6:49.76
19, Giovanni Monasterio, ...	:7:04.29
20, Elian Ramos, ...	:7:05.61
73, Ryan Havranek, ...	:8:28.74



Kellen Monasterio.



Where in the world? The Kaup family poses with an edition of The Atkinson Graphic during thier pilgrimage.

Submitted Article

This past July, our family went on a Catholic Pilgrimage to Rome with the Catholic Sprouts group. We learned about this trip in May of 2024 through being members of the Catholic Sprouts Clubhouse. This trip was over a year in the making and our excitement grew with anticipation as we had to patiently wait for July 2025 to arrive. July 2025 arrived and it was one of the hottest on records in Rome. Though it was extremely hot, it was so worth it! As many know 2025 is a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church, also known as a Holy Year, a time of spiritual renewal, reconciliation, and pilgrimage. It is a special year



The Trailer of Terror set up shop in the Atkinson Community Center/Legion Hall parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 4. Photos by Blake Hilkemeier.

Trailer of Terror and Legion members put together entertaining evening

By Blake Hilkemeier
Graphic Staff

The Trailer of Terror and the Atkinson American Legion brought together numerous members of the community to enjoy good food and get their fright on during the evening of Saturday, Oct. 4.

While members of the Legion cooked and served a combina-

tion of burgers and brats, the Trailer of Terror opened shop just outside of the Legion Hall to those who dared to enter its doors.

"The wind was brutal," said Pam Winer, one of the Trailer of Terror's scare actors and creators. "I was disappointed that we were unable to erect our inflatable maze, but overall, we still had fun

and loved seeing some familiar faces."

While the entire evening was designed to create a fun and festive evening for members of the community, the Trailer of Terror made it more than just that, as it donated a percentage of all of its ticket sales from the evening to the Atkinson Community Thrift Shop.



Rhonda Olson and Jerry Tasler at the Legion's feed on Saturday, Oct. 4.



Trailer of Terror scare actor Perry Winer awaits his next victim.



Felycia Kerkman.



Camry Deseive.



During their trip, the Kaups had the opportunity to see Pope Leo XIV.

Kaups tell about pilgrimage to Italy

of grace marked by the opening of the Holy Doors in Rome's Basilica's and the opportunity for plenary indulgences. The theme for the 2025 Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope," emphasizing a journey of faith and a renewed sense of hope for the world, so going to Rome during this significant event was extra meaningful for our family and we felt significantly blessed to have this opportunity.

After landing in Rome on Tuesday, July 15th, we traveled to the lovely hilltop town of Orvieto, Italy where we celebrated mass (which was how we started each day) at the Basilica that was constructed under the orders of Pope Urban IV to commemorate and

provide a suitable home for the Corporal of Bolsena, the relic of miracle which occurred in 1263 in the nearby town of Bolsena, when a traveling priest who had doubts about the truth of transubstantiation found that his Host was bleeding so much that it stained the altar cloth.

On Wednesday, July 16th, we visited the Basilica of St. Clare and the Chapel of San Damiano, where St. Francis of Assisi received his call to rebuild the Church and where St. Clare (his beloved friend) lived and died. We walked to the Sanctuary of Spoliation to see the tomb of Blessed Carlos Acutis in the Church of St. Mary Major. (It was a very humbling experience to

pray next to Blessed Carlos Acutis especially for the youth that we were traveling with.) Carlos Acutis, the first millennial saint, was canonized on September 7th, 2025. Carlos, known for his devotion to the Eucharist and use of technology to share religious content, died in 2006 at the age of 15. His canonization was originally scheduled for April 27th, 2025 during the Jubilee of Teenagers but was postponed due to Pope Francis' death.

Next, we visited the Basilica of St. Francis, where we celebrated mass. To see where St. Francis lived, slept, ate, prayed, talked to

Community

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thurs., Oct. 9 - 4:00 p.m. WH Cross Country at GNAC at Sumnerland

Thurs., Oct. 9 - 4:00 p.m. Stuart XC at NVC Cross Country at Ainsworth

Thurs., Oct. 9 - 5:00 p.m. WH JvV Volleyball with Boyd Co. at West Holt

Thurs., Oct. 9 - 6:30 p.m. Stuart Varsity Volleyball vs. Creighton. Parents and Senior Night at 6:00 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 10 - 7:00 p.m. West Holt HS Football with Pleasanton, Little Girls Dance Performance at Halftime

Fri., Oct. 10 - 2:00 p.m. Stuart Football vs. Hampton, Parents Night for Cross Country and Football

Sat., Oct. 11 - 9:00 a.m. WH Varsity Volleyball at Arcadia/Loup City Tourney

Sun., Oct. 12 - 7-12 Fall 5:00 p.m. Choir Concert

Sun., Oct. 12 - 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Atkinson Fire and Rescue Open House at the fire hall

Tues., Oct. 14 - Special Calf Auction at Atkinson Livestock

Tues., Oct. 14 - 5:00 p.m. Stuart VB Triangular at Osmond

Thurs., Oct. 16 - Stuart District Cross Country at Ainsworth

Thurs., Oct. 16 - 4:00 p.m. JvV Volleyball at North Central

Thurs., Oct. 16 - 6:00 p.m., Stuart VB at Winside

Thurs., Oct. 16 - 7:00 p.m., Compassionate Friends meeting at First United Methodist Church in O'Neill

Fri., Oct. 17 - 7:00 WH HS Football vs. Ravenna

Football and Girls Golf Senior Night

Fri., Oct. 17 - 3:00 p.m., Stuart Football at Shelton

Sat., Oct. 18 - 8:00 p.m., Bryan Olesen Concert at Atkinson Community Center

Tues., Oct. 21 - Special Pairs Auction at Atkinson Livestock

Tues., Oct. 28 - Special Calf Auction at Atkinson Livestock

CHECK TO SEE IF REGULAR MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD

Third Monday of the Month - 8:00 p.m. - Atkinson Lions Club Meeting at Atkinson-Stuart Country Club

Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous at the Presbyterian Church in Atkinson

Second Tuesday of the Month - Atkinson American Legion Post #86 Sons of the Legion and Legion Riders meeting at the Legion Hall

Second Thursday of the Month - 7:00 p.m. - Atkinson American Legion Post #86 Meeting at the Legion Hall

Third Thursday of the Month - 7:15 p.m. - Atkinson Knights of Columbus regular monthly meeting.

Atkinson American Legion Unit #86 Legion Auxiliary meeting at the Legion Hall

Fourth Monday of the Month - 6:00 p.m. - Atkinson Antiquers meeting. Location changes monthly

Atkinson Chamber of Commerce will be meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Atkinson Public Library Hours

Monday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday - 12 to 5 p.m.

Thursday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m. to p.m.

Atkinson Community Thrift Shop Hours

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Atkinson-Stuart Food Pantry

1st and 3rd Wednesdays

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

October city council meeting held at Atkinson City Hall

By Blake Hilkemeier
Graphic Staff

The Atkinson City Council held its October monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m., with all but one member of the council in attendance.

The meeting began promptly at 7:30 p.m. with a roll call and the location of the Open Meetings Act poster, followed by the presentation of the treasurer's report.

The discussion and approval of the authorization of Mayor Josh Erickson to sign the NAHTF Project Monitoring Compliance Report to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a duplex on Union Street followed.

Item number seven was a public hearing to discuss the proposed removal of decorative islands located at the intersection of State Street and Main Street.

The hearing opened at 7:33 p.m. and closed at 7:43 p.m. after members of the community gave their input on the matter.

After the hearing was completed, the discussion continued amongst the City Council, who ultimately made the decision to keep the decorative islands, although the city workers will narrow the small triangular cement spaces located on the south corners of main square.

It was said that the goal of narrowing the spaces is to allow for better drainage, which will eliminate the problem of an overabundance of ice in the winter.

After the council approved the decision to narrow the southern triangular spaces, the topic changed to a discussion of allowing Osvaldo Sanchez to have a ranch rodeo at the Atkinson Rodeo Ground on Sunday, Oct. 26.

Sanchez was unable to be present at the meeting, but the

council agreed to approve of the rodeo as long as Sanchez could provide proof of insurance.

The approval of Sanchez's ranch rodeo was followed by the approval of many items on the agenda.

Included amongst the items approved were a building permit for Randall Inge for a 22' x 25' x 7' metal carport on 301 East Union Street, a building permit for Shawn Alder for a roof alteration at 306 South William Street, a sidewalk removal and replacement for Hoskinson LLC at 107 East State Street, and a special designated license for FIBR, Inc. for September 20 at the Phil Keating Memorial Building.

Following those approvals, the council approved the city's purchase of lot numbers 19, 20, and 21 on East Front Street from Atkinson Fertilizer for \$35,000. The council decided the city would pay the \$35,000 in two equal payments, with one payment scheduled for this year, and one for 2026.

The council then discussed options to repair East Pearl Street, as well as the hiring of a new Deputy Clerk with Economic Development responsibilities. Ultimately, the council decided to hold off on the discussion for East Pearl Street until spring, and also decided to hold a special meeting to discuss the matter of hiring a new Deputy Clerk sometime in the near future.

After a few more discussions of nuisances, the approval of delinquent utilities report, and the monthly reports from Department Supervisors, the meeting came to an end at approximately 9:00 p.m.

A complete recorded version of the Monday, Oct. 6 Atkinson City Council meeting will be uploaded to the Atkinson Graphic's YouTube channel in the near future.

News from Holt County Court

Mary K. Boettcher, O'Neill, \$75, Speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, State Patrol Officer T. M. Ahrendt.

Milton T. Reiman, O'Neill, \$75, Speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, State Patrol Officer Eric W. Kloster.

Andrew J. Koenig, Ewing, \$125, Speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, State Patrol Officer Aaron M. Hartley.

Michelle A. Hamar, Bassett, Del/Dsp/Dst/Man/Pos except haz., Class II Felony, State Patrol Officer Timothy L. Stopak.

Martin Valadez-Munoz, Sioux City, Iowa, \$25, No valid registration, State Patrol Officer Andrew J. Mohr.

Christopher H. Forslund, O'Neill, \$50, Driver violation, DCL class/endorse/restrict, State Patrol Officer Bryan M. Walter.

Alexander D. Hagedorn, West Point, \$25, Overweight on axle or group, State Patrol Officer Bryan M. Walter.

Brian David Gunderson, Neligh, Operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest - Class IV Felony; Speeding 36+ MPH County/State; Willful reckless driving - first offense - Class III Misdemeanor; Unauthorized use propelled vehicle - first offense - Class III Misdemeanor; Theft - RCV stolen property \$5,000+ - Class IIA Felony; No operator's license - Class III Misdemeanor, State Patrol Officer Bryan S. Wiggins.

Kara A. Stahlecker, O'Neill, \$350, 3 Months' Probation, Drive

during revocation/impound, O'Neill Police Officer Colin Hyatt.

Ray A. Bahm, O'Neill, Jail \$ 425D, Jail C 60 D, CFDS 33D, Obstruct a peace officer, DV Assault - Third/Threat/Menacing; Resist arrest - first offense, O'Neill Police Officer Preston Hoffman.

Clayton J. Larson, Springview, \$650, Prob. C 24M, DREV C. 30D, Jail C. 10D, CFDS 10, DREV C. 18M, Willful reckless driving - first offense - Class III Misdemeanor; DUI - alcohol - second offense, Class W Misdemeanor; Refuse to submit to pretest - Class V Misdemeanor; Possess/consume open alcohol container - Infraction, O'Neill Police Officer Preston Hoffman.

Michaela D. Vergith, O'Neill, \$75, No operator's license, O'Neill Police Officer Preston Hoffman.

Chad A. Doiel, O'Neill, Jail C 270D, CFDS 49D, DV Assault - third/cause bodily injury - Class I Misdemeanor; O'Neill Police Officer Cully Forker.

Angel L. Garcia, Atkinson, \$75, Violate stop or yield sign, O'Neill Police Officer Aaron Chohan.

Sergio Everi Calito Lopez, O'Neill, \$75, No operator's license, Holt County Sheriff Mark Liewer.

Clara M. Garcia, Thornton, Colo., \$75, Speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, Holt County Sheriff Matt McHale.

Emma F. Ramirez, O'Neill, \$150, Speeding 6-10 MPH County/State; No operator's license, Holt County Sheriff Matt McHale.

Holt County Extension Calendar

Oct 11 - 12: Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update, 9 am - 12 pm, Ashland Gun Club, Ashland, NE

Oct 11 - 12: Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training, 8 am - 6 pm, Ashland Gun Club, Ashland, NE

Oct. 13 - 30: Knowing, Growing, and Grazing Grass Webinar Series, Monday and Thursday evenings, 7:30 pm - 8:45 pm CT, go.unl.edu/knowing_grass

October 26: Holt County Achievement Ceremony, 5 pm, Faith Wesleyan Center

Menu from Atkinson Senior Center

Thurs., Oct. 9 - Chix Strips, Brussel Sprouts, Potato Salad, Applesauce

Fri., Oct. 10 - Cheeseburger, Oriental Salad, Gr Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Lemon Cake

Mon., Oct. 13 - Birthday Dinner, Chicken and Biscuits, Carrots, Cucumbers, Stewed Tomatoes

Tues., Oct. 14 - Ham and Potato Quiche, Garlic Bread, Broccoli, Pineapple

Wed., Oct. 15 - Roast Beef,

Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Creamed Cabbage, Grapes, Banana Cake

Thurs., Oct. 16 - Smothered Chicken, Parsley Potatoes Tossed Salad, Cantaloupe, Brownie

Fri., Oct. 17 - Polish Dog, Sauerkraut, Peas, Apricots, Cookies

Please call the day before or by 9:30 a.m. 402-925-5827 or leave on answer machine or call 402-340-4571

John Klooz joins American Angus Association

Press Release
American Angus Association

John Klooz of Stuart is a new member of the American Angus Association®, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Mo.

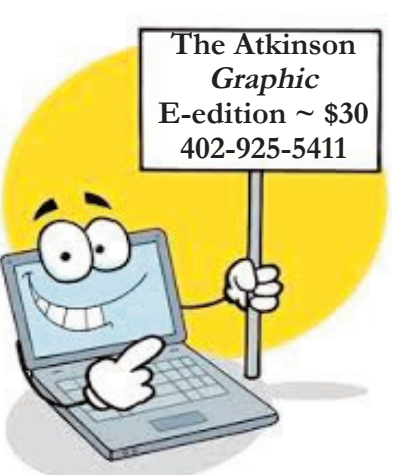
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West Holt HUSKIES

Thurs., October 9, 5:00 p.m.
JvV Volleyball at West Holt vs. Boyd County

Fri. October 10, 7:00 p.m.

Football at West Holt vs. Pleasanton

Little Girls Dance Performance at Hall



Sunday, October 12, 5:00 p.m.
7-12 Fall Choir Concert at West Holt

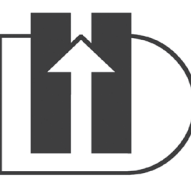


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“Ten Healthy Fall Fruits and Vegetables”

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Some fruits and vegetables are easier to come by in the summer months, but a good variety is available in the fall and winter as well. It's important to include fruits and vegetables in your diet year-round to stay healthy and ward off diseases. Here are some of the superstar fruits and vegetables of the fall and winter months.

1. Sweet potatoes. They are loaded with beta carotene (which the body makes into vitamin A), vitamin C, potassium, fiber, iron and vitamin B6. Sweet potatoes have more nutrients than regular white potatoes and can replace white potatoes in some recipes. Try them mashed, baked or as a dessert.

2. Apples. Apples are a traditional fall favorite and are easy to find in the supermarket or you can pick your own at a nearby orchard. They are a quick, easy snack and can be paired with peanut butter or cheese for protein. Apples contain antioxidants, which may help protect against certain cancers and reduce levels of LDL or bad cholesterol. Apples

have vitamin C, vitamin K and fiber. Remember the old saying, “an apple a day keeps the doctor away.”

3. Broccoli. This is one vegetable that can be eaten raw or cooked, hot or cold, by itself or with other foods. Broccoli can help prevent cancer and heart disease, and boost the immune system. Nutrients in broccoli include vitamin C, vitamin A, vitamin B6, iron, calcium, magnesium and vitamin E.

4. Pumpkin. Pumpkin is a great source of potassium and beta carotene, a powerful antioxidant that is good for the eyes. Canned or prepared fresh, pumpkin can be made into a variety of soups, baked goods and desserts.

5. Kiwi. This fruit can be eaten alone (after peeling) or can be added to many different dishes, including soups, salads and desserts. Kiwi contains antioxidants, which can help protect the eyes, heart and colon. Kiwi also provides vitamin C, fiber, potassium, magnesium and vitamin E.

6. Avocado. Avocados contain healthy monounsaturated fat. Even healthy fat is a dense source of energy, so it's important to eat avocados in moderation. They also contain vitamin E, fiber, potassium, folate and vitamin C. Avocados can be used on sandwiches or salads, or made into guacamole.

Graphic Gleanings from 1975

Stuart Volleyball

The Delma Kaup and Cindy Campbell combination proved to be the winning factor in Stuart's win over Bassett September 25. The Stuart spikers won in two sets, 15 to 11 and 15 to 9. Cindy Campbell bumped the ball well from the back row to get a good set and spike in the front row. Cathy Hamilton served 8 points and Delma Kaup served 7 for Stuart. Jean Carlson served 6 points for Bassett. Stuart's reserve team won in two sets, 16 to 14 and 15 to 9. Next action for the Stuart girls will be the Orchard Invitational Tournament.

The Stuart girls lost to St. Mary's 15-9 and 15-9 September 30. Ann Devoy served 15 points for the winners and Cathy Hamilton served 16 markers for the losers.

WH Spikers Win Eastern Rangeland

With the win over Bassett, Pat Wax's volleyball team, won the Eastern Rangeland Conference. A play off with the Western winner will be announced at a later date. The Husky girls were up for this one and wanted to win the conference, which they did with scores of 15-0 and 15-13. Leann Serbousek led West Holt with 13 serve points.

West Holt will travel to Stuart

October 21 for their last regular season game.

West Holt Football

West Holt Huskies got win number one Friday night at Lynch, 24-0. The Huskies accumulated a total offense of 228 yards on 12 first downs while holding Lynch to 84 yards on one first down. Don Beach scored first on a 1-yard mass move over the goal line, Mike Tasler showed good moves on a 16-yard score and Terry White added a 4-yard score for the last TD. All extra points were two point conversions by Beach, Tasler and Jeff Lieswald. Running back Don Beach had 75 yards on 17 carries and teammate Mike Tasler had 57 yards on 11 carries. Tackle Curt Gotschall and end Mike Straka were standouts in the offensive line, Straka coming up with two-fumble recoveries.

On defense Steve Andersen played alert football with 2 pass interceptions and Mike Tasler led the Huskies in tackles. "Our young players bounced back from our loss last week and put a team effort together for the victory," said Coach Schnack. All the Huskies got in the game with the subs adding the last TD in the final period.



Students were given the opportunity to try their hand at performing laparoscopic surgery during their rotations at Scrubs Camp. Pictured (L to R): Rylee Fuelberth, student from Cody-Kilgore, Chelseay Dennis, and Avera Healthcare professional

Scrubs Camp hosted by Avera Health at NECC

By Blake Hilkemeier
Graphic Staff

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, high school students from Stuart and West Holt travelled to O'Neill to attend Scrubs Camp at Northeast Community College's extended campus.

The camp was hosted by Avera Health and gave students the opportunity to check out numerous healthcare stations and visit with professionals.

During their visits with professionals, students had the opportunity to participate in hands-on, interactive experiences in stations such as nursing, physical therapy, radiology, pharmacy, and much more.

In addition, students were also given the chance to view a mock trauma scene, along with the emergency room setup and care provided for the patient.

To close out the day, the students were treated to lunch and were able to see O'Neill ambulatory equipment on the site, along with the mobile SIM unit.

FAFSA open for 2026-27 academic year

Press Release

EducationQuest Foundation encourages Nebraskans who plan to attend college during the 2026-27 academic year to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), now open at studentaid.gov.

The FAFSA is the application for federal, state and college-based financial aid. Colleges use the information in the FAFSA to determine eligibility for financial assistance, which can include scholarships, grants, work-study funds and student loans.

EducationQuest Foundation President and CEO Liz Koop said, "Access to higher education begins with financial aid, and the FAFSA is the first step. Completing it early provides families with clarity and options for the future. EducationQuest is committed to making the process approachable with free resources, step-by-step guides, and one-on-one support to help every student succeed."

According to the National College Attainment Network, more than \$4.4 billion in Pell Grants went unclaimed by the Class of 2024.

Koop said, "Completing the FAFSA is the single most important step students can take to make college affordable. Too many Nebraska students are leaving Pell grant dollars unclaimed. We want to change that."

Before starting the FAFSA, students and families should:

- Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) Account at studentaid.gov. Dependent students and their parents/guardians must each have an account.
 - Ensure usernames and passwords are stored securely. They are required to access and sign the FAFSA.
 - Have 2024 income tax return information on hand to complete the form.
- Free tools, tutorials, and personalized help are available at EducationQuest.org.



The Garden Bug

All parts of the dandelion, including its flowers, roots and stems, are edible. Dandelion tea is full of nutrients such as vitamins A, C and K, folate, calcium and potassium. It is known to be beneficial for digestion and for detoxing the liver and bile systems, which can help clear acne and other skin problems. It also contains beta-carotene, which protects against cell damage, and polyphenols, which are anti-inflammatory, which help the heart. - Brenda Weaver

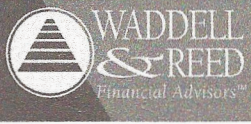
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Husky volleyball falls to E-V on senior night

By Blake Hilkemeier
Graphic Staff

The West Holt Lady Huskies saw their regular-season record drop to 12-8 with a loss at home on senior night against the Elkhorn Valley Falcons on Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Against the Falcons, the Huskies came out with lots of energy but were stunned by a near-perfect performance by their opponents in set one.

While the Huskies did their best to stifle the damage, the Falcons were nearly unstoppable. Behind strong attacks and solid defense, the Falcons jumped out in front with a 25-16 win in the first set.

In set two, the Huskies were able to find their footing, but the not before the Falcons jumped out in front early to establish a lead.

After a rough start to the set, the Huskies managed to get in a groove and decrease their deficit, but the Falcons refused to allow a comeback and earned the 25-21 win to go up 2-0.

In set three, the Huskies played well with their backs against the wall, and at one point, had the score tied at 11-11.

However, that was as close as the Huskies got to starting their comeback, as the Falcons once again pulled away towards the end to clinch the sweep with a 25-17 win.

Leading the way for the Huskies in their loss were Taylor Walnofer with eight kills, Hollynn Konrad with four blocks, Pavan Larson with 11 digs and 20 as-

sists, Avery Nemetz with eight digs, and Jewel Beckwith with six digs.

Looking ahead, the Lady Huskies will continue their regular season with a battle against Wausa in Atkinson on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Following that, they'll once again stay home for a match with Boyd County on Thursday, Oct. 9.

With their match against Boyd County out of the way, the Huskies will close out their upcoming weekly schedule with the Arcadia Loup City Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 11.



Avery Nemetz goes for a kill against Elkhorn Valley.



Bella Hipke.

Stuart XC battles twice

By Stacy Ludwig
Head Coach

The Stuart Broncos cross country runners wrapped up their 2025 regular seasons with the University of Nebraska-Kearney (UNK) Invite on Monday, Sept. 29 and the West Holt Invite on Thursday, Oct. 2.

Jaxon Kohle and Jake Kohle represented the Broncos at the UNK Invitational in Kearney on Monday, Sept. 29. In the field of 309 Class D runners from across Nebraska, Jaxon placed 187th with a personal-best 5K time of 23 minutes and 15 seconds. Jake finished in 199th with a season-best 5K time of his own with a time of 23 minutes and 42 seconds.

On the following Thursday, Oct. 2, Bella Hipke competed in the West Holt Invitational at the Atkinson-Stuart Country Club. There, she recorded a season-best 5K time of her own, placing 49th in a time of 32 minutes and 1 second.

Looking ahead, the Broncos will now enter the postseason, as their next two invites include conference and districts, which will both take place in Ainsworth.

The first of the two invites will be the Niobrara Valley Conference Invite, which will be held in Ainsworth on Thursday, Oct. 9. Races will begin at 4:00 p.m.

After that, the Broncos will travel to Ainsworth once more on Thursday, Oct. 16 for the NSAA Class D District Three Invite. There, the Broncos will battle against runners from over a dozen other schools for a spot at the NSAA Class D State Cross Country Championships later this month.

JH Huskies defeat Plainview

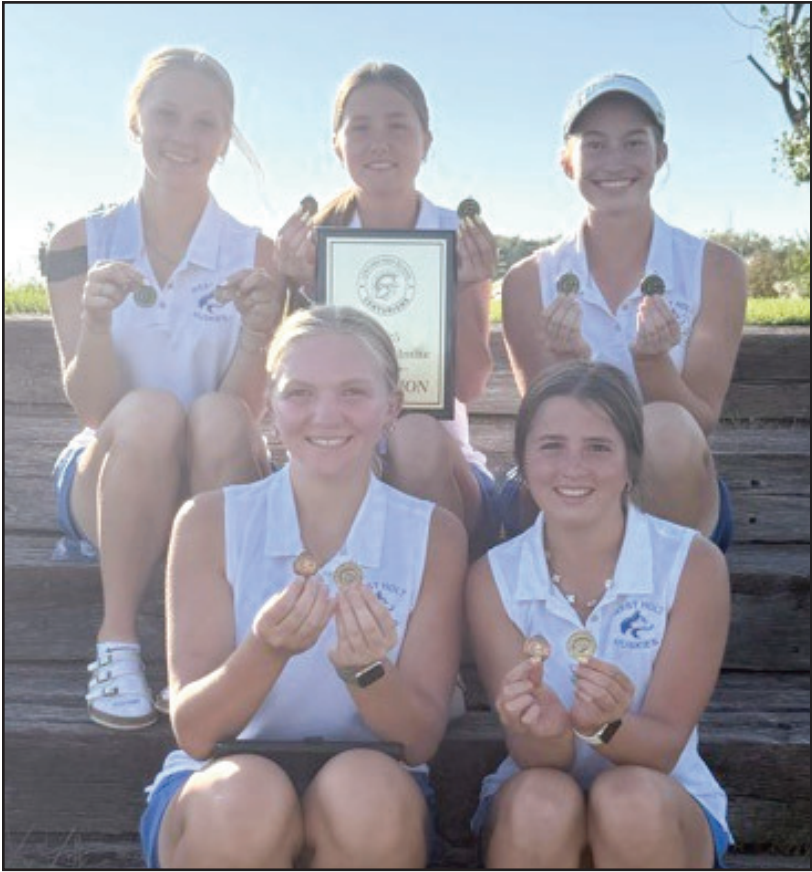
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The West Holt Junior High volleyball teams traveled to Plainview to play the Lady Pirates of Plainview on Monday, Oct. 6.

In B-team action, the Lady Huskies won in two sets: 25-18; 25-21.

Scoring for the Huskies on the B team were:
Brooke Nemetz 15 points – 3 ace serves
Bree Slaymaker 7 points – 2 ace serves
Alaina Dvorak 6 points – 1 ace serve
Graesyn Dockter 2 points
Kinsley Troidl 2 points – 1 ace serve
Lainey Skrdla 1 point – 1 ace serve
In the A game, West Holt won in two sets:

Scoring for WH were:
AnaLeah Monasterio 9 points – 2 ace serves
Paislynn Myers 6 points – 3 ace serves
Brileigh Olberding 4 points
Olive Flannery 3 points
Kamryn Hilkemeier 3 points – 2 ace serves
Brynnlin Konrad 2 points
Ashton Flannery 1 point – 2 ace serves



The West Holt Lady Huskies pose with their first-place plaque after the Centura Invite. Pictured Back Row (L to R): Brinley Kerkman, Ansley Cadwallader, and Daleni Knust. Front Row (L to R): Hannah Hooey and Sadie Keogh.

Lady Huskies finish regular season with win at Centura

By Blake Hilkemeier
Graphic Staff

The West Holt Lady Huskies closed out their 2025 regular season with a team win at the Centura Invite on Thursday, Oct. 2.

With a team score of 372, the Lady Huskies didn't quite have their lowest-scoring round of the year, but it was enough to leave Centura Hills Golf Course with the first-place plaque.

Leading the way for the Lady Huskies was junior Daleni Knust, whose 18-hole score of 75 earned her the individual gold medal.

Knust's score not only earned her the first-place medal but also set a new West Holt Public Schools record for lowest 18-hole round by a girl golfer. She also owned the previous record of 76, which she shot just a few meets prior.

Knust wasn't the only Husky to find success on the day, however, as all four other members of the pack managed a spot in the top 15.

Not far behind Knust was Brinley Kerkman, who landed a fifth-place finish with her 18-hole score of 96.

Kerkman was then followed by Keogh and Hooey, who placed 10th and 12th with scores of 102 and 103.

The Husky pack was then rounded out with Ansley Cadwallader, whose score of 105 placed her 15th amongst her peers.

Another highlight of the day came from the hands of Hooey, who highlighted her round with her first-ever hole-in-one on the par-three hole number eight.

With another win under their belt, the Lady Huskies have now completed their 2025 regular season.

Looking ahead, the Lady Huskies will next compete at the NSAA Class C District Three Invite in Wayne on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

There, the Lady Huskies will compete against golfers from 15 other teams for a spot in the NSAA Class C State Girls Golf

Bowling Results

Bowling Standings
Women's League – 9/29/25
Week 3
Team Standings

Someplace Else Bar 9
Pin Pals 8
Bowling Bags 6
High individual scratch game: 179, Suzie Thomas
High individual scratch series: 464, Suzie Thomas
High team scratch game: 421, Someplace Else Bar
High team scratch series: 1,237, Someplace Else Bar

Men's League – 10/1/25
Week 3
Team Standings

Pocket Pounders 9
Living on a Spare 8
Brittany Spares 7
Krotters Cripples 6
The Dudes 6
Dirty Mike and the Boys 6
King Pins 4
High Rollers 1
High individual scratch game: 208, Tom Neibauer
High individual scratch series: 561, Matt Ketteler
High team scratch game: 679, Pocket Pounders
High team scratch series: 1,966, Pocket Pounders

Mixed League – 10/2/25
Week 2
Team Standings

Gutter Dusters 6
Bowldawgs 5
Split Kickers 5
Easy Splits 4
300 Wannabes 4

Last Week's Top Scores

High individual scratch game men: 202, Jared Rentschler
High individual scratch game women: 170, Patty Batenhorst
High individual scratch series men: 542, Jared Rentschler
High individual scratch series women: 488, Patty Batenhorst
High team scratch game: 665, Bowldawgs
High team scratch series: 1,834, Bowldawgs

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Hooey captures hole-in-one . . .

West Holt sophomore Hannah Hooey hit her first-ever hole in one at Centura Hills Golf Club in Cairo on Thursday, Oct. 2. Hooey's hole-in-one came on the eighth hole on the course, which is a par three marked down as 134 yards on the Centura Hills scorecard. She hit the once-in-a-lifetime shot with her eight iron.

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Huskies capture second win of season in dominant fashion

By Blake Hilkemeier
Graphic Staff

The West Holt Huskies cruised to their second win of the season in a rout over the Sandhills Valley Mavericks in Stapleton on Friday, Oct. 3.

Although the Huskies had to travel to Stapleton for the contest, it might have felt like a home game for West Holt, as they took control of the contest early and never let up.

In the first quarter, the Huskies used solid defense, good punt returns, and one fumble recovery to gain good field position on all three of their drives, which they took advantage of.

Behind a four-yard touchdown run by Jamison Slaymaker, a six-yard touchdown run by Gabriel Monasterio, and a four-yard touchdown pass to Monasterio from Marek Dvorak, the Huskies gained an early 24-0 advantage over their foes.

Despite their large lead and already strong command over the Mavericks, the Huskies kept the ball on the ground and continued to play aggressively in the second quarter.

With an 18-yard touchdown run by Monasterio, followed by two touchdown runs by Dvorak, the Huskies scored 24 more unanswered points to take a 48-0 lead into halftime.

Out of halftime, the Huskies immediately struck again in the form of a 65-yard touchdown run by Zeke Klabenes on the first play of the third quarter to make the contest 55-0 after a successful PAT from Rodrigo Gamez-Robles.

While there was still an entire half of football to be played, the long touchdown run by Klabenes deflated any hopes the Mavericks may have had

coming out of halftime.

From that point on, the contest was in full control of West Holt.

While the Mavericks tried their best to mount a comeback and even found the end zone once in the third quarter, the Huskies continued to run the clock out when they had the ball and maintained a 55-6 lead going into the fourth.

In the fourth, the Huskies were able to find the end zone one last time on a two-yard touchdown pass from Blake Gaylen to Noah Sholes to secure the dominant 61-6 victory for the Huskies.

Leading the way for the Huskies in their second victory of the season were numerous athletes.

On the ground, the Huskies were led by Dvorak with 108 yards and three touchdowns, Klabenes with 89 yards and one touchdown, Monasterio with 51 yards and two touchdowns, and Slaymaker with 34 yards and one touchdown.

Although the Huskies didn't go to the air often, they were led in their passing attack by Galen, who finished with two completions on two attempts for 11 yards and one touchdown.

Defensively, the Huskies were led by Lane Keogh, who earned ten tackles and one fumble recovery, A. J. Pospichal with four tackles and one forced fumble, and Sholes, who earned two tackles and one interception.

Looking ahead, the Huskies will stay home next week for a matchup with Pleasanton on Friday, Oct. 10.

Pleasanton will enter Friday's contest with a record of 1-5, with a win over South Loup on its resume.

Stuart volleyball earns sweep on the road over the Osmond Tigers

By Blake Hilkemeier
Graphic Staff

The Stuart volleyball team improved its regular-season record to 9-9 and extended its winning streak to three games with a win over the Osmond Tigers in Os-

mond on Thursday, Oct. 2.

Against Osmond, who entered the contest with a record of 4-15, the Broncos immediately established dominance on their way to a three-set sweep.

In set one, both teams traded blows back and forth, and it

looked as though the Tigers were going to go up one as they led by three late into the set.

The Broncos didn't go down easily, however, and clawed back to force a tie at 24-24.

With the score now tied, the Broncos kept their momentum going and managed to get two unanswered points to clinch the come-from-behind 26-24 victory to go up 1-0.

After they stole set number one away from the home team, the Lady Broncos never looked back.

In set two, the Tigers continued to fight, but the newfound momentum of Stuart carried them to a 25-21 victory to put the Tigers on the brink of a sweep.

Finally, in set three, the Broncos completed their business trip with their largest victory of the evening.

Despite a solid effort from Osmond, the Broncos galloped to victory with a convincing 25-17 win in set three to clinch the sweep.

Leading the way for the Broncos in their lone contest of the week were Paityn Sheffield with ten kills, Klaira Ramm with nine kills, Ali Wondercheck with three aces and 11 digs, Cecelia Addison with 14 digs, and Kyra Tubbs with 13 digs and 24 assists.

Looking ahead, the 9-9 Lady Broncos will continue their regular season with the Rock County Triangular on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 5:00 p.m.

Following the Rock County Triangular, the Lady Broncos will take on Creighton at home on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Finally, they'll wrap up their upcoming week of play with the Osmond Triangular on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• In a remote area of Colombia called Los Pinos, some students have to get to school on a zipline up to 800 meters long.

• A teaspoon of a neutron star would weigh over a trillion tons.

• Chock Full o' Nuts coffee does not contain nuts. It's named for a chain of nut stores that the founder converted into coffee shops.

• During the Middle Iron Age, spears were placed into the graves of some young men. The reason isn't clear, but some think it may have been a military send-off similar to the modern 21-gun salute.

• While worms make up the majority of their diet, robins won't mind if you leave out a dessert tray. In fact, they're partial to pastry dough, fruit cake and coconut cake.

• In 1998, a Georgia student was suspended for wearing a Pepsi shirt to "Coke in Education Day."

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A Family Pilgrimage to Rome with the Catholic Sprouts group was a specific tour in July, 2025 hosted by Nancy and Bill Bandzuch and Fr. Ben Kociemba, departing from Minneapolis or New York. The 11-day trip included visits to Assisi, Siena, and Rome, with activities such as exploring St. Peter's Basilica.

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the birds, and where he took his last breath before departing this world was captivating and something that we soon will not forget.

On Thursday, July 17th, we saw the thornless rose bushes that have existed since 1215 when St. Francis tried punishing himself by throwing himself over the wall to land in the rose bushes. However, before he landed the bushes lost thorns and to this day the roses grow here with no thorns. Other highlights that day were St. Mary of the Angels Church and the remainder of the day we explored Assisi on our own. Assisi had such a sense of calm, stillness, and beauty to it and that is something that will forever be ingrained in our memory.

On Friday, July 18th, we headed for Siena, Italy where we spent another very hot day. We visited St. Dominic's Church to see St. Catherine of Siena's relics and to celebrate mass. St. Catherine of Siena was most famous for telling Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome from Avignon, France, in the 14th century, a feat she accomplished through fervent advocacy and mystical persuasion. She wrote letters and visited the Pope in Avignon, urging him to move the papacy back to Rome, a mission that ultimately succeeded in 1377. She was a woman ahead of her times.

We enjoyed a guided tour of the city learning about their most insane famous horse racing events. The event is a culmination of centuries-old competition between the districts, with many trials and a grand historical parade leading up to the intense, brief race itself. The remainder of the day we were mesmerized by the structures that have existed centuries before the United States was even discovered.

We then headed for the Eternal City - Rome! Roman culture is so intriguing as we all know that so many things we have and use today came from the incredibly smart and technologically advanced Romans. The ancient Romans were masters of engineering, constructing vast networks of roads (still being used today), aqueducts, ports, and massive buildings, whose remains have survived for two millennia. This was hard to wrap our heads around as we were able to utilize these ancient discoveries still today.

On Saturday, July 19th, we had an ancient Rome Walking Tour following mass. We averaged 5+ miles a day. The temperatures were in the upper 90's but thankfully we were able to stay well hydrated due to the abundance of fountains placed throughout the city (many which have existed since the ancient Roman period).

We visited the Colosseum, the Forum, the Gesu Church where we saw the ancient relics and the uncorrupted hand of St. Francis Xavier. We saw the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva where Saint Catherine of Siena and the great Dominican painter Fra' Angelico are buried. We saw the Pantheon originally a temple dedicated to all the gods; it was later converted into a church and is now known as the Basilica of St. Mary and the Martyrs. We explored the famous Piazza Navona where in Ancient Rome, it was the site where a stadium was built during Emperor Domitian's rule. We admired the Bernini Statues and Fountains (including the famous Trevi fountain.) We briefly saw the Steps of the Senate (where Julius Caesar was believed to have been murdered) to name

a few of the day's highlights. So much history and my words simply are not doing these ancient sites any justice.

On Sunday, July 20th, we were ready for a very special day! After mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major (where we walked through the 1st Holy Door only opened during a Jubilee Year celebration.) We traveled to the beautiful mountain city of Castel Gandolfo where the Pope resides in the month of July to escape the summer temperatures. We were able to get very close to Pope Leo XIV and pray the Angelus with him as well as hear his Sunday message and receive a papal blessing. We stood for about 1.5 hours in the direct sun shoulder to shoulder with other pilgrims waiting for this unforgettable moment. What was most significant for us was that Papa Leo is our 1st American Pope! We enjoyed lunch in the cooler temperatures of the mountain town before heading back to Rome for our Christian tour of the city.

Next on our list was walking through the 2nd Holy Door at the Basilica of St. John Lateran. St. John the Lateran is the mother of all the churches of Rome and of the world. Specifically, there are six papal tombs, including those of Pope Martin V, Pope Leo XIII, Pope Sergius IV, Pope Alexander III, Pope Innocent III, and Pope Clement XII. Pope Leo XIII was the last pope to be buried at St. John Lateran, as he reigned from 1878-1903. This is where we climbed the Holy Stairs, the same steps that Jesus ascended as he was awaiting trial from Pontius Pilate. The steps were brought to Rome during the 4th Century by St. Helena as her mission was to find the true relics of Jesus. Though today the steps are now covered with protective wood. We could see the original stairs through glassed areas significantly placed as we climbed the 28 stairs on our knees. It was a very emotional time for prayer, reflection, tears, sweat and meditation.

The Basilica of the Holy Cross was the next experience on this holy sabbath day. The Basilica of the Holy Cross houses relics of the Passion of Christ, including what is the True Cross brought from Jerusalem by St. Helena, mother of Constantine. The Basilica's name reflects the fact that soil from Jerusalem was brought to cover its floor, making it, in a sense, "in Jerusalem." Our faith tells us that for St. Helena to figure out which cross was the True Cross, she had a mortally ill woman come and touch each cross. Upon touching the True Cross, the woman was miraculously healed hence discovering the "One True Cross" of Jesus Christ. We were able to see some of the thorns that made up the "Crown of Thorns." The day was both physically and emotionally exhausting as we traveled back to the ancient roots of our faith.

On Monday, July 21st, we started our day with celebrating Mass at the Divine Mercy Shrine. We then began our walking tour to reach St. Peter's Basilica where we walked through the third Holy Door of our pilgrimage. We took turns carrying the Jubilee Cross as we journeyed toward St. Peter's Basilica, we stopped and said the pilgrimage prayers that accompanied us throughout our journey thus far. However, today the experience seemed more emotional than the previous days where we had passed through the Holy Doors. After our tour of St. Peter's Basilica, we shopped at the "Official" Vatican Gift Shop, visited the Vatican Museum, and continued to explore Rome. Our purchases at the Vatican Gift shop

were taken to the Vatican for a special blessing then delivered to our hotel. We chose to walk back to the heart of the Roman City on this day encountering an Italian Lego Store on the way and of course we had to get our daily dose of Gelato as we earned it with the miles we put on walking in the heat day after day.

Tuesday, July 22nd, we traveled to Nettuno, Italy. We visited the Basilica of Our Lady of Graces and celebrated mass at the Santa Maria Goretti Shrine where we visited the mortal remains of St. Maria Goretti. We learned that upon Maria's Canonization in 1954 the community was too poor to buy her the customary beautiful golden reliquary that many saints had for their Canonization's as her hometown was still devastated financially from World War II. Therefore, the community members combed the beaches of the beautiful coast looking for artillery shells that would be melted down to mold into her copper appearing reliquary. Our group pondered on the fact that those artillery shells may have been American artillery since Italy entered the war as an Axis Power. The remainder of the day we swam in the Mediterranean Sea and walked those very same beaches, all this combined made for a truly humbling experience for us American pilgrims.

Wednesday, July 23rd, we drove to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls where we walked through the 4th and final Holy Door of our Pilgrimage, we also celebrated our final mass together on this day. Saints Peter and Paul are the two saints responsible for instituting the role which each had in making Rome the center of the Catholic Church. Both were martyred in Rome. Peter was the first, crucified head-down because he deemed himself unworthy to die in the same manner as Jesus. In fact, the Paschal Candles this year were designed with an upside-down cross to honor this fact. Paul was beheaded a few years later because he was a Roman citizen and not subject to Crucifixion. The basilica is named "St. Paul Outside the Walls" because it was built outside the Aurelian Walls of Rome. Specifically, it was constructed over the burial site of the Apostle Paul, which was located outside the ancient city walls, along the Via Ostiense.

As we know Peter was the first pope, and Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, both believed that when Jesus returned, he would come to the center of the ancient world, Rome. Both Peter and Paul made their way there hoping to greet Jesus as he returned to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. When they realized this was not to be in their lifetimes, they re-

mained in Rome and made the Church strong by their preaching and ministry. For this reason, Rome is often called "The Apostolic See" or "Holy See."

We were fortunate enough to visit the Tre Fontane Convent where St. Paul was beheaded. When Paul was beheaded, on the three spots where his head encountered the ground springs began to spring up. Today, you can still see remnants of those springs.

The afternoon was spent visiting the Catacombs that once were the resting place for both St. Peter and Paul and many others, they were places where early Christians came to pray in secret. The Catacombs today are empty as they became a place of grave robbery however you can still feel the holiness and reverence of this ancient burial ground. The temperatures were cool and we welcomed that as our senses connected with this sacred space.

Upon emerging from the Catacombs, we were reminded of the story about St. Peter, passed down through our traditions. In this story, Peter is fleeing Rome, where persecution is rampant. As he walks down the road that leads out of Rome, he encounters

Christ who is walking on the same road, but towards Rome. Surprised by this encounter, Peter asks Jesus, "Quo Vadis?" ("Where are you going?") Wearing, Jesus looks at Peter and tells him, "I am going to Rome to be crucified again." As our faith tells us, this encounter led Peter to turn around and go back to Rome where he was indeed crucified.

This was the end of our tour for this pilgrimage. We then traveled back to Rome where we received our 2025 Jubilee "Pilgrims of Hope" certificates marking the completion of our journey. We had a farewell dinner with our fellow pilgrims and said some heartfelt goodbyes to our newfound friends.

Early on Thursday, July 24th we were transferred to the airport to catch our flights back to the USA. Our lives have forever been transformed by this experience. Tourists travel to have fun. Travelers want to learn something. Pilgrims seek to be transformed. A tourist gets discouraged when plans do not work out. Pilgrims see "bumps in the road" as God's will and embrace those moments.

Holt County Board of Supervisors Proceedings

September 30, 2025

Board meetings are held on the first working day after the 15th and the last working day of the month. Meetings are held at the Holt County Courthouse meeting room. Board of Equalization at 9:30 A.M. and Board of Supervisors at 9:45 A.M. Notice of meeting given in advance thereof by publication in paper as shown by Affidavit of Publication on September 24, 2025, in the Summerland Advocate. The agenda for all meetings are kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until 24 hours prior to the meeting. The Board has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such meeting.

The Holt County Board of Equalization convened at 9:30 A.M. Present: Linquist, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton and Tielke. Absent: Frahm and Treptow. County Assessor Wallinger, County Treasurer Ross and County Clerk Pavel were also present.

Approved the minutes of the September 16, 2025, meeting.

Approved the tax list correction.

Adjourned at 9:44 A.M.

The Holt County Board of Supervisors meeting convened at 9:45 A.M. Present: Linquist, Neiman, Breiner, Paxton and Tielke. Absent: Frahm and Treptow.

Approved the minutes of September 16, 2025, meeting.

Reviewed claims & correspondence.

Time was allowed for public comment. No one appeared for comment.

Approved increase to out of County meal reimbursement up to \$15.00 for breakfast, \$17.00 for lunch, \$21.00 for evening meal and no reimbursement for tips.

Convened public hearing to hear public comment on Conditional Use Permit application

submitted by Linse, LLC for an Animal Feeding Operation in NE ¼ 35-31-15. No one appeared for comment.

Approved Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Linse, LLC in NE ¼ 35-31-15 as recommended by Planning & Zoning Commission.

Approved Zoning Applications for: Gerald J. & Debra L Wagner a tract in SW ¼ 23-26-9; Mary V. Burival Estate, Cliff F. Burival & Steven F. Burival a tract in NE ¼ 27-30-12 and Keogh Farms, LLC, Priscilla R. Keogh a tract in SW ¼ 29-30-13.

Kristin Olson with North Central Development Center was present to discuss grant writing.

Supervisor Treptow arrived at 10:29 A.M.

Leo Seger, Michael Sholes, Brent Kelly and Marv Fritz were present to discuss Atkinson zoning issues.

Approved Sheriff's request to increase 2 additional part-time deputies for a total of 6 part-time deputies due to increasing workload.

Road Department Activity Report was presented.

Approved payroll and other related claims:

General Fund Payroll Total: \$243323.39

Road Fund Payroll Total: \$185270.25

Payroll	Exp	Fund:
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\$165509.72		
AFLAC, Insurance, 3506.99; Ameritas, Retirement, 45229.38; Liberty Insurance, Insurance, 1077.90; Ameritas Insurance, Insurance, 89.40; Colonial, Insurance, 3275.08; Appera, Uniform, 114.45; VSP, Insurance, 168.46; Internal Revenue Service, Tax, 94595.42; NE Dept of Revenue, Tax, 14449.64; Meritain, Insurance, 2525.00; Ken Stenka, Trvl, 114.45		

The official minutes are available in the office of the County Clerk or at www.holtcounty.nebraska.gov.

Cathy Pavel, Holt County Clerk

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12:00 Noon - Yearlings followed by Calves

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Mark Friehe, 60 Blk Strs, 500-600

Steve & Briley Naprstek, 40 Blk/Bwf Hfrs, 500-650

Bobby & Calvin Bartos, 40 Blk Strs/Hfrs, 500-650

Kester Herefords, 35 Blk/Bwf Strs/Hfrs, 450-700

Jeremy & Anita Hampton, 25 Blk Strs, 525-575

Rich Wells, 21 Blk/Red Bulls/Hfrs, 400-750

Tom & Sherri Cody, 15 Bwf/Red/Hereford Strs/Hfrs, 500-525

Yearlings

Tim Borer, 60 Blk Strs, 975-1025

Jim Ramm, 9 Red Angus Strs/Hfrs, 600-700

Fred Meyer, 4 Wf Strs, 600-650

Upcomings

Tuesday, October 21st - Special Pairs Auction

Tuesday, October 28th - Special Calf Auction

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Austin Jarecke, Yard Manager • 402-340-8540

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• On Oct. 21, 1797, the USS Constitution launched in Boston Harbor. A 44-gun U.S. Navy frigate, it was constructed to fight Barbary pirates off the coast of Tripoli, and performed admirably during those conflicts. In 1805, a peace treaty with Tripoli was signed on the Constitution’s deck.

• On Oct. 22, 1895, a train with a faulty brake tore through the Gare Montparnasse in Paris and out the front before landing nose down in the street. Onlookers purchased train tickets just to see the damage.

• On Oct. 23, 1958, Boris Pasternak was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature for “Doctor Zhivago,” a romance set during the Russian Revolution and World War I. The book was banned in the Soviet Union, and the Soviet government forced Pasternak to renounce the honor, but his admirers smuggled the manuscript out of Russia in pieces and the CIA helped with distribution behind the scenes. Appearing in numerous translations around the world, it was hailed as a classic, but Pasternak was banished from the Soviet Writers Union, ending his literary career.

• On Oct. 24, 1921, in the French town of Chalons-sur-Marne, an American sergeant chose the body of the first “Unknown Soldier” to be honored among the approximately 77,000 American servicemen who died on the Western Front during World War I.

• On Oct. 25, 1964, Minnesota Vikings star defensive end Jim Marshall ran 66 yards in the wrong direction into his own end zone after recovering a fumble against the 49ers in San Francisco. Despite the gaffe, the Vikings won.

• On Oct. 26, 1984, 19-year-old John McCollum was found shot to death on his bed in Indio, California. The boy’s parents believed that singer Ozzy Osbourne was responsible, because John was listening to Osbourne’s album “Blizzard of Oz,” which contained the song “Suicide Solution,” when he died, but the suit was dismissed in 1988.

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A group of people traveled to Kirkland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N. M. on Sept. 16 for the change of command ceremony of Brigadier General Jesse Friedel. Back Row L-R: Brent Ogden, Jaqueline Friedel, Chuck Peterson, and Harlan Schrunck. Middle Row Paul Beckenhauer, Kim Beckenhauer, Michelle Ogden, Jennifer Friedel, Sandy Schrunck, Laurie Lieswald, and Jeff Lieswald. Front Row L-R: Monica McCall, Gary Friedel, Jesse Friedel, and Joslyn Friedel. General Friedel came to his new command from the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center at Nellis AFB, Nev., where he served as the Deputy Commander.

Stuart play production team previews season

By Blake Hilkemeier
Graphic Staff

The Stuart Broncos play production team is gearing up for the 2025 competitive season, as they now sit just a month out of their first performance on November 13.

This year, a total of 23 students will participate in a production of "Mary Jane of Whitechapel" by Julian Felice.

The play is set in the Autumn of 1888 when London was haunted by Jack the Ripper. Alternating between the investigations of the killings and the life of Mary Jane Kelly, the Ripper's final victim, the play follows the dark and twisted tale, with most of the play being based on real people and incidents.

While it's not the usual script the Stuart Public Schools Play Production team would usually do, director Brenda Larabee says the cast and crew are excited to get into it.

"Year after year, this group of seniors has filled our stage with comedy, charm, and contagious energy," Larabee said. "But this season they're taking a bold leap, trading punchlines for powerful drama. At their own request, they're stepping into a serious play that promises to challenge their craft and captivate their audience."

While this year's production will certainly be different from year's past, the production is in good hands under long-time di-

rector Larabee and an experienced cast and crew that features ten seniors.

Joining the ten seniors on the stage will be nine other students for a total cast of 19, as well as four more students who will participate as members of the production crew.

Looking ahead, the Broncos have a little over a month before their first performance, which will take place at West Holt for a small festival with the Huskies and O'Neill that is not open to the public.

After that, the Broncos will dive head-first into their competitive season, as they'll travel to Boyd County Public Schools on Tuesday, Nov. 18 for the Niobrara Valley Conference West Invite. The Broncos will perform at 1:30 p.m.

With the season now less than a month out, the excitement is building for both Larabee and the cast and crew.

"I couldn't be more thrilled to watch them transform," she stated. "This production won't just showcase their talent, it will reveal a depth and intensity that's been waiting in the wings. While the subject matter may be too mature for our youngest students, older students and adults will experience a performance that lingers long after the final curtain call. Prepare to be moved, provoked, and inspired, and perhaps to leave the theater with questions echoing in your mind."

A full list of the cast and crew of the 2025 Stuart play produc-

tion team, as well as a full performance schedule, are as follows:

Crew: Morgan Menke, Kayde Ramm, Cheyenne Schutz, and Kyra Tubbs.

Cast Name, Character(s)	
Cecelia Addison	Mary Jane Kelley
Maddux Alder	Detective Aberline
Atwood Albrecht	Man #2, PB #4, RIP 3
Jasmine Davis	PB #1, Elizabeth Stride, Mary Ann Cox
Cameron Kaup	Man #3, Reporter 1, RIP 6
Owen Littau	Man #1, Man 4, RIP 1
Drew Schmaderer	Joe Barnett, Policeman, Hutchinson
Matthew Yemma	Coroner, RIP 5
Bryer Almgren	Lusk, Man #6, Bowyer
Rylee Fuelberth	PB #3, Sarah Lewis
Nigel Addison	PB #6, Man 3, RIP 2
Max Alder	Rowan, Man 2, RIP 4
Vanessa Fahrenheit	Woman
Austin Fuelberth	Leather Apron, Man p. 19, Man 4
Izabella Hipke	PB #2, Elizabeth Foster
Annie Ludwig	PB #7, News Vendor, Woman
Thomas Paxton	Catherine Eddowes
Detective Godley	Man 5, Barman
Paityn Sheffield	PB #5, News Vendor, Julia

Jaxon Kohle ..PB #8, Reporter 2,

Performance Schedule	Date, Competition, Time of Stuart Performance
Nov. 13	West Holt Festival @ Atkinson (Not Open to Public) N/A
Nov. 18	NVC West Competition @ Boyd County 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 24	Public Performance in Stuart Gymnasium 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 26	School Performance N/A
Dec. 2	Districts @ St. Mary's N/A
Dec. 10	State @ Norfolk High N/A

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