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Addressing safety concerns

NDOT to install new traffic signals at 19th and Washington streets

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One of the busiest intersections in Blair — and the site of a fatal accident about a year ago — may soon be safer for pedestrians.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will be installing new traffic signal controls to allow for an all red signal intersection for seven seconds when a crosswalk but-

ton is used at 19th and Washington streets.

"The purpose is to allow pedestrians to cross the intersection without traffic moving through the intersection when someone is crossing the street," Public Works Director Al Schoemaker said in an email to the Pilot-Tribune.

Schoemaker said the city made the request to NDOT to improve pedestrian safety after city council member Frank

Wolff received suggestions from residents on changing the traffic signal timing.

The NDOT agreed with the city's request and is expected to install the new traffic signals in the coming weeks.

"The City of Blair wants to thank the NDOT for their help with this request and their willingness to



LEEANNA ELLIS | PILOT-TRIBUNE

A semi-tractor trailer turns onto South 19th Street from Washington Street on Thursday afternoon. The Nebraska Department of Transportation will install new traffic signals to allow more time for pedestrians to cross the streets.

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BHS TO CELEBRATE HOMECOMING



JOE BURNS | PILOT-TRIBUNE

The 2020 Blair High School homecoming court, front, from left, are: Kylie Quick, Carley Damme, Grace Galbraith, Hallie Lewis, Emma Cada. Back: Dexter Larsen, Wesley Gunderson, Nathan Hiykel, Lance Hume, Morgan Rump, Leo Clarke

STAFF REPORTS

Blair High School is celebrating its annual homecoming week, but with some noticeable changes due to the coronavirus pandemic. There will be no dance and royalty will be crowned during the pep rally Friday.

Even the theme relates to pandemic. Activities for the "Masquerade" homecoming kicked off Monday with spirit days. Dress up days include:
• Monday: PJ Day
• Tuesday: Jersey and Crazy Hat Day
• Wednesday: Decades Day
• Thursday: Movie Character Day

• Friday: Blair Wear Day School will dismiss at 2 p.m. Friday. The parade is expected to begin at 2:15 p.m. at the high school, travel west on Park Street before turning on 16th Street and returning on Jackson Street. The parade ends at Krantz Field for the pep rally.
The king and queen candidates will be introduced and

the king and queen will be announced at the pep rally and during halftime of the football game, which is 7 p.m. against Omaha Roncalli. BHS will not host a coronation or dance. Members of this year's homecoming court are: queen candidates Kylie Quick, Car-

SEE HOMECOMING, 13

Nebraska Supreme Court declines to rule on prosecution of CBD cases

BY LEEANNA ELLIS
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The Nebraska Supreme Court ruled to dismiss charges against the owners of a Herman convenience store, but declined to provide direction on how to prosecute cases involving cannabidiol, also known as CBD products.

The opinion, written by Chief Justice Mike Heavican, was released Friday.

Washington County Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf and defense attorney Mallory Hughes made their arguments before the court Sept. 4.

Vander Schaaf filed an appeal in July 2019 after District Court Judge John E. Samson dismissed a case against two Washington County residents accused of illegally distributing cannabidiol at DJ's Vapes, 408 Main St., Herman, for a third time.

The charges — felony distribution and conspiracy — against Deborah S. Archer of Blair and Cory L. Russell of Herman were dismissed following a May 28, 2019, preliminary hearing.

In September 2017, Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson issued a memorandum that CBDs are a controlled substance and therefore illegal in the state.

The only exceptions, the memo said, were a study by the University of Nebraska Medical Center and any cannabidiol "contained in a drug product approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Following that memo, the Washington County Attorney's Office charged Archer, owner of DJ's Vapes, and Russell, her employee, for selling CBD products in December 2017.

SEE NEBRASKA, 13

Officials respond to coronavirus outbreak at Crowell Home

Cases rise at the long-term care facility

BY ELIZABETH A. ELLIOTT
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Officials at Crowell Memorial Home have responded to the recent outbreak of COVID-19 at their facility. It is Blair's second outbreak in a long-term care facility. The cases have risen slightly from the first report Sept. 18. Crowell Memorial Home current-

ly has 25 residents and 12 staff that have been diagnosed with COVID-19. The number is up from 24 residents and eight staff testing positive.

"For privacy reasons, Crowell Memorial Home cannot comment on any deaths, hospitalizations or other details regarding the condition of our residents or employees," Executive Director Jaclyn Svendgard and Dave Drew, chairman of the Board of Directors, said in a statement.

The officials shared their communication plan.

"We are following proper infection

Fourth COVID-19 death reported in Washington County

Washington County has its fourth reported death from COVID-19, according to the Three Rivers Public Health Department.

A man in his 80s with underlying health conditions is the most recent death. The first death, a Blair man in his 90s, was reported in April. The second death, a woman in her 80s with underlying health conditions, was reported Sept. 9. The third death, a man in his 80s with underlying health conditions, was reported Thursday.

Terra Uhing, executive director of Three Rivers Public Health, said the third death was not associated with any outbreaks within a long-term care nursing facility. At least one of the deaths is not associated with the outbreaks within a long-term care nursing facility.

Testing is available for those who are sick or have had close contact with a confirmed case. Visit testnebraska.com to schedule an appointment.

— Elizabeth A. Elliott

control and emergency preparedness to ensure their safety and well-being by working

closely with the ICAP, Netch, and MCH Health System teams," the statement said. "We

will continue communicating all updates to

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Wendy Jo Grasz, 50

Wendy Jo Grasz, age 50, of Blair, passed away September 27, 2020 at home in Blair, Nebraska. A Time of Visitation will be held Wednesday, September 30 with family receiving friends from 6 to 8PM at Campbell Aman Funeral Home in Blair.

Wendy was born on March 18, 1970 in Iowa, the daughter of Duane and Luetta (Johnson) Meggers. She attended Zion Lutheran Church in Arcadia, where she was baptized and confirmed. Wendy attended Ar-We-Va Community School and graduated with the class of 1988. She then attended Wayne State College graduating in 1993 with a teaching degree and an endorsement in Special Education. Wendy began working at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland, Nebraska where she held multiple positions including Creative Arts, Site Manager of the junior high program and as Retreat and Planning Coordinator. On September 13, 1997 Wendy was united in marriage to Kelvin Grasz at Camp Carol Joy Holling.

In 2000 the couple moved to Blair where she worked for Dana College and then the Memorial Community Hospital Clinic. In 2006 she began working as the Parish Administrator at First Lutheran Church and most recently worked for Cummins Sales and Service in Omaha as the branch office manager.

Wendy gave her time generously to many people and organizations including, the Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Board of Directors, serving many years as secretary, NLOM volunteer, Dana College Staff Council, Stephen Ministries, Faithbuilders at First Lutheran Church, Nebraska Synod Seeking The Spirit Within and Drinking From The Well.

Wendy loved camping, singing in the church choir, and leading activities in the creative arts. She always had a love of animals beginning with her first pony all the way to her current K-9 friends.

She is survived by her husband Kelvin, siblings; David (Jeanette) Meggers, Larry (Lili) Meggers and Dennis (Sue) Meggers, along with many dearly loved nieces and nephews; father and mother-in-law Larry and Dorothy Grasz, sister-in-law Lisa Bogh, brother-in-law Alan Grasz and sister-in-law Linda (Mark) Foust. Wendy was also blessed to have numerous friends and colleagues who shared her many interests. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be directed to the Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries for campership support.



Wendy Grasz

Ernest D. Ellis, 77

Ernest Ellis, born in August 1944, of Omaha died today after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island to Cecile and Ernest J Ellis. He came to Omaha via Offutt Air Force base after joining as a young man. After serving a few years he was discharged due to an unforeseen medical illness. He made a miraculous recovery, married Pamela Leuer of Mallard, Iowa and moved back to Rhode Island before the couple settled in Nebraska yet again to raise their family of 5 children. He would become a small business owner in 1972 and continue operating Ernie's Repair Shop until retiring in 2001. He is survived by his loving wife Pamela, sons Mike, Scott, and Rob and daughters Sherri (Gautreau) and Tammi (Lawrence). Also, he has 9 grandchildren that range from ages 3-30 and 3 great grandchildren.

Funeral Mass 10 AM Wednesday (9/30/2020) at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church 5419 N 114th St. Omaha, NE; Inurnment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Blair, NE.

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Ernest Ellis

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT REPORT

SEPT. 17

transferred to juvenile court.

MISDEMEANORS OR GREATER

Tanner R. Classen, 29, Elkhorn, driving under the influence-second offense, \$500 fine, 12 months probation, 240 hours of community service, 18 months license revocation, 30 days in jail, interlock device.

Adolph J. Le Grange, 43, Arlington, terroristic threats, third-degree domestic assault, commit child abuse negligently, preliminary waived.

Jessica N. Tejada, 26, Blair, two counts of disturbing the peace; 1 day in jail.

Anika G. Whiting, 22, Omaha, possession of a controlled substance, preliminary waived.

Devan J. Scott, 32, Auburn, no proof of insurance, \$200 fine.

Timothy J. Brugart, XX, XX, speeding, 21+ mph, no valid registration, \$225 fine.

Aaron P. Klevemann, 18, Ames, minor in possession-under 19, 2 days in jail.

Jayden J. Kreikemeier, 19, Fremont, no proof of insurance, \$200 fine.

Michael E. Hohlfeld, 15, leaving the scene of an accident, operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest, willful reckless driving, speeding, 21-35 mph,

INFRACTIONS

Timothy W. Meyer, 18, Herman, possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.

Gavin L. Moore, 20, Blair, possession of marijuana less than one ounce, \$300 fine.

Brody Kirkpatrick, 41, Omaha, speeding, 21-35 mph, \$200 fine.

Piper K. Short, 18, Blair, careless driving, \$100 fine.

Brittainy G. Wandrocke, 31, Omaha, speeding, 11-15 mph, \$75 fine.

Adam M. Awe, 33, Omaha, speeding, 6-10 mph, \$25 fine.

Owen G. Smith, 21, Pisgah, Iowa, careless driving, \$100 fine.

Melanie K. Vasser, 44, Omaha, speeding, 11-15 mph, \$75 fine.

Dillon J. Otte, 20, Blair, speeding, 21-35 mph, \$200 fine.

Jacob C. Drews, 30, Fort Calhoun, speeding, 16-20 mph, \$125 fine.

Alicia M. Bryson, 27, Ralston, speeding, 36+ mph, \$300 fine.

Humberto R. Almanza, 19, Blair, speeding, 11-15 mph, \$75 fine.

Roy J. Rhoten, 36, Magnolia, Iowa, speeding, 11-15 mph, \$75 fine.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SEPT. 21

BUSINESS CHECKS: 12:36 a.m. — 14 checked, all secure; Fort Calhoun.

MOTORIST ASSIST: 6:34 a.m. — Tow en route; U.S. Highway 30 between county roads 27 and 29.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: 7:30 a.m. — No violations; Fort Calhoun.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: 7:45 a.m. — No violations; Arlington.

PARKING COMPLAINT: 8:03 a.m. — Complete; Arlington.

POSSIBLE PHONE SCAM: 9:59 a.m. — Answered questions; Phone call.

COVID PARTY NOT ADHERING TO QUARANTINE STANDARDS AND DHM: 3:19 p.m. — Contacted parties involved reminded them of COVID protocols and DHM; Phone call.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: 3:25 p.m. — No violations; Fort Calhoun.

FOLLOW UP: 6:51 p.m. — Property returned; 13500 block of state Highway 91.

PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT: 9:43 p.m. — Cited Lessly Resendiz for leaving the scene; 1800 block of County Road 51.

SEPT. 24

BUSINESS CHECKS: 1:30 a.m. — 17 buildings checked, 1 open door, building searched and secured; Fort Calhoun.

BUSINESS CHECKS: 2:52 a.m. — 16 businesses checked, secured; Arlington.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: 7:40 a.m. — 1 written warning; Arlington.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: 8 a.m. — No violations; Fort Calhoun.

SEMI LEAKING FLUIDS: 10:30 a.m. — Unable to locate; U.S. Highway 30 eastbound Dodge County.

POSSIBLE THEFT OF KEYS: 11:27 a.m. — Located keys, no theft; 2300 block of Crystal Fountain Lane.

LOOSE COW: 12:11 p.m. — Unable to locate; County roads 4 and 11.

PICK UP LETTER FOR REPORT: 12:27 p.m. — Complete; Fort Calhoun High School.

911 HANG UP: 12:36 p.m. — Accidentally called 911; Kennard.

TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR BLAIR STREET DEPARTMENT WHILE THEY CONDUCTED ROAD REPAIRS: 1:36 p.m. — Complete; U.S. Highway 30 and Berry Hill Road.

THEFT: 2:50 p.m. — Report taken; Arlington.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: 2:55 p.m. — No violations; Fort Calhoun.

JUVENILE PROBLEMS: 5:27 p.m. — Situation mediated; 1400 block of County Road P15.

ABANDONED VEHICLE/STOLEN VEHICLE: 6:23 p.m. — GMC truck located and confirmed stolen out of Omaha, vehicle recovered and brought to WCSO impound; County roads 49 and P40.

AGGRESSIVE DOG ON SMALL LEASH: 8:07 p.m. — Spoke with the owner and she agreed to move where the dog was being tied up; Arlington.

POSSIBLE MAIL THEFT: 8:36 p.m. — Information report taken; 10500 block of SheaDe Lane.

RECKLESS DRIVER: 9:06 p.m. — Followed to private lane, observed no traffic violations; State Highway 133 and County Road P30.

BUSINESS CHECKS: 11:54 p.m. — 12 checks, all OK; Fort Calhoun.

SEPT. 23

BUSINESS CHECKS: 2:15 a.m. — 15 checked, all secure; Arlington.

BUSINESS CHECKS: 2:20 a.m. — 17 checked, all secure; Fort Calhoun.

RESCUE CALL: 6:15 a.m. — Rescue handled; Arlington.

RESIDENTIAL ALARM: 6:42 a.m. — Home secured; 10400 block of Stardust Lane.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: 7:45 a.m. — No violations; Arlington.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: 2:50 p.m. —

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Runza to relocate, build new

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS
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Blair's Runza Restaurant is set to relocate. The current location, 1307 Washington St., will remain open during demolition and construction until the new restaurant is built. The Blair Runza, which has been open since 1990, will relocate to the adjacent strip mall on Washington Street, said Becky Perrett, director of marketing for Runza. "Providing an improved dine-in

and drive through experience for our customers while creating a more efficient work environment for our staff are reasons for building a new store," she said in an email to the Pilot-Tribune. Demolition will begin in the fall and the new store building process will begin in spring 2021. "Our goal is to keep the current store open throughout the building process," Perrett said. "We are excited to enhance our commitment to Blair and bring our updated store look to town."



Runza is relocating to the adjacent strip mall beginning with demolition this fall.

CHEYENNE ALEXIS | PILOT-TRIBUNE

Lunch and learn touches on suicide awareness

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS
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A lunch and learn event at Memorial Community Hospital and Health System touched on suicide awareness in older adults. September is Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month, and the group, led by Holly Mackie, program director with Senior Life Solutions and a registered nurse, discussed warning signs, intervening and also the stigma around suicide. Mackie said one of the most important things to address is the attitude and beliefs around suicide.



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Holly Mackie, program director and registered nurse at Memorial Community Hospital and Health System, leads a group in discussing suicide prevention in older adult at a Lunch and Learn event Thursday at the hospital.

"This is kind of a difficult subject to talk about — it's not a fun subject to talk about, but it's one where we need to get information out," she said. "It's such a negative word, a heavy word. It always usually evokes negative emotions. Part of talking about suicide is examining our own attitudes like what associations do you have with the word 'suicide.'" The event, though focused on gaining an understanding of suicidal behavior in older adults, was meant to pertain to any age and population that may be thinking about suicide. Almost 45,000 Americans of any age die by suicide each year, Mackie said. Around 650,000 attempts resulting in hospital visits are made each year. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S., and for every completed suicide, there are 25 attempts.

For the elderly suicide rates, they are up 50% higher than the national average of any age group. "With the elderly, 85% are white adults over age 80 that actually commit suicide, and they also commit it more by lethal means such as using a gun or knife to complete the suicide," Mackie said. "A large part of that is because they have lost spouses, they don't know what to do with their time, they maybe have lost connections or children and their spouse and they're feeling alone." Mackie said a large percent of elderly who commit suicide are white males. While working for Immanuel Hospital in geriatric psych, Mackie said there were many elderly

men who had attempted suicide. Mackie said terminally ill older adults make up 2 to 4% of elderly suicides. Depression and other mental health issues can also play a role in elderly suicides, Mackie said. With COVID-19 and feelings of isolation, Mackie said this can be a factor for older adults to feel scared and depressed. "As we know, this generation wasn't taught to discuss mental health," she said. "There's stigma around that and I know the younger generations, they're starting to teach about mental illness in the school setting." Mackie discussed physical warning signs such as aches and pains, appetite changes, sleep pattern changes and fatigue. Emotional signs

include pervasive sadness, apathy, decreased pleasure, crying for no apparent reason and indifference. If people see any signs in their loved ones, Mackie said it's imperative to listen actively, persuade them to seek help, involve others, accompany them to help and make a referral. "There's always that fear of if you ask someone if they're suicidal, they're going to commit suicide," Mackie said. "That is a complete, absolute myth. They actually, secretly and inwardly, want you to ask them. They want to be able to talk to somebody who wants to listen and help them." National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255.

BLAIR CITY COUNCIL ROUNDUP, SEPT. 22

BY LEEANNA ELLIS • editor@enterprisepub.com

Council takes first step to improve Hollow Road

The Blair City Council took the first steps in the process to improve Hollow Road from South Creek to 25th Street.

Hollow Road, on Blair's southern edge, is "uneven at best" and the city has received a number of request from residents on the north side of the road to address the issue.

"Unfortunately, without any right of way it makes it very challenging for our public works department staff to be able to do very much out there," Public Works Director Al Schoemaker said.

The council approved an agreement with JEO Engineering for \$9,635 for development of right-of-way tracts.

The city is proposing 66-foot right of ways — 33 feet from center each direction. Once the surveying is complete, the city can move forward with appraisals and right of way acquisition.

"This will take a few years to get through this and eventually the city council will need to make some decisions as to what kind of road we're looking for the new Hollow Road for the long term and permanent maintenance of that roadway — whether it's going to stay a secondary road or if it's going to be paved with storm sewer," Schoemaker said.

maker said. Just a gravel road could cost the city \$300,000.

"You're talking some very serious money to improve the road," Schoemaker said.

City to develop EPA emergency water plan

The City of Blair must meet an new EPA requirement for all public water systems that serve more than 3,300 people to develop a new emergency response plan. The plan is due by June 1.

The work on such a plan is extensive, Schoemaker said. The city council approved an agreement with JEO Engineering for \$22,200 to assist Schoemaker in developing the plan.

The EPA is not providing any funding for the mandate.

Ordinance to vacate right of way approved

The council approved an ordinance to vacate a portion of right of way along 17th Street between State and Park streets and on State Street from 17th to 16th streets.

By vacating the right of way, the city hopes to make a vacant city-owned property more sellable.

The property was the site of the former water treatment plant, which was demolished in 2018.

AHS CROWNS HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN



GRANT EGGER | PILOT-TRIBUNE

Arlington High School homecoming king and queen Josh Miller and Kylee Bruning pose for a photo Friday night at the football field.

Buy, sell, trade — Classifieds!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Participate in democracy

Dear editor,
In the past several days and weeks, messages coming out of Washington through various media should seem profoundly unsettling — that being the notion that our very election is unfair or in danger of being “rigged.”

Further, there is also news that indicates that our president will not accept the outcome of the election peacefully or without a political challenge. One must ask: does this also include local, state and other officials? I pray not.

But for a sitting president to indicate in advance of an election that he is a) gathering an “army of followers” that “will ensure a fair election”; b) saying that he does not intend to concede the results if he loses; c) discussing the possibility of influencing the electoral college members in his favor; d) not willing to ensure a safe transition of power if he loses; e) setting the stage arbitrarily challenge the election process that is neither broken or “rigged.”

These actions clearly go against the basic principles of our democracy, regardless of our party affiliation. This mentality endangers us all and should serve as a plain and urgent wake-up call to the citizenry.

Our elections have been based on the constitution, overseen by impartial election officials and conducted in a secure and safe manner without intimidation. Our laws guarantee this and have done so for more than decades upon decades. We cannot allow our elected state and federal officials to turn a blind ear and eye to this. They work for us at our pleasure, a pleasure that is affirmed or changed every Election Day. We must ask them how they are allowing these actions to occur?

Perhaps a better question is: why are we allowing this to happen? Our elected officials on both (all) sides need to hear from us. They must know that we expect and demand honest, integrifull elected officials to oversee our wishes in Washington and beyond. Those officials must know that they are accountable, and again, serve at our pleasure.

My sincerest hope of an outcome from writing this letter is that we will all participate in the process of democracy and fair elections. That participation does not end with just a ceremonial party vote every 2/4/6 years. It means contacting your elected officials and sharing your opinions. It means having a willingness to look outside of party affiliations and, as the old saying puts it, to “keep them honest.”

Vote for the individual who best represents our values as an American — despite party affiliation. Work for a safe, reasonable and civil electoral environment. Work to ensure that the long and hard work of our fellow countrymen and predecessors is respected and acknowledged. Don't simply respond to the shameless and false bravado of our leaders. This election is about issues, important issues and can definitely determine the direction of our country for generations to come.

My party affiliation does not require me to write this message, my place as an American most certainly does.

Burke Petersen
Fort Calhoun

INTERACTIVE READER POLL RESULTS

The U.S. announced it will ban Tik Tok downloads. Do you think other social media should be banned?

Yes, 44 votes, 41%

No, 52 votes, 48%

Uncertain, 12 votes, 11%

Total votes: 108

Note: The online poll is for our visitors' enjoyment only and is not scientific.

THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Will you be handing out candy for Halloween?

Go to www.enterpriseub.com to vote on our Reader Poll Question.

Random thoughts from the editor's notebook

For my column this week, I'm going to take a page out of Chris Rhoades' book. While they're not “chirps,” here are some random thoughts from my notebook.



JUST MY THOUGHTS
Leeanna Ellis

Pandemic fatigue. I had to google it to see if it was a real thing and it is. We've been living with the coronavirus pandemic for nearly eight months. It's understandable that some people are getting tired of taking coronavirus precautions. The pandemic isn't going away anytime soon. It's important to continue preventive practices until there is a vaccine, which could still be months away. I'll continue to do my part, wearing my mask and washing my hands.

Blair has received big news in the last few weeks.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the city a \$7.56 million BUILD grant to construct the new Blair South Bypass.

Then, last week, the Blair City Council cleared the way for a

new Dollar General distribution center to be built near 10th and Wilbur streets. It could bring 300 jobs to Blair.

After seeing other communities like Papillion, Fremont and Omaha gain jobs through development, it's nice to see Blair get a piece of the pie.

The Blair Fine Arts Boosters are raising funds to purchase eight new concert tubas for the BHS band to the tune of \$44,800. It's a big undertaking, but one that I know this community will step forward and give.

Music is beneficial to students and having the proper instruments to use will enhance the experience. When I started band in fifth grade, I played flute. However, by the time I was in junior high, I also played tenor saxophone and baritone. Without those instruments provided by the school, I would not have had the opportunity to try them.

October is Fire Prevention Month. Every year, the Pilot-Tribune and Enterprise staff produces a special section to salute those first responders who serve their communities.

This year, you'll read stories about the Blair Volunteer Fire Department, which is marking its 150th anniversary; Fort Calhoun Rescue, which is marking its 50th anniversary; and Tim Welch, who serves as chaplain for the Blair and Arlington departments as a way to give back after first responders saved his life following a train accident.

New this year is a Blair firefighters calendar, which will be a fundraiser for the department. Some may call it a beefcake calendar. Joe Burns, Paige Anderson, Paul Swanson and I have been working with the department on it. You'll want to make sure you get your copy.

Last week, I interviewed Ellen Murphy, a Blair woman who turned 100 years old Wednesday. Her family surprised her with 100 roses to mark her century of living. These types of stories just make me smile. It was a pleasure to interview Ellen and her granddaughter, Nikki. I hope she had a wonderful birthday.

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“Building Main Street, not Wall Street” The Financial Case for Small Business

Albert Einstein made the following observation, “The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking”. As a community determines how to spur growth during these challenging times, there are many things they should consider as they strategize their future. Some communities are great at tackling the usual issues, but many are unaware of many hidden expenses and stresses that will ultimately determine their future. Decisions made today will impact their community for generations to come. Let's discuss a few considerations needing to be part of every community conversation regarding growth, strategy, and the future. Here are four that are oftentimes missed:

First, a study by Tischler & Associates a few years ago had some interesting findings. They found that specialty retail establishments made up of primarily locally-owned small and medium sized businesses generate a net yearly return to their local community of \$326 per 1,000 square feet of store space. They also found that local business parks, office complexes and hotels also generated net revenue gains for the community. On the other hand, they found the infrastructure and maintenance costs borne by the community and tax-payers for big boxes outweighed the tax revenues, costing taxpayers \$468 per 1,000 square feet each year. It also found fast-food outlets are the most-costly, costing taxpayers \$5,168 per 1,000 square feet.

Secondly, in a study by Oregon State University conducted for the Small Business Administration, Dr. Patricia Frishkoff of Oregon State University analyzed charitable giving by the size and makeup of the business. She found small and midsized companies with fewer than 100 employees gave an average of \$789 per employee in cash and in-kind donations throughout the community. The study also indicated larger businesses with more than 500 employees averaged \$334 per employee or nearly 60% less than those at smaller and midsized businesses.

Thirdly, there was another study done by Pennsylvania State University, led by Stephan Goetz and David Fleming, analyzing

2953 counties across the country representing various demographics and lifestyles. After taking into account many factors, they were able to show that counties with a greater number of smaller and mid-sized locally-owned businesses actually enjoyed greater per capita income growth. As would be expected, it also showed that the greater preponderance of large absentee-owned businesses such as big boxes, non-locally owned chains and so forth, were associated with lowered incomes. This makes absolute sense as most of the big boxes and chains only provide wages at the lower end of the income spectrum.

Lastly, in the *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*, researchers studied 3,060 counties and parishes throughout the United States and established that counties with a greater proportion of small and mid-sized businesses had lower rates of mortality, obesity, and diabetes. Additionally, Walter Goldschmidt, in *As You Sow: Three Studies in the Social Consequences of Agribusiness* made some interesting observations. His study compared two small adjacent agricultural communities in California. One of the communities was made up mostly of large agribusiness corporations, the other community consisted of small and mid-sized owner-operated farms. The latter enjoyed a more vibrant, diverse economy and higher quality of life.

These studies drive home the value of locally owned businesses. I can't stress enough the need and priority smaller and mid-sized communities need to place on growing their local business base. Your future literally depends upon it. Half of economic development dollars should target locally owned businesses. This need will only intensify moving forward as the internet continues to suck communities of their much-needed tax dollars. Communities and their local media companies need to educate the entire community to the advantages of a truly-local small business DNA. Both the community and their media companies need a solid business base to not only survive, but to thrive in way that benefits future businesses as well as generations.

John A. Newby, author of the “Building Main Street, Not Wall Street” column dedicated to helping communities and local media companies combine synergies that allow them to not just survive, but thrive in a world where truly-local is lost to Amazon, Wall Street chains and others. His email is: john@360MediaAlliance.net.

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Women arrested for trespassing, theft

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS
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Two women face several charges after being found with stolen items in their truck.

Karlene Olsen, 41, and Nicole Noland, 34, were arrested Sept. 19 near County Road 51 and County Road 34.

According to an arrest affidavit, a Washington County deputy was on patrol near the two county roads when he discovered an unoccupied parked vehicle beyond the road closed sign.

The deputy called the number of the registered car owner and asked her

to walk back to her car. While on the phone, the car owner informed the deputy of a white pickup truck that was stuck just south of County Road 34 near Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge and was occupied by two women.

The landowner and local federal conservation officer were informed of the situation, and the officer drove to the location of the truck. The officer found tools and other items in the back of the pickup and informed the deputy of other burglaries in the past by a pickup truck matching the stuck one.

The truck was south

of County Road 34 in an unpaved entrance next to a compound with a metal workshop and a smaller metal shed to the west. There were several tools near the scene, including a shovel. Noland said she used to dig the tires out of the sand. Noland said she also used pieces of wood she found on the property.

Both women said Olsen had been driving when it got stuck, and the deputy asked for identification.

Noland's identification did not have driving privileges, while Olsen said she didn't have hers on her and identified

herself as April Sorenson. The deputy was informed that Noland's license was suspended.

Olsen said the truck was her dad's and she was borrowing it for the day, and said she and Noland drove past the road closed sign because her father had recommended the area to them.

Olsen and Noland were asked about the items in the back of the truck and Olsen said they had been there when she picked the truck up.

Noland said the wood, shovel and cardboard boxes had come from outside the workshop. She later said the boxes

were "just inside the door" of the building.

Noland also admitted she was out on bond for theft by receiving stolen property, and said she didn't know about the items in the back of the truck.

The farmer of the land arrived at the scene shortly after and positively identified the items in the back of the truck as the building owner's. The building owner was sent photos of the items and positively identified them as well.

Shoe prints inside the shop were also investigated and matched both shoes the women were wearing. Noland

admitted the tools were located inside the shop and said she was just using them to free the truck from the sand.

Both women were detained, and in custody, Olsen admitted to giving a false name to the deputy and it was revealed her license was suspended.

Olsen was charged with burglary, theft by unlawful taking, driving under suspension, criminal impersonation and criminal trespass in the first degree.

Noland was charged with burglary, theft by unlawful taking and criminal trespass in the first degree.



Classic cars filled the street in Arlington on Thursday.



A 1952 Chevy was on display in the car show in Arlington on Thursday.



Rusty Koppit restored this 1979 Z 28 Camaro over the last nine months and brought it out to the show in Arlington.

First traveling Show and Shine parks in Arlington

BY ELIZABETH A. ELLIOTT
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The first of the traveling Show and Shine car shows brought several cars to the streets of Arlington on Thursday.

Cars of all makes, models and years parked on Third Street and beyond, hoods and trunks open while visitors mingled.

The event is part of the traveling show coordinated by Darren Rogers of North 40 Auto in Arlington and Tim Hirschert of Olsen Auto Service in Blair, along with the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

The show will move throughout the Washington County area. The shows will be 5-8 p.m. Thursdays in October. The next stop is Petersen's Bar 75 in Herman.



People gather in Arlington for the first installment of a traveling Show and Shine car show throughout the Washington County area on Thursday. Darren Rogers with North 40 Auto of Arlington and Tim Hirschert of Olsen Auto Service in Blair, put together the show.

PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH A. ELLIOTT | PILOT-TRIBUNE

The locations will change each Thursday and will run through the end of October. They plan to start up again in

the spring when the weather gets nicer. There's no pre-registration or fee required.

Rusty Koppit brought a 1979

Z 28 Camaro he's been restoring for the last nine months.

"I just got this running in June so it's basically the first

WASHINGTON COUNTY TRAVELING SHOW AND SHINE

5-8 P.M. THURSDAYS

Thursday
Petersen's Bar 75, Herman
Oct. 8
Fernando's/George's, Blair
Oct. 15
The Longhorn/The Rustic, Fort Calhoun
Oct. 22
Dew Drop Inn, Kennard
Oct. 29
Washington County Cruise

car show I've taken it to. It's about two-thirds ready," Koppit said. "My brother drove it in high school, parked it in 2000 when he went to college, it sat in the mud until I pulled it out last September."

BLAIR DANCE CENTER CELEBRATES NEW LOCATION WITH RIBBON CUTTING



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH A. ELLIOTT | PILOT-TRIBUNE
The Blair Dance Center celebrated their new location at 2546 S Highway 30 with a ribbon cutting by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday.



Dancers and the instructors from the Blair Dance Center celebrated their new location at 2546 S Highway 30.

WHAT'S UP?

EVENTS

SATURDAY

MICROCHIP CLINIC: Noon to 3 p.m., Jeanette Hunt Blair Animal Shelter. Cats and dogs welcome. There is a cost per animal. For more information, call 402-533-2743.

SATURDAY

BLOOD DRIVE: 7:30 a.m. to noon, Arlington City Auditorium, 410 W. Elm St. All blood types are in need. If you are 16 years (parental consent) and older and in good health please consider giving blood. During the pandemic, face masks are required and social distancing will be observed. If you do not feel well that morning, please stay at home. Appointments are encouraged with either calling Lucy at 402-478-5406 or going online www.redcross-donor.org. Doing Rapid Pass the morning of donation is encouraged.

OCT. 8

CHAMBER AFTER HOURS: 5 to 7 p.m. at Butch's Deli, 1769 Washington Street, Blair. Washington County Chamber of Commerce after hours hosted by Butch's Deli. Pizza, beer and networking.

OCT. 10

CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Schwertley Hall, Fort Calhoun. Breakfast and lunch served on site by Knights of Columbus.

OCT. 11

PANCAKE FEED: 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., Kennard Volunteer Fire Department, 208 Main St., Kennard. Pancake, scrambled eggs, sausage and drinks.

OCT. 16

FLIGHT-4-SIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT: 12 p.m., at River Wilds Golf Course. Register elec-

tronically to play or sponsor at blairlionsclub.org. Proceeds benefit programs for Blair Community Schools, youth diabetes and sight camps, scholarships and eye exams/glasses in our community.

OCT. 23

SMILES FOR FREEDOM: 8 a.m., Superior Dental Health, 1904 South Street, Suite 103, Blair. Free dental day for Veterans, First responders and Active Duty Military Members. Call 402-426-3334 to schedule your appointment.

OCT. 25

INTERACTIVE MURDER-MYSTERY LUNCHEON: "A PARTY TO DIE FOR" : 12:30 p.m. at The Big Red Barn, 16512 County Road 18, Blair. Hosted by the Washington County Museum and sponsored by the Washington County Bank. There is a cost to attend, please contact the Washington County Museum at 402-468-5740 or at www.wchmuseum.com for more information and tickets. Health Department guidelines will be followed.

ONGOING

HILLSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT: 6:15-7:30 p.m. Bible Buddies for children K-12; adult Bible study with childcare available for families and parents during Bible Buddies. Call 402-278-2528. Burn-Ing Hearts Youth Ministry for grades 6-12, 7:30-9 p.m. Call 402-278-1234 for information.

BLAZING TRAILS BLUEGRASS CONCERT: 1:30-4:30 p.m., Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6. Train Depot, 401 N. 15th St., Blair. Bring a picnic lunch. Contact Marc Blais at Midwest Chiropractic at 402-426-9211 or email drmb@abbnebraska.com if you would like to perform.

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

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.

FRESH HOPE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP: International professionally guided group, not intended to replace professional treatment; 7 p.m. every Thursday; Blair Public Library and Technology Center, 2233 Civic Drive, Blair.

WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY: Meetings open to Washington County residents; eligible citizens can register to vote at all meetings and events; 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month; Washington County Extension Office, Courthouse Annex, 597 Grant St., Blair. For updates, email washington.county.dems.ne@gmail.com, for more information call Holly, 402-426-1310.

FIRST RESPONDERS PEER SUPPORT GROUP: Washington and Dodge counties; police, firefighters, EMTs all welcome; PTSD focus, certified first responders, peer support facilitators; no cost and anonymous; Fremont. Call John Tess at 402-427-7464 for time and location every Thursday.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS: Toll free:(877)226-3632, website: www.omahaaa.org
• ARLINGTON: Community

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

• **BLAIR:** First Step, Catholic Church Education Building, 20th and Davis streets; meetings are Sunday; open meeting at 6:30 p.m., Blair A.A. Friday open meeting at 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

• **BLAIR:** Serenity Seekers 7 p.m. on Mondays at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 17th and Grant Streets in the basement. Masks are required.

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

• **MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA:** Better way of Life AFG, Monday's 5 p.m., Rand Senior Community Center, 100 S. 4th Street.

• **HOOPER:** 8 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church, 601 E. Fulton St.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Overeaters Anonymous; 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, 2066 Colfax St., Blair. No dues, fees or weigh-in for more information call, Patti 402-426-2961.

BLAIR JAM: Third Sunday of

the month from 1 to 5 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 141 South 20th St., Blair, bring an instrument or just listen; pot-luck meal; freewill donations that support our Washington County Food Pantry. Visit "Meetings at Grant Square" on Facebook or call Dave Webster, 402-676-0372.

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

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP: Beginner and advanced Washington County residents are welcome; Mondays 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; contact Janice Whitehead balloonsbyjanice@aol.com or 402-427-3428; Tuesdays 1 to 3 p.m.; contact Donna Lange dmlange@abbnebraska.com or 402-426-3394; 2nd Saturday morning of each month 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. contact: Michelle Widhalm @ michelle@yourknitterspath.com, Blair Public Library and Technology Center, 2233 Civic Drive.

SENIOR BINGO: Hometown Happenings Senior Bingo; 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays with lunch at noon; Carter Place senior living, 1028 JoAnn Drive, Blair. RSVP 24 hours prior at 402-383-7259. Fee for bingo and lunch.

CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION: Monthly chapter meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month at Jake's in Blair @ 6 p.m. for food and fellowship and 7 p.m. for the business meeting.

SING-A-LONG: Second Sunday of the month (except May) in the Good Shepherd Lutheran

Community main dining room; 2:30 p.m., Blair.

ACME FABRIC OPEN SEWING: 11 a.m.-5 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.

SENIOR STRENGTH TRAINING: 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Memorial Community Hospital & Health Systems, Sievers Conference Room, held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

AMERICA'S PUB QUIZ-TRIVIA NIGHT: 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday at The Heartland Tasting Room, 1669 Washington St., live interactive Trivia Contest, with cash and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

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. Blair MCH Hospital, Sievers Room- Lower Level, for more information contact Lizz Abrahams, 402-427-4057 or Jody Koziol, 402-657-6025.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT FERNANDO'S: 7-9 P.M. Every Thursday at Fernando's, 1600 Washington Street, Blair. Trivia night hosted by Shannelle, challenging evening full of fun for all skill levels, full menu available as well as a full bar for 21 and over.

Shogren earns doctorate from KSU

Elsie Shogren of Herman was among 575 students to complete degree requirements from Kansas State University this summer. Shogren received her doctor of

philosophy. The university awarded 303 bachelor's degrees, 209 master's degrees, 62 doctorates and three associate degrees.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Aron and Amy Cheek

Aron and Amy Cheek are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on Oct. 10 with an open house from 1-4 p.m. at their home, 18605 Greene St., Washington.

Their family is also requesting a card shower to honor them. Cards may be sent to 18605 Greene St., Washington, NE 68068.



Aron and Amy Cheek

MASONIC FRATERNITY MEMBERS HONORED FOR SERVICE



COURTESY

Washington Lodge #21 in Blair recently honored two members for 50 years of service to the Masonic fraternity. Robert French and Richard Goeken were presented their 50-year award certificates by Worshipful Master Ben Hansen. Also pictured are Syd Clausen and Nancy Goeken who awarded them their 50 pins.

Orr appointed to vegetation task force

Gov. Pete Ricketts announced last week recent appointments he has made to fill Nebraska's boards and commissions.

John W. Orr of Blair was appointed to the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force.

Appointees are unpaid and not subject to legislative confirmation.

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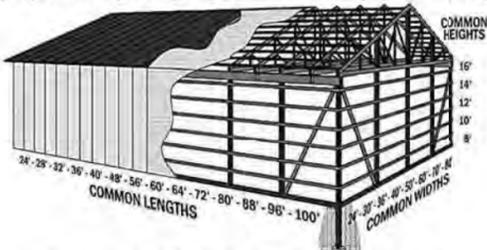
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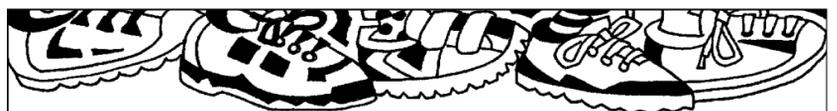


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For more information, call Cindy at 402-427-4255 (or) go to our Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/WashingtonCoRFL/](https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCoRFL/)

Proceeds benefit the Relay for Life of the American Cancer Society - which provides patient services and research funds for finding a cure.

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A worker watches as a piece of the roofing is lowered to the gymnasium of Fort Calhoun Elementary Wednesday.



CHEYENNE ALEXIS | PILOT-TRIBUNE
Two workers work on plumbing near the gymnasium construction site at Fort Calhoun Elementary Wednesday.



Fort Calhoun Elementary gym to be completed this spring

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS
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The Fort Calhoun Elementary gym's outside is close to being complete before construction moves to the inside during fall and winter.

Construction on the gym began in August, and is scheduled to be complete in the spring. The existing gym will be turned into preschool class-

rooms, set to be completed June 2021.

The gym will have a conference room, atrium, restrooms and storage for P.E. equipment. The current gym is significantly smaller, and doesn't have room for bleachers.

On Adams Street, there will be a separate entrance for Pre-K, as it is state law.

Principal Drew Wagner said he's looking forward to the expansion's

completion.

"We're gaining quite a bit of space from our old gym to the new gym just with the square footage," he said.

Wagner also said with the extra space, the school will have opportunities to host events and even have assemblies in the gym, something that wasn't always possible before.

Supt. Jerry Green said the expansion will also benefit outside activi-

ties, such as youth sports. The new gym is specialized so those participating in after school activities remain in the gym and not able to travel inside the school.

"Even though it's connected to our building, we can lock it down," he said. "The building is secure and the gym is still accessible to our community and youth sports. That's a huge benefit for us."

Scouts host special Scouting for Food event

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS
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The Cub Scout Pack 114 and Boy Scout Troop 114 are hosting their second Scouting For Food.

This weekend, the Cub Scouts walked around town and placed stickers on doors to inform residents of the Scouting For Food mission, and on Saturday, the Boy Scouts will be picking up donations to go to St. John the Baptist Church.

Vicki Christensen Smith, the Pack 114 secretary, said the troops decided to host a second Scouting For Food because of the higher need during COVID-19.

The Scouts normally hold the event in April, but had to postpone it until May.

Christensen Smith said stickers will be placed on doors all over town, and those who want to donate can place their items outside their homes.

The Scouts will also have a drop-off spot from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Schwertley Hall.

Dustin Smith, left, and Gerald Taylor III, members of the Bear Den for Fort Calhoun's Cub Scout Pack 114, walk around a neighborhood in Fort Calhoun Saturday morning to hand out stickers for a special edition of Scouting for Food.



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The Fort Calhoun Cub Scout Pack 114, the Bear Den, get ready to hand out stickers promoting their Scouting For Food Event Saturday. The Cub Scouts handed out stickers, and the Boy Scouts will pick up donated items to be delivered to St. John the Baptist Church. Pictured from left, Dustin Smith, Gerald Taylor III, Levi Becker and James Poorker.

Christensen Smith said she looks forward to the event and seeing the donations.

"It's a good opportunity for the scouts to get together and do something," she said. "It's an important event for the Cubs and Boy Scouts as it gives them an opportunity for community service."



FORT CALHOUN CITY COUNCIL ROUNDUP, SEPT. 21

BY CHEYENNE ALEXIS • features@entrprisepub.com

Water and Sewer Rate Schedule

The Fort Calhoun City Council held a hearing to raise its water and sewer rates.

Mayor Mitch Robinson said the city's auditor recommended the city raise its rates, as it has not raised rates since 2014.

The recommendation was made because the water bonds were going down disproportionately to what was taken in and were being used for water repairs.

"This is to build our fund back up where it needs to be to make it sustainable," Robinson said.

The water rates will raise from \$4.82 to \$5.78 for the first 10,000 gallons for reserve water funds, and will raise from \$7.25 to \$8.76 for rural water rates.

"We've done a lot with our sewer system here recently," Robinson said. "We've replaced and rebuilt one of the main pumps down the home station, we've also put sewer lining in pretty much 75% of our community." The new reserve

single units charges will be \$27.50 for base and \$7.30 for flow.

Restricted funds authority approved

The board voted to approve a 1% increase to restricted funds authority.

The board explained this will not change the taxes for this or future years, but increases the ability to receive restricted funds in the future.

Future homecoming parades approved

The board voted to approve the closure of 15th to Monroe to Lincoln streets for the annual homecoming parade from 2021-25.

Though the parade was canceled this year, the approval was to ensure the school could host the parade without going to the board each year for approval to close the streets.

"We'll continue to notify (the board) in the summer of the dates," FCHS Principal Nick Wemhoff said.

Models Needed for Special Photo Shoots

Models are for special shoots with hair, makeup, and costuming. Models receive 50% off their personal sitting fees for portrait shoots - indoor or outdoor. NO experience necessary. All ages welcome!


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BLAIR FOOTBALL

Bears fall to No. 5 Bennington

BY LEEANNA ELLIS
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No. 5 Bennington used its speed to produce big plays to best the Bears 58-27 on Friday. "I thought we controlled the line of scrimmage pretty well for the most part. We were able to run the ball and do some good things on the running game offensively," Blair coach Bryan Soukup said. "I thought interior front we were able to stop the run. They just got us

SEE FOOTBALL, 9

BENNINGTON 58, BLAIR 27
Blair 6 7 7 7 — 27
Bennington 14 16 14 14 — 58

FIRST QUARTER
BENNINGTON: Kale Bird 6-yard run (Lennox Hughes kick)
BLAIR: Morgan Rump 2-yard run (kick blocked)
BENNINGTON: Bird 69-yard run (Hughes kick)

SECOND QUARTER
BENNINGTON: Hughes 28-yard field goal
BENNINGTON: Cayden Bluhm 63-yard pass from Bird (kick failed)
BLAIR: Kip Tupa 32-yard pass from Rump (Nolan Osterhaus kick)

THIRD QUARTER
BLAIR: Rump 2-yard run (Osterhaus kick)
BENNINGTON: Tyler LeClair 4-yard run (Hughes kick)
BENNINGTON: Bird 3-yard run (Hughes kick)

FOURTH QUARTER
BENNINGTON: Trey Kenkel 19-yard pass from Bird (Hughes kick)
BENNINGTON: Austin Holtz 48-yard interception return (Hughes kick)
BLAIR: Dane Larsen 7-yard run (Osterhaus kick)



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Blair senior Lance Acker brings down a Badger runner Friday at Bennington High School.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Bears beat Eagles
BHS earns 1st win at Arlington Volleyball InviteBY GRANT EGGER
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Saturday's Arlington Invite brought with it a feeling the Blair volleyball team has been working toward.

The Bears opened play with a 2-0 sweep of the host Eagles. The set and match wins were their first of the fall.

"I felt pretty good," smiling sophomore Schuyler Roewert said, looking to freshman teammate Reece Ewoltdt. "I don't know about you, but it feels pretty good to win."

"Especially because its the first one," the setter added.

BHS (1-11 overall) ultimately went 1-2 Saturday, while Arlington (3-11) was 0-3. The lone victory between the two Washington County teams came by 25-22 and 25-10 scores.

The first set was tight with Arlington taking an early 9-8 advantage on Kate Miller's kill. A win at the net by Roewert, however, earned Blair a 10-9 lead it would hold for the rest of the set. Emma Cada notched kills, Carley Damme had an ace and Claire Gochanour hammered the ball through an Eagle block along the way. Hailey Baker's kill gave BHS its biggest lead, 21-17, down the stretch.

Ewoltdt, who didn't start the season on the varsity team, was setting up her teammates the whole way.

"I just thought outside would be the best choice," she said. "(Emma) is our most consistent hitter."

Arlington's Chase Andersen and Kailynn Gubbels had their own successes beating Blair's defense, but it wasn't enough to earn the first-set victory away from the Bears.

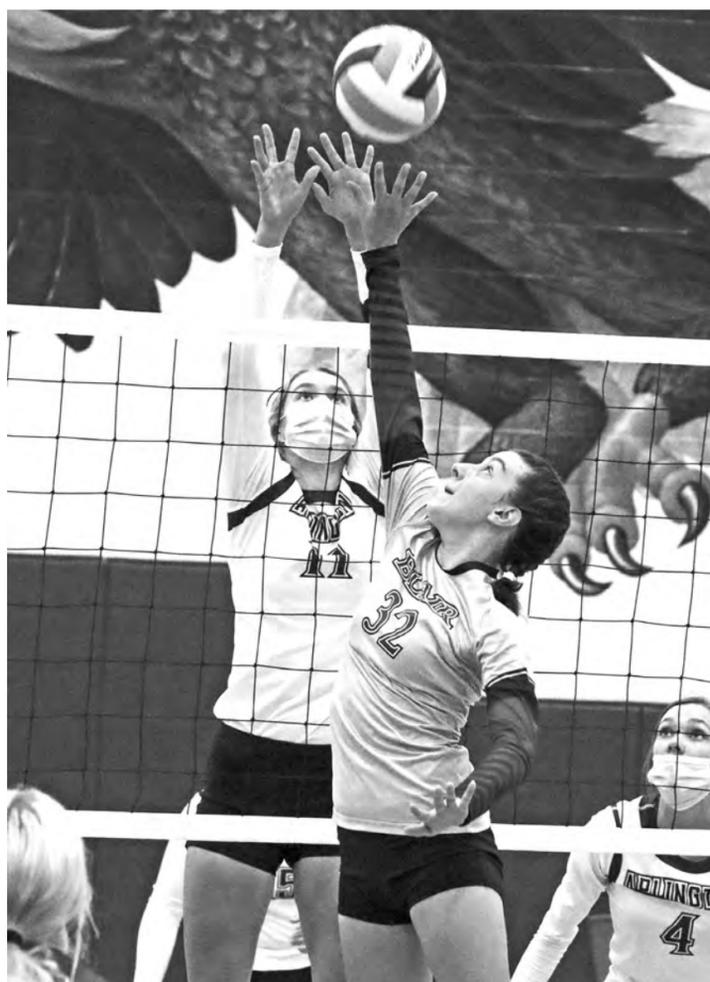
Miller would start the Eagles off with a 4-0 serving streak to start the second, but BHS quickly took control and ended the match on a 22-4 streak of its own. Cada's kill put the Bears ahead 7-6 before a loud block by Roewert pushed that advantage to 10-6.

"It's definitely a lot of fun to block people that are a lot taller than you," the middle hitter said.

Blair went onto earn the second set by 15 points, kicking off a tournament in Arlington coach Brandi Nicholson was quite proud of.

Bears compete against
Neumann, Roncalli

BHS followed up its first win with losses to Wahoo Neumann



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The Eagles' Chase Andersen, left, moves in to block a tip by Blair's Reece Ewoltdt on Saturday at Arlington High School.

(25-7, 25-18) and Omaha Roncalli (26-24, 25-19) to cap its Saturday. The Bears play, however, impressed their coach.

"Honestly, I'm very proud of the girls," Nicholson said. "I told them this is the best I've seen them play all season. They're talking. They're moving their feet. Our passing, which has been one of our struggles, was coming around today."

Blair competed particularly well against Roncalli, which went 3-0 in Arlington. The Bears pushed the Pride during the first set with freshmen Ellia Klanderud, Addy Nilges, Joslyn Policky and Ewoltdt playing large roles.

Klanderud and Roewert notched back-to-back points to pull BHS within 22-18 before Gochanour and Damme combined to even the score while on a 3-0 run. First, Gochanour tallied an ace. Damme then earned a kill with a tap before Gochanour's

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ARLINGTON FOOTBALL

4-1 Logan View grinds
out close win at 0-5 AHS
Eagles drop tight
homecoming game 21-13BY GRANT EGGER
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There were just five second-half possessions Friday during Arlington High School's homecoming football game against Logan View/Scribner-Snyder.

The 4-1 Raiders scored on two of their three — running out the clock on the last — while the Eagles (0-5 overall) went 1-for-2 during the 21-13 loss.

"It was a lot of work," AHS senior lineman Jake Bartosh said. "Hard, grind-it-out battles."

Logan View ran 51 total plays, choosing to run the ball on 41 one of them. The Raiders took their time grinding out the victory, too, eating up nearly 9 minutes of the fourth quarter to score the touchdown that gave them an 8-point advantage with

just 2:34 left.

AHS quarterback Josh Miller ran for one first down on the Eagles' last, rare chance to drive the field and tie the game, but a later fourth-down pass completion to Nick Smith came up just short of the marker. The home team turned the ball over on downs and Logan View ran out the final minute.

"We put ourselves in some good positions and then we would kind of shoot ourselves in the foot a little bit," Arlington coach Colter Mattson said. "I mean, first quarter, we get a touchdown called back. There was definitely things that could of flipped the game."

Before the Raiders took a 7-0 lead with 1:46 left in the opening quarter, Miller completed a

SEE ARLINGTON, 9

HS VOLLEYBALL
LINE SCORES

Saturday

Arlington Invitational

OMAHA RONCALLI 2, BLAIR 0

BHS (1-11) 24 19 — 0
RCHS (7-4) 26 25 — 2

WAHOO NEUMANN 2, ARLINGTON 0

WN (5-6) 25 25 — 2
AHS (3-11) 7 15 — 0

NEUMANN 2, BLAIR 0

BHS (1-10) 7 18 — 0
WN (5-6) 25 25 — 2

RONCALLI 2, ARLINGTON 0

RCHS (7-4) 25 25 — 2
AHS (3-10) 17 21 — 0

BLAIR 2, ARLINGTON 0

BHS (1-9) 25 25 — 2
AHS (3-9) 22 10 — 0

Thursday

LINCOLN HIGH 3, BLAIR 0

BHS (0-9) 20 16 24 — 0
LHS (9-5) 25 25 25 — 3

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Eagles Frankie Rosenbalm, from left, Dustin Kirk and Cade Podany take the field alongside their teammates Friday at Arlington High School.

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FCHS football team starts fast, but falters

Boys Town earns 33-23 home win

STAFF REPORTS

The Fort Calhoun football team started fast Friday evening at Boys Town with 10 first-quarter points.

Jake Seina kicked through a 28-yard field goal and Clint Dierks ran in a 16-yard touchdown for coach Adolph Shepardson's team. Both the Pioneers and their coach appeared 12 minutes into what could have been their first win of 2020.

Then the second quarter happened.

Boys Town notched 20 of its own points before halftime and earned a 33-23 win — the Cowboys' first of the season — as FCHS fell to 0-5.



Jake Seina

“Key to the good start was just us playing good football,” Shepardson said. “We fell apart mentally in the second quarter.”

Lebron Pendles and TJ Covington (two) scored touchdowns after Boys Town fell behind 10-0, pushing the Cowboys out ahead 20-10 at the

BOYS TOWN 33, FORT CALHOUN 23

FCHS (0-5) 10 0 6 7 — 23
BT (1-4) 0 20 3 10 — 33

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

FC: Jake Seina 28-yard field goal
FC: Clint Dierks 16-yard run, Seina PAT

Second Quarter

BT: Lebron Pendles 22-yard pass from TJ Murray, Carlos Goertz PAT
BT: TJ Covington 16-yard run, Go-

ertz PAT
BT: Covington 81-yard run, PAT failed

Third Quarter

BT: Goertz 23-yard field goal
FC: Dillon Dierks 68-yard run, PAT failed

Fourth Quarter

BT: Murray 1-yard run, Goertz PAT
BT: Goertz 33-yard field goal
FC: Tristan Fuhrman 2-yard run, Seina PAT

half. They added a field goal before the Pioneers responded with Dillon Dierks' 68-yard touchdown run with 3:52 left in the third quarter. Unfortunately for Calhoun,

Boys Town added a touchdown and field goal in the fourth to ice the game. The Pioneers' Tristan Fuhrman added a late touchdown run, but Boys Town earned the

home win by 10 points.

“I love our kids. They are a good bunch to work with day-in and day-out,” Shepardson said afterward. “We are building our program and we just have to trust the process.”

FCHS quarterback Ty Hallberg threw for 183 yards against Boys Town, while the Dierks brothers combined for 158 rushing. Zane Schwarz caught nine passes for 101 yards, while Jayden Hunter caught six for 46.

The Pioneers host 1-4 Douglas County West on Friday. The Falcons earned their first win of the season last week against 0-5 Omaha Concordia, 42-7.

ARLINGTON: Logan View grinds out close win

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long touchdown pass to Logan Kaup with help from Dustin Kirk and Logan View's Anthony Clements. The latter two players battled for the catch, tipping the ball up into the air and, eventually, to Kaup who took it into the end zone.

Unfortunately for the home team, a penalty wiped away the Eagles' good fortune. Instead, Mattson's squad wasn't able to score until late during the second quarter when it took advantage of a peculiar Logan View play call. Leading 7-0 with less than a minute remaining, the Raiders opted to pass the ball on 3rd-and-28 from deep inside their own territory. The pass fell incomplete, preserving AHS' timeout and forcing the visiting team to punt.

Arlington — aided by a Logan View penalty and its own timeout — started with premium field position and scored with just 2 seconds left before halftime. Miller scrambled and dove across the goal line to even the score at 7 going into the break.

The Raiders would go ahead 14-7 midway through the third quarter on the first of two Riley Hoetfelker touchdown runs, but the Eagles had a response. They drove down the field, converting a fourth-down pass play to Jesse Thompson along the way, and scored with 11:12 left in the game. Miller completed a 12-yard scoring pass to Kaup to pull within one

LOGAN VIEW 21, ARLINGTON 13

LVSS (4-1) 7 0 7 7 — 21
AHS (0-5) 0 7 0 6 — 13

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

LVSS: Logan Booth 3-yard run, Jadin Beckwith PAT

SECOND QUARTER

AHS: Josh Miller 2-yard run, Jesse Thompson PAT

THIRD QUARTER

LVSS: Riley Hoetfelker 6-yard run, Beckwith PAT

FOURTH QUARTER

AHS: Logan Kaup 12-yard pass from Miller, PAT failed
LVSS: Hoetfelker 11-yard run, Beckwith PAT

point.

“We really tried,” Bartosh said of his offensive line's effort. “In some areas we shined.”

Arlington missed its extra-point kick, however, allowing Logan View to grind out the clock with a lead on its final scoring drive. Ultimately, the Eagles fell short of their first win during their homecoming game against Logan View, which took control of the Class C1 District 3 title chase.

“We're on the cusp of doing some things,” said Mattson, who remains in the hunt for his first head coaching victory. “Our guys, we're getting there.”

Bartosh didn't appear discouraged in defeat either. His Eagles now face back-to-back games against fellow 0-5 teams.

“We've just got to keep focusing week-to-week,” the lineman wearing No. 65 said. “We've got (Omaha) Concordia next week.”

FOOTBALL: Blair Bears

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on the edges with the speed.”

The Badgers (4-1) wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as quarterback Kale Bird capped a 70-yard drive with a 6-yard run for the early lead.

But the Bears (2-3) answered right back with a 75-yard drive of its own. Quarterback Morgan Rump scored on a 2-yard keeper. The extra point, however, was blocked and Bennington kept a 7-6 advantage.

The Badgers added to its lead on a 69-yard run, a 28-yard field goal and a 63-yard pass before Rump connected with Kip Tupa for a 32-yard score in the second quarter. Rump was 10-14 with 121 yards passing and 33 yards rushing.

Bennington led 30-13 at halftime.

Blair pulled within 30-20 during the third quar-

ter when Rump scored on another 2-yard run, but that was as close as the Bears would get.

“We knew they were going to be a tough offense to stop,” Soukup said. “We needed to get one or two stops and hopefully keep moving the ball on offense. It just didn't happen.”

Dane Larsen added a 7-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter for the final 58-27 score.

Dex Larsen and Livai Opetaiia both surpassed 100 yards rushing with 122 and 103, respectively, for the Bears.

The Bears return home this week for a homecoming matchup against Omaha Roncalli (1-4). Soukup said his team will use this loss as motivation moving forward.

“Every week, whether you win or lose, is a learning experience and we try to learn from it and we just try to get better,” Soukup said.

VOLLEYBALL: BHS earns 1st win at invite

FROM PAGE 1

second ace tied the first set at 23.

Roncalli went onto win the set and the match, but the Bears looked as cohesive playing together as they have all season.

“This is the ball they should be playing all year,” Nicholson said. “I am very proud, and they played awesome.”

Before driving west to Arlington on Saturday, the Bears traveled to Lincoln High on Thursday. There the Links bested BHS 25-20, 25-16 and 26-24.

With the victory, Lincoln improved to 9-5, while the Bears fell to 0-9 before earning their first win Saturday morning.

Arlington goes 0-for-3

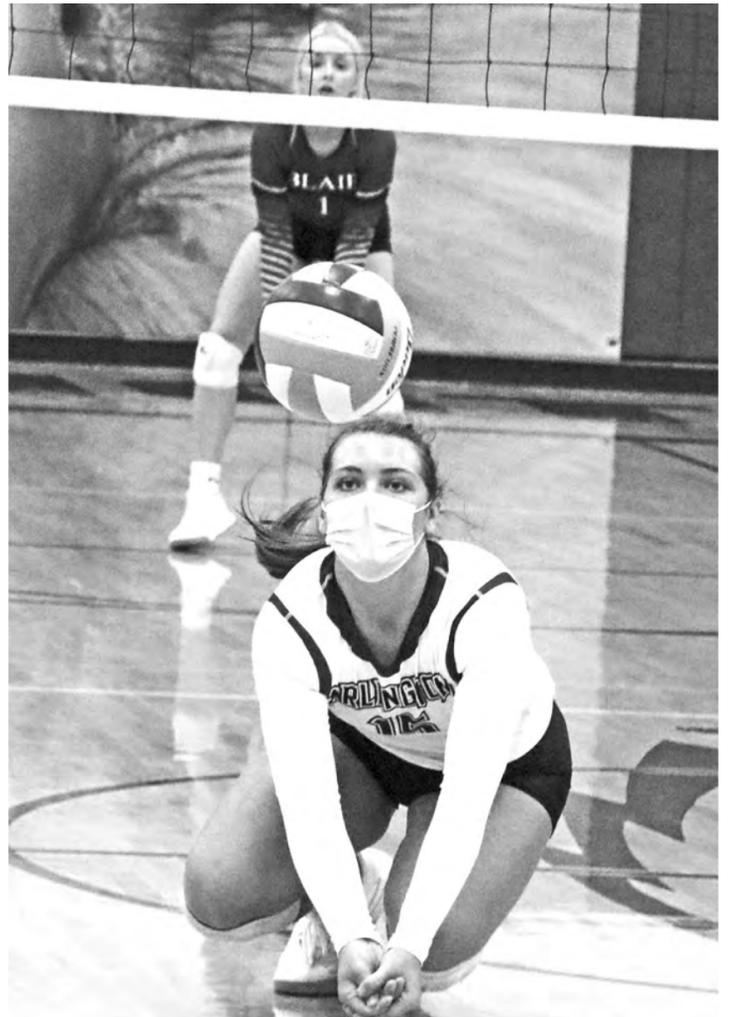
After finishing without a set victory at its home tourney Saturday, Arlington volleyball coach Katarina Nelson said the Eagles have been practicing better than they played against Blair, Roncalli and Neumann. “One-hundred percent,” she said.

Roncalli topped AHS 25-17, 25-21 and Neumann won 25-7, 25-15 in part because the Eagles didn't play like they've practiced.

“We kind of took away that we need to apply what we've been learning in practice to the game,” senior setter Claire Allen said after the Eagles fell to 3-11 overall.

Andersen and Gubbels had individual kill streaks, Janessa Wakefield had an ace, and Kali Thomsen tallied a kill after a slick hit over her head against Roncalli, but AHS lost.

Nelson said freshman Lizzie Meyer was a bright spot on the 0-3 day, while Allen said the



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The Eagles' Kali Thomsen lunges for the ball as Blair's Megan McKeon watches in the background Saturday at Arlington High School.

Eagles did well with their serve. The senior's team was also tenacious at times.

“We had some moments in that game where we were super scrappy and we were getting to

every ball, not letting anything drop,” Allen noted. “All of the games, I would say, we had moments where we were scrappy.”

Arlington next hosts a triangular tonight beginning at 5:30.



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ARLINGTON/FORT CALHOUN CROSS COUNTRY

Rupp, Bench combine for FC race sweep

BY GRANT EGGER
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The first words out of Bria Bench's mouth after winning Thursday's Fort Calhoun XC Invite were "holy cow."

The Pioneer freshman clocked in at 20:38.7 after 5 kilometers, nearly 45 seconds better than second place Izzie Clarke of Platteview.

"It was just a really tough race," Bench said, explaining her choice in first words after crossing the finish line. "The hill was quite the hill. It was very tough."

Fort Calhoun junior Jacob Rupp didn't disagree.

"That hill is definitely the hardest hill we'll see all season," he said. "Probably the hardest I've ever seen on a cross-country course."

The Pioneer also won his race by a wide margin, clocking in at 17:07.3 — 40 quicker than second-place Ryan McArchie of Douglas County West — despite the heat and humidity present at Fort Atkinson.

"My goal was sub-17 (minutes) and I don't think I quite got that," Rupp said. "But given the conditions I was run-

ning in today, I think I'm pretty confident in the next couple of meets that I get there."

The Fort Calhoun boys won their home meet with an average time of 18:00.3. Second-place Louisville had an average time 40 seconds slower, while Douglas County West was third and Arlington was fourth.

In addition, the Pioneer girls were second to DC West. Bench led that second-place finish with her effort out front. After climbing the tree-covered hill on the east end of Fort Atkinson, she was motivated to finish fast by what she saw.

"When I got up to the top, I just saw everybody in the crowd," Bench said. "They were all just screaming for me and I'm like 'I've just got to keep pushing.'"

Dala Drowne and Tessa Skelton pushed, too, earning fourth and 12th for FCHS, respectively. Drowne finished in 21:35.1, while Skelton stopped the clock at 23:02.9. Rowan Roehr claimed 25th.

Behind Rupp in the boys' race, the Pioneer's Lance Olberding was fourth in 17:55.3. Ely



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Fort Calhoun junior Jacob Rupp runs Thursday at Fort Atkinson.

Olberding, meanwhile, returned from injury to finish eighth in 18:16 and John McKennan was 11th in 18:42.4. Luke Gustafson and Johnathan Schwarte added 24th and 27th-place finishes in the varsity race as well as the Pioneers earned a dominant victory at home.

Arlington takes 4th in boys' race

The Arlington cross-country team was led by its boys squad Thursday

in Fort Calhoun.

Colby Grefe earned ninth in 18:32.5 before Nolan May and Connor Flesner took 13th and 15th, respectively. Sebastyan Taylor was 21st, Barrett Nielsen was 28th and Hutner Gilmore was 35th as the Eagles finished fourth out of the eight-team field.

"I gave all I had left," May said of his late kick to the finish line. "I didn't have anything left other than that."

Flesner said the weather conditions at Fort Atkinson added

FORT CALHOUN INVITE
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BOYS
TEAM SCORES: Fort Calhoun 24, Louisville 44, Douglas County West 45, Arlington 58, Platteview 61, Wayne 106, Yutan 115, Fremont Bergan 152.
5K RACE WINNER: Jacob Rupp, Fort Calhoun, 17:07.3.
FORT CALHOUN RESULTS: 1, Rupp, 17:07.3. 4, Lance Olberding, 17:55.3. 8, Ely Olberding, 18:16. 11, John McKennan, 18:42.4. 24, Luke Gustafson, 19:52.5. 27, Johnathan Schwarte, 20:15.9.
ARLINGTON RESULTS: 9, Colby Grefe, 18:32.5. 13, Nolan May, 18:55.7. 15, Connor Flesner, 19:04.6. 21, Sebastyan Taylor, 19:43.9. 28, Barrett Nielsen, 20:17.6. 35, Hunter Gilmore, 20:56.3.

GIRLS
TEAM SCORES: Douglas County West 29, Fort Calhoun 31, Platteview 31, Wayne 45.
5K RACE WINNER: Bria Bench, Fort Calhoun, 20:38.7.
FORT CALHOUN RESULTS: 1, Bench, 20:38.7. 4, Dala Drowne, 21:35.1. 12, Tessa Skelton, 23:02.9. 25, Rowan Roehr, 26:53.
ARLINGTON RESULTS: 15, Brynn Eckhart, 23:50.8. 21, Elizabeth Morrison, 24:38.7. 29, Charzlie Lambert, 29:52.9.

to the difficulty of the 5 kilometer course.

"You sweat so much and your breathing starts getting real heavy," he said before noting what motivated him to keep running. "I just kept thinking about the next guy (in front of me)."

Brynn Eckhart, meanwhile, led the Arlington girls. She finished 15th in 23:50.8, while Elizabeth Morrison was 21st and Charzlie Lambert was 29th.

County JH runners finish highly

Fort Calhoun and Arlington runners earned top finishes during the junior high race Thursday.

The Pioneer's Maelie Nelson won the girls' race, while the Eagles' Hailey O'Daniel took fourth.

On the boys' side, Arlington's Dallin Franzuebbers was second. Fort Calhoun's Travis Skelton was fourth.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

BHS faces stiff competition in Lincoln, goes 1-1

Arlington is upset in NCC opener; FC doesn't play

STAFF REPORTS

The Class B No. 7 Blair softball team battled two of Class A's best and routed Grand Island on Saturday at the Lincoln Southeast Invite.

The Bears fell 4-0 to No. 4 Omaha Marian and 8-2 to No. 2 Lincoln Southwest, but blasted the Islanders 12-2 with three homers. Carmen Warrick, Cailey Ander-

son and Tessa Villotta cleared the fence as BHS (14-9 overall) capped its tourney stay with a pool play win.

Kalli Ulven earned the victory in the pitching circle, while Villotta finished with a team-best three RBIs.

Against Southwest — which is 24-5 this season — Blair's Nessa McMullen also hit a homer. Her Bears were within 5-2 before the Silver Hawks added three runs during the bottom of the sixth frame.

Marian, meanwhile, held coach Jennifer Fangmeier's team to just two hits in Saturday's opener at the Doris Bair

Softball Complex. Warrick and Villotta notched one apiece, while Ulven struck out five Crusaders in defeat.

Arlington upset at conference tourney

The top-seeded Arlington softball team was bested in its first round Nebraska Capitol Conference Tournament game Saturday in Ashland.

The Eagles were out-hit 14-10 and lost 16-6 in a four-inning game against eighth-seeded Syracuse. AHS dropped to 8-9 with the loss, while the Rockets improved to

7-12. Coach Janelle Lorsch's team used three pitchers in defeat. Rylee Fuehrer struck out two batters, while Kiersten Taylor struck out one. Hailey Brenn threw 2 1/3 innings, too. Arlington's Thursday game at Fort Calhoun was canceled.

Fort Calhoun sits out tourney

The Fort Calhoun softball team canceled its Thursday game against Arlington and its participation in Saturday's Nebraska Capitol Conference Tourna-

SOFTBALL LINE SCORES
LSE Invite

NO. 7 BLAIR 12, GRAND ISLAND 2 GI (6-28) 0 1 1 0 — 2 6 7 BHS (14-9) 3 3 4 2 — 12 8 0	NO. 4 OMAHA MARIAN 4, NO. 7 BLAIR 0 BHS (13-8) 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 0 OM (18-6) 3 0 0 1 0 x — 4 NCC Tournament
NO. 2 LINCOLN SOUTHWEST 8, NO. 7 BLAIR 2 BHS (13-9) 1 0 0 0 0 1 — 2 6 1 LSW (24-5) 0 1 2 2 0 3 — 8 15 1	SYRACUSE 16, ARLINGTON 6 SHS (7-12) 1 4 7 4 — 16 14 1 AHS (8-9) 1 2 0 3 — 6 10 3

ment due to illness. FCHS activities director Andrew Christensen confirmed the news, noting that Thursday's cancellation was not the start of a two-week COVID-19 quarantine. The Pioneers have participated on just one of their past four scheduled game days.

A LOOK AT TIMES GONE BY

Football fans get music-filled 1966 halftime show

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

High school football fans received a special treat during halftime of a September 1966 game between Blair and Schuyler.

Not only did the Bears' marching band perform, but so did the band of the visitors. The Enterprise newspaper lauded the performances, recalling the Friday night as "Band Night."

In addition to the bands' performances, Blair High School freshmen had a poster parade during the break, with most of their artistry complementing the senior class.



FILE

The Blair High School marching band performs during a 1966 home football game against Schuyler.

"Did the seniors note the two frosh lads who carried their sign upside down as they passed the west stands?" the Enterprise writer asked.

The BHS football team, meanwhile,

notched a 24-0 victory against Schuyler. Mike Thompson ran for 89 yards, while Jon Lippincott had 41 and the game's first score.

The win was apart of a perfect 1966 weekend

for Washington County football teams. The Bears won, Dana College beat Concordia 19-0, Fort Calhoun bested Nebraska School for the Deaf 55-26 and Arlington topped Bennington 19-13.

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BHS XC girls fair well against Class A competition

Czapla earns medal in Lincoln

STAFF REPORTS

Conditions at Pioneers Park on Thursday weren't what cross-country runners hope for.

"The heat and humidity took its toll on all runners, so times were a little slower than usual," Blair coach Darren Harsin said. "But it was nice to run against some new teams and measure ourselves

against primarily Class A schools."

The Bears finished third out of nine teams on the girls' side and eighth out of 10 in the boys' standings. The girls were only defeated by Lincoln Southwest and Elkhorn.

Freshman Allie Czapla was the top BHS finisher, claiming a medal in 12th with a time of 21:29.1. She was just less than 15 seconds from the top 10 runners.

Hailey Amandus (21st), Cayli Penner (22nd), Mary Roskens (24th) and Chloe Schrick (25th) further pushed their team into third with top

25 finishes. Amandus clocked in at 22:00.1 after 5 kilometers, while Schrick finished in 22:18.3. Grace Galbraith and Sophia Baedke, meanwhile, added 42nd- and 46th-place finishes.

Harsin's boys squad was led by 26th-place Nolan Slominsky. He finished in 18:50.8, while Dawson Fricke earned 30th in 19:00.3 and Nick Wayman was 35th in 19:14.4.

Zac Keeling (39th), Mason Bell (44th) and Zylar Wyman (55th) also helped Blair's effort measure-up against their Class A opposition.

LINCOLN NORTH STAR INVITE

THURSDAY AT PIONEERS PARK

BOYS

TEAM SCORES: Lincoln North Star 36, Lincoln Southwest 55, Lincoln Plus X 86, Lincoln Southeast 130, Elkhorn North 158, Lincoln Northeast 172, Elkhorn 172, Blair 174, Lincoln East 246, Grand Island 285.

5K RACE WINNER: Liem Chot, North Star, 16:09.9.

BLAIR RESULTS: 26, Nolan Slominsky, 18:50.8. 30, Dawson Fricke, 19:00.3. 35, Nick Wayman, 19:14.4. 39, Zac Keeling, 19:23.44, Mason Bell, 19:27.6. 55, Zylar Wyman, 20:09.4. Top JV finisher: 24, Ted Lueders, 20:07.5.

GIRLS

TEAM SCORES: Lincoln Southwest 26, Elkhorn 98, Blair 104, Lincoln Plus X 114, Elkhorn North 133, Lincoln North Star 134, Lincoln Southeast 135, Lincoln East 184, Lincoln Northeast 242.

5K RACE WINNER: Brianna Rinn, Southwest, 19:21.

BLAIR RESULTS: 12, Allie Czapla, 21:29.1. 21, Hailey Amandus, 22:00.1. 22, Cayli Penner, 22:01.4. 24, Mary Roskens, 22:05.6. 25, Chloe Schrick, 22:18.3. 42, Grace Galbraith, 23:54.1. 46, Sophia Baedke, 23:59.4. Top JV finisher: 10, Emily Lamoureux, 23:25.9.

Ashland bests Fort Calhoun volleyball, 3-0

Coach says Pioneers need to execute consistently

BY GRANT EGGER
sports@enterprisepub.com

Pioneers volleyball coach James Slie found Ashland-Greenwood to be a good, disciplined team Thursday night at Fort Calhoun High School.

The 10-4 Bluejays bested 5-7 FCHS 25-19, 25-18 and 25-20, but the home team's coach saw glimpses of a Pioneers squad that can top teams like Ashland.

"When we called our timeouts in that last match, we had designated plays to go out and execute, and we executed them on a dime," Slie said. "If we can do that ongoing, we can beat teams like this."

Unfortunately for Fort Calhoun, it couldn't best the Bluejays on Thursday. FCHS fell to 1-6 against teams with winning records, including 0-2 against Ashland.

"We need to execute as much as we can," Slie said. "Tonight, if we would have reduced our internal errors, missed serves and hitting the ball into the net, we would have competed a lot closer."

The Pioneers did play close first and third sets, however. During the first, they led 15-14 on a Raegen Wells kill and



Pioneers senior Kaitlin Smith, facing, goes up to spike the ball as Ashland-Greenwood's Jess Stander, left, and Abby Craven throw up a block Thursday at Fort Calhoun High School.

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FCHS LINE SCORE

THURSDAY

Ashland-Greenwood 3,
Fort Calhoun 0
AG (10-4) 25 25 25 — 3
FC (5-7) 19 18 20 — 0

then 17-16 when Ellie Lienemann hit through a Bluejay block.

After Ashland comfortably won the second set, it again fell behind FCHS. This time it was by a 6-2 score. Megan Johnson hit successfully off a block to get the Pioneers started before Alivia Cullen added a kill at the net and Kaitlin Smith notched an ace.

The lead didn't last, however, as the Bluejays battled back for an 8-7

advantage. The Pioneers retook leads of 12-11 and 16-14, but were ultimately swept 3-0.

Slie did name some Fort Calhoun standouts in defeat, however. Grace Genoways was solid subbing in at the middle, while Smith played well in multiple positions.

"Smith was the highlight of the night," the coach said. "Her attitude. Her work ethic. She earned that spot in game No. 3 and she just came out on fire."

While the varsity came up short, Fort Calhoun's reserve and junior varsity teams beat Ashland. The JV won 2-1.

BHS golf faces tough competition at Indian Creek

STAFF REPORTS

The Blair girls golf team faced tough competition Wednesday at Indian Creek in Elkhorn.

The Bears finished 10th out of 13 teams, carding 454 total strokes. The champion Millard North Mustangs tallied 339, while Elkhorn North's Julia Karmazin won the individual title with 74 over 18 holes.

Rachel Parks shot BHS' low score with a 94, taking just 44 swings on the back nine. She tied for 14th, but just missed out on a medal due to a scorecard playoff, comparing scores.

ELKHORN GOLF INVITE

WEDNESDAY AT INDIAN CREEK

TEAM SCORES: Millard North 339, Elkhorn South 363, Elkhorn North 369, Papillion-La Vista 378, Omaha Mar-ian 380, Omaha Gross 419, Omaha Skutt 435, Gretna 440, Norris 451, Blair 454, Bennington 460, Waverly 460, Elkhorn 462.

TOURNAMENT CHAMPION: Julia Karmazin, Elkhorn North, 74 strokes.

BLAIR: 14, Rachel Parks, 94. 30, Anna Moore, 108. 53, Kaia Stewart, 122. 60, Kylie Quick, 130. 63, Neenah Lindner 134.

Coach Ross Udey was complimentary of Parks' showing as well as Anna Moore's after the tournament. Moore logged 108 swings, finishing in the top half of the field of golfers in 30th. Kaia Stewart added 122 strokes, while Kylie Quick and Neen-

ah Lindner tallied 130 and 134, respectively.

The Bears next compete today when they host the Eastern Midlands Conference Tournament at River Wilds Golf Club. The event begins at 9 a.m.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

BRANDON EVANS

SCHOOL: Fort Calhoun

SPORTS HE PLAYS: Football and track

FAVORITE PRO/COLLEGE SPORTS TEAM: Nebraska Cornhuskers

FAVORITE SPORTS MEMORY: "Mud Bowl 2017."



WHEN AND WHERE

TODAY

SPOTLIGHT EVENT: 9 a.m., Blair varsity girls golf hosts Eastern Midlands Conference Tournament, River Wilds Golf Club: The Bears play host to the EMC's championship event.

4:15 p.m., Otte Blair seventh-grade football hosts Columbus

4:30 p.m., Blair freshman volleyball at Omaha Mercy

5 p.m., Blair JV softball hosts Ralston, Youth Sports Complex

5 p.m., Arlington JV softball hosts Wahoo, Two Rivers Sports Complex

5:30 p.m., Arlington varsity volleyball hosts Wayne, West Point-Beemer triangular

5:30 p.m., Blair JV volleyball at Omaha Mercy

5:30 p.m., Arlington junior high football hosts Logan View

6:30 p.m., Blair varsity softball hosts Ralston, Youth Sports Complex

6:30 p.m., Arlington varsity softball hosts Wahoo, Two Rivers Sports Complex

6:30 p.m., Blair varsity volleyball at Omaha Mercy

THURSDAY

2 p.m., Blair JV girls golf hosts invitational, River Wilds Golf Club

4 p.m., Blair cross-country at Boys Town Invitational

4 p.m., Arlington cross-country at Raymond Central Invitational

4 p.m., Arlington varsity girls golf at Platteview triangular, Platteview Country Club

4 p.m., Arlington varsity softball at Douglas County West triangular

4 p.m., Fort Calhoun cross-country at David City Aquinas meet

5 p.m., Blair JV softball at Bennington

5 p.m., Fort Calhoun JV softball at Ashland-Greenwood

5 p.m., Arlington junior high volleyball hosts Fremont Bergan

5 p.m., Fort Calhoun junior high volleyball hosts Oakland-Craig

6:30 p.m., Blair varsity softball at Bennington

6:30 p.m., Fort Calhoun varsity softball at Ashland-Greenwood

FRIDAY

4 p.m., Blair freshman volleyball at Bellevue East Tournament, Lied Activity Center

7 p.m., Blair varsity football hosts Omaha Roncalli (Homecoming game)

7 p.m., Fort Calhoun varsity football hosts Douglas County West

7 p.m., Arlington varsity football at Omaha Concordia

Note: Each school will have their own attendance guidelines, which may limit crowds and schedules are subject to change. To submit events to be listed, email sports@enterprisepub.com with a brief description of the event, the date and start time.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE
 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
 WASHINGTON COUNTY, NE-
 BRASKA
 ESTATE OF Robert L. Larsen,
 Deceased
 No. PR 20-65

Notice is hereby given that, on September 4, 2020, in the County Court of Washington County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will and Codicil of said Deceased, and that Robert L. Larsen, 2428, E. 5th St., Fremont, NE 68025, was appointed by the Court as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before November 12, 2020, or be forever barred.

/s/ Vicki Kuhlmann
 Clerk of the County Court
 1555 Colfax Street
 Blair, Nebraska 68008

Edmond E. Talbot III, #18876
 1526 Washington Street, Suite H
 Blair, Nebraska 68008
 (402) 426-3385
 ZNEZ

PT 9-15, 9-22, 9-29-20

MEETINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 10 of Washington County, Nebraska, filed a Petition in the District Court of Washington County, Nebraska, indexed at Appearance Docket No. CI 06-203, praying that the proceedings for the issuance and sale of \$950,000.00 principal amount of bonds of the District may be examined, approved and confirmed by the Court.

Hearing will be had on said Petition on the 13th day of October, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., in Courtroom No. 1 of the Washington County Courthouse. Any person interested in the organization of the District or in the proceedings for the issuance and sale of the bonds may on or before the time fixed for the hearing move to dismiss the Petition or answer thereto.

Clerk of the District Court
 of Washington County,
 Nebraska
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MEETINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fort Calhoun Planning Commission will meet the first Monday of the month, October 5th, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the Fort Calhoun City Hall. An agenda is kept continuously current and available for inspection in the city office. Meeting is open to the public. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting the city clerk at 402-468-5303 not less than 5 days prior to the meeting.

Alicia Koziol
 City Clerk
 ZNEZ

PT 9-29-20

CORP./ORG.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
 OF
 ARCHER RENTALS, LLC
 A Nebraska Limited Liability
 Company

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Archer Rentals, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, with an initial designated office at 10933 Bridgeview Drive, Blair, Nebraska, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The registered office of Archer Rentals, LLC is located at 900 South 75th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 68114, with Jill M. Mason as registered agent at that address.

PT 9-22, 9-29, 10-6-20

CORP./ORG.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DREW LAW FIRM P.C., LLO
 P.O. Box 462
 1612 Lincoln Street
 Blair, Nebraska 68008
 NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
 OF NIELSEN ENTERPRISES,
 LLC

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has organized a limited liability company known as NIELSEN ENTERPRISES, LLC. The initial address of the company is 8953 John Deere Lane, Blair, NE 68008. The address of the registered agent is Drew Law Firm P.C., LLO, 1612 Lincoln St., P.O. Box 462, Blair, Nebraska 68008. The name of the initial registered agent is David V. Drew. The general nature of the business to be transacted by the Company is any authorized business activity. The Company commenced on August 27th, 2020 and has perpetual duration. The affairs of the Company shall be conducted by its Manager. David V. Drew, Organizer
 ZNEZ

PT 9-29, 10-6, 10-13-20

CORP./ORG.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
 SIDNERLAW
 340 E. Military Ave., Ste. 1
 Fremont, NE 68025-5097

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed Certificate of Organization of a limited liability company, the name of which is Bibbers General Services LLC. The name and address of the initial registered agent is Matthew Nelson, 6863 County Road 11, Arlington, NE 68002. The address of the initial designated office is 6863 County Road 11, Arlington, NE 68002. The general nature of the business to be transacted is to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, available to a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The company commenced on September 23, 2020, and shall continue perpetually. The affairs of the limited liability company are to be conducted by the members. BIBBERS GENERAL SERVICES LLC
 Matthew Nelson, Member
 Cory Dunklau, Member
 ZNEZ

PT 9-29, 10-6, 10-13-20

CORP./ORG.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that RIGID RESTYLE, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 4719 Maney Lane, Blair, NE 68008. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Lauren Brennan, 4719 Maney Lane, Blair, NE 68008.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Articles of Amendment Greater Omaha Intergroup Inc. voted to change the name of our organization to Greater Heartland Intergroup Inc. on January 10, 2019. 19 members were eligible to vote. Approval for the name change was obtained by a vote of 17 votes for the name change and 0 votes against the name change. 17 votes is sufficient for approval of the amendment.
 /s/ Amy Nygaard
 Great Omaha Intergroup Inc.
 Secretary
 ZNEZ

ENT 9-15, 9-22, 9-29-20

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Blair Regular Council
 Meeting
 September 8, 2020

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session in the Blair Public Library on September 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The following were present: Kevin Hall, Chris Jensen, Mindy Rump, Marty Shepard, Jon Stewart, Kevin Willis, Frank Wolff. Absent: Brad Andersen. Also present were: City Administrator Storm, Assistant City Administrator Barrow, Director of Public Works Schoemaker. City Attorney Solomon, and Chief Lager. Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order and made introductions at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Consent agenda approved the following: 3a) Approval of Minutes of the August 25, 2020 meeting, 3b) Clerk report of Mayoral Action of August 25, 2020 meeting, 3c) City Department reports for August 2020 and 3d) August 2020 claims as recommended by Finance Committee. Mayor Hansen opened a Public Hearing to set FY 2020-2021 levy different than FY 2019-2020 levy. City Administrator Storm stated this is a requirement by the state budgeting process when changing the property tax request and mill levy, which is applied on the new valuation, as opposed to last year's property tax request and valuation. To levy a different amount than last year on the new valuation, a public hearing must be held on the request to make sure the taxpayers are aware the property tax request is changing from the previous year. The proposed mill levy for the City of Blair is slightly lower than last year's levy changing from 35.94 in 2019 to the proposed new levy of 35.64 in 2020, which is down 1%. The valuation for 2019 was \$587,770,467 as opposed to the increased valuation of \$637,383,824 for 2020. The Airport levy is slightly higher. There were no comments from the floor or in writing. Mayor Hansen closed the Public Hearing. Ordinance 2406 to adopt Budget Statement for FY 2020-2021 and to be termed the "Annual Appropriation Bill" appropriating such sums of money necessary to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Blair, Nebraska for FY 2020-2021 was signed and published. Resolution 2020-31 setting the levy for the City of Blair and Blair Airport Authority for FY 2020-2021 was adopted as amended by amending to change wording in 5) to "increase" as opposed to "decrease"

by 24%. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) renewal application submitted by Making it Routine, 910 Skyline Dr, Blair, NE, to allow on Lots 21-23 Block 17, Blair City, Washington County, Nebraska (1440 State St.) for Auto Repair, with "by appointment only" fitness training occurring onsite as well. The fitness training qualifies as "Other uses", which are similar to the permitted principal uses and which are in harmony with the intent of this district was approved for fifteen (15) years. Development plan for Wehrli Redevelopment Project to be located on a portion of Tax Lot 260, Section 7, Township 18 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M., Washington County, Nebraska was withdrawn at the request of the developer. Fire Chief Joe Leonard appeared before the Mayor and City Council to present the newest member of the Blair Volunteer Fire Department. Resolution 2020-32 approving an Interlocal Agreement between Douglas County on behalf of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the City of Blair on behalf of the Blair Police Department to provide access and use of the County Motorola PremierOne Records Systems was signed and adopted. Council gave authorization to proceed with the purchase of the RMS system with Motorola. Resolution 2030-33 adopting the new annual certification of compliance for the Board of Classifications and Standards for Blair, Nebraska, and the certification form was signed and adopted. Council voted to approve city property Lots 16 & 17, Block 15 BC as excess property and authorization to prepare a vacation ordinance to vacate 10' of right away along both sides of 17th St from State St. to Park St. and 17th to 16th along State St. City Administrator Storm had no report. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. The following claims were approved: A.M. Leonard, Inv, 289.22; Aaron Barrow, Svc, 31.51; Abes Portables, Svc, 190.00; Abe's Trash Service Inc, Svc, 955.36; Acco, Inv, 1084.00; Aflac, Dues, 1141.92; Air Products & Chemicals, Inv, 1828.42; Ajee Woods, Svc, 215.00; American Broadband, Svc, 2169.55; American Underground Supply, Inv, 10487.22; Andy's Mow Town, Svc, 299.96; Ang Refrigeration, Heating & Svc, 150.00; Angel Armor Llc, Inv, 1956.53; Aqua-Chem Inc, Inv, 1717.29; Arps, Svc, 6687.45; Babbel Mechanical, Svc, 15276.11; Baird, Holm & Mceachen, Invest, 3044.50; Baker & Taylor Books, Inv, 1384.90; Bh Ne Gas Utility, Svc,

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270.82; Blair Ace Hardware, Inv, 447.96; Blair Garden Center, Inv, 109.00; Blair Small Animal Clinic, Svc, 158.70; Boo Inc, Inv, 96.18; Book Page, Inv, 354.00; Braniff Service, Svc, 398.00; Calvin Poulsen, Svc, 2190.00; Cambridge Homes Llc, Svc, 500.00; Carquest Auto Parts, Inv, 16.61; Cdw Government Inc, Inv, 934.45; Clark Pest & Termite Control, Svc, 70.00; Consolidated Management Co, Svc, 228.39; Core & Main, Inv, 12508.30; Counsel Office & Document, Svc, 617.03; Country Tire Inc, Svc, 24.00; Cubby's Inc, Inv, 3679.71; Cummins Inc, Svc, 4054.06; Deborah Vaughn, Svc, 50.00; Deborah Wood, Svc, 250.00; Dein Construction Llc, Svc, 200.00; Demco Inc, Inv, 817.10; Desirae M Solomon, Svc, 4619.00; Dick's Electric Co, Svc, 2003.39; Douglas County Treasurer, Svc, 330.34; Dpc Industries Inc, Inv, 879.95; Dtn, Llc, Svc, 564.00; E. T. Towing, Svc, 100.00; Eakes Office Plus, Inv, 1812.60; Ed M Feld Eq Co., Inv, 459.95; Enterprise Publishing Co Inc, Svc, 715.27; Eriksen Construction Co Inc, Svc, 121518.00; Fairway Oil Co, Inv, 26.08; Fastenal Company, Inv, 709.57; Fisher Scientific, Inv, 976.34; Gerhold Concrete, Inv, 3730.97; Getzschman Heating Llc, Svc, 195.50; Grainger, Inv, 467.71; Greenkeeper Co Inc, Svc, 554.00; Grey House Publishing, Inv, 295.70; Hach Co, Inv, 12503.10; Hansen Agency, Svc, 70.00; Harsin Built Construction, Svc, 50.00; Hawkins Inc, Inv, 9202.00; Hdr Engineering Inc., Svc, 1081.07; Henton Trenching, Svc, 38497.70; Hotsy Equipment Co, Svc, 249.04; Huber Builders, Svc, 500.00; J Nielsen Construction Llc, Svc, 1000.00; J.P. Cooke Co., Inv, 35.45; Jackson Services, Svc, 585.05; James Rosterman, Svc, 500.00; Jensen Well Company Inc, Svc, 15663.00; Jeo Consulting Group Inc, Svc, 1280.00; John Deere Financial Sales, Inv, 138.16; Johnson Diesel Services Llc, Svc, 170.00; Jonesy's Towing, Svc, 700.00; Kenny Blum, Svc, 96.00; Library Ideas, Inv, 483.40; Logan Contractors Supply, Inv, 252.00; Long's Ok Tire Stores, Svc, 92.50; Macqueen Equipment, Inv, 566.13; Malloy Electric, Svc, 10387.00; Marshall Keller, Svc, 50.00; Martin Marietta Materials, Inv, 618.89; Mary Jorgensen, Svc, 75.00; Mccoq Roofing, Siding & Cont, Svc, 50.00; Mckinnis Roofing & Sheet Metal, Svc, 50.00; Menards, Inv, 207.90; Metrocount (Usa) Inc, Inv, 620.00; Michael Todd & Company Inc, Inv, 685.15; Micro

Marketing Llc, Inv, 158.77; Midwest Fireworks Wholesalers, Svc, 216.39; Midwest Mudjacking Inc, Svc, 587.50; Mississippi Lime Co, Inv, 4869.06; Municipal Emergency Services, Svc, 639.30; Municipal Supply Inc Omaha, Inv, 5207.04; Murphy Tractor & Equip Co, Svc, 1137.45; Ne Municipal Clerks Assoc, Svc, 45.00; Nebraska Dept Of Health & Svc, 7600.00; Nebraska Iowa Supply Company, Inv, 371.07; Nebraska Public Health, Svc, 699.00; Nebraska Rural Water Assoc, Svc, 275.00; Officenet, Inv, 97.64; Olson & Stewart Const, Svc, 800.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Svc, 131.01; One Source, Svc, 106.35; Ontrac, Svc, 148.28; Oppd, Svc, 9998.98; Oracle America Inc, Svc, 600.00; O'reilly Automotive Stores Inc, Inv, 15.01; Otter Creek Mechanical Inc, Svc, 64070.09; Peggy Grimm, Svc, 75.00; People, Inv, 101.12; Pete Lien & Sons Inc, Inv, 40968.69; Pioneer Cleaning Llc, Svc, 1000.00; Pioneer Telephone, Svc, 129.78; Pitney Bowes Inc, Svc, 561.00; Pounds Printing Inc, Inv, 165.00; S & S Pumping Service Llc, Svc, 2960.00; S.E. Smith & Sons, Inv, 200.30; Sapp Bros Petroleum Inc, Inv, 2174.20; Schemmer, Svc, 626.50; Sid Dillon, Inv, 5.25; Silver State Consulting, Svc, 425.00; Sos Heating Cooling, Svc, 41.95; Spartan Stores Llc, Inv, 111.53; Staples Business Credit, Inv, 994.54; Sterling West, Svc, 980.00; Superior Green Inc, Svc, 13906.56; Swana, Svc, 223.00; The Lincoln National Life, Svc, 3816.41; The Pioneer Woman, Inv, 30.00; The Sign Depot, Svc, 150.09; The Wall Street Journal, Inv, 539.88; Thompson Innovation, Inv, 1993.96; Titan Machinery, Inv, 443.17; Trugreen Processing Center, Svc, 1055.56; Us Cellular, Svc, 649.28; Utilities Section, Svc, 2213.00; Verizon 883740345-00001, Svc, 542.13; Washco Feed & Supply, Inv, 139.98; Washington Co Court, Svc, 66.00; Washington County Register, Svc, 32.00; Zachary Pedersen, Svc, 200.00; Richard Hansen, Mayor
 ATTEST: Brenda Wheeler, City Clerk
 A complete text of the minutes, Resolutions, Ordinances are on file in the office of the City Clerk, 218 S. 16th Street, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
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PT 9-29-20

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to approve the contract. With all members voting "Aye", motion carried. Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Nelson to approve the following bills: ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 184.21, ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING - 187.44, AMERICAN BROADBAND - 576.42, BLAIR ACE HARDWARE - 43.57, BOMGAARS - 221.04, BRIAN'S TREE SERVICE - 800.00, 2500.00, CHASE BANK - 6958.75, 55000.00, CITY OF BLAIR - 5553.62, COLONIAL RESEARCH - 743.79, CONOCO - 356.89 CORE & MAIN - 2071.81, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 100.73, HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES - 19.80, IHEARTMEDIA - 4364.18, JACKIE HENDERSON - 84.56, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 275.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 787.50, JOHNSON SERVICE COMPANY - 1955.75, LONGHORN BAR - 44.00, LORRINE LAMMERS - 588.46, M.U.D. - 84.00, MY INDEPENDENCE DAY - 500.00, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 15.00, NE SALES TAX - 3665.26, NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS - 912.50, OPPD - 2829.60, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC - 31.90, PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER N. R. D. - 13343.59, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 630.00, TWO RIVERS BANK - 12517.00, UTILITIES SECTION-LEAGUE - 518.00, VERIZON WIRELESS - 123.15, VISA - 4295.54, WASHINGTON CO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - 250.00, Total - 123133.06; with all members voting "Aye", motion carried. The public hearing relating to AN APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO BUILD A HOUSE ON CC CALHOUN CO ADD (REPLAT 2019-1) LOT 2 IN THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA opened at 7:06 p.m. With no written or public comments, the hearing closed at 7:07 p.m. The public hearing relating to WATER RATE SCHEDULE FOR USERS OF THE CITY WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, NEBRASKA opened at 7:08

p.m. There were no written comments. Council discussed the increase and the Mayor explained the rates have not increased since 2013. City Engineer, Lucas Billesbach, stated that the new rates are fairly competitive with neighboring communities. The hearing closed at 7:11 p.m. The public hearing relating to SEWER RATE SCHEDULE FOR USERS OF THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, NEBRASKA opened at 7:11 p.m. With no written or public comments from the council and public, the hearing closed at 7:12 p.m. The public hearing relating to THE ONE & SIX YEAR STREET PLAN FOR THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN opened at 7:13 p.m. There were no written comments. City Engineer, Lucas Billesbach, discussed the plan. After comments from the public, the hearing closed at 7:18 p.m. Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Lammers to approve the 1% increase to restricted funds authority. With all members voting "Aye", motion carried. Member Nelson made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve Mr. Wemhoff, Fort Calhoun High School Principal, request for approval for the next five years (2021-2025) to close 15th Street from Monroe to Lincoln Street for the annual homecoming parade. He explained to council that the school will notify the city of the homecoming date each year. With all members voting "Aye", motion carried. Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Lammers to adopt the City's Policy on ditch maintenance subject to Section 3-504 of the Fort Calhoun Municipal Code and to approve changes made to the policy that the City Engineer discussed: a written permit will be required and the City will provide a sign for the residents. With all members voting "Aye", motion carried. Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Lammers to approve the Use Permit

to build a house on CC Calhoun Co Addition (Replat 2019-1) Lot 2 in the City of Fort Calhoun, Washington County, Nebraska. With all members voting "Aye", motion carried. Member Nelson made a motion to introduce Ordinance 769 - Setting Rates for Water Charges; and waive the three readings. Member Schuler seconded the motion. With all members voting "Aye", motion carried. Member Nelson made a motion for final approval, and member Schuler seconded. With all members voting "Aye", motion carried. Member Nelson made a motion to introduce Ordinance 770 - Setting Rates for Sewer Charges; and waive the three readings. Member Schuler seconded the motion. With all members voting "Aye", motion carried. Member Nelson made a motion for final approval, and member Schuler seconded. With all members voting "Aye", motion carried. Member Schuler made a motion to introduce Ordinance 771 - 2020 Fee Schedule; and waive the three readings. Member Lammers seconded the motion. With all members voting "Aye", motion carried. Member Schuler made a motion for final approval, and member Nelson seconded. With all members voting "Aye", motion carried. Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Nelson to approve Resolution 2020-8 - Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2020. With all members voting "Aye", motion carried. Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.
 Mitch Robinson, Mayor
 ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk
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NEBRASKA: Court declines to rule on prosecution of CBD cases

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A county court judge ruled March 19, 2018, that there was sufficient evidence to bind the case over to district court. The case was dismissed June 15, 2018, following a plea in abatement.

The state refiled the case July 3, 2018. Following another preliminary hearing in district court, it was dismissed Oct. 29, 2018.

The state refiled the case a third time in district court on Nov. 8, 2018, before it was dismissed.

In its ruling, the state supreme court said their review of the records supported the contention of Archer and Russell that the CBD oil in question did not contain THC and did not have the

same pharmacological effects as THC.

“Therefore, the state failed to establish that the CBD tested in this matter was a ‘controlled substance’ under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act,” Heavican wrote.

In addition, the court ruled the state failed to show the CBD was “synthetically produced.”

Vander Schaaf had hoped for clarification on the legality of CBD.

“From the beginning, we have tried to find answers to help assist this office and the public at large in understanding the confusion surrounding CBD and CBD-related products,” he said in a press release. “These cases were not about ‘winning’ or ‘losing’ but instead an attempt to un-

derstand the conflicting directives given to this office and the public.”

Without more information, Vander Schaaf said his office would be unable to move forward with the prosecution of cases involving CBD and CBD-related products.

“If, or when, new information is available, we will review our procedures,” he said. “This court of action appears to me the fairest and most prudent given the current status of conflict within the Nebraska statutes.”

In May 2019, LB 657 was enacted to clarify that products containing below 0.3% THC are not considered a controlled substance in the state of Nebraska.

SAFETY: NDOT to install new traffic signals

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help Blair with traffic concerns,” Schoemaker said.

The intersection, where highways 30, 75

and 91 meet, has seen dozens of accidents over the years, including at least one fatality.

On Aug. 23, 2019, 11-year-old Jaycoby Estrada of Blair was

killed after he was struck by a semi-tractor while riding his bicycle at the intersection. A memorial bench now sits at the corner near U.S. Bank.

Original Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage

Medicare open enrollment is quickly approaching. Medicare’s annual open enrollment period lasts from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. During this time each year, you can sign up for Medicare or you can also drop or switch your plan coverage.

Health insurance plans and policies can often be difficult to understand, especially for those of retirement age who are insured by Medicare which can be overwhelming with all of the rules and regulations surrounding this type of coverage.

When a person in the United States reaches the age of 65, they are eligible for Medicare, a national health insurance program. Federally funded since 1966, Medicare covers the health care costs of the elderly, some young people with disabilities and those with end-stage renal failure. You’ll hear terms such as Part A, Part B, Part D and Part

C or Medicare Advantage. Part A refers to the original Medicare plan involving hospital stays, surgery, and is also thought of as “hospital insurance.” Part B is also part of the original Medicare plan which applies to doctor’s appointments, routine healthcare, and is referred to as “medical insurance.” You’ll hear about additional plans to help alleviate some of the expense with extra medical costs such as the 20% co-insurance or medications. Part D is an additional supplemental plan that a person can purchase that helps alleviate the costs of prescription medications.

Medicare Advantage is a newer choice, established in 1997. Sometimes called Part C or an MA Plan, Medicare Advantage provides an all-encompassing plan, similar to a traditional HMO or PPO insurance plan. If you purchase a Medicare Advantage plan, you will be required to utilize doctor’s that are “in-network” but it will cover hospitalizations, routine doctor care and medications. It may even provide additional benefits depending who you purchase your plan from

such as dental, hearing, vision, and more.

Any one plan may not cover a set of services, so it is extremely important to be discerning and informed before making a decision for or against any specific plan, just like you would when choosing a health insurance plan. Get detailed information about Medicare health and prescription drug plans in our area, including costs and services. Choose and enroll in a Medicare health or prescription drug plan that meets your needs. Find out if you need a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy with the Medicare plan that you chose.

I urge patients to contact us or an independent advisor with any questions concerning their healthcare benefits, especially prior to scheduling an appointment. It’s much better to know up front what to expect in terms of cost and what the insurance policy covers. Another great resource for cost breakdown and much more detailed information is available online at <https://www.medicare.gov>.

MANNY BANNER is the president and CEO of Memorial Community Hospital and Health System.



HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS
Manny Banner

HOME COMING: BHS to celebrate

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Iey Damme, Grace Galbraith, Hallie Lewis, Addison Wolff and Emma Cada; king candidates Dexter Larsen, Wesley Gunderson, Nathan Hiykel, Lance Hume, Morgan Rump and Leo Clarke.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed Certificate of Organization of a limited liability company, the name of which is The Demo Guys LLC. The address of the initial registered office is 1070 James Dr., Blair NE 68008 and the name of the agent is John McCaig. The address of the initial designated office is 1070 James Dr, Blair,

NE 68008. The general nature of the business is to engage in any lawful purpose. The company commenced on 09/14/2020 and shall be perpetual. The affairs of the limited liability company are to be conducted by the members. The Demo Guys LLC James McCaig, Member ZNEZ

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City of Blair Special Council Meeting
September 8, 2020
The Mayor and City Council met in special session in the Blair Public Library on September 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The following were present: Chris Jensen, Kevin Hall, Mindy Rump, Marty Shepard, Jon Stewart, Kevin Willis, Frank Wolff. Absent: Brad Andersen. Also present were: City Administrator Storm, Assistant City Administrator Barrow, Director of Public Works Schoemaker, and Chief Lager. Mayor Hansen called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Hansen opened a Public Hearing for FY 2020-2021 Budget. City Administrator Storm stated the Budget Notice for FY 2021 was published in the Enterprise on September 4, 2020. The total budget for the new year is \$49,808,432.46. The total operating budget is \$45,272,116.09 with \$4,536,316.37 in necessary cash reserves. The general operating budget shows a 24% increase over the previous year. The largest portion of the increase is \$15 million for the new water treatment plant intake structure. The city will receive a State Revolving Loan Funding for this project with a 15% loan forgiveness. Taxpayers will see a slight decrease in the property tax levy that is set at 0.356413 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Once the budget is adopted it will be put on the state form and submitted by September 20, 2020. City Administrator Storm outlined some of the bigger projects in the specific departments within the budget as follows: Administration – no new expenditures. Police – \$48,000 for annual squad car replacement and \$120,000 for Motorola software. Due to the county pulling out of the interlocal agreement with the City of Blair, the city will follow Washington County and move to the Motorola system used by Douglas County. New A/C units will replace the ones that are 20 years old. Fire – no changes. Funds are budgeted to fix some of the electronic keys for the north station. The system is old and needs replaced. Park/Cemetery – \$20,000 to straighten headstones in the Blair Cemetery, \$50,000 to renovate shelter at Steyer Park, \$300,000 for Optimist Park boat ramp and dock improvements, and \$350,000 for the development of a park at Civic Drive with the plan for half of the cost to be funded through donations. Library – no new programs. Pool - \$71,378 for the city to manage the city pool, if Blair Family YMCA decides to discontinue operating the pool for the city and \$30,000 for a new slide at the pool. Zoning – no new programs. Budget includes an additional staff member to help with zoning and building maintenance and the creation of an additional position to help with zoning and community development. That position is still under development as to the job functions. Having one employee dedicated to building maintenance will help take care of all department buildings. Animal Control – The budget has been put together that would continue with the Friends running the shelter. If they would not be able to continue with it, then we

would have to determine how we would continue to make it work. We would use their funds to place someone here to take care of the animals. Debt Service – Street, water, and sewer projects. New projects will not be bonded until FY 21-22. They will be constructed on warrants and paid for by the collection of special assessments. Street - \$30,000 - purchase of new pickup, \$170,000 - dump truck that is on order will arrive in mid-November, ceiling fans for shop, safety equipment, replacing state markings, culverts, \$20,000 - manhole at 16th and Butler, traffic light repairs, plow for pickup, post hole digger, brine maker and tank, snow plow bits, salt and sand building, \$210,000 - traffic signal at highway 30 and Industrial Road, \$100,000 - brick streets, \$200,000 - asphalt overlays, \$25,000 - storm inlet southern ridge, \$200,000 repair box culvert at 4th & Grant, \$400,000 Huber Deerfield improvement project, \$1,300,000 extension of 10th St from Wilbur to highway 75 (The city will be applying for a grant through NDOR to extend that road for economic development purposes), and \$80,000 - right of way acquisition on Hollow Road. Council member Hall asked how much the city had spent this year in brick street repairs. Director of Public Works Schoemaker stated we spent approximately \$60,000 for three blocks. Rescue squad – This account is for their funds which cannot be spent for anything that public funds cannot be spent for, such as replacement of a squad, items for the squads, and recruitment and retention funds. A new squad is ordered.

Sales Tax – \$685,000 – transfer to streets, \$141,990 – public safety bonds, \$1,100,000 – general property tax relief, \$463,000 – projects, \$300,000 – street property tax relief, \$250,000 – economic development, \$55,000 – TIF, and library payment - \$137,380. Wastewater – Projects include manhole rehab, new district improvements, replacement of outfall sewer, and replacement of trunk sewer along south creek. Water – \$300,000 - OPPD energy saving project, \$150,000 - oversized backwashed pump, \$15,000,000 new intake structure, \$200,000 recasting of elevated and west reservoirs, Huber Deerfield development, extension of 10th & Wilbur to Hwy 75, exhaust fans at the plant, rebuilding intake screen, replacement of two backwash pumps, and five new instra valves. CDBG – removed. Donated funds – This is a clearing house for someone to donate to any department. Capital Outlay, Reuse, LB840, Keno and TIF projects were also reviewed. The budget has been presented at the Budget Workshop on August 10, the August 25 meeting and again tonight, with adoption later at the regular city council meeting. There were no questions or comments. Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.
Richard Hansen, Mayor
ATTEST:
Brenda Wheeler, City Clerk
ZNEZ

PT 9-29-20

ORDINANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 771 IN PAMPHLET FORM
Public Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on September 21, 2020, there was passed and adopted Ordinance No. 771 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, CITY CLERK/TREASURER FEES, UTILITY FEES, BUILDING PERMIT FEES AND PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT FEES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Said Ordinance was published in pamphlet form. Copies of said Ordinance as published in pamphlet form are available for inspection and distribution at the Office of the City Clerk, in the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska.
Alicia Koziol
City Clerk
ZNEZ

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 770 IN PAMPHLET FORM
Public Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on September 21, 2020, there was passed and adopted Ordinance No. 770 entitled: AN ORDINANCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE 3 SECTION 7-301 OF THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SETTING UTILITY RATES FOR SEWER CHARGES APPLICABLE TO ALL USERS OF THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM; TO REPEAL ANY OTHER PRIOR RATE SCHEDULES FOR SEWER CHARGES; AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.
Said Ordinance was published in pamphlet form. Copies of said Ordinance as published in pamphlet form are available for inspection and distribution at the Office of the City Clerk, in the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska.
Alicia Koziol
City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 769 IN PAMPHLET FORM
Public Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on September 21, 2020, there was passed and adopted Ordinance No. 769 entitled: AN ORDINANCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE 3 SECTION 7-301 OF THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SETTING UTILITY RATES FOR WATER CHARGES

APPLICABLE TO ALL USERS OF THE CITY WATER SYSTEM; TO REPEAL ANY OTHER PRIOR RATE SCHEDULES FOR WATER CHARGES; AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.
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ORDINANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE
Public notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Council of the City of Blair, Nebraska, at their meeting on September 22 2020 have passed and approved Ordinance No. 2408 the title of which reads as follows:

ORDINANCE 2408

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLAIR, NEBRASKA; VACATING AND ABANDONING TEN (10) FEET OF EXCESS RIGHT OF WAY LOCATED ON EACH SIDE OF 17TH STREET FROM PARK STREET TO STATE STREET AND TEN (10) FEET OF EXCESS RIGHT OF WAY

LOCATED ON EACH SIDE OF STATE STREET FROM 17TH TO 16TH STREET; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AND PUBLISHING IN PAMPHLET FORM.
Said Ordinance has been published in pamphlet form. Copies of the Ordinance as so published are available at the office of the City Clerk at 218 S. 16th St., Blair, Nebraska.
Brenda Wheeler, City Clerk
ZNEZ

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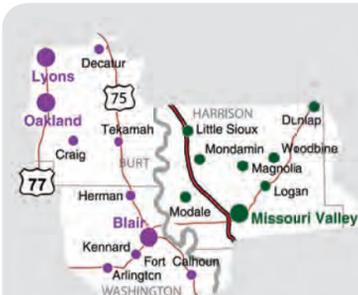
NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE
Public notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Council of the City of Blair, Nebraska, at their meeting on September 22 2020 have passed and approved Ordinance No. 2407 the title of which reads as follows:

ORDINANCE 2407

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED ON ATTACHMENT A, A PART OF TAX LOTS 249, 250 AND 158, IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST WITHIN THE CITY OF BLAIR, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FROM GATEWAY DE-

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- Part of (abbr.)
- Persons
- Moved with a curving trajectory
- Bitterly regret
- Cause to feel embarrassed
- Type of toast
- Bobby __, NHL champ
- Analogies
- Mixes
- Beloved flowers
- Clinton special prosecutor
- Avoids
- Innermost brain membrane: __ mater
- Atomic #18
- Remain as is
- One who's been canonized
- Indian king or prince
- The Bay State
- Forms adjectives
- Give off

- Partner to flow
- Biblical Sumerian city
- Popular clothing material
- Organism parts
- Central US Native American people
- Blood type
- Wrath
- Perennial tropical grass
- Vetches
- Buffaloes
- Envelope type
- Tuberculosis
- Israeli city __ Aviv
- Pops
- Indo-European languages
- Fiddler crabs
- Large bank
- Not fresh
- Scientist's device (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- High schoolers' dances
- Style of rock music
- Maryland athlete
- Softened by soaking
- Native Aussies
- Some are on it
- Clairvoyance
- Broken piece
- Wrong
- Starts over
- Where to hang clothes
- One point north of due east
- Gov't lawyers
- Mass of eggs in a shellfish
- Smile
- Wrap
- A citizen of Iran
- Island off the coast of Tanzania
- Knives
- Beloved "Doctor"
- Type of turtle

- Leg (French)
- Indicates position
- Self-doubt
- Of I
- Retired but allowed to retain title
- Algerian port
- African country
- "Wayward Son" rockers
- Bring out of sleep
- Auburn legend Newton
- Heavy wooden shield in ancient Greece
- Choose to represent
- Peace
- Work hard
- Reciprocal of a sine
- Express delight
- Explosive
- Journalist Tarbell

Answers in the October 6 The Pilot-Tribune

September 22 puzzle

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I DIDN'T KNOW THAT
Larrie Stone

One of the popular strategies to avoid predation found in some species is that of possessing various types of camouflage. When an animal perfectly matches its back-

ground, it is less likely to be preyed upon, and in some cases may even aid in its own search for food by being inconspicuous to its prey.

A few examples will show how diverse and effective the phenomenon of camouflage can be.

Some insects have evolved a body to resemble parts of plants such as leaves, petals, flowers, bark, thorns, or twigs. The walking stick is an insect that disguises itself by looking like a stick or twig, making it hard to see when it is sitting on a bush or tree.

There is a species of bird called the least bittern that has a long thin neck that is colored like the surrounding withered reeds where it usu-

ally builds its nest. When a predator approaches, the bird conceals itself by stretching its neck, thrusting its beak upward, and gently swaying its neck like the reeds in the wind.

Concealing coloration is when an animal hides itself against a background of the same color. Animals such as the snow shoe hare, snowy owl and polar bear in the Arctic, have white coloring to blend in with the snow that surrounds them. In deserts and grasslands, many animals have tan and brown coloration that helps them blend into the background.

Some animals such as chameleons, flatfish, a species of crab spider and some

octopuses, can change color to match the background they are on, thus concealing them from predators.

One of the more intriguing and least appetizing camouflaging strategies is used by organisms that have evolved to resemble fecal material. This strategy is used by several species of insects and spiders as well as the "bird poop frog" found in Southeast Asia. This small frog sitting still on a leaf looks very much like bird poop. When its enemies, such as a snake or bird spots it, they tend to bypass it since it doesn't appear to be anything worth checking out for a meal.

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Bob Pfeiffer harvests soybeans Thursday near county roads 15 and 36. Pfeiffer said he is a month ahead of where he was a year ago. He said the bands are combining well, but it was too early to estimate the yield.



Soybeans waiting to be harvested in Washington County.

A combine harvests soybeans along U.S. Highway 30 near County Road 19 near Arlington.

COVID-19: Officials respond to outbreak

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our residents, residents' families, and employees through Eblast, email and personal phone calls."

Crowell Memorial Home is one of 137 out of 211 nursing homes in the State of Nebraska fighting COVID-19 outbreaks.

"Communication remains strong as this has not been a surprise to our residents, their families, or our dedicated staff, however, we want

to make our community aware and reassure everyone that we are on top of the situation," they said. "At this time, our focus is on ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents and our staff members."

Blair's first outbreak was confirmed at Carter Place in March. In that outbreak, 19 cases were of COVID-19 were identified. The facility was shut down for a period of time.

Three Rivers Ex-

ecutive Director Terra Uhing said during the announcement of the cases last week there are no plans to do what they did with Carter Place at this point, keeping residents in place if they are able to be cared for at the residence.

As of Friday, there have been 79 new cases in Washington County in the last 14 days. There are a total of 260 cases in Washington County since COVID-19 has started.

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Cardiology	Henry	October 6, 20
Cardiology	O'Connor	October 5, 19, 26
Cardiology	Pritza	October 1, 8, 12
Dermatology	Brian Herbin	October 6, 20
ENT	Moran-Hansen	October 1, 15, 29
General Surgery	Drabek	October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Neurosurgery	Treves	October 8, 22
OB/GYN	Leischman	October 27
OB/GYN	Schulte	October 5, 19
OB/GYN	Perfilio	October 13
Oncology	Dorius	October 14
Oncology	Schwarz	October 28
Ophthalmology	Haskins	October 13
Orthopaedic	Kitchen	October 13, 14, 19, 20, 27
Orthopaedic	Saylor	October 15, 16
Pain Management	Pettis	October 7, 28
Podiatry	Meinhold	October 5, 16
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