

Nutter & Pokorny Commit



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Cade Pokorny, front left, and Jacey Nutter, front right, are pictured with their parents, standing, l-r: Brad and Paula Pokorny and Linda Nutter, at their signing day Wednesday, February 1.

Two Knights football players committed to colleges on Wednesday, February 1, when they signed their National Letters of Intent.

Jacey Nutter, a senior quarterback prospect from Thedford will be heading to the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Nutter had a career high 5,928 passing yards, 103 passing touchdowns and 400 completions.

Nutter was also a defensive leader with 439 tackles, 24 interceptions and 383 interception yards.

Nutter scored 303 points over the four years he helped lead the Knights.

Nutter will graduate from Thedford High School this spring.

Cade Pokorny was among 33 high school seniors that signed National Letters of Intent with the Chadron State Eagles.

Pokorny played linebacker and tight end for the state playoff qualifying Knights. The senior at Thedford High School, ended his two seasons at Sandhills-Thedford, with 259 tackles, four sacks, four interceptions and caused four fumbles. He had a total of 435 yards and scored 56 points, as a leader for the 2016 Knights.

Pokorny has accepted an offer to play linebacker for the Eagles. “Both guys deserve everything they’ve gotten this year, and the scholarships they’ve earned with these two schools,” said Knights Head football coach, Josh Deines. “They’re hard working kids. I can’t say enough good things about them.”

Other Knight players are also expected to play college football and will make their decisions at a later date.

Former Husker, Scott Shanle to speak at Thedford

Thedford Schools will be welcoming former Husker, Scott Shanle, as a guest speaker on Tuesday, March 7.

Scott will be speaking with all of the grade school and high school students that day. The focus of his talk will be goal setting, following your passion, and following your passion to true happiness.

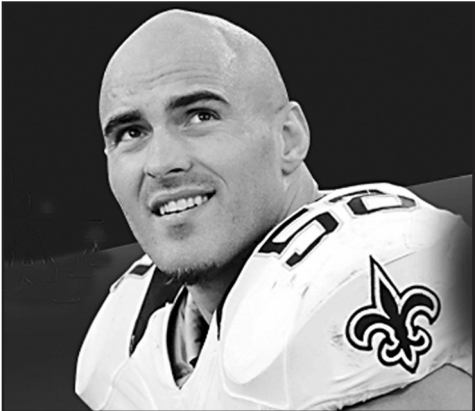
Scott is a highly-regarded guest speaker through the Nebraska Coaches Association. His message will be one that will be great for students to hear, especially with spring on the way. His message will encourage everyone to strive to finish the 2016-17 school year strong.

Scott is a former American football linebacker in the National Football League. He was originally selected with the 37th pick of the seventh round of the 2003 NFL Draft from the University of Nebraska by the St. Louis Rams. He also played for the Dallas Cowboys and New Orleans Saints.

Shanle attended St. Edward High School in St. Edward, Nebraska, where he played eight-man football as a running back and defensive back. While there, his team went 29-3 over his final three seasons and he earned All-State and Player of the Year honors. In track he ran the 100, 200 and 4x100 meter relay. He set school records in both the 100M and 200M with times of 10.67 and 22.3 seconds. He also earned varsity letters in basketball.

Originally a walk-on at the University of Nebraska, he was a three-year starter and played in every game over four seasons. He earned a scholarship after he redshirted in the fall of 1998. He was Nebraska’s starter at the Sam linebacker position for each of his last three seasons and finished fourth on the team in tackles in 2002 with 71 stops and earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors as well. In addition to his 71 tackles he added five tackles for loss and two sacks and hurried opposing quarterbacks six times. In 2001 he made 56 tackles (eight for losses) and had eight pass breakups on the year to tie the linebacker record. Shanle played in all twelve games with ten starts in 2000, and made 55 tackles, including 30 solos. He recorded four tackles for loss and a sack. He was a backup Sam linebacker in 1999 and played in every game, primarily on special teams.

Shanle was selected in the seventh



round (251st overall) of the 2003 NFL Draft by the St. Louis Rams. He made his NFL debut against the New York Giants on September 7. As a rookie, he played mostly on special teams and was declared inactive for the final three games and the playoffs. He was waived on December 12. He was named one of the best 50 draft picks in franchise history by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper.

Shanle was claimed off waivers by the Dallas Cowboys on December 13, 2003. In 2004, he ranked fourth on the Cowboys roster with 15 special teams tackles and was the starter at strongside linebacker in the final three games, registering 26 tackles. In 2005, he served as the Cowboys’ nickel middle linebacker for the first weeks of the season. After injuries forced Dat Nguyen into retirement, Shanle moved into the starting lineup. He battled injury setbacks in the season’s final games, but tied for seventh on the team with 50 tackles. On August 23, 2006, he was traded to the New Orleans Saints in exchange for seventh round pick.

In 2006, he became a starter at Will linebacker, leading the team with 77 solo tackles, he was second with 117 total tackles, while registering four sacks, a forced fumble and two pass defensed. In 2007, he started in 14 games, recording 96 tackles (56 solo), a pass defensed, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a tackle for a loss. The next year he was named the Saints Defensive MVP, after finishing with 145 tackles (79 solo). In 2009, he was a starting outside linebacker on the Saints’ Super Bowl championship team, making 106 tackles (74 solo) and was the leading tackler during their playoff run.

Valentine Campus receives \$5,000 grant



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Representatives from Farm Credit Services of America, David Leggott, Mitchell Korf and Dave Lien, presented the Mid-Plains Community College Valentine Campus with a \$5,000 grant Monday morning. Pictured left to right are: Leggott, Gail Knott, MPCC area director of outreach, Korf, Lien, Jennifer Nollette, Valentine campus coordinator, and Dave Dent, Valentine City Councilman.

The Mid-Plains Community College Valentine Campus is one step closer to funding completion thanks to a \$5,000 grant from Farm Credit Services of America. The grant was provided through the FCSAmerica Working Here Fund designed to impact agriculture education.

“At FCSAmerica, we appreciate the opportunity to support future generations of ag producers,” said Logan Thomeczek, a vice president of retail operations in FCSAmerica’s North Platte office.

He was among the representatives from FCSAmerica who presented a check to college officials on Monday at the site of the new campus, 715 E. Highway 20 - next to The Nio-

brara Lodge.

MPCC has had a campus presence in Valentine since June of 2002. The college offers online and distance learning classes in a small building at 113 N. Hall Street in addition to providing numerous dual credit courses through local high schools.

However, increased demand for more localized career and technical training, including that in agribusiness, farm and land management and mechanized agriculture, led to the construction of a larger facility.

In July, crews broke ground on a new, approximately 7,500 square foot building expected to be complete in early spring.

It will provide students

in the Cherry County region with localized, on-campus academic transfer related classes as well as hands-on training in welding, farm equipment calibration and engine repair and maintenance in a technical shop.

“Five additional classrooms will enable the college to offer academic courses and programs in multiple areas, including agricultural sciences,” said Bonnie Kruse, MPCC area director of Institutional Advancement.

It is expected that the college will take possession of the Valentine Campus sometime in March, and that there will be a formal ribbon cutting this summer. More details will be released as they become available.

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