

Lady Knights District Champions; Knights Runner-Up District Champions



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The Sandhills-Thedford Lady Knights were crowned the D-10 District Champions on Wednesday, May 10 following the meet at Paxton High School Track complex. The team scored a total of 129 points to take the plaque. Mullen was Runner-up with 103 points.

The girls team qualified eight girls in 10 events. See the complete results inside this issue on page 7.

Pictured, back row, l-r: Morgan Rimestine, Hannah Christie, Tristan Haake, Marlee Taylor, Elizabeth Peterson, Jacy Hafer, and Rebecca Higgins. Front row, l-r: Cailyn Jameson, Shaylee Scranton, Carlie Collier, Kyra Miles and Hannah Higgins.



The Knights took Runner-Up District D-10 honors on Wednesday, May 10. The team members scored 94 points. The Mullen Broncos won the District Championship with a score of 122.

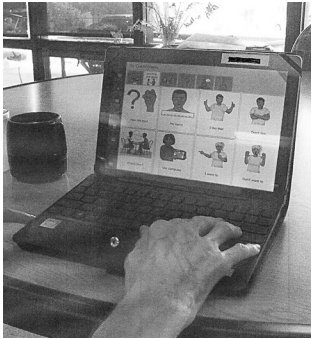
The Knights qualified six athletes in seven events. The Knights will be at the State Track meet in Omaha May 19 and 20.

Team members are, back row, l-r: Colby Collier, Cade Pokorny, Jacey Nutter, Austin Coffman, Tyler Swisher and Nolan Marten. Front row, l-r: Gage Haake, Aaron Nelson, Dylan Lister and Isaac Ganoung.

Pioneer Memorial resident receives tablet

By Nicole Hoffmann,
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A resident at Pioneer Memorial Rest Home was the proud recipient of a digital tablet this spring. The resident has trouble communicating due to multiple sclerosis. After consulting with a speech therapist, it was determined that the resident would greatly benefit from a tablet with a communication program on it. The tablet was purchased with funding from the Hyannis Lions Club. The communication program, called Tobii Dynavox Compass, was then installed on the tablet. Staff at Pioneer Memorial Rest Home work with the resident daily to help increase her communication skills.



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We are always looking for innovative ways to help our residents at Pioneer Memorial Rest Home. A special thank you to Chris Gentry and the Hyannis Lions Club for their generosity in providing funding for this device.

Nebraska Farm Bureau Tells New U.S. Trade Representative Not to Sacrifice Agriculture in Trade Policy

In a letter to newly confirmed United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, Nebraska Farm Bureau President Steve Nelson made it clear that agriculture shouldn't be sacrificed for the benefit of other U.S. industries under the Trump Administration's trade policies. The letter reiterates the message Nelson shared with Lighthizer in person during a meeting between Nebraska agriculture leaders and Lighthizer, organized by U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse.

"While we certainly hope that new levels of success can be achieved for all segments of our nation's economy, we must work to ensure the significant gains achieved in agricultural trade are not sacrificed for the benefit of other industries," wrote Nelson in the letter dated May 11.

In making the case for agriculture to continue as a focal point of U.S. trade policy, Nelson noted the importance agricultural trade has had on Nebraska, specifically related to the free trade agreements the United States has signed with numerous countries around the world.

"Nebraska ranks in the top five among the 50 U.S. states in terms of value of its agricultural exports. In 2015 alone, exports to

countries with free trade agreements accounted for 53 percent of Nebraska's exports. From 2005-2015, exports from Nebraska to free trade agreement markets grew 104 percent, with growth in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) far outpacing that with other free trade agreement countries," wrote Nelson.

Trump's decision to withdraw the U.S. from the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement, as well as mixed messages about NAFTA and other previously passed free trade agreements have been a source of concern for Nebraska farmers and ranchers and other Nebraskans. Agriculture accounts for more than 40 percent of the state's economic output and employs roughly one out of every four Nebraskans, all of which are impacted by Nebraska agriculture's success in the global trade arena.

"Nebraska farm and ranch families rely on international trade for 30 percent of their overall income. It's our hope that you will keep our industry at the forefront of your thoughts as you work on these important issues which will shape future trade policy. We look forward to working with you as the new U.S. Trade Representative," wrote Nelson.

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Sandhills Heritage Museum To Open Its Doors Memorial Day Weekend

After years of planning and obtaining items of history about Blaine County and the communities within, the Sandhills Heritage Museum will open in Dunning Memorial Day Weekend. Board members and volunteers have worked tirelessly the past several months getting things in order for public viewing. The process will be ongoing as more items are donated or loaned to the museum.

As part of the museum, Hereford Crossroads, an organization dedicated to preserving the Hereford history of Nebraska will be present with a wide range of Hereford memorabilia and art including paintings, trophies, bull sale catalogs, photographs, etc.

Summer hours will be 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Thursdays thru Saturdays or by appointment as volunteers are available.

Memorial Day weekend open Friday thru Monday. The non-profit museum, formerly the Home State Bank building, is located at 416 Jewett in downtown Dunning. For more information contact Kathie Martindale 308-880-0787 or Linda Teahon 308-450-0786



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