

A look at what's
happening in the area



DAR meets

NORFOLK — The Nancy Gary chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met recently.

The group donated \$50 to Fort Polk, La., for supplies needed for the veterans returning from Afghanistan. Calendars will be donated to the Norfolk VFW to make memory books for veterans hospitals.

The Valentines for Veterans project was finished and will be delivered to the Norfolk Veterans Home.

Phyllis Trenhaile of Wayne was selected as the Nebraska Outstanding Teacher of American History. She will be honored at the Nebraska State DAR conference in March.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 5, at the Norfolk Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a 1 p.m. meeting. Betty Papstein will present "America's First Ladies."

Tickets on sale

PILGER — The Pilger Senior Center invites the public to a Valentine's Day dinner at the Pilger Senior Center, 119 N. Main St., on Friday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

Complimentary wine and a dinner of prime rib will be served.

Mike and Julie (Johansen) Couch will be performing. They sing gospel and country music.

A total of 100 tickets are offered for sale at \$20. They are available at the senior center, from activity members, or by calling 396-3325 or 941-0175.

Tribe gives funds

In the wake of widespread propane shortages and high costs this winter, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community announced three grants to the Standing Rock, Yankton and Santee Sioux tribes to help them purchase propane for tribal members.

The price of propane has risen dramatically since last year, leaving many tribal families struggling to pay for their heat during this extra-cold winter.

The Santee Sioux Nation of Niobrara will receive \$70,000 for propane. The Santee Sioux Reservation encompasses 110,080 acres and is home to about one-third of the tribal population of 2,662.

"The thought of people struggling during such a harsh winter is unbearable," said Shakopee Chairman Charlie Vig. "We are happy to provide these grants, which will help ensure these tribes' members are warm and cared for."

Volunteer award

Dr. Paul and Caroline Oltenbruns of Bloomfield earned the 2014 Nebraska Association of County Extension Board Volunteer of the Year Award.

They were honored at the association's recent convention in Lincoln.

The couple were nominated by the Knox County 4-H Council and University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension office in Knox County.

Good afternoon:
MAUREEN MARTIN, EMERSON
Thank you for subscribing.

WSC player remembered as 'fun loving'

Special to the Daily News

WAYNE — Preliminary autopsy results show no signs that alcohol or a drug overdose was involved in the weekend death of an 18-year-old Wayne State College football player, authorities said Monday.

Eddie Key III's body was found Saturday evening in his dorm room on campus. Wayne Police Chief Marlen Chinn said it may take weeks before complete autopsy and toxicology results are available. Authorities said they believe Key died in his sleep sometime Saturday morning. He was last seen alive about 4 a.m. Saturday.

His coach at Wayne State, Dan McLaughlin, said he will remember Key as a gregarious, fun-loving guy.

McLaughlin said the Wildcats were taking Key's death hard, so he asked them in a team meeting Sunday to remember something about him that made them laugh or smile.

"Several players spoke up and spoke about fun times and fun things that Eddie had been a part of," McLaughlin said Monday. "There was actually some laughter, filled with tears, just remembering what a great guy and great friend he was."

Key, who was 6-foot-2 and 270 pounds,

played both sides of the ball in high school, and he was an All-Nebraska second-team pick on the offensive line as a senior. He was projected to play on defense for the Wildcats after redshirting last fall.

Key played computer games with some teammates in his dorm room at Berry Hall on Friday night. He had fallen asleep when they left around 4 a.m.

He apparently got up to lock his door because his friends couldn't get in the room Saturday night after he failed to answer their phone calls. A resident assistant opened the door, and that's when they found Key.

Medical personnel were called immediately, and they said he had been dead for several hours. The Wayne Police Department continues to investigate.

McLaughlin said the school was waiting to talk with his parents, Stephanie and Eddie, before they made plans for any type of service at Wayne.

"It is just so raw," McLaughlin said.

The coach said Key became a popular player in his brief time with the team.

"They are very sad and shocked, but resilient," McLaughlin said. "I'm proud of them. They'll be OK."

Editor's note: The World-Herald News Service contributed to this article.



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WEE CARE KITS, created by Norfolk Catholic Elementary students, was one of 10 winners of the Youth Philanthropy Contest. In the photo are (front row, from left): Kinsey Chandler, Alberto Cartela, Ultan Kienbaum and Kenyon Talton; (back row, from left): Amanda Barfuss, Dene Nedrow, Staci Anderson and adult mentor Betty Froehlich.

Baskets, kits meeting needs

Editor's note: The following is the second in a weeklong series of stories highlighting the winners — and their projects — of the Philanthropy Council of Northeast Nebraska's youth contest. Each winner will receive \$1,000 toward the project to be completed in the next nine months.

By GRACE PETERSEN

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Giving back is important, no matter what the age.

Just ask the following Youth Philanthropy Contest winners.

Named as an at-large winner in the kindergarten through fourth-grade division was Baskets of Joy, created by third-grade Montessori School students.

In this project, students will fill baskets that residents at Skyview Villa in Norfolk will use.

"The Baskets of Joy will provide pleasure and happiness to the elderly living at Skyview Villa," said Julie Shoemaker, teacher. "The students will feel gratitude in giving to the residents."

Skyview Villa, Shoemaker said, is the school's business partner. Students visit the residents regularly and enjoy their time with them.

"They give the kids joy. We want to give them joy by giving the baskets," Shoemaker said.

Students will deliver the baskets by May.

"The students are excited to give their time to this project,"



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THIRD-GRADE students at Montessori created Baskets of Love, also a winner in the contest. Students present at the ceremony were (front row, from left): Joshua Schavee, Grace Koch, Grace Reedy, Maryn Mead; (middle row, from left): Logan Bosh, Paige Thompson, Kailyn Strovich, Hayden Kluthe, Sydney Easland, Kayla Pety and Rowan Nielsen. Also present were (back row, from left): Rudy Roud, Vicki Goeken, Kami Hebb and Julie Shoemaker.

Shoemaker said. **ALSO AN AT-large** winner in the division was Wee Care Kits, created by both the Norfolk Catholic Elementary Sonshine preschool and third-grade students.

The project focuses on engaging youths to prepare care kits for individuals who visit the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Norfolk. The kits will include hygiene products, such as toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and shampoo, as well as non-perishable food items and water.

"St. Vincent de Paul Society has several individuals who come to them with a great need for these such items. This will have a positive impact on the community and individuals," the application reads.

The school has contacted the society and has a list of items that are needed. After purchasing the items, they expect to make about 90 kits.

"We want to help people who are in need and who don't have anything," the application reads.

Two from Bassett injured in accident

Special to the Daily News

Two people were injured early Sunday morning in a one-vehicle accident east of Norfolk.

Mike Prather, chief deputy sheriff with the Madison County sheriff's office, said the investigation revealed that a 2007 Ford pickup driven by Bryant Irish, 20, Bassett, had been westbound on East Norfolk Avenue.

The vehicle failed to negotiate a curve, entered the south ditch, struck a large concrete culvert and rolled, Prather said.

A passenger in the vehicle, Dillon Fales, 19, also of Bassett, was ejected from the vehicle during the collision, Prather said.

Both were transported to Faith Regional Health Services by Norfolk Fire & Rescue. Irish had cuts and shoulder injuries, and Fales sustained severe head injuries.

Fales was later transported to Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha by Norfolk Ambulance Service.

The accident occurred about 12:55 a.m. on Sunday. Vehicle speed, icy road conditions and alcohol were believed to be contributing factors to the accident, Prather said.

Neither person was wearing a seatbelt. The Nebraska State Patrol and Norfolk Police Division assisted with the investigation, which is continuing.

MEETING WATCH

Norfolk Public Schools Board of Education

The Norfolk Public Schools Board of Education met Monday, Feb. 10, 5 p.m. study session and 6:30 p.m. at the city council chambers for the regular meeting.

Regular meeting lasted: One hour and 20 minutes, preceded by the one-hour study session.

Board members present: Brad Krivohlavek, Bruce Mitchell, Arnie Robinson and Bob Waite.

Board members absent: Julee Pfeil, excused. Sandy Wolfe, excused.

Others in attendance: 4 from the media, 25 from the public.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approved minutes from the January meetings.
- Approved claims.
- Accepted resignation of

board member Julee Pfeil. Pfeil was present in the audience Monday but did not participate in board business.

■ Approved a contract hiring interim principal Jake Luhr as the new Norfolk High School principal for the 2014-15 school year.

■ Approved a negotiated agreement giving teachers a 3.35 percent raise for 2014-15.

FUTURE MEETINGS

■ The second monthly meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 27, at noon at the central office. The next regular monthly meeting will be on March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the city council chambers. A board supper is set for 5 p.m. followed by a study session at 5:30 p.m., and the regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m. (All are open to the public.)

PUBLIC RECORD

POLICE DIVISION

Bookings (Arrests made or citations issued by the Norfolk Police Division)

Monday: Ellen Echternacht, 56, Pierce, driving under the influence (.15 or more)-first offense, improper turn, open container.

Criminal reports

Theft of money reported at Walmart, 2400 W. Pasewalk Ave.

Theft of property reported at

506 S. Tenth St.

Theft of property reported at Norfolk High School, 801 Riverside Blvd.

Police calls

Between 6 a.m. Monday and 6 a.m. Tuesday, police responded to 55 calls.

FIRE DIVISION

Fire and Rescue unit calls

Monday, 7:11 a.m., Victory Road, rescue call, transported to Faith Regional Health Services.



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always cherish.
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an "80 Days to June's 80th Birthday"
remembrance each day. Fun! Fun!
Hope you all had a great time.
June Wilhelm

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Memory of
Julie Ahn Robinson Kant
June 29, 1941 - February 11, 1999
Those we love do not go away.
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
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and forever dear.
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