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Maverick Cross Country Team Statebound



AMANDA WEHNES

The Sandhills Valley Maverick boys cross country team placed third at the Class D State Cross Country meet held Friday, October 15, at Cambridge. The entire team will be competing at the state meet. Individual top 15 medalists were Colin Rooney and Jared Trimble. Pictured are back row, l-r: Coach Kloke, Rylin Johns, Daylon Weekly, Jared Trimble, and Coach Trimble. Front row, l-r: Steven Cain, Ethan Weems, and Colin Rooney.

The Sandhills Valley Maverick boys cross country team has qualified for the Class D State Cross Country meet after finishing third at the District D-5 meet held Friday, October 15, at the Cross Creek Golf Course, Cambridge.

Other teams competing at the D-5 meet were Amherst, Ansley-Litchfield, Arapahoe, Arcadia-Loup City, Axtell, Bertrand-Loomis, Brady, Cambridge, Hi-Line, Maxwell, Maywood-Hayes Center, Medicine Valley, North Platte St. Patrick's, South Loup (Callaway-Arnold), Southwest, Sumner-Eddyville-Miller, and Wilcox-Hildreth.

Team scores were:

1. Axtell, 20. Coach Joe Philippi and team members Quentin Kappelman, Jaron Bergstrom, Cooper Miller, Tyler Hanson, and Zachary Arner.
2. North Platte St. Patrick's, 25. Coach Tim O'Neill and members Jarrett Miles, Dax Connick, Samuel Dekleva, William Tolstedt, and Andrew Brosius.
3. Sandhills Valley, 33. Coach Eric Kloke and team members Colin Rooney, Jared Trimble, Rylin Johns, Daylon Weekly, and Ethan Weems.
- 4-5 (tie) Southwest, 39 and Arcadia-Loup City, 39.
6. Arapahoe, 50.
7. Cambridge, 75.

8. Amherst, 79
 9. Bertrand-Loomis, 86.
 10. Brady, 94.
 11. Wilcox-Hildreth, 150.
- Individual state qualifiers were Colin Rooney, freshman, and Jared Trimble, sophomore. They both finished in the top 15 individual standings.
- Rooney was fourth with a time of 18:09.41 and Trimble, 15th with a time of 19:07.41.
- Rylin Johns was just short of finishing in the top 15 and placed 16th.
- "I am very proud of these boys. They showed up for practice and worked hard every day," Coach Kloke said. "This is the first time in school

history that a Cross Country team has gone to state, and we are very excited."

Coach Kloke went on to say the team loved running and worked extremely hard in the off season. Some ran 50 miles a week.

"Their hard work really paid off and they have set a team goal of placing in the top nine out of the 18 teams that will be competing at state," Coach Kloke added. "Colin Rooney has a chance to medal as a freshman."

The SVM team will be competing Friday, October 23, at the Kearney Country Club. Class D boys gets underway at 12:30 p.m.

ULNRD Board approves 2020-21 Budget

The Upper Loup NRD Board of Directors adopted the budget for fiscal year 2020-21 on September 10. This year's budget calls for a property tax levy of .017 (1.7 cents per 100 dollars of property valuation).

NRD's have the option to levy up to 4.5 cents per 100 dollars of valuation to aid in fulfilling all their statutory responsibilities and they are well below that amount.

With the help of grants and product sales, the Upper Loup NRD has been able to provide a

wide variety of services, including water quality testing, conservation practices, wildlife habitat improvement, soil sampling, noxious weed control, recycling, yard enhancement, and camp scholarships and more.

The upcoming annual budget total is \$1,200,625.00 with a tax asking of \$459,350.00, meaning less than half of the total budget (37%) is supported by tax dollars.

This is a decrease in asking of approximately 11% from 2019.

Gov. Ricketts announces DHM changes

Nebraskans encouraged to avoid the "Three C's"

Governor Pete Ricketts announced changes to the State's directed health measures (DHMs) that will take effect statewide on October 21, 2020. The Governor also launched a campaign to encourage Nebraskans to avoid the "Three C's" to help slow the spread of the virus: 1) crowded places, 2) close contact, and 3) confined spaces.

Dr. James Lawler, associate professor of infectious disease at UNMC, joined the Governor to emphasize the increasing spread of the virus across the state. The State's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Gary Anthonie, announced the State of Nebraska is allocating up to \$40 million of CARES Act funding to support hospital capacity.

Gina Uhing, Health Director for Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department, urged Nebraskans to continue social distancing and wearing masks to help mitigate the risk of infection.

Additionally, Matthew Blomstedt, Commissioner of the Nebraska Department of Education, discussed his department's work to reinforce the importance of students practicing healthy behaviors in school, at home, and out in the community.

Changes to the State's DHMs: Effective Statewide as of Wednesday, October 21st

pitals must maintain at least 10% of their staffed general and ICU beds as reserve capacity to treat COVID-19 patients.

- Hospitals must continue to accept and treat COVID-19 patients and must not transfer COVID-19 patients to create capacity for elective procedures.
- Bars & Restaurants
 - Patrons will be required to be seated while on premise unless they are placing an order, using the restroom, or playing games.
 - 100% of rated occupancy continues.
 - Maximum of eight (8) individuals in a party (groups larger than eight (8) will need to split into multiple tables).
- Gatherings
 - INDOOR Gatherings will be limited to 50% of rated occupancy (not to exceed 10,000).
 - OUTDOOR Gatherings will remain at 100% of rated occupancy (not to exceed 10,000).
 - Gatherings include but are not limited to Indoor or Outdoor Arenas, Indoor or Outdoor Auctions, Stadiums, Tracks, Fairgrounds, Festivals, Zoos, Auditoriums, Large Event Conference Rooms, Meeting Halls, Indoor Theaters, Libraries, Swimming Pools, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space.
 - Groups shall be no larger than eight (8) individuals.

Sample Ballots Inside This Issue

For nearly 200,000 Nebraskans, their role in the 2020 general election is over. These voters returned an early ballot or voted in person at a county election office, the Nebraska Secretary of State's office said last week.

The 200,000 votes cast so far represent nearly a quarter of all who voted in the 2016 presidential election. That year, 860,573 people voted.

The rise in early voting in Nebraska is the same as the national trend that has seen more than 5.6 million people voting a month before election day.

The U.S. Postal Service is recommending completed early ballots be put in the mail by voters no later than October 27.

Logan and McPherson County sample ballots are being published in this week's issue. Please note that some races may not appear on all ballots as the candidates are elected by specific subdivisions and districts.

If you have not voted, please take the time to look over these ballots before going to the polls.

There will also be two proposed amendments, and four initiatives. These were outlined in an "Election Preview" that was published last week.

Elective Procedures/
Surgeries

- In order to continue elective procedures, hos-

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No Veteran's Day Soup Supper

There will be no Veteran's Day soup supper or American Legion Auxiliary sponsored Veteran's Day program at the school this year on Veteran's Day. Stapleton Public Schools is working on a virtual program that may be viewed on the school's website on Veteran's Day which is Wednesday, November 11.

The V.F.W. and American Legion posts will now have their meetings on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

2020 Holiday Hoopla

Save the date of Saturday, November 21, for the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce's "2020 Holiday Hoopla." Local shops will be open and a craft fair is being planned.

If the chaos of 2020 has left you dazed and confused, Stapleton Chamber would like to invite you to help check off your Christmas list by shopping safe and local! Many businesses also offer gift cards for those who like to shop from home.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
11	79	44	0
12	78	35	.05
13	75	33	0
14	70	42	0
15	61	31	0
16	54	27	0

icy on low elevations on October 12; wind 25 mph on October 14; and killing frost on October 16..

Senior Friendship Club Meeting

The Sr. Friendship Club will meet Friday, October 23, at 1:30 p.m. in the senior citizen's room located in the Stapleton Community Center.

McPherson Co. News



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