

Knights Repeat As D2-9 Champions



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Sandhill-Thedford seniors, Preston Moschenoss, Connor Cooksley, Andrew Furrow, Kaden Haake, and Colinn Winkelbauer, leading the team down the hill to their last home football game of the regular season against Leyton. The Knights will be in Class D2 State Playoffs on Thursday, October 20. Their first round game will be held in Thedford and kick-off is set for 7:00 p.m.. The complete Class D2 Playoff bracket can be found inside this issue.

The Knights hosted the Leyton Warriors on Thursday, October 6 and handily won the game, 51-12. They defeated Mullen, Friday, October 14, 44-6 to end their season with a 7-1 record and went 4-0 record in the D2-9 Districts to repeat as champions.

The Knights came out strong in their Parent's Night game in Thedford against Leyton and scored 44 points in the first half. The defense was able to hold the Warriors to six points in each of the two halves.

Quarterback Kyle Cox was 12/18 for 207 yards and five touchdown passes. He also carried the ball twice for 14 yards and one touchdown.

Kaden Haake was the leading receiver with six catches for 136 yards and four touchdowns. Connor

Cooksley had four catches for 51 yards and one touchdown and Colin Winkelbauer had one catch for 19 yards and Aydyn Hall had one catch for one yard.

Connor Cooksley had 11 carries for 95 yards and one touchdown. Carson Cooksley carried the ball five times for 10 yards and Haake had one carry for two yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, junior Zeb Wilde led the team with nine tackles and he had one for a loss of yards. Andrew Furrow and Rhett McFadden each had six tackles, Furrow also had four passes defended and caused one fumble and McFadden had one pass defended. Kyle Cox and Carson Cooksley each had

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Bovee Fire burns over 18,000 acres; "Sandhills Fire Relief" set for Nov. 11

The Rocky Mountain Complex Incident Management Team 1 has submitted a final report on the Bovee Fire that started in the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey, destroyed Eppley Lodge, cabins, and the Scott Lookout Tower.

Management of the fire transferred to a local Type 4 Incident Management Team on Friday, October 7.

"The Rocky Mountain team would like to thank all those who have worked so hard to assist us during our tenure here," said Dan Dallas, Incident Commander. "This will be the last written update for the Bovee Fire, but updates may be posted on the Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands Facebook page as the situation warrants."

The Bovee Fire consumed 18,930 acres and one small area of heat remained inside the fireline on the south end of the division when the press release was sent out.

Area closure encompassing the entire Bessey Ranger District was in place on the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands. Fire restrictions were also imposed in various parts of the Forests and Grasslands.

Steven and Shalee Morrison have been added to the list of landowners who lost winter pasture, feed, and shelterbelts. The Morrison reported 4,600 acres were lost.

The process of cleaning up the burned 4-H camp will take many months.

Of the 18,930 acres burned, 5,130 acres are forest service, 13,217 acres are privately owned and 583 are state owned. Of the 30,000 original forest acres, about half burned in 1965. The Bovee Fire and a fire earlier this year burned a total of 9,310 acres. Half of the forest left has been lost.

A Sandhills Fire Relief fundraiser will be held Friday, November 11, at the Thomas County Fair-



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grounds near Thedford. Slow Poke BBQ of Oconto will be cooking the meal. A live and silent auction will begin at 5:00 p.m. and Borderline will play following the auction.

Items for online or the live auction may be made by contacting Dr. Scott Reynolds or Dr. McKenzie Beals at Broken Bow Animal Hospital by calling 308-872-5281 or going to the Sandhills Fire Relief

Facebook page. Financial donations may be sent to Custer County Foundation, 403 South 9th Street, Broken Bow, NE 68822. Include "Sandhills Fire Relief Fund," on your contribution.

Nebraska 4-H Camp Appreciation BBQ

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation, and Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development want to express their gratitude for the immediate response of the hundreds of staff and volunteers locally and beyond to the Bovee fire.

We invite the firefighters and first responders and all who have been friends of the Nebraska 4-H Camp to recognize the contributions of so many

and honor the community that has been an incredible partner to the Nebraska 4-H Camp for more than 60 years.

We will be hosting an Appreciation BBQ at Sandhills High School, in Dunning, on Sunday, November 6, from 12:00-3:00 p.m., with remarks scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

Please RSVP at <https://4h.unl.edu/bovee-fire>

Seneca Annual Turkey Dinner & Bazaar Oct. 30

Plan to attend the annual Turkey Dinner & Bazaar at the Seneca Auditorium in Seneca on Sunday, October 30, 2022. Serving will start at 11:00 a.m. MT.

There will be baked goods for sale, as well as jars of the horseradish that the Seneca Women's Fellowship is known for. There will be silent auction items, Rada cutlery, greeting cards, as well as

all the miscellaneous items you count on to be available for purchase.

Mark your calendars for October 30. The price is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5-12. Children 4 & under eat for free. The dinner is hosted by the Seneca Women's Fellowship.

Don't miss out on the delicious food our local communities provide. Hope to see you there.

Honoring Our Own



LINDA TEAHON

Fire, rescue and law enforcement units accompanied Purdum #21 from Broken Bow to Dunning to pay final respects to Purdum Assistant Fire Chief, Michael "Mike" Moody who died October 2 while fighting the Bovee Fire near Halsey.

Area fire departments joined together to honor one of their own last week.

Services were held Friday, October 7, for Purdum Assistant Fire Chief Michael "Mike" Moody who died October 2 while fighting the Bovee Fire near Halsey. Purdum #21 was Moody's unit.

A procession began at Broken Bow and other units joined along High-

way 2 on the way to Sandhills High School at Dunning where the services were conducted.

Among the numerous fire departments paying tribute were Brewster, Dunning, Thedford, Tryon, Stapleton, Broken Bow, Ansley, Callaway, Arnold, Wood River, Anselmo, Sargent, and 10 units from the National Forest Service.

Moody served for over

40 years in the Purdum Rural Fire Department and covered many different roles. His home served as the "home base" and dispatch for the department.

The Purdum Volunteer Fire Department covers southeastern Cherry County, northeastern Thomas County, and northwestern Blaine County.