



Mav Runners Take Ninth At State



BRIDGET WEEMS

Members of the Sandhills Valley boys and girls cross country teams are pictured following the 2022 NSAA Class D Boys Cross Country meet held in Kearney. Pictured above, l-r: Conner Weekly, Rhoshykee Bruns, Keith Morash, Steven Cain, Colin Rooney, Ethan Weems, Jared Trimble, Davian Holt, Ali Trimble, Shelby Layher and Marianne Zuniga.

The Sandhills Valley boys cross country team competed in the NSAA championships on Friday, October 21, at Kearney. The Mavs finished in 9th place as a team with a score of 85.

Individual placings for the Mavs:
16. Jared Trimble (se-

nior) - 18:10.74; 21. Colin Rooney (junior) - 18:19.63; 46. Keith Morash (sophomore) - 19:14.13; 64. Steven Cain (senior) - 20:21.55; 66. Ethan Weems (juniors) - 20:32.11.

Team results included:
1. 16 - Cornerstone Christian

2. 19 - North Platte St. Pat's
3. 45 - Nebraska Christian
4. 49 - Franklin
5. 59 - Tri County
6. 76 - McCool Junction
7. 79 - West Holt
8. 79 - Garden County
9. 85 - Sandhills Valley

Mavs end season in play-off game

The Sandhills Valley Maverick football team ended their season in first round play-off action at Stapleton, Thursday, October 20. The Mavs dropped a heartbreaking game to Sandy Creek. Picture highlights inside this issue and a complete look at the Maverick football season will appear next week.

Locally owned market needs your ideas, input



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Your community. Your store. That's the tagline of the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli and your input and ideas are needed. A steering committee meeting is being planned on November 17 and all community members are encouraged to attend.

The Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli opened in March of 2017 and recently observed its 5th anniversary. The store has provided the community with a much needed grocery store during that time.

Contributions of shareholders and patronage of community members has allowed the purchase of the building, updating of current equipment including the purchase of new coolers, and building inventory.

The SCMD Board of Directors is now requesting your help in moving the store forward and keeping it as a vital and important asset in the community.

The Board of Directors is working with Cindy

Houlden, Cooperative Business Development Specialist, Nebraska Cooperative Development Center in finding ways to make the store more profitable.

An interested group of individuals met Wednesday, August 3, at the Stapleton Community Center to exchange ideas and share feedback on the store.

A community-wide committee meeting is now being planned for Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m., at the Stapleton Community Center.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. There will be various committees that will be outlined and attendees will have an opportunity to serve where they feel

they have expertise.

The Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli started with steering committees and the board of directors feels this is a good way to invite shareholders and others who have a vested interest in the store as to what they would like to see in the future.

Several ideas have been suggested to expand the store in a variety of ways, in addition to being a full service grocery store.

Serving on the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli Board of Directors are Tom Johnson, president; Jason Trimble, vice president; Marcia Hora, secretary; Nathan Weems, treasurer; Dan Beckius, Janet Boeser, and Jack Brummet.

Rural Nebraskans say: 'Not much optimism here'

Rural Nebraskans are not optimistic about the economy in the next year, according to the 2022 Nebraska Rural Poll.

When asked in late spring and summer about their expectations for various economic items in the next year, most rural Nebraskans surveyed believe the following will become worse: inflation (87%), gasoline or fuel prices (87%), grocery prices (86%) and interest rates (85%). In fact, more than four in 10 respondents believe fuel prices, inflation, grocery prices and health care costs will become much worse in the next 12 months.

The annual poll surveys rural Nebraskans on their views and opinions on various local, state and national issues, as well as

their quality of life and access to services. Questionnaires were mailed to 6,102 households in Nebraska in May and June, with 1,105 households representing 86 of the state's 93 counties responding. In its 27th year, the 2022 Rural Poll focused on the state's economy and other issues, said Becky Vogt, the poll's manager.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, economic growth in Nebraska was steady in early 2022. However, with an increase in inflation, the impact on household budgets and businesses presents some concerns for Nebraskans.

This concern is reflected in the less-than-optimistic perspective regarding the economy over the next 12

months. This is significant because residents' expectations can impact the economic success of their communities, said Steve Schulz, associate professor of supply chain management at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

"Optimism and hope improve perceptions of successful businesses in rural communities and the ability to attract new companies in the future," he said.

The questionnaire focused on Nebraska's economy, from basic economic status to employment characteristics. Overall, 43% of rural Nebraskans surveyed believe their personal financial situation will become worse or much worse during the next year. More than six

in 10 respondents with household incomes under \$40,000 think their personal financial situation will become worse, compared to just over a quarter of those with the highest household incomes (\$100,000 or more).

"This finding is likely because lower-income households spend more of their disposable income on basic goods, such as food, gas and housing, and these are items that are particularly prone to the current round of inflation," said Brad Lubben, extension associate professor of agricultural economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "While folks may feel confident about their job security given workforce challenges and low

unemployment, they are concerned that the living costs are currently rising faster than their compensation."

That said, few rural Nebraskans surveyed are making or considering employment changes, with only three in 20 respondents actively seeking a better-paying job.

While many rural Nebraskans are not looking to change careers, they still place a significant value on employment characteristics. Characteristics that workers value include a focus on feeling valued; the type of work; safety; autonomy; and opportunities to advance or improve.

"Connecting to our work and valuing it is a part of our culture as Nebraskans," said Cheryl

Burkhart-Kriesel, an associate professor and extension specialist at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff. "I think it is in our DNA. You see this historically through our low unemployment rates and our propensity toward multiple job holdings."

The Rural Poll is the largest annual poll gauging rural Nebraskans' perceptions about policy and quality of life. The margin of error is plus-or-minus 3%. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Department of Agricultural Economics conducts the poll with funding from Rural Prosperity Nebraska and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Stapleton Is Your Halloween Headquarters

Stapleton is the place if you're looking for some fun Halloween activities.

Herbie's Speakeasy will be hosting a 'Spooktacular Tasting' and costume contest, Thursday, October 27, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be free samples of carmel apple drinks, Nebraska Craft beers, and Cutwater Spirits. Refreshments will include Kelsey's carmel apple bark with a bite. Watch our Facebook page for your chance to vote on your favorites. No costume? No problem. Come and enjoy.

The Maverick basketball team will be sponsoring a 'Butcher Shop' in downtown Stapleton, Saturday, October 29, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Enjoy a rattle snake chili meal at the Stapleton Community Center. Cost of the meal is \$5.00. Adults can enter for \$8.00 and munchkins, \$1.00.

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring their annual "Tricked Out Trunk" event on Main Street, Monday, October 31. Enjoy safe Halloween fun for the entire family from 4:15-6:15 p.m. that evening.

The best "Tricked Out Trunk" will receive \$25.00 in Chamber bucks. To register your trunk call Frey's Store at 308-636-2636. A costume contest will be conducted at the school that afternoon with winners receiving Chamber bucks.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
15	73	38	0
16	70	40	0
17	58	25	0
18	57	24	0
19	55	23	0
20	74	27	0
21	78	39	0

Event Calendar

Thursday, October 27 - Herbie Tasting, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.; No School, Parent/Teachers Conf.

Friday, October 28 - Poker, 7:00 p.m., Vet's Club; Sr. Friendship Club, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 29 - SHS Boys Basketball Team Haunted House

Monday, October 31 - Poker, 7:00 p.m., Vet's Club; Tricked Out Trunks In Stapleton
Wednesday, November 2 - VFW Auxiliary, 1:30 p.m., Vet's Club

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