

2023 NSAA Class D2 Champions



BRIDGET LICKING

Pictured is the 2023 Sandhills-Thedford Knight football team, back row, l-r: Head Coach Tyson Cox, Assistant Coach, Cade Pokorny, Peyton Saner, Carson Cooksley, Aydyn Hall, Kyle Cox, Caden Zutavern, Maurice Robinson, Tyson Hickman, Ross Martindale and Assistant Coach Russell Licking. Middle row, l-r: Caleb Furrow, Aaron Hall, Thatcher Teahon, Brandon Goshorn, Mason Cooksley, James Reiser, Russell Norton Jr. and Quinton Marshall. Front row, l-r: Seniors - Coby Higgins, Rhett McFadden, Zeb Wilde and Brady Dahlberg.

Marcia Hora

Sandhills-Thedford brought home the D2 football trophy to the Sandhills in an impressive game on a rainy day in Lincoln's Memorial Stadium.

Kyle Cox carried the ball 65 times, an all-class state record for any game, not just the playoffs - for 486 yards, the most in a state final in any class as the Knights pounded Wynot, 50-12 in the championship game.

What did Cox say when interviewed after the game? It was his offensive line that he gave credit to. Weaving in and out behind the blocking of Zeb Wilde, Rhett McFadden, Brady Dahlberg, Tyson Hickman and Caden Zutavern, Cox made it look easy.

That's because his line

brings it hard every single play he said.

Coach Steve Heimes of Wynot said it was the best offensive line his team faced all season long. He added the Knights were more physical and they stayed after it.

That's the way they have played all season long. They avenged their only loss of the year to the South Loup Bobcats with an impressive second half comeback that gave them the chance to compete for the state title for the third time in four years. That is an impressive accomplishment any way you look at it.

Cox finished with 2,900 yards rushing and 402 points for the Knights on the season.

Wynot got on the score board first on a seven

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Only Six Months Until May 2024 Statewide Primary

Six months from today, Nebraskans will head to the polls to cast their ballots in the statewide primary, however, with a new voter ID law, Nebraskans should start preparing for the primary now. The Secretary of State's office reminds voters that voter ID will take effect for the May 14, 2024, statewide primary and will be in effect for every election in Nebraska after that.

"Nebraska's elections will look a little different for the 2024 statewide primary and going forward," Secretary of State Bob Evnen said. "Nebraskans should take some time now to prepare a voting plan ahead

of the statewide primary. Our election officials are working diligently to implement the state's new voter ID law. Having prepared voters will help ensure a smooth and successful start."

Under Nebraska's new voter ID law, registered voters must present a valid photo ID for their vote to count. Nebraskans can use any of the IDs listed below for voting:

- Nebraska driver's license or state ID
- Nebraska college or university ID (public or private)
- Nebraska political subdivision ID (state/county/city/public school ID)
- Passport
- Military ID
- Tribal ID
- Hospital, assisted living facility, nursing home or any other skilled care facility record

According to research conducted by the Secretary of State's office,

more than 97% of Nebraskans have either a Nebraska driver's license or a Nebraska state ID. Either can be used to vote under the voter ID law.

People can get a free state ID for voting purposes from the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). If the person was born in Nebraska and needs a free certified copy of their Nebraska birth certificate to get a free state ID, they can contact the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). A birth certificate is not a valid form of voter ID.

There is no special "Voter ID card" issued by the Secretary of State's office. Some states have specific Voter ID cards for their voter ID law; Nebraska does not.

There is preliminary voter ID educational material on the sos.nebraska.gov website. There

will be more educational resources and events published and advertised in 2024.

The Secretary of State's office reminds voters to use trusted sources for election information, such as information distributed from the Secretary of State's office or a Nebraska county election office. We anticipate that misinformation about elections will increase in 2024. It's important to verify claims that come up in election-related articles and social media posts. Reach out to your county election office or the Secretary of State's office for your questions and concerns.

Nebraskans are encouraged to serve as poll workers. You may contact your local county clerk's office for more information on how you can help Nebraskans vote in 2024.

Christmas Extravaganza In Dunning



LINDA TEAHON

Last year's Christmas Extravaganza in Dunning was well attended and this year will also feature a wide variety of vendors and Christmas gift giving ideas.

You won't want to miss out on shopping and Christmas gift items available at the Dunning Christmas Extravaganza to be held Saturday, December 2, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the historic Dunning community hall.

This year's vendors include Renea's Wreaths,

Amy Simonson Pottery, Marlene Van Diest crafted items, Melissa's stocking stuffers, Sabrina's Special Christmas decor, Eileen's Fancy Gifts, Mary Kay, Kinney's Wood Crafts, Key's Canning, Jewelry by Mo, Tupperware & CP Aprons, PaperPie children's books, activities and toys,

Scentsy, Norwex, handmade jewelry by Russ, Holly's crafts, Larry's outdoor decor and calendars by Linda Teahon, and Paul Polk Woodworking. The show will also include featured authors, John Hunt and Alan Bartels. Food will be served by C & J Baking and Concessions.

Countdown To Election

- January 5 - Candidate filing begins
- January 15 - First day county election offices can accept early voting ballot requests
- April 8 - County election offices begin mailing out early voting ballots
- April 15 - First day to vote in-person at the county election office
- April 29 - Last day to register to vote online, at the DMV, at the Department of Education, at DHHS, by deputy registrar or by mail (postmark)
- May 3 - Last day to register to vote in-person at the county election office
- May 13 - Last day to vote early in-person at the county election office
- May 14 - Primary election day (Polls are open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. CT and 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. MT)
- May 14 - Last day to return an early voting ballot to the county election office (by 8 p.m. CT/7 p.m. MT)

New this year: May 21 - Last day for a voter to present their valid ID to their county election office if they didn't have their ID at the polls.

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