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Senator Kate Sullivan Visits Orchard



Senator Kate Sullivan (left) spent a half hour answering students questions. Every grade present, from kindergarten to eighth grade, had questions to ask the senator.

Students Learn About Constitution Day

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Constitution Day may not be the most celebrated days of the year, but a special visitor to Orchard on Monday added to the excitement.

However, this year Clearwater-Orchard had an exciting assembly to learn more about the Nebraska Constitution.

The special speaker? Senator Kate Sullivan.

On Monday, Clearwater-Orchard had the unique pleasure of welcoming District Senator Kate Sullivan to the Orchard site, where she answered students' questions and talked about how senators work so the Nebraska constitution represents all Nebraska citizens.

Senator Sullivan began the assembly by sharing a little about herself.

"I'm from Cedar Rapids," began the Senator. "I've been there for a long time. I raised two girls and I have three grandchildren, two of them who are not so far away from me, they're in Albion. So when I'm not doing

The first requirement (to becoming senator) is, you have to be interested in Nebraska. You have to care about Nebraska and care about its future."

KATE SULLIVAN
State Senator

this, I enjoy being a grandma."

Sullivan grew up on a farm in Valley County, about three hours from Orchard, and she still visits her childhood home often. Aside from completing her duties as senator, Sullivan also dedicates some of her work hours to the bank in Cedar Rapids and is often volunteering in her community.

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Group Forming For Young Professionals In Antelope County

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With a large number of new professionals moving to the area recently, the Neligh Chamber of Commerce decided to offer a new networking opportunity for all young professionals in Antelope County.

The first mixer took place in Neligh on Wednesday evening and drew young professionals from several local communities, including Neligh, Orchard, Tilden and Oakdale.

Neligh Economic Development Director Greg Ptacek said the event is hopefully the first of many to engage the future leaders of Antelope County.

"We thought it would be a perfect opportunity to have a kick off event, see where it goes from here," he said.

The young professions mixer was held at the Imperial Steakhouse II in Neligh.

It had Ptacek hoping for young leaders to put the interest of the communities as a long option. But the night was just not for "young" people in the community.

"If you consider yourself a professional, or if you consider yourself young, I mean it is just an attitude. With connecting young Nebraskans I have seen people who are 65 there," he said.

Kayla Schnuelle is the founder of

Connecting Young Nebraskans and was there to help promote discussion of what a young professionals group is.

"So what's happening tonight is a whole number of people coming together that are going to be forming new relationships, maybe is a business people saying, 'Hey, I know an insurance person or I know someone at the school that you can talk to,'" Schnuelle said. "It is just those networks or relationships that are really important to your community."

The night consisted of drinks, food and conversation about what would bring more young people to community, and how to make new residents feel welcome.

"It's so we can come together and we can keep Neligh alive and growing," said Tessa Hain, who attended and works for the Antelope County Extension Office.

The main points that were talked about where focusing on coming together to make the next step for the community, development, and finding a way to improve the community.

Anyone who would like to participate in the event is welcome, regardless of age and profession. For questions, contact Greg Ptacek or Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen at (402) 887-4447 or by email at greg@neligh.org and lauren@neligh.org.

GRAIN BIN RESCUE



Wayne Thiele was transported via LifeNet from the scene of a grain bin rescue north of Neligh. Thiele was trapped inside a grain bin for an hour and a half before multiple agencies were able to cut holes in the big and slide him out the side.

Teamwork Credited For Saving Neligh Man Trapped Inside Bin

By Carrie Pitzer
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A Neligh man was identified as the man rescued from a grain bin on Friday afternoon.

According to the Antelope County Sheriff's Department, Wayne Thiele of Neligh, 53, was assisting Bob and Cory Bennett in unloading grain when he became trapped. The bins were on property owned by Bob Bennett.

Team effort is being credited in a grain bin rescue on Friday afternoon north of Neligh along Highway 14.

Neligh Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mike Mortensen said first responders from multiple agencies were on hand with the rescue from a grain bin. The bins were located on the west side of Highway 14 near the intersection with the Pierce-Neligh Road.

"It was a team effort," Mortensen said after the victim was transported from the scene via Life Net helicopter.

Thiele was in the center of the grain bin. Mortensen said the Central Valley Ag Emergency Response Team, which is a rope rescue and grain bin emergency team, and the Plainview Fire Department played key roles in the extraction of the individual.

"I'm glad we could assist the Neligh Fire Department today. That was our pleasure to help. That's why the CVA has developed the rescue team," said Jeff Krebs,

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After nearly 90 minutes, first responders decided to take Wayne Thiele out the bottom of the grain bin, where they can cut holes in the sides to remove the corn and pressure.

MORE ONLINE

To see how a grain bin rescue takes place, go to www.MyAntelopeCountyNews.com and watch a video of a demonstration earlier this year in Tilden.



FALCON HOMECOMING

Austin Miller and Haley Eckert were crowned Elkhorn Valley king and queen on Friday. For more color photos from homecoming, turn to page 12.



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WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 84	High 78	High 66
Low: 65	Low: 56	Low: 50
Precip: 20%	Precip: 90%	Precip: 10%

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