



## Cars and Crafts!

North Platte High School Hosts Their 2nd Annual Cars and Crafts Show



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This is the second year the Skills USA has put on the cars and craft show. This year the show landed on August 31st. There were 20 booths and 18 vendors in his years. The Cars and crafts shows are not something they plan in one day. The students and advisers plan for months. “We started planning as soon as we finished last year’s event. Making idea changes to make the event run smoother. We took the feedback from last year’s vendors to have the option of having a booth inside or outside” said advisor Nathaniel Foster. During the show there was voting, there were four categories, people’s choice, high school, first responders’ choice, and NPHS SkillsUSA choice.

### People’s Choice

1st Randy Roethmeyer with a 1969 Plymouth Satellite

2nd Paula Smith with a 1979 F100

3rd Dan Troyer with a 1945 Chevy Cabover Truck

### People’s Choice High School

1st Khalon Newton with a 1948 International Pickup

2nd Dale Zogg with a 1977 AMC Gremlin

### First Responders Pick

Paula Smith with a 1979 F100

### NPHS SkillsUSA Pick

Khalon Newton with a 1948 International Pickup

The students and community helped raise can and money to go towards “Canned food was for the school pantry” Foster said “We raised about \$2,600 between Craft registration, Car registration, Sack lunches, Silent Auction Items, and Donations.

”Our total for canned food items was 201 items. We also collected \$60 cash donations for the Food pantry as well.” said Zogg This year the Skills team decided to work on some advertisements. They created a North Platte SkillsUSA Facebook page and a 2024 Cars and Crafts Facebook event page. They also hung up flyers and signs around town. ALL the flyers were designed by Brandon Petreson and printed by Melissa Romero.

Terri Berchell with the NPPS Foundation arranged for a couple of radio interviews with Cannon Rath at Eagle Radio. They also funded to create a commercial ad that ran for the two weeks prior to the event. Dayspring Bank’s Ag Lender Noah Harvey took charge of securing the sponsorship from Dayspring Bank to supply Hamburgers and Hotdogs to be grilled for sack lunch. Noah secured help from Mike Honerman and Stacey Foster to assist with the grilling of the lunch. The NPHS Custodial Staff did an outstanding job helping have the facilities prepared and helped everywhere they could before, during, and after the event.





## Get To Know Our Fierce Players!

Now THIS is how our team gets ready to lock in! Sophomore Jake Kincaid (Jersey number 55) gets hyped up by music before a game. Kincaid states, "I usually listen to 'Animal I Have Become' by Three Days Grace to get in the zone". Junior Enrique Ramos (Jersey number 58) and Senior Gabriel Moreno (Jersey number 40) get ready for their game in style! They show off their favorite Nike cleats on the field; Ramos sports the custom Jordan 1's cleat.

With all this talk of zoning in, does anyone wonder if the crowd affects their energy during the game? Ramos, Kincaid and Moreno all agree that it doesn't, but what does affect them? Their home support. They agree their family and friends keep them going, especially their moms.

Even with great patronage, there is sacrifice while playing. Ramos talks about his trials and tribulations throughout his football career. "What really sucked was my shoulder injury, I was out for about 2 years. I also had a concussion too. All that was my freshman year." Kincaid fractured his finger his freshman year. Moreno had a dead leg and arm injury as well.

While this can be a tricky sport, they also encourage new players to enjoy it as much as they have. Moreno says to work hard, Kincaid suggests "...don't be afraid of contact.", and Ramos says to practice hard and stay humble. Overall, it's best to keep it positive on the field and have fun while you're at it! Stay tuned to cheer for them this season, go Bulldogs!

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## Pacers

The North Platte High School Pacer team was hard at work this summer between morning practices to camp! "We go to UDA camp every year in Lincoln" senior captain, Addisyn Carter, said. Bonding is an important part to playing a sport. "we get to stay in the dorms so it's fun to bond with my team in that way." Camp wasn't only a great experience for these athletes but a learning experience. "it really pushed me a lot, so it was a good experience and I learned a lot about myself and my dancing." said Captain Brooklyn Songster, senior, Gianna Nolda, head coach said, "the girls learned a lot of material for routines, it was a lot of hard work and dedication." These athletes put in a lot of effort over the summer to, "continue to grow our skill set, put out phenomenal performances and just grow as individuals." Nolda. The pacers do a lot of training just to get ready for one practice. "We practiced a lot, we did Jazzercise most mornings." Jenna Ward, senior said. The pacers have a big change to the football games because they will be on the sidelines this year! "We're thrilled to be dancing on the sidelines and to be able to showcase some more of our styles."



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## Cheer

The North Platte High School cheer team brings on the spirit as Seniors Rianica Bryant, Hayden Miller and Jaleigh Comer spoke about their days in the sun at cheer camp! One thing a person can never leave behind is a good memory! They reminisce of their favorite events of the trip. "On the way to camp, we had just pulled into Lincoln, and we were blasting some music, we had this big megaphone too!" "We did a theme night and we all dressed up like dalmatians." said Bryant. "My favorite band routine was Louie, Louie" Comer exclaimed. Even the coaches had a fun time! "The girls got all of the other teams... coaches and camp staff to do a little greeting" said Head Coach Grace Fletcher. Bryant also talked about the harder parts of cheer. "We have a band routine called 'Hey Song', and it's really difficult for everyone to learn. The music plays really fast!" They have a lot more to show for their efforts than cute uniforms! Coach Sky Seery comments on their growth. "The athletes learned a lot... They were really able to work on their skills and show off what they could do.", "We just want



## Tennis

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Boys tennis had their first matches on August 31st in McCook. They also played their first home game on September 12th. Brett Pfeifer senior and Braxton Songster senior are duos partners. Pfeifer knew some people were playing and decided to give it a try “I had a couple friends that played and I wanted to try it out.” Everyone has goals, Pfeifer’s goals for this season are to “get better and have fun.” Pfeifer is not the only one with goals for the season, his duos partner Songster goals are to get better and maybe win a couple matches. Songster started playing because “My friend got me into tennis.” Mrs. Godfrey the assistant coach “started coaching intramural volleyball at Adams Middle School. Last year was my first season coaching girls tennis and this fall is my first time coaching boys tennis. “ For Godfrey she doesn’t just coach to coach. She has a “Deep passion for the sport and a genuine desire to help others develop their skills and confidence. Witnessing the progress and growth of my players. There are a lot of highs and lows to coaching.” For Godfrey, her favorite part about

coaching is that “It’s incredibly rewarding to see them develop their skills, gain confidence, and achieve their goals, both on and off the court.

“ And her least favorite parts include “dealing

with setbacks, such as when a player becomes discouraged after a tough loss. It’s difficult to see someone struggle, especially when they’ve worked hard.”



## Golf

This season of girls golf has been described as “another run at making the state tournament”

by Girls golf coach Matt Kaminski. With four new members on the team, the state tournament seems just a little easier. Player Hailee Raffaelli says she feels like “it’s going to be a good season” and that “all of our varsity girls are doing well so far”. Hailee’s been on the team for two years but has been playing since she was seven. When asked what has been done to prepare the team for this season, Presley Petera said “we have been doing a lot of drills lately and going over some rules, because in golf rules are a very big deal, and we have been playing the course a lot trying to perfect our game”. Presley enjoys the community of golf and how they help and coach each other politely throughout the season: “We all support each other and we kind

of understand the game and at the same levels of certain aspects, and it’s just fun playing with them”. When asked what type of club they enjoy using most, Hailee says that her hybrid is her favorite and Presley responded that she enjoys the shorter irons because she feels more

contact when swinging with them.

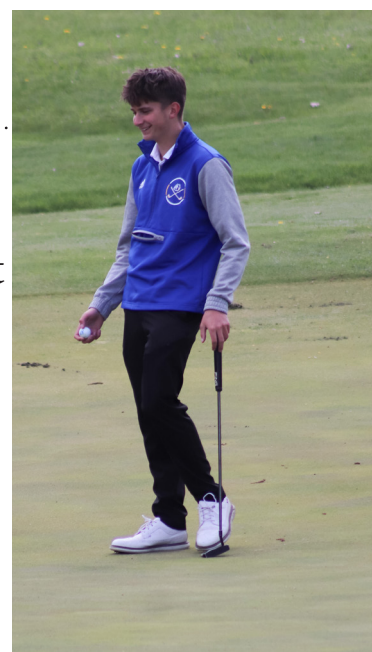


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## Softball

The Bulldog Softball team has hit the ground running! Their season has been filled with practicing, training, and learning. Coach Laura Johnson said, “The team was really active in the weight room and the summer strength and conditioning program”. When asked about summer camp, player Lauren Bowers stated, “Camp was different, because there were more freshmen so it was younger. Some of our seniors didn’t go.” The team has been working hard, making memories, and striving to win districts after being a close runner up in last year’s season. The members have also been setting

some goals for themselves to help them bring home a championship.

Bowers has said her goals are to “get along and build chemistry with the team”. Jaleigh Comer said her biggest goal is to “hit better” this season.





## How was the first day?

Ashley Goytia (Senior)

“My first day wasn’t until Monday 19th so everybody was already adjusted in their classes but I managed to adjust myself too and get caught up with things so it wasn’t too terrible.”

Kassidee Preece (Sophomore)

“It was hard to get back in the groove and wake up early but I survived it. I think it could have been worse to have no friends in my classes.”

Serenity Pike (Junior)

“It was good, I got lost a couple of times but I found my way to my classes.”

Quintin Lawson (Sophomore)

“My first day was great. I got to know my teachers a bit, and figured out how the rest of my semester/year is going to look. And start transitioning into a new school for me- as I just transferred from Omaha Westside and had questions/worries about coming here.”

Chyenne Bristol (Senior)

“The first day felt like any other day. What made it so good was the fact that it was a Wednesday.”

Mercedes Newton (Freshman)

“It was good I got to know more about the school and where the classes are.”

Bella Gilland (Freshman)

“Freshmen was new but good. It was fun to do the scavenger hunt and meet everyone, the upperclassmen being there was more crowded but felt more like it would everyday.”

Jesse Smith (Junior)

“Pretty good, I was interested to see what this year had in store.”

Maddy Lohmann (Senior)

“It was great, I got all of the classes I wanted for the first semester. I had friends in every class and got to talk to all of my teachers and get to

know them.”

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## Library



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The North Platte High School Library had a new makeover over the summer. The library got a new wrap installed over the summer to bring the space closer together. “It compliments our new furniture and shows our bulldog pride,” said Jami Tatman. There are many things students can do in the library. Students and teachers can go into the library and check out books and get hooked up with Sora. Sora is an online library where students and teachers can access e-books and audiobooks. You can request new titles for books, study, work on projects, take a brain break, enjoy maker space, print, check out headphones, and get tech help for all your tech problems. In addition to the new wrap added to the library, anyone can check the new titles they received over the summer and their reading challenge for the new school year. Some maker space highlights include designing something on the 3d printer, diamond art, Perler beads, bracelets, sew your own bookmark, and so many other crafts. Along with crafts, there are puzzles, card games, and board games, and Ozo bots.