



## HOMECOMING

North Platte High School Hosts Homecoming of 2024



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The North Platte High School's homecoming dance was on September 20th, 2024. Most students chose to dress up in dresses and suits. They played many songs over the course of the night; the top 3 favorites were Taylor Swift, "Church Clap", and "Fein". Homecoming night was a "bittersweet moment," for Senior Kacey Munson who won the Homecoming court this year. The seniors got to vote on who they wanted to be on the Homecoming court. About one week before the dance the students had a chance to vote for another student to win king or queen for homecoming court. This year Munson wore "a floral pattern blue and white dress with silver on it and white heels with silver jewels, and of course the Queen Crown!" The King this year was Senior Nic Zurn. Zurn spoke about how he felt after winning. "I was excited but, when I was on stage I was about to pass out, it was scary." The school also put on a homecoming parade on September 18th. Every sports and clubs had the chance to decorate a float and ride it in the parade. That was a wrap on the 2024 homecoming.



## Volleyball

This volleyball season, the North Platte High School team was up to defeat any team that they came against, Senior Callie McClain said, “we are hoping to get a better record than last year.” They are a close team who are always learning and improving from each other. Sophomore Ashlyn Carlso explains that, “Being able to interact with my teammates and like to grow closer to them and I also love being able to learn from them and grow as a player and build more confidence in myself.” Another interesting fact about the team is that we have some girls who have been playing for a very long time. Senior Callie has been playing since she was in 3rd grade, she was signed up by her mom and she just started playing and had not stopped since. Sophomore Ashlyn has been playing since 3rd grade, her grandma’s love for volleyball inspired her to try out for the team in elementary school.



## D&D Club



Oliver Simpson, Sophomore, in his role along with Ariel Stinson, Sophomore, are both Dungeon Masters. Their roles consist of mapping the game out for the rest of the players. Both Ariel and Oliver said that they enjoy the fights and anticipation that the game brings to the table “literally”. All in all, they said it’s a really fun time and they enjoy being with their friends doing what they love. DND is looking for new people, and they are very welcoming as Ariel mentioned! So, if you’re thinking about joining or are interested in Dungeons and Dragons, go sign up!

## Football Update

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This year’s football season has recently ended. They won a total of 4 games over this season including Norfolk, Lincoln Northeast, Omaha Benson, Lincoln high. One of the seniors on the team Gabe Moreno (jersey number- 40) plays running back and defensive end. His biggest supporters are his “mom and dad.” His advise for the younger players is to “work hard and dont slack”



Student council  
Aidan Frazier

Half way into the first term of North Platte High, student council officials have big plans for this year. Vice President, Tuesday Allen states that, "We're actually hosting a state convention in a couple of months". It'll be the first time North Platte has hosted the whole state at our high school with the theme as Resilience in the Jhungle. This convection consists of every school in Nebraska coming together to host "keynote speakers" and "mini sessions" where students share their ideas for student council. On another note, President Olivia Dobish told us "we have our canned food drive coming up after our state convention". Recently, Olivia is in charge of planning an upcoming golf tournament at Rivers Edge. With a council of 40 members, their biggest yet, Olivia is very proud of this year.



New Teachers  
Haylee Fransisco

Last school year North Platte High had a lot of new teachers. This year we have a few more new people at our school! One of the new people is Nashea Meduna. Mrs. Meduna is one of our new counselors for students with the last name that starts with S through Z. She is married and has three girls. Before she came here to North Platte High she was teaching seventh and eighth grade English for 19 years at Adams Middle School. When she went to college she had no idea what she wanted to do. So she just started taking classes and realized she was pretty good at English things, like editing, writing, and she likes reading. "So I thought, okay I'll do something with English," Meduna said. Meduna decided to become a counselor because she noticed that a lot of students had needs, and liked to talk about their problems. "And they felt comfortable talking to me, and I wanted to help them so I thought it would be a good career choice," Meduna said. Another reason she wanted to become a counselor is because when she was in middle school she wasn't a great student and then when she was in high school she was an okay student. But she was mostly an athlete. When she was in high school she didn't have a counselor that talked to her or tried to help her figure out what she wanted to do.

That is why Meduna thinks it is important to have counselors to help kids figure out their path and what they want to do. So kids don't have to wait till they are in college and try to figure out what they want to do. Mrs. Meduna is most excited to help students figure out what their plan is beyond high school. She would like to start helping them start thinking, so she wants to get to know all of her students what their plans are, and what their dreams are. Her favorite hobby is gardening, and her favorite show is the old show The Walking Dead. She has seen all the original ones and all the spin-offs and it's something she and her husband watch together. Along with all of her favorites lastly, her favorite food is steak. Lastly, her goal for this year is to feel competent at what she is doing because right now she is learning so much. So she just wants to feel comfortable and understand exactly what she is doing.

Brett Julius is another counselor at North Platte High. Mrs. Julius originally grew up in Hays Kansas and then moved around about every three to five years. From Missouri to Colorado and then came back here to the Midwest and has been here for about nine years now. She also is married and has two kids. She has a Jack pug and her name is Sally. "She is becoming a really grumpy old lady recently," said Julius.

Before she became a counselor she taught freshman and sophomore English for three years at Hershey public schools. She was also a counselor there for five years. Julius became a counselor because she saw that a lot of students had needs beyond their education. In her three years of teaching, she had this awesome student who shared information about things that were rough in her life. So that made her realize she wanted to be able to help beyond the academic side. She is excited to meet new students this year, to be a part of North Platte Public School, and is excited to get to know the kids locally and help them make a plan for the future. Favorite hobby is swimming. She swam in college and still swims to this day. Her favorite food is sushi and her favorite shows are any decorating shows or documentary shows. Her goal for this year is to just get to know the students and be able to call them by name.

Lastly Jordan Pavelka is another new teacher at North Platte High. She came here out of high school so she was just a high school student with her family. Before she started teaching here she played basketball out at the college. Before she came to North Platte High she was a para in Sutherland and then the following year she was a teacher. This is her second year teaching in total. Pavelka teaches 10 through 12 for Earth and Space science and then 10th for Biology.

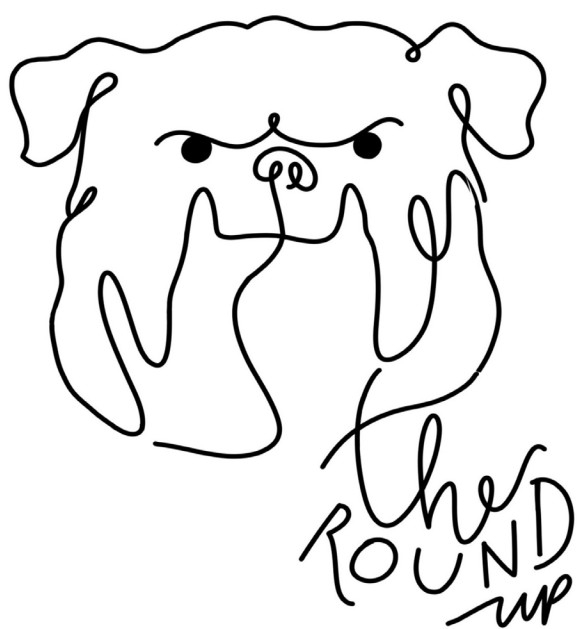
What made her want to start teaching was her animal science teacher when she was in high school. At first she wanted to be an FFA Ag teacher but as she talked to him more she realized she liked the biology side. For this year she is mostly excited for the kids and all the support she has had from her science department teachers and administrators. A goal she has is to just be the best she can be and to improve throughout the year and get to know the kids. Favorite hobby is playing sports but mainly basketball. Her favorite shows and movies are anything to do with crime and marvel. Lastly her favorite food is anything to do with meat.



## Upcoming Events

### Activities

- Boys Wrestling
- Girls Wrestling
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Swimming and Diving



### Home Events

#### December

- 12/6 Boys wrestling
- 12/13 Basketball
- 12/14 Basketball
- 12/17 Wrestling
- 12/20 Basketball
- 12/21 Basketball

#### Janurary

- 1/4 Basketball
- 1/9 Basketball
- 1/11 Basktbball
- 1/16 Basketball
- 1/18 Basketball
- 1/23 Basketball
- 1/23 Wrestling
- 1/25 Basketball
- 1/28 Basketball
- 1/30 Swiming-Diving