

Wishek School Sends Nine Students to FBLA Nationals

By John Kosiak

Nine students represented Wishek at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. They qualified for nationals through their performances at the FBLA State Conference in April. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is the largest business career and technical student organization in the world, inspiring and preparing students to become community-minded business leaders.

At the national conference, the Wishek students competed in leadership events, participated in workshops, and explored future career opportunities through various exhibits.

Students who competed in the Parliamentary Procedure event included Carter Ketterling, Caleb Kosiak, Jaelynn Ruenz, Molly Herr, and Carlene Andre. Rowena Meidinger competed in Introduction to Information Technology. Sebastian Bernhardt competed in Financial Literacy. Payton Ketterling participated in Career Research. Ashlyn Michaelsohn competed in FBLA Concepts and placed 6th nationally.

The Wishek FBLA chapter is coached by Ann Bettenhausen. Chaperones for the trip were Dynette Ketterling and Stacey Herr.

PSC Schedules Public Hearing for Proposed Lighting Waiver at the Badger Wind Project

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 24, to gather public comments regarding a request for a waiver related to lighting requirements at the Badger Wind Project in Logan and McIntosh Counties.

Badger Wind, LLC, has filed a Request for a Waiver of Requirement to install a Light-Mitigating Technology System for 9 of the 92 wind turbines anticipated to be constructed on the Badger Wind Project. The waiver request is due to the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) determination to not approve the use of an aircraft detection lighting system (ADLS) on those 9 turbines and instead require that standard synchronized red lights be utilized on those towers. The FAA stated that the reason for the standard lighting on those towers is due to the proximity of the structures to the Wishek Municipal Airport and to ensure the safety of aircraft engaged in low-level, agricultural and/or helicopter operations.

The hearing provides an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC’s official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at a hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns or support/opposition to the filing are encouraged to attend the hearing and present their information. Information received after the hearing will not be part of the official record and cannot be used as a basis for the Commission’s decision unless certain additional procedures are followed.

Wishek mayor says warning siren works fine, but city looking to upgrade

By Ryan Janke

WISHEK - The Wishek City Council has approved moving the warning siren to the new fire hall site, and plans to buy a new siren if it can find grant money to help with the purchase.

Mayor Brenda Dohn said if the city can find the funding, the plan is to buy a siren system that covers more square feet. A new siren and a backup generator will cost around \$38,000, and Dohn said the city is applying for grants now.

Dohn also wants to reassure the public that, although the city hopes to purchase a new siren, the current siren and system are both fully functional. The topic was discussed at this month’s council meeting after concern from the public about its functionality.

“I want to reassure everyone that, yes, the siren is working,” Dohn said. “When the National Weather Service issues an alert, we follow protocol and assess the need to sound the siren. In the case of a recent storm, we chose not to activate it, as it could have caused unnecessary panic.”

Dohn said the siren will only be used when there is a direct and immediate threat.

The new fire hall on Beaver Avenue is expected to be complete in November. Until then, the current siren across the street from City Hall will stay in place.

It was also clarified at the city council meeting that the Wishek Civic Center will serve as a temporary shelter when storms are in the area, and the Wishek Armory is the designated emergency shelter.

Wishek City Council meetings are held the first Monday of every month, and are open to residents.



Photo: (Back Row Left to Right): Ashlyn Michaelsohn, Rowena Meidinger, Caleb Kosiak, Carter Ketterling, Carlene Andre, Stacey Herr, Dynette Ketterling, Sebastian Bernhardt. (Front Row Left to Right): Molly Herr, Jaelynn Ruenz, Payton Ketterling.

BEK TV’s “My Hometown” is coming to Ashley!

BEK TV’s “My Hometown” series which is in its 5th season and airs on “Ladies of Another View” talk show is featuring Ashley. The show was recorded at the Farmer’s Union Insurance’s beautiful lobby on July 14. It will air on July 30, just in time to help promote the Ashley Rodeo, and re-air again next spring to advertise all the great summer activities in town.

This series is about getting off the beaten path to explore what smaller communities have to offer, inspiring people to come for a visit or maybe even a lifetime. Topics include history, recreation and parks, business and job environment, events and Ashley’s quality medical services and schools. The show guests are Robert Wishek, Eric Heupel, Matthew Hoffman, April Nies, and Brenda.

The 1-hour program engages our strong local audience, (BEK was voted Best of the Best 4 years in a row for News & Sports in the Bismarck Tribune’s annual contest) and both urban and rural men and women throughout North Dakota, Western MN, and Eastern MT via over-the-air TV, cable, Dish, and everywhere on the Internet on BEKTV.plus. Dickey Rural is a great supporter of BEK TV which is on their cable channel 126 west and 194 east.

BEK TV’s “My Hometown” will air 7/30 at 9:00 a.m. and again at 4:30 p.m on cable through Dickey Rural on channel 126 west and 194 east. It can also be seen on over-the-air TV, Dish and on the Internet at <https://www.bektv.plus/>. The show was made possible by all the local Ashley business and organization sponsorships.

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