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Napoleon FFA Named District 6 Chapter Of The Day, For 23rd Consecutive Year

Twenty-eight members of the Napoleon FFA Chapter, along with advisor Mr. Brian Schneider, traveled to Tappen on Wednesday, October 8th for the District Six Leadership Conference where the students competed in various leadership activities. Mary Schneider attended as a judge for the district contest.

The main event of the day is the parliamentary procedure contest; where the officers are given a parliamentary procedure problem set involving numerous abilities and they must perform them following Robert's Rules of Order and the FFA contest rules.

The Napoleon Parliamentary Procedure team consists of Elodie Kuhn, president; Eva Weigel, vice-president; Addyson Erbele, secretary; Amelia Moch, treasurer; Aliyah Schwartzenberger, reporter; Madisyn Grenz, sentinel; Jackson Piatz, parliamentarian; Brooklyn Hottman, historian; Miranda Becker, Chaplin; and Felicia Haas, student advisor. The officer team placed first overall and will be advancing to the state finals scheduled to be held in Bismarck on Monday, December 15th to compete against the other seven district winners and eight district runners-up, at which time a state winner will be declared.

The officers were also scored individually and received awards. The officers and their awards were as follows: Elodie Kuhn, gold rating, President of the Day; Eva Weigel, gold rating, Vice President of the Day; Addyson Erbele, gold rating, Secretary of the Day; Amelia Moch, gold rating; Aliyah Schwartzenberger, gold rating; and Madisyn Grenz, gold rating, Sentinel of the Day.

Dawson Erbele represented the Napoleon Chapter in the creed contest where she was named the district champion and will be advancing to the state finals. The creed contest is an FFA tradition for freshmen members.

Elodie Kuhn competed in the extemporaneous public speaking contest where she was the district runner-up. Elodie will now be competing for the state title in Bismarck at the State FFA Leadership Development Event. The extemporaneous contest is one where the contestant selects three magazine articles, chooses the one he/she is most comfortable with and then prepares a 4-to-6-minute speech in 30 minutes.

Addyson Erbele represented the chapter in the prepared public speaking contest where she earned a gold award, 3rd high individual. The prepared public speaking contest is a contest where the contestant must prepare a 6-to-8-minute speech and then memorize it for the contest since manuscripts must be turned in at registration.

The Napoleon FFA quiz team was the district champion in the quiz contest and will be advancing to the state finals. This year's quiz team and their awards were as follows: Addyson Erbele, high



District 6 "Chapter of the Day": Row 4: L to R: Carter Braun, Bradley Hottman, Hunter Schumacher, Eastern Baumgartner, Carson Piatz and Brayson Leier; row 3: Jaco Van Zyl, James Moch, Jackson Piatz, Beau Grunefelder, Joseph Gerhardt, Brooks Grunefelder and McKlayne Rau; row 2: Brooklyn Schneider, Kynlie Vetter, Sophia Horner, Felicia Haas, Miranda Becker, Brooklyn Hottman, Dawson Erbele, Ava Bitz and Brealie Weigel; row 1: Mr. Brian Schneider, Eva Weigel, Addyson Erbele, Madisyn Grenz, Elodie Kuhn, Amelia Moch and Aliyah Schwartzenberger.

City Financials Approved

By Jessica Wald

The Napoleon City Council reviewed the financial report during the regular meeting, which was held right after a special public budget hearing last Monday evening, October 6. All council members were present including Mayor Todd Moos, Clark Haas, John Wald, Mike Heying, Bob Humann, Rich Bjerklie and Rod Kleppe. The council briefly discussed the final budget during the public budget hearing, as no one appeared to talk about the proposed budget. Council approved the financial report, submitted by auditor Harold Rotunda, minus two things in question (pedestrian path and lodging tax fund) and also approved the final budget for 2026, and decided to stay at the capped 3% increase, which would create a projected ending fund balance of \$296,668, which is compared to the last year's year ending of

\$281,216.

In other business the council discussed what they would like to do with the property where the former water tower was located, in the Napoleon City Park. They said there was a request from the Napoleon Park Board, requesting the property to become three or four new campsites, adjacent to the present campsites at the park. After discussion the council unanimously approved to give the property to the Napoleon Park Board.

The council received a request from the Napoleon Rural Fire Department to deny a sales tax request, as they needed the council to deny the request as part of a grant letter for a bunker gear extractor. The council agreed to deny the sales request for the benefit of the fire department.

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