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Breckenridge NHS members hit the pavement to raise money for a good cause

BY SHOBA DASARI
 Reporter

Members of the Charles Holmgren chapter of the Breckenridge National Honor Society (NHS) held a coin drive at Breckenridge High School, St. Mary's, and Breckenridge Elementary recently.

What started as a simple effort to support a local cause quickly turned into a remarkable community initiative.

The NHS typically raises around \$100 to \$200 with this annual event, which is donated to a local organization.

In previous years, the donations have gone to causes including Wilkin County Social Services, with a food card worth \$150 presented last year.

But this year, NHS members were hoping to make a bigger impact.

Vice President Adalia Spear had an idea during a meeting that sparked a change.

"Kids have money. We just don't have money on us. It's in our cars," she remarked. Her comment caught the attention of NHS Adviser Jolynn Sasse, who immediately saw the potential for a new approach.

"Well, then we need to move the coin drive to the parking lots," said Werner. The idea was to involve not just the students but also parents and staff, with the goal of collecting more donations for this year's chosen cause: the Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry.

As the drive took shape, it became clear that this wasn't just any ordinary coin collection. Spear had also suggested that the timing of the event coincide with a breakfast event hosted by the student council for the Breckenridge Public School staff.

With the staff already gathering in the morning, the coin drive would have a built-in audience to draw attention and hopefully encourage more donations.

On both mornings of the drive, two NHS members were stationed at the entrances of each parking lot, holding signs and collecting donations in buckets.

The response was overwhelmingly positive, with many vehicles — whether they belonged to students, parents, or teachers — contributing whatever change they had. Some even went beyond, offering cash donations.

NHS Treasurer Remus Werner and new member Ave Diaz were tasked with bringing the coins to Gate City Bank in Wahpeton, where they were converted into cash.

When the total was tallied, it was far beyond what anyone had expected. The drive had raised \$459 — more than three times the typical amount raised in previous years.

Werner was astonished.

"Honestly, I was surprised by the total. I mean, we raised three times more than we usually do, and we only did our drive two mornings. NHS used to do an entire week of a Penny Wars competition and give Dilly Bar treats to the class that donated the most," Warner said. "We didn't need to do that. We just made some announcements, some signs, and went to where the people are."

Delivering the donation to the Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry was the cherry on top for NHS President Paul Armitage.

"Delivering that donation was a really good feeling," he shared.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

From left, Erin Blaufuss, Sydni Roberts, Jaelie Ernst, Elsie Lauritsen, Ave Diaz, Kiera Wiertzema, Maddy Beyer, Ari Thoennes, Adviser Jolynn Sasse, Eli Butts and Paul Armitage at the Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry during the donation.

"While we were there, we were informed about all the stuff this pantry does for the community, and it was amazing. From packing backpacks for 10-plus schools and helping 200-plus families every month, it made the donation feel all the more special."

The success of this year's coin drive demonstrated not just the generosity of the Breckenridge community but also the creativity and resourcefulness of the students behind the effort.



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From left, Karsyn Neppi, Rho Goulet and Erin Blaufuss at the Charles Holmgren chapter of the Breckenridge National Honor Society coin drive.

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON ALL SEASONS SOLUTIONS



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The Twin Town Ambassadors and Chamber of Commerce spotlight shined on All Seasons Solutions on Tuesday, March 25. For more information about this business, please visit the Wahpeton Breckenridge Area Chamber of Commerce website. From left: Kelsey Thiele, Kraz Dance, Maverick Thiele (Kraz Dance, Junior Ambassador), Katie Baumann, Edward Jones Jodi Hendrickson, Josh Krueger, Jordan Snyder, Chase Krueger (co-owner), Amber Bogenrief, Red River Valley & Western, Tucker Snyder (co-owner), Kory Kaste, SVEDA, Brittany Finnie, Nielsens Electric Appliance & Cabinetry, Becky DeVries, Three Rivers Crisis Center, Brittany Gumeringer, Hair by Brittany, Collins Thiele (Kraz Dance, Junior Ambassador), Judy Comings, Healing Arts Chiropractic and Beckett Gumeringer.

Advertisement for Mowing Bids

Notice is hereby given that the **Lidgerwood School District** will receive bids at Lidgerwood Public School, 28 3rd AVE SE or PO Box 468, Lidgerwood, ND, until 4:00 PM, April 4, 2025.

Bids for mowing and trimming grass at **KUGLER FIELD** for the 2025 season should be submitted in person or by mail in a sealed envelope marked "Mowing Bid"

Bids will be opened during the regular school board meeting at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 8th, 2025.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in bidding, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the District.

For more information call Jerry Arneson at 701-538-7341.



Blade Leitch, right, donating to AdaLia Spear and David Erlandson during the drive.

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Auctioneers Note: We will be offering a very nice selection of antiques, collectibles, & guns on this auction from a couple different sellers. These are the same sellers that used to hold auctions in the Mooreton Community Center! You will not want to miss this Saturday auction. For questions feel free to call Derek at (605) 949-2170.
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Notice of Annual Meeting

Farmers Union Oil of Southern Valley



Monday
April 7, 2025

Fairmount Community Center

6:00 p.m. Meal
6:30 p.m. Meeting

By Order of the Board of Directors
Barry Gilles, Secretary

- Annual audit report will be presented by Hennen & Associates.
- Election of three (3) directors.
- Stockholder checks will be issued.
- Any other business to properly come before the meeting will be transacted.
- Prizes.

In case of bad weather, a reschedule date will be announced on KBMW Radio.