

Blood Drive Successful Despite Weather



Senior Anna Musgrave prepares to donate blood while student council member Danae Burdett provides moral support. Later in the day, Burdett also donated blood.

The Next Chapter by Josh Cumpston, Administrator My family and I moved to Central City seven years ago so that I could

become the superintendent at Nebraska Christian. I have told many people over the years that this was never on my radar or part of my plan. I had only heard of Nebraska Christian because I knew Carl and Tonya Ostrand, and they had moved their family from Hastings (the town we shared with them at the time) to work at NC just a few years earlier. In fact, we had been so bold as to tell the Ostrands when we found out they were leaving their jobs, their house, and our church to join NC, "Oh, we could never do that." God had other plans, and we only had to wait a

few years to eat our words.

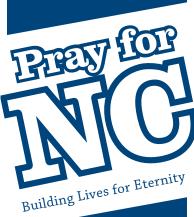
I was the principal at Hastings Middle School and had no intentions of leaving. When Nebraska Christian reached out to me to see if I would be interested in speaking with them, I initially said no. Over the next few days, however, God was stirring in me the possibility that I may have answered too quickly and maybe was looking at my plan and not His. I contacted the search committee and after a couple of weeks applied for the position. We continued to trust God with this decision, and I shared with my wife Allene that if they offered we would need to go. I was kind of hoping they wouldn't offer because I was comfortable in continued on pg. 4

The morning of April 6 dawned cold and snowy, but that didn't stop the annual Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the student council. Though some of the students who were planning to give blood at the drive weren't able to get to school because of the weather, 29 students, teachers, and community members showed up to give.

Though donating makes her nervous, second time donor Danae Burdett explained why she gives: "I've heard so many times how important blood donation is, so I want to do my part, even though I don't love the process."

Student council members worked at the drive throughout the day, running the registration desk and chatting with donors. Student council secretary Tim Hofmann said, "The student council was honored once again to sponsor the blood drive. We feel, as Christians, that it is our duty to serve others. What better way to serve than by giving your blood to possibly save someone's life?"

Throughout the day, the Red Cross collected 21 units of blood. Though the total amount was smaller than hoped due to the weather, the day was still a success. Student council sponsor Becky Ritta said, "I'm so impressed with our student body and their desire to give back by donating blood. Our appointment slots filled up faster than they ever have before, and I'm sure that if the weather had been ideal, we would have had an amazing turnout."





Students:

Pray that our students would finish the year well. Pray for our seniors as they begin college and/or join the workforce.

Staff:

Pray for our current staff members who are moving on to other opportunities and for the new staff who will be joining us in the fall.

Board:

Pray for wisdom as they search for NC's next superintendent.

— Philippians 4:6 —



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Mission: The mission of Nebraska Christian Schools is to assist the family and church by providing a Christcentered education, equipping students with a biblical worldview and encouraging a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Senior Athletes **Sign with Colleges**

Four of Nebraska Christian's seniors have signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers during college. Ben Griess and Claire Ostrand have both signed with Hastings college. Griess will play basketball for the Broncos, and Ostrand will play volleyball. Katelynn Halstead has signed to play volleyball at Central Community College-Columbus, and Landon Barcel has signed to bowl for Midland University in

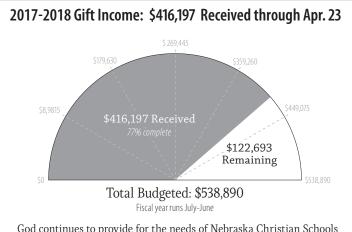
Top: Front: Les Griess, Ben Griess,

Marty Griess. Back: Hastings Head Men's Basketball Coach Bill Gavers, NC Assistant Basketball Coach Andy Perdew, and NC Head Basketball Coach Paul McHargue Second: Front: Miriam Halstead, Katelynn Halstead, Tim Halstead. Back: NC Head Volleyball Coach Tonya Ostrand, CCC Head

Volleyball Coach Mary Jones.

Bottom: Barton & Paula Barcel Landon Barcel, Midland Bowling Coach Bil





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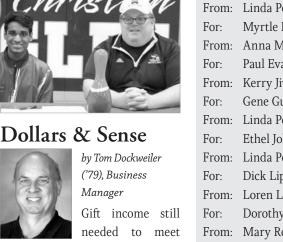
Fremont.

Third: Front: Tonya Ostrand, Claire Ostrand. Back: Carl Ostrand, Hastings College Head Volleyball Coach Matt Buttermore.

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our budgeted goal is currently just a little more than \$120,000. Pray with us that God will provide what He wants us to have and that we will be grateful and faithful to use it wisely. Thanks for doing your part to make this school possible.

Calendar of Events

MAY

- 8 Senior Night, 7 p.m.
- 9 Academic Excellence Celebration. 8 a.m.
- 12 Graduation, 10:30 a.m.
- 17 Last Day of School

AUGUST

- Fall Sports Practices Begin 6
- First Day of School 14

SEPTEMBER

28 Homecoming

OCTOBER

26 Harvest Festival

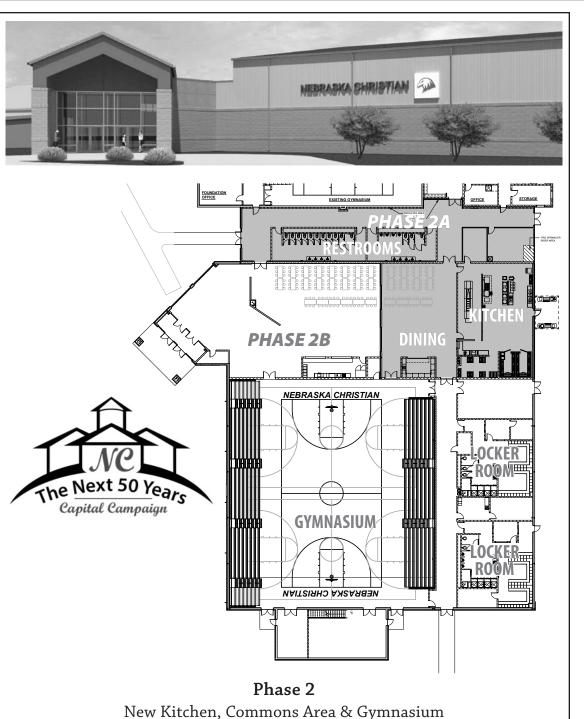
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14 Festival of Lessons & Carols

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by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director The option of a

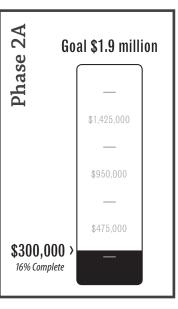
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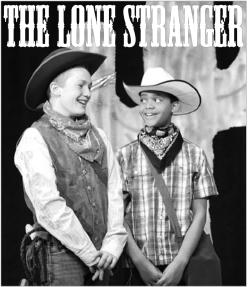
today at Nebraska Christian Schools because of people who came before us, saw a need, and worked to meet it. Nebraska Christian Schools strives to offer students a highquality education, grounded in truth that produces well-rounded individuals capable of excelling in whatever endeavor they choose to pursue.

Today, through the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation you have the opportunity to leave your own legacy by building a secure financial foundation for Nebraska Christian Schools. Part of that legacy is **The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign**.

The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign will update aging campus facilities and provide new space which will dramatically impact our appearance and ability to accomplish these goals.

Please prayerfully consider how you can financially support **The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign**. Your partnership will help secure the option of Christian education for generations to come.





The NC elementary presented the Patch the Pirate musical "The Lone Stranger" at the Performing Arts Center in Central City in early March.

Left: Gavin Falk (Wild Bill Hiccup) and Christopher Medlock (Bucky) sing "There's Only One Way" during the NC elementary's performance of "The Lone Stranger."

Below: Richie Musgrave (Lone Stranger), Nathan Fetterley (Winchester), Micah Perdew (Captain Patch), and Rachel Hale (Sissy Seagull).



Cumpston, continued from pg. 1

my church, with my friends, and with my job. In the end, they did offer, and I brought my family to Nebraska Christian. I believe that God moved us to Central City seven years ago, and we have benefitted and grown from our obedience to His call to work at NC.

As many of you already know, my family and I have decided to begin a new adventure. We will be moving back to the Hastings area in June, as I will become the superintendent at Silver Lake Schools. Although we are very excited about this next chapter in our lives, there are many people that we will be sad to leave and many great things about Nebraska Christian that we will miss.

The Lord has allowed many exciting things to happen in the past seven years under the leadership of dedicated board members and staff. Students have come to know Christ, and others have been more fully equipped with a Christian worldview. We have seen an increase in enrollment, we've added more staff and curriculum, and we have been able to update infrastructure, all while having a balanced budget and paying teachers on time. This hasn't always been the case in the history of the school, and I thank all of you who have been praying for us and have been helping to provide financially.

I feel that today NC isn't in the survival mode that it had been in at times in the past, but that it is in "thrival" mode. I know that "thrival" isn't a word, but I hope it conveys what we want for our students. We want all of them to reach their God-given potential, to be followers of Christ, and to impact their world. When I say "we," I am talking about our Advisory Council, board, teachers, parents, coaches, and support staff. I also want to include all of you alumni, parents of alumni, friends, and supporters of Nebraska Christian in the category of "we." This school is being used by God and is providing a great education to students and ministry to the world.

As I leave, I would ask that you continue to be in prayer for our school daily. I would also ask that you will prayerfully consider if the Lord would have you commit to walking with Nebraska Christian through monthly financial gifts. As you can see from Tom Dockweiler's article on page 2, we are a ways from a balanced budget for this year.

My family and I have benefitted from being part of Nebraska Christian for the past seven years. I hope that you also see the benefit of having a Christian school that is preparing students with a Biblical worldview to be our future leaders in all aspects of society. We need more prepared, Christian leaders in our world.

We trust God for everything including our financial situation. He uses people like all of us to fill this need. I would love to be able to leave Nebraska Christian knowing that the budget for this year, and for years to come, will be one in which "thrival" can occur, and not just survival.

NC Flashback_





Editor's note: We didn't have any entries last time, so we're giving you another chance!

For this issue's flashback, we're looking back on the 1990's remodel of our gymnasium. Can you identify these volunteers?

Send your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org. You'll get one entry into our drawing for NC gear for each person you correctly identify.



NC Almanac

Spring '08 (10 years ago)

- The Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation is formed.
- 19 seniors graduate. Class speakers are Esther Lee ('08) and Mike Swanson ('08).
- Chrissy Ritta ('08) and Mike Swanson ('08) receive the Shield Award, given for Christian character and athletic excellence.

Spring '98 (20 years ago)

- Josh Merchant ('98) is selected to represent NC at the annual Goldenrod Conference vs. Crossroads Conference basketball game.
- Adair Ballagh ('99) and Andrea Krug ('99) are chosen to attend Cornhusker Boys' and Girls' State.
- 26 seniors graduate. Michael Fuller ('98) is valedictorian; Lisa Anderson ('98) and Josh Merchant ('98) are cosalutatorians.

Spring '88 (30 years ago)

- 26 seniors graduate. Korlynn Klein ('88) is valedictorian; Mike Dick ('88) is salutatorian.
- Senior Lei Ferris ('88) receives a good citizenship award from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Spring '78 (40 years ago)

- The theme of the Junior-Senior Banquet is "He Leadeth Me." Chuck Nichols from Grace College of the Bible is the special speaker.
- 28 seniors graduate. Carla Jordan ('78) is valedictorian, and Stephen Johnson ('78) is salutatorian.

Spring '68 (50 years ago)

- 28 seniors graduate. Donald Wipf ('68) is valedictorian.
- The choir goes on a weekend tour to Imperial and Ogallala.



Burdett Places 4th at State Speech

NC senior Danae Burdett placed 4th in Persuasive Speaking at the Class C2 State Speech Meet on March 23. Throughout the season, Burdett saw much success with her speech about the internet's role in human trafficking. She was the Goldenrod Conference persuasive champion, and she also won the district meet, which is how she qualified for state. This was Burdett's third trip to the state meet; she placed second in persuasive as a sophomore and qualified in persuasive as a junior.

Learning to Study the Bible

by Kindra Watson, sophomore

On the cold snowy days of January 30th and February 6th, Nebraska Christian high school students piled into freezing buses to go to Heartland E-Free Church to learn about studying the Bible. As they arrived at the church, they were greeted by Rich Peterson. He is a former pastor, and now he often teaches a series on studying the Bible.

Although the days were long, the students learned much from him. His words were powerful

and helpful for the students' Bible reading. There were many main points, such as finding the theme, searching for background information, and understanding why each word is there. It was almost like a basic lesson in English,

but applying what is commonly known to studying the Bible.

The students learned how to



Junior Jon Dockweiler helps 7th grader Riley Schreiber with a triangle activity.

Pi Day

The Nebraska Christian math department celebrated Pi Day (March 14) with an afternoon of math games and activities. The event was organized by teacher Andy Falk. High school math students led the games, while elementary and junior high students participated.



Front: Andrew Feely, Carl Mundt, Elijah Green. Back: Head Coach Terry Elge, Assistant Coach Scott Griepenstroh.

Wrestlers Keep State Streak Alive

For the 19th consecutive year, Nebraska Christian sent at least one wrestler to the state tournament. Senior Andrew Feely and freshmen Elijah Green and Carl Mundt all qualified for their first state wrestling tournament by placing in the top four at districts in mid-February.

At state, Feely and Mundt were eliminated on the second day, but Green went on to win the sixth place medal in the Class C 132-pound division.

look for a theme, then search the paragraphs to help see how it fits into the theme, and then to look at

sentences and then words. The information helped many students in their Bible studying. "It was really convicting. A lot of the examples of what not to do, I was doing," junior Madison Felt said.

Rich PetersonPeterson showed the stu-
only dents many instructive points,
several of which are hardly thought
to about. "It was fun to know a better

way to read the Bible that would be useful for the rest of your life. Many things Mr. Peterson said were very convincing, and that made me feel like the Lord was calling me closer to Him," Cream Masatit explained.

The messages were taped, so anyone can watch them again. The days turned out to be a great success, providing time to grow closer to God by studying His Word.

All of Rich Peterson's messages can be viewed on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/NebraskaChristian



Auctioneer Bruce McDowell urges the crowd to bid on the International Dinner package, which is always a popular live auction item.

Dinner & Benefit Auction 2018 by Kristy Langemeier, Special Events Office



We are pleased to report that God has chosen to pour out His blessing on NC once again by moving in the hearts of

many very generous donors to give to the Dinner and Benefit Auction. Preliminary figures are showing that this year's auction netted just over \$200,000. Over 500 items up for bid from more than 300 donors, as well as approximately 100 volunteers, contributed to the success of this event.

Our Friday "Preview" Night was a big success. This evening was an opportune time to casually preview all the items, start the bidding, or even "guarantee" a purchase. It was also a perfect opportunity to take part in the auction if attending the Saturday night event was not possible. NC supporters were able to receive a bid number at no cost and bid on silent auction items or make a "guaranteed" purchase.

The nearly 300 guests who attended the Dinner and Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 24, enjoyed a wonderful evening of delicious food served by our gracious student servers, big band sounds of the Knights of Rhythm, entertaining music from Josh and Allene Cumpston and NC students, and lively bidding by our generous supporters. It was truly an evening of blessings from the Lord.

Twenty-six items were offered for sale on our Live Auction. Items that sparked aggressive bidding with our auctioneer Bruce McDowell were the 5K Diamond Tennis Bracelet, Exclusive Husker Suite Experience, Zero turn 52" Hustler Raptor Lawnmower, and the Hunt of Choice near Valentine, NE. The Two Day/Two Person Guided Turkey Hunt, South Dakota Pheasant Hunt, and the 13th Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols Celebration Evening each sold twice, adding even more excitement and blessings to the Live Auction event.

The Scholarship Auction continues to be an avenue of giving that our donors are enthusiastic about. NC has a \$100,000 line item in the budget for student scholarships each year. Prior to the event, \$30,540 of the \$100,000 had been received. The Scholarship Live AucThe auction would not be the successful event it is without students, staff, and parents who volunteer to help with the evening. *Left:* Superintendent Josh

Above: The auction servers.

Cumpston (far right) and his wife Allene (far left) speak with NC board member Greg Epp and wife Caroline.

tion bidding resulted in \$39,300, bringing the total to \$69,840! All these funds will be used to provide a Christian education for students who might not otherwise have the financial means to attend NC.

We are grateful to all who were able to donate an item, talent, or treasure in order to make this event successful. Please take a look at our donor list and make sure you thank these generous people and companies when you are doing business with them.

The total profit made for the school through the benefit auction in the last 16 years has now passed \$2.1 million. Please join us in thanking God once again for his amazing faithfulness to NC through the Dinner and Benefit Auction.

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The seniors visited Washington, D.C. in early March. To learn more about their trip, and to see what else has been happening at NC this spring, visit our blog: *nebraskachristian.org/blog*

L to R: Katie Nyberg, Melinda Kim, Anna Musgrave, Cream Masatit, Jean Joy Kamau, Keziah Dexter



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Students Selected to Class C All-State Band

Four Nebraska Christian students were selected to Class C All-State Band. Senior Lydia Langemeier (flute) played in the symphonic band, senior Jessica Hilderbrand (clarinet) played in the wind ensemble, and eighth graders Tyler Cumpston (alto sax) and Molly Griess (bari sax) played in the junior high band. All four students also participated in the band last year. The concert took place at Kearney High School on March 24. The Senior Class of Nebraska Christian Schools announces its Commencement Exercises

Saturday, May 12, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. Nebraska Christian Schools Gymnasium



Ron Brown spoke in NC's chapel on Campus Preview Day on Tuesday, March 20. He encouraged students to be flagpoles, staying firm in their faith, rather than flags, blown in the wind of culture.