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Congratulations!
Audubon and East Elk Horn-Kimballton Graduations on Sunday

INSIDE

Red Carpet!

Audubon high school students hit the runway for Prom

By Laura Bacon
Staff Writer

AUDUBON — There were stars, spotlights, glit-tering dresses, tuxedos and a limo as Audubon Commu-nity High School held prom on Friday, April 29. The theme was Red Carpet, and parents, family members and friends got to take in some of the “Holly-wood Magic” as prom partic-ipants made their way down the red carpet in the south gym before being whisked away to dinner and dancing. Prom attendees went to the Aggi Hall for a meal, cat-tered by Lidelendale Country Store, then danced the night away to music by DJ Marty McFly.

After Prom was held at the Audubon Recreation Center this year, and there were a variety of activities to participate in. Students could bowl, do some karaoke, or play games like bags, golf, ping pong, basketball or even Twister. A Facebook page has some additional pictures from After Prom. You can find that at Audubon After Prom. Organiz-ers offered their appreciation to spons-orors like AMVC, the Audubon State Bank, Hessco Distributing, Lanma-nds Bank, Rensburg Service and S&R

No easy answers for difficult questions

By Laura Bacon
Staff Writer

ATLANTIC — A group of students holding signs and flags were protesting at Atlantic Community Schools Monday, trying to raise awareness of issues like racism and homophobia. Gabriella Hummick was among the group of about a dozen students that spent the day “trying to get that word out.”

Hummick said, “there’s a lot of bullying and ha-rassment,” in school, mostly in person, but also on social media. She said the group felt the school was not doing enough regarding com-plaints. “(The issues) continue and it progressively gets worse,” she said; adding that words had a big effect. “(They) hurt, their words hurt a lot, especially coming from people you have known most of your life.

The students didn’t pro-vide examples of the harass-ment they were referencing but said parents were aware of the issues and had com-plained to school officials. Bethany Meece, co-chair of Sheridan Meece; one of the students involved in the protest agreed, saying she remembered meeting with school officials over the years. She said bullying had been going on for some time, with racist comments and jokes, and for being LGTBQ but overall, she said, “It’s just for being different. It also depends on who you are, what your last name is, and if you aren’t part of the group.”

Local News

Audubon Supervisors approve new secondary roads employee

By Jennifer Nichols
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AUDUBON COUNTY — The Audubon County Board of Supervisors approved hiring Shawn Rohrmann as a secondary roads em-ployee during its meeting Tuesday.

Last month, Audubon County Engineer Mitch Rydl told the board he has job openings in the secondary roads department after one person retired, another two left for other jobs and another person is considering retiring in the near future. Rydl said Tuesday he still has two more job openings, and has received a couple of applica-tions. He said he has talked to people who say they are interested in the job, but they don’t re-turn the application.

“We’ve been advertising for two or three weeks now. I’ve got two applications,” he said. “I’ve had a dozen go out, but nothing’s com-ing back.”

He said another concern is if they have people who apply for the job, but don’t have a com-mercial driver license (CDL), which is needed. He spoke with an individual who offers CDL training in Carroll, and learned the cost and that it’s hard to go into training classes.

“The total cost for training is $2,400,” he said. “All the training classes are booked up, and it would be three months before they could even get into the training.”

Rydl said he would have to do more re-search, but wondered if the board would con-sider paying for that training if needed, and if

Weekend Weather

Friday
A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 a.m. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 80. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Friday Night
Mostly clear, with a low around 54. West northwest wind around 6 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Saturday
Sunny, with a high near 82. Calm wind becoming south west to 8 mph in the morn-ing.

Saturday Night
A 40 percent chance of showers and thun-derstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

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