

# Mother Nature Delays Niobrara School Bond Election Results

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NIOBRARA, Neb. — Thanks to Mother Nature, the outcome for the Niobrara, Neb., school bond measure remains unknown two days after the election.

Niobrara voters went to the polls Tuesday, deciding the fate of a bond measure not to exceed \$9.995 million over a 25-year period. The bond would amount to a levy of one cent per \$100 of valuation.

The money would be used for constructing a new high school building and for renovating the existing elementary school building, gym building and bus barn and shop. The elementary school and gym would be connected to a new middle school, high school and pre-school.

A spring storm hit the region Tuesday, as the bond election was under way. The polls remained open and the district completed the election as scheduled.

However, the storm wreaked havoc — and continues to do so — on the vote-counting process, according to Superintendent Margaret Sandoz.

The Knox County (Neb.) clerk acts as election commissioner, and the Niobrara ballots were transported Tuesday night to the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Neb., Sandoz said.

"The (Knox County) sheriff's office came and picked the ballot boxes up from the voting precinct (Tuesday) night," the superintendent said. "The courthouse had closed early (because of the storm), so they locked up the votes at the sheriff's office."

The clerk's office didn't count the votes Tuesday night, and the courthouse remained closed Wednesday because of the inclement weather.

The Niobrara schools were also closed Wednesday because of the storm conditions.

Knox County Clerk Joann Fischer could not be reached Wednesday for comment.

Sandoz believes the ballots will be counted as soon as possible, hopefully today (Thursday).

"They will do it when they can get into the courthouse," she said. "The election board will do the counting, and they will let us know the results. Joann (Fischer) will be calling me as soon as she knows."

Regardless of the outcome, Sandoz said the election drew strong interest among Niobrara's nearly 400 residents.

"There were over 200 votes cast. I think the turnout was over 50 percent," she said. "I was very pleased (with turnout), especially with weather being a factor."

Niobrara school officials worked to keep the public informed on the bond issue and the school district's needs, Sandoz said. The information meetings drew between 30 and 60 residents, she said.

"We have got a real strong Niobrara school supporter group," she said. "We have been trying to get the message out and encouraging people to come to the meetings."

Other sources were also used to reach voters. "I believe the people had numerous opportunities to be informed," she said.

The school board won't take any action until its next regular meeting in May, Sandoz said.

In the meantime, she and other Niobrara residents are awaiting the results of Tuesday's election.

The superintendent admitted waiting for the election outcome has become a bit nerve-racking.

"The kids and the staff are anxious to know," she said. "I'm pretty optimistic."

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# Local National History Day Competition Held



Yankton student Alex Dangler's Senior Individual Exhibit entry, "The Incendiary Bombing of Japan During World War II," won a first place award at the regional South Dakota National History Day Competition held at the Old Court House Museum in Sioux Falls on March 26.

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The following Yankton Senior High A.P. History and Government Students competed in the regional South Dakota National History Day Competition held at the Old Court House Museum in Sioux Falls on March 26.

The students who received First Place Awards and Superior ratings will represent Yankton High School at the State competition which will be held at South Dakota State University on April 17. Students that place either first or second at the state competition and earn two superior ratings will be eligible to represent Yankton and South Dakota at the National History Day Contest at the University of Maryland in June.

Yankton has a sound reputation in this area and has earned several national awards. Congratulations to the students and good luck at state!

Representing Yankton High School at the South Dakota History Day/National History Day Competition:

- Theresa Barnes — Senior Historical Paper: First Place Award, "Nineteenth Century Turning Points of the Lakota and Crazy Horse's Leadership Against United States Policy;"

- Abbey VanMeeteren — Senior Historical Paper: First Place Award, "The Watergate Scandal: turning Point in American Political History;"
- Amber Livingston, Tierney Scoblic and Antonia Montoya — Senior Group Exhibit: The Pullman Strike 1894: Turning Point in history Opening Eyes to Labor," First Place Award;
- Derek Brenner, Lane Sawatzke and William Steward — Senior Group Exhibit: "The Manhattan

Project: Engineering the Atomic Age," First Place Award;

- Alexander Crandall and Tristin Baker — Senior Group Exhibit: "Cuban Missile Crisis," First Place Award;

- Alex Dangler — Senior Individual Exhibit: "The Incendiary Bombing of Japan During World War II," First Place Award;

- Carson Smith — Senior Individual Exhibit: "Turning Points in History: Broken Treaties with the Plains Indians," First Place Award.

Congratulations to the following Yankton A.P. History Students who competed and received awards for their scholarship:

- Devin Clark and Justin Grode — Group Exhibit: "Achieving the Right to Counsel," First Place Award;

- Gretta Hans, Brianna Kelly and Alliyah Greaver — "Overthrow of Mohammed Mossadegh," First Place Award

- Jordan Hejna, Ryan Olson and Landon Withrow — "Turning Point on the Eastern Front: The Battle of Stalingrad," First Place

- Susanna Kinsley, Abigail Slatery and Conrad, Haley — "Auschwitz Birkenau: A Turning Point in History," First Place Award

- Gabrielle Swenson and Alyssa Schild — Group Exhibit: "Phyllis Schafly Takes Down the Equal Rights Amendment," Second Place Award

- Levi Schaeffer, Shayna Gusso and Evan Schade — Group Exhibit: "Remember the Maine," Second Place Award

- Tara Richardson and Tessa Hacecky — "The OSS: Turning Point in History," Second Place Award.

# School, Municipal Elections Postponed

PIERRE — South Dakota Secretary of State Jason Gant wants to notify voters that due to the inclement weather on Tuesday, April 9, several municipal and school elections have been postponed to Tuesday, April 16. These elections will take place at the regular polling locations and hours that had been originally scheduled. The polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. standard time.

Gant stated, "The elections taking place on Tuesday, April 16, will be the same as those that would have taken place on April 9. All procedures remain the same."

Voters can verify their registration by accessing the Secretary of State's website at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov). Go to "Where Do I Vote?" and enter your first and

last name and your date of birth. Click "Search."

Voters are reminded to take the proper identification to the polling place.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

- South Dakota driver's license or nondriver ID card
- U.S. government photo ID
- Current student photo ID from a South Dakota high school or South Dakota accredited institution of higher education
- Tribal photo ID

If you do not have a photo ID, you can sign a personal identification affidavit.

The Secretary of State's office has been notified that the following list of municipal and school elections have been postponed for one week and will take place

on April 16: Arlington Municipal, Baltic School, Blunt Municipal, Box Elder Municipal, Castlewood School, Chamberlain School, Colman-Egan School, Delmont Municipal, Egan Municipal, Elkton School, Ethan School, Faith Municipal, Flandreau School, Frankfort Municipal, Freeman School, Geddes Municipal, Gregory School, Henry School and Municipal, Huron School and Municipal, Kadoka Area School, Lead-Deadwood School and Municipal, Marion School, Miller School, New Underwood Municipal and School, Newell Municipal, Parkston Municipal, Redfield School, Spearfish Municipal and School, Wessington Springs School and White Lake Municipal.

## Construction On Bill Baggs Road To Begin

Construction on Bill Baggs Road from Highway 50 to Aluma Road is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of April 15. Bill Baggs Road will be closed to thru traffic. Traffic control signage will be posted to designate alternate routes for the traveling public.

The scope of work involves replacement of the roadway pavement. The contractor will begin work on the south end and progress to the north, in three phases.

The completion time for the contractor is 90 days, from start of work.

## Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday Jaidan Eide



Love,  
Your family

## Clarice Morrison

Clarice Mae Morrison, 98, of Coleridge, Neb., died Saturday, April 6, 2013, at the Park View Haven Nursing Home, Coleridge.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Friday, April 12, at the Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, Coleridge, with the Rev. Gary Kimm officiating. Burial will be in the Coleridge Cemetery. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Wintz Funeral Home, Coleridge, and will continue one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

To view the video tribute or to send online condolences, visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### Emil Fischer

Emil Fischer, 91, of Menno passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2013 at the Freeman Hospital, Freeman, SD.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 15, 2013 at Grace Lutheran Church, Menno with Rev. Theresa Jacobson officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery with military graveside rites by Rames-Bender American Legion Post #152, Menno.

Visitations will be from 5-7 p.m., Sunday, April 14, 2013 at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno with the family present. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Dustin Fischer, Derek Fischer, Douglas Schaeffer, Fred Schultz, Tim Tiede, and Ron Schaeffer. Honorary pallbearers: His great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and friends at Menno Lumber.

Emil Edward Fischer was born to Robert and Karoline (Preszler) Fischer on October 4, 1921 at their home near Menno, SD.



Fischer

He was baptized at Peace Lutheran Church in Menno, SD. He was confirmed in Troy, SD by Rev. Okdale.

During his youth, the family moved and farmed in Rockham, SD; Troy, SD; and Watertown, SD. Emil completed the eight grades required in those schools. Then, Emil worked for various farmers.

Emil was drafted and served in WWII. He began his service in 1942 and was honorable discharged in 1945. He served in the 143rd Field Artillery Battalion. While in the service, he received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Rifle Sharpshooter, and Good Conduct Medal. After the war ended, Emil returned to Menno where he farmed.

On March 16, 1952, he married Selma (Sally) Schaeffer at the Salem Reformed Church in Menno. They farmed southeast of Menno until 1979 when they moved into Menno.

Emil started working at the Menno Lumber Company. He worked there for 20 years. During that time, he continued to help on the farm. Farming was his joy.

Emil and Sally had two children: Thomas Robert Fischer and Carol Ann (Cj) Fischer. Emil enjoyed spending time with his children and especially with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was a faithful member of Grace Lutheran Church in Menno. Emil was involved in the Grace Lutheran Brotherhood where he served as Treasurer and attended the meetings regularly. He served as Sunday School Superintendent as well as Church Treasurer. Throughout the years, he served his church on various committees.

Emil is survived by his wife, Selma Fischer of Menno, SD; son, Thomas and Cindy Fischer of Menno, SD; daughter, Carol (Cj) Fischer and Jan Eric Christopherson of Citrus Heights, CA; Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren: Dustin Fischer of Sioux Falls, SD; Derek Fischer of Menno, SD; Aubrianna

Hurley-Fischer of Sioux Falls, SD; Graydon Hurley-Fischer of Sioux Falls, SD; sister, Edna Schoppert of Menno, SD; sister, Ella Thayer of Oroville, WA; brother, Al Fischer of Oroville, WA; sister-in-law, Maxine Fischer; and six nephews and five nieces.

Emil is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Karoline Fischer; infant brother, Paul Fischer; brother, Wilhelm "Bill" Fischer; brother, Herbert Fischer; sister, Frieda Fischer; sister, Annette Reich; sister, Caroline Stroud; brother, Art Fischer; sister-in-law, Ann Fischer; sister-in-law, Susie Fischer; brother-in-law, Ervin Reich; brother-in-law, Clair Baumgardner; brother-in-law, Gene Thayer; brother-in-law, Gene Stroud; brother-in-law, Andrew Flattum; and brother-in-law, Benny Schoppert.

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