



# Heartland Flying Farmers

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NAMED  
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association  
OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

2022

June 4

Kanopolis KS Picnic

NO OTHER EVENTS  
SCHEDULED

WIND STORMS / SNOW IN  
NE 1ST WEEK IN MAY  
CRAZY WEATHER

HACKERS WORKING  
OVERTIME ON

FACEBOOK. EDITOR  
**CAN'T OPEN ACCOUNT**  
DO NOT ACCEPT FRIEND  
THAT MAN IS BAD NEWS



Sandy's parents Stuart and Lea were past members of our Nebraska Chapter of International Flying Farmers as well as her grandparents.

If we do another newsletter there is a very good picture of Stuart modeling an item for the auction that could be shared. Lea was an excellent auctioneer.



## Pohl Named NRCSA Outstanding Principal Of The Year

Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) honors the excellence of dedicated faculty, administrators, and boards of member schools annually. Award recipients are recognized for their leadership skills and character in promoting quality education in rural Nebraska. Included in this year's award recipients was East Elementary Principal Sandy Pohl who received the NRCSA Outstanding Principal Award on March 18.

The award was a surprise to Pohl who believed she was attending the Spring Conference to present information about Minden Public Schools. The realization that she was this year's NRCSA Outstanding Principal Award recipient came as MPS Superintendent Jim Widdifield gave the award presentation speech.

Widdifield opened his speech with, "This year's NRCSA Outstanding Principal Award rec-

ipient is recognized for being genuinely interested in helping others. One colleague states, “Our principal is the type of leader that inspires others to do better because of her ability to lead within the group instead of dictating behind a desk.”

He continued with more accolades from former MPS Superintendent Melissa Wheelock and a collective sentiment from several letters of recommendation. “This principal involves the community, parents, and staff in all they do in the building. This is someone that goes above and beyond helping everyone in the building. She shows us by doing whatever it takes to make that day the best it can be for our kids.”

Widdifield noted, “This principal’s dedication to the needs of students and staff is reflected by the way they feel as they walk into the building. The culture and climate are positive, fun, and loving. She is the perfect elementary principal; regardless of the day, good or bad, it is always rainbows and sunshine.”

The surprises continued for Pohl as she returned to East Elementary after the conference to find students and staff on the school lawn cheering for her. Returning indoors, they watched a film about the amazing things that make Pohl the ‘best principal ever’. Students and staff in the film shared that Pohl is kind, helpful, positive, smart, creative, caring, supportive, inspiring, and a leader.

They applauded her communication skills which make everyone feel seen and heard, her infectious joy, and her ability to make everyday an adventure. The full video, including the award presentation, can be viewed on YouTube video at <https://youtu.be/g0l4U2sR9aM>

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## KANSAS AND HEARTLAND FLYING FARMERS

KANSAS FLYING FARMERS will have a Kanopolis Picnic Saturday, June 4, 2022 at noon.

The LOCATION is Kanopolis Lake at the Langley Point area picnic shelter, (same as last two years). It is on the south side of the dam off of Highway 141. It is a nice shelter with restrooms very close.

Bring your table settings, folding chairs, covered dish etc. Shores will furnish the meat dish.

We need to have a business meeting.

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Please make an effort to attend! Our numbers in both chapters are getting smaller. We are needing more and new attendees!! See you at Kanopolis.

## TAPS

I never knew.. DID YOU?

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps was played; this brings out a new meaning of it.

Here is something Every American should know.

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps..' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes.

But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Elli was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Elli heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born.

The words are:

Day is done.  
 Gone the sun.  
 From the lakes  
 From the hills.  
 From the sky.  
 All is well.  
 Safely rest.  
 God is nigh.  
 Fading light.  
 Dims the sight.  
 And a star.  
 Gems the sky.  
 Gleaming bright.  
 From afar.  
 Drawing nigh.  
 Falls the night.  
 Thanks and praise.  
 For our days.  
 Neath the sun  
 Neath the stars.  
 Neath the sky  
 As we go.  
 This we know.  
 God is nigh





I too have felt the chills while listening to 'Taps' but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along.

I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Remember Those Lost and Harmed While Serving Their Country.

Also Remember Those Who Have Served And Returned; and for those presently serving in the Armed Forces.



## In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

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