

This Week's
Spotlight

Voters
Reject Bond
Referendum
For Valley-
Edinburg
School Dist.

The referendum sought to transition to a two-school model and make generational investments in learning and activities spaces for students

CRYSTAL – Voters in the Valley-Edinburg School District rejected a debt limit increase and bond referendum on Tuesday, which would have authorized the district to close the Crystal building and invest approximately \$15.2 million to support long-term safety, accessibility, and high-quality education at the Hoople and Edinburg buildings.

Unofficial vote tallies were 180 votes in favor and 455 votes against for the debt limit increase, and 174 votes in favor and 463 votes against for the bond referendum. The first question needed a majority of the vote to pass, and the second question required 60% of the vote to pass.

The bond referendum sought to fund a range of improvements at the Hoople and Edinburg buildings, including new classroom space, improved building security, ADA compliance, and new performance, athletic, and student support spaces. The two buildings would have absorbed students from the Crystal building, which was to be retired.

“It’s hard to see something we worked extremely hard on get rejected,” said Supt. Kierstin Hurtt. “But we respect the decision of our voters, and this doesn’t change the commitment we have to providing great education.”

Looking ahead, the district faces the mounting challenges of maintaining and operating three separate school buildings. The school board will continue to explore alternative ways to address the buildings’ maintenance needs.

“We have challenges ahead, and even though voters rejected the referendum plan, community input is going to remain essential to finding solutions,” said Hurtt. “I urge our residents to continue to be a part of the process.”

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Weekly Chuckle

In alcohol's defense, I've done some pretty dumb stuff when I was completely sober, too.

What happens if a big asteroid hits Earth? Judging from realistic simulations involving a sledge hammer and a common laboratory frog, we can assume it will be pretty bad.

— Dave Barry

2025 Pembina County 4-H Communication Arts

The 2025 Pembina County 4-H Communication Arts was held Friday, April 25 at the North Border School in Pembina. There were 31 different presentations in this public speaking contest from 28 4-H youth representing five different Pembina County 4-H clubs. Family and friends were also able to be a part of the experience.

In the Interpretive Reading Junior division receiving blue ribbon recognition were, Nathan Stegman (Cavalier) with “*The Island of the Blue Dolphins*”; Olivia Olimb (Crystal) with “*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*”.

Receiving red ribbon recognition for their junior interpretive readings were Brinxlee Hay (Cavalier) with “*Dinky Donkey*”; Naomi Stegman (Cavalier) with “*Hope was Here*”; and Sadie Kennedy (Cavalier) reciting “*If You Give a Pig a Pancake*”.

In junior Commercial, Olive Truver (Cavalier) received a red ribbon for her commercial “*Fizzy Bath Bombs*”; George Alfred Truver (Cavalier) received a white ribbon for his commercial for “*Adopting Dogs*”; and Isla Emerson received a white ribbon for “*Isla Cosmetics*”.

In the Mass Media senior team Commercial, Caroline and Nathan Stegman (Cavalier) received a blue ribbon for their “*Lorrich Industries*” live commercial.

For Mass Media junior Radio Broadcast, individual, Adlee Hay (Cavalier) received Grand Champion for broadcast enticing “*Cavalier Air Services*”. Pyper Shane (Cavalier) received a blue ribbon for her radio broadcast to “*Celebrate Life's Milestones*”;



From left, first row: Brinxlee Hay, Olive Truver, Elana Stegman, Aika Osowski; second row: Colt Cruea, Melody Hubbard, Lainy Shane, Olivia Olimb, Mallory Latozke, Sadie Kennedy, Oscar Hunter, Silas Norrell, Adlee Hay, Penelope Johnson, Levi Norrell; third row: Pyper Shane, Nathan Stegman, George Alfred Truver, Chloe Hunter, Stella

Norrell, Isla Emerson, Gary Olimb, Aurora Vernon; fourth row: Caroline Stegman, Audrey Emerson, Chaz Halverson, Preston Emerson, Naomi Stegman.

and Mallory Latozke (Cavalier) received a blue ribbon for her television broadcast “*Titan Talk*”.

Receiving red ribbons for junior individual radio broadcasts were Penelope Johnson (Neché) for “*Archery*”; Lainy Shane (Cavalier) for “*Correct Seed Treater Treatment*”; and Melody Hubbard (Pembina) for “*Tri-Border Trailblazers' Breaking News at the Pembina County Fair*”.

In the Mass Media junior Team for Radio/Broadcast Oscar Hunter and Levi Norrell (Mountain) received a blue ribbon for their “*L.O.L.*

Racing” broadcast.

Chaz Halverson (Walhalla) and Caroline Stegman (Cavalier) both received red ribbons for their senior division Impromptu Speeches centered around how 4-H has affected their lives.

In the senior Prepared Speech division, Audrey Emerson (Pembina) was awarded a blue ribbon for her topic on “*The Miss America Scholarship Organization: Empowering Women Through Scholarship and Service*”. Malory Kemp (Wittmund, Germany) received a blue ribbon placing for her speech “*Keeping Students Safe*

Online”.

For Illustrated Talk, junior division, Gary Olimb (Crystal) received a blue ribbon for his “*Feed Me Seymour – The Wide World of Carnivorous Plants*” presentation on the Venus fly trap.

Presenting “*Sparkling to Life: Magnetos*”, Oscar Hunter (Mountain) was awarded Grand Champion for his Demonstration in the junior division. Colt Cruea (Edinburg) received a Reserve Champion for his demonstration of “*Filtering Water with Nature*”. Receiving blue ribbons in junior Division Aurora Vernon (Pembina) shared “*How to Make My Favorite After-School High-Protein Snack*” and Aika Osowski (Pembina) presented “*How to Make a Delicious Cup of Coffee*”.

In the Demonstration team category, Chloe Hunter and

Stella Norrell (Mountain) were awarded Grand Champion honors for their “*How to Make Clay Earrings*” demo in the junior category.

Under the Electronic Presentation - Video in the junior division, Sadie Kennedy (Cavalier) received a Grand Champion for her “*My Trip to Arizona*”. Olive Truver (Cavalier) was awarded Reserve Champion for her “*How to Make Sourdough Bread*”. Adlee Hay (Cavalier) received Reserve Champion honors for “*Sacagawea*” in the Electronic Presentation - Software in the junior division.

In the senior team Dramatic Presentation, Preston and Audrey Emerson (Pembina) were awarded a red ribbon for their presentation of “*The First Play*”.

Cloverbuds participating in this year’s event included Silas Norrell (Mountain) sharing “*Lego USA*”; and Elana Stegman (Cavalier) reading “*My Favorite Book*”. Cloverbuds members are part of a non-competitive introduction to the 4-H club experience for children ages 5-7.

The next Communication Arts contest will be the District event held in Grafton on June 2, 2025. 4-H members receiving a blue ribbon award or higher are eligible to represent Pembina County at the District 4 4-H Communication Arts event.

4-H Communication Arts program provides youth with opportunities to build skills and confidence in making public presentations developing skills that are useful throughout a lifetime. evaluate and enhance communication skills.

Evaluating the various presentations were Paula Holen, LeRoy, Ryan Janish, Hallock, MN; Nita Warner, Pembina; and Ronda Warner, Pembina.

The event was hosted by the Tri-Border Trailblazers 4-H Club and lunch was provided by the Cavalier CTE ag students.

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Cavalier American Legion Auxiliary Plan Participation In National Poppy Day May 23, 2025

Cavalier American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 11, met April 10 to discuss the regular business of the organization and to plan for the annual Poppy sales campaign which will be May 1 to May 23. Chairperson Kaye Furstenau led the discussion. Carol Dietrich and Revel Sapa were appointed chairmen of the campaign.

To learn about and help the community remember the reason for Poppy Day, Cavalier School 4th and 5th graders submitted posters describing the reason for Poppy Day. Auxiliary members judged the winning posters from each grade level. These posters will be submitted to the State Department and the winners there will be scanned to create book markers. All remaining posters (40) were taken to area businesses to display during the month of May.

The red poppies and the canister that will hold the donations given, will be distributed to the businesses in Cavalier to display in places easily seen and accessible for the donor. Hopefully the participating donors will leave knowing they’re doing their part to ensure the remembrance of those who gave their lives for us, happy, and with a sense of pride for remembering and giving for those who gave so much.

The poppy has an interesting story. After WWI, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with

lime from the rubble left by the war. From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy which came to symbolize the blood shed during battle following the publication of the wartime poem, “In Flanders Fields.” The poem was written by Canadian Lt. Col. John McCrae while serving on the front lines. On Sept. 27, 1930 the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year members of the American Legion family distributes poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military and their families. The following is a poem that won a Poppy Poem Contest:

Forever Poppy

Roses are red, for love so true
These poppies are in remembrance of you.
You shed your blood without any fear,
to keep our homeland safe and secure.
We will always rember your valor and fight,
Whenever we see this small poppy in sight.



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