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Adapted floor hockey heading to state

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The floor hockey team finished the regular season with a record of 7 wins and 0 losses. The Trojans scored 79 goals in those 7 games and only gave up 10 goals all season. The Trojans won the southern conference and were given an automatic bid to the state tournament.

"We have had a lot of time to practice and prepare for upcoming the tournament, we haven't seen action Wednesday, Feb. 23," said head coach Jeremy Kalal. "We've been practicing hard and scrimmaging as many teams as possible to get us ready for the tournament."

"We will open the state tournament on Friday, March 18, at 8 p.m. against South Washington, the fourth seed," said Kalal. South Washington finished the year 2-5. Kalal noted their team beat them 12-1, earlier this season. "We games on Saturday, March the game against them," he said. "If we are able to beat South Washington on Friday



The New Prague adapted floor hockey team includes (left to right, front row) Carter Tupy, Nick Koenig, Hailey Kirchner, Bobby Starr; (middle row) Landon Malecha, Elliot Soukop, Luke Ryburn, Shane Friedrich, Ryan Swanson; (back row) Aaron Adamson, Dylan Raaen, Josh Anderson, Ray Parker, Evan Minar and Trystan Seger.

Saturday afternoon, but we will have to play our game night, we will play two and take care of business."

Of the six other teams in the year was against the finished the year 5-2. One of Lakeville, whose only loss of Kalal. Dakota United

played our JV team for half 19. Obviously our hope is to the tournament, the Trojans Trojans by a score of 8-2. those losses was against New reach the state title game on have faced four of them over "They were our closest game Prague, who beat them 8-0. the season. Among the teams all year, but we did control Kalal said they were able to New Prague has faced are the game from the start," said dominate the game. The provide Hockey to 9

moves forward with action steps **Patrick Fisher**

School Board

pfisher@newpraguetimes.com The New Prague School Board at its Monday, March 14, work session was updated about its three-step action plan that is in response to allegations of racial taunts at sporting events. Director of Educational Services Tony Buthe and District Equity Coordinator Termaine Fulton presented the information.

One allegation came from a February 15 basketball game that had the school district do an independent investigation that was recently completed. (See story on Page 2.) Besides that, during New Prague High School's game at the State Hockey Tournament on Wednesday, March 9, two upper elementary students students were filmed on camera flashing an upside down "okay" hand gesture, which in recent years has been seen as a white power symbol. When New Prague Area Schools administration questioned them, the students said they did not understand the double meaning of the gesture and were mimicking something they saw at an earlier hockey game on the big screen.

The three steps include first creating a school climate task force to assess our district's needs that will an inclusive

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Photo courtesy of the Burns family

The Burns family, from left, are Ellie being held by mom Carissa and dad David holding Emma. The family will benefit from the 14th annual Roman Barten Memorial Breakfast that will be held this Sunday March 20, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the New Prague KC Hall.

Sunday's Barten Breakfast benefitting Burns family

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pfisher@newpraguetimes.com the 14th annual Roman many emergency room visits Barten Memorial Breakfast will benefit Emma Burns, age 3, daughter of David and Carissa Burns of rural Henderson. The breakfast of pancakes, sausages and cinnamon rolls will be held from 8 am. to 1 p.m. at the honored and surprised," said Knights of Columbus Hall, 411 Fourth Ave. SW in New Prague and it is a free will Ellie, age 2, being chosen donation.

When Emma was five nominated by two people. months old she was diagnosed with Aicardi Syndrome and epilepsy, which causes her to experience 50 to more than 100 seizures a day, despite

brain surgery, an implant and trialing many medications. This Sunday, March 20, Emma has also endured and multiple day hospitalizations. While Emma receives occupational and physical therapies, she is still curious, determined and happy.

"Honestly we David about their family, including Emma's little sister this year. He noted they were

"It's very humbling," said Carissa. She said when they first met Fran Barten and her family they learned the history of how the Bartens Burns to 7

St. Wenceslaus Fish Fry serves 1,600

The St. Wenceslaus Catholic School's All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry on Friday, March 11, had a good catch in attendance as volunteers served 1,600 meals. Volunteers helping cook the fish, cheesy potatoes and preparing the meals were kept busy. The evening meal had crowds lined up down the hall of one part of the Parish Activity Center (PAC) to get into the PAC's gym. While many prepaid there were those who waited to pay at the door.

There were two times people could attend the fish fry, at lunch between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the dinner from 4:30-7 p.m. The meal included fried fish, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw, dinner roll, cookie and a beverage. The dinner was dine-in or curbside with people lining up their vehicles along Columbus Avenue and getting their meals delivered to their cars from the east side doors of the PAC.

"I love it," said Hadley Bailey with a big grin about the meal. She was at the dinner with her mom Stacy Bailey and her two siblings. Little Bailey's statement about the meal was likely shared by many.



(Above Left) Charlie Theis, left, and Vee Koren were among those busy in the kitchen preparing meals. The fish fry ended up serving 1,600 meals. (Right) Peter Scheffler, left, and Lynn Schoenbauer were serving with a smile as a steady stream of people made their way through the fish fry.



Stacy Bailey, left, helps son Will with his meal during the St. Wenceslaus Catholic School's All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry. Held Friday, March 11, in the Parish Activity Center the meal included fried fish, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw, dinner roll, cookie and a beverage.





