

As the third quarter draws to a close this week, this will mark an end to one of the busiest periods of time in Central City. Over the last few weeks, the Bison Activity Dome and the community of Central City have hosted a number of events. When the Bison Activity Dome or other public school venues host events, a number of people are brought to our community to utilize our restaurants, gas stations, and shops. The community and school both win during these situations.

The Bison Activity Dome hosted the LouPlatte Basketball tournament a few weeks ago. Although other sites were also utilized, the Central City site broke the all-time LouPlatte revenue record single handedly with the help of sold-out championship games. Conference basketball was followed up with hosting District Wrestling in which sixteen schools from across the state spent multiple days in Central City. Recently, the Bison Activity Dome hosted boys basketball sub-districts, two District Final events, and our youth wrestling meet. Most of these events could not be hosted before the Bison Activity Dome existed.

The series of events have served as a trial run for the hosting of Husker Volleyball versus Wichita State on April 29th. This event may be one of the largest events to ever come to Central City, and we look forward to the opportunity of running a first-class production and displaying our community. An incredible amount of behind-the-scenes logistics have gone into bringing this event to town, hosting this event, and showcasing this event. Over the next few weeks, t-shirt sales will be released along with prime seating opportunities and raffle seating. General ticket sales will go on sale the morning of April 10th at 8am from the Performing Arts Center. Tickets sales have been established in a way to help local supporters, patrons, and our community as much as possible. We expect people to camp out and fill the PAC parking lot leading up to those sales.

With all the hosting, you see the good and bad of society. We have seen great crowds, awesome bands, and excellent student sections. We have also seen terrible representation by adults. Over the last few weeks, we have seen a lot to be proud of, along with a lot to be incredibly disappointed with. Poor adult behavior is at an all-time high and prevalent across the state, region, and nation. This behavior is troublesome and concerning. Putting a finger on what is causing this is puzzling. We can continue to utilize the post-Covid excuse of everyone is angrier, but there is probably more to it. The actions of today are probably multiple factors all coming together at once. The social media craze of instant information has led to people making decisions without all the information, which is the important information most of the time. More now than ever, there is a desire to do everything for our kids with a goal of never letting them fail. Failure is part of life and part of what allows us to grow as individuals. Failure also provides humility and teaches important working traits. Most likely, the anger in our society is a combination of multiple factors, but I cannot say this enough that we can be better and need to be better. Kids are watching the behaviors of adults.

As we enter the final quarter of the 2022-2023 school year, we look forward to a strong finish by our students and staff. We have been able to put many things in place that have provided the students of Central City an opportunity to be successful in the avenue of their choice. The opening of the Dome brought considerable attention to the school district and community, but the most important thing that attention did was shed light on how every academic area has been transformed to meet the needs of the future. Considerable discussions are taking place across the region and state about all the great things going on in Central City.