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'PRETTY COOL THING'



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Preston Meyer holds the letter of appreciation he received from Wymore Emergency Medical Services alongside Rick Paben in the Wymore Community Building. When Paben went into cardiac arrest at the Wymore Country Club in April, Meyer started CPR.

Wymore first responders honored for helping save man's life

ROB SCHLOTTERBECK
Daily Sun editor

WYMORE — Several lifesavers were honored Wednesday at the Wymore City Council meeting.

Evon Koeppen of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services was at the meeting to present Code Save Awards to first responders who helped a patient in cardiac arrest survive with a positive outcome.

"These guys had a code save, which is a pretty cool thing,"

Koeppen said. "Somebody in the community went into cardiac arrest, and bystander CPR was initiated, and then the (EMS) department came in, and this outcome of it was successful. So the gentleman that this happened to was able to come back and say, 'Thank you,' to everybody himself. So that's a huge thing."

Koeppen presented certificates and pins to the individuals who participated in the lifesaving event. On April 28, Rick Paben of

Beatrice went into cardiac arrest at the Wymore Country Club. A series of strangers worked together to save him, starting with Preston Meyer, who started CPR.

"If anybody takes anything out of what goes on tonight, I want it to be that you be like Preston," said Shawna Argo, Wymore Emergency Medical Services rescue chief. You jump in. I mean, if you see something, do something."

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COVID-19 RESPONSE

Panel votes to hold Fauci in contempt

Dems call Paul's move
to bypass full Senate
vote unprecedented

AHMED ABouleNEIN
Reuters

WASHINGTON — Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said Thursday he will ask the Justice Department to prosecute Dr. Anthony Fauci for refusing to answer questions about the COVID-19 pandemic after a Senate committee voted to hold the former top infectious disease official in contempt of Congress.

The early morning vote by the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which Paul chairs, went on party lines with Republicans in favor and Democrats opposed. The resolution accuses Fauci of failing to obey a congressional subpoena.

The move followed a hearing last week where Fauci, who retired in 2022 as the head of the national infectious-disease agency and a presidential adviser, invoked his Fifth Amendment constitutional right against self-incrimination more than 100 times.

Paul said he would refer Fauci to the Justice Department, a formal request to consider criminal charges, based on the contempt finding. But the senator, a longtime Fauci antagonist, bypassed a referral vote by the full Senate.

He described that step as unnecessary and said his request would be hand delivered to the attorney general Thursday. Democrats said Paul was violating Senate rules by skipping the vote, which would likely fail to achieve the necessary 60-vote majority, and called the move dangerous and unprecedented.

The development was the sharpest escalation yet in a broad Republican and Trump administration campaign to relitigate the pandemic and hold accountable the officials who ran the U.S. response.

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County Board honors Vietnam veteran

DeLong thanks supervisors
for supporting vets

CHRISTINA LYONS
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Veteran Danny DeLong was recognized by the Gage County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday.

Different than most veteran recognition ceremonies, DeLong handed out gifts to the supervisors and a few other people who had joined him in front of the board.

DeLong noted that he was a member of the Homestead Running Club of Beatrice. "We're 600 strong and growing," he said. "It's wonderful to have a healthy club. A club devoted to health every day."

He recognized Gage County Veterans Service Officer Keil Mick.

"I'm glad you're here. We need a veteran service organization. Veterans need to know they're supported," he said.

DeLong noted that he was a Vietnam veteran.

"I returned to the states after a two-year tour. There weren't any parades and there were a lot of veterans who were angry about that. They weren't recognized when they got back. I'm happy to be here. Thank you for supporting the veterans in this community," he said.

Mick read a summary of DeLong's service, noting that he had served in the Army from July 28, 1969, to July 20, 1971, as an infantry operations and intelligence specialist. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant on April 28, 1970.

"Danny received many awards during service to include the Vietnam Service Medal, the Bronze Star with First Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Army Commendation Medal with V device, and First Oak Leaf Cluster for his

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Danny DeLong stands with Gage County Veterans Service Officer Keil Mick as he was recognized during the Gage County Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday.

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