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Dr. Jamie Isom, District **Superintendent of VCS** retired June 30

years with Valentine Schools. Jamie band Steve will continue to make

moved to Valentine in 1991. Prior to joining Valentine Schools, Jamie taught in Osmond, Madrid, Hayes Center and Wallace all in Nebraska.

Jamie joined the Valentine School system in 1992 working in music and library positions before becoming the District1Superintendent in 2002.

Beginning in 2004, Dr. Isom shared the Superintendent posi-6. The Districts

been the District Superintendent and welcomes Mr. Halley!

Dr. Jamie Isom retired after 28 since that time. Jamie and her husand her husband Steve and family their home in Valentine. Jamie

will be working for ALICAP as a Loss Control Consultant so will be traveling throughout the area working with schools

Mr. Mike Halley will be the Districts new Superintendent which began July 1, 2020. Mike comes from Scottsbluff, where he was the high school principal. Mike and his wife Teresa will be new faces in the community!

The Valentine for 28 years of

consolidated in 2006 and she has service to the Valentine Schools



Valentine Community tion between Dis-Schools District Superintendent community aptrict1andDistrict Dr. Jamie Isom recently retired. preciates Dr. Isom

Positive cases in Cherry and Pierce counties

Department (NCDHD) received notification of two additional positive cases in the district. The first case is in Cherry County. Through case investigation it was determined that the case contracted the illness during travel outside of the district. The case is currently in quarantine. The second case is in Pierce County. Through case investigations it was determined that the case contracted the illness through community spread that is present in the area and is currently in quarantine.

As the 4th of July holiday approaches, many may be thinking of a nice weekend getaway. Camping and outdoor activities are usually on the priority list during the summer months. NCDHD wants to make sure that you are planning and preparing for your travels with safety and COVID-19 in mind. Stay aware of case trends in areas you may be

North Central District Health traveling, as well as practicing good hand hygiene and wearing a mask when social distancing can be difficult. Visit our Facebook page and website for information on how to travel smart this summer.

Case count update as of June 29, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.: 47 Total Cases (TC), 31 Recoveries (R), and 1 Death (D). Reminder that Total Case (TC) numbers are represented first, and of those total cases the number of Recovered (R) persons is represented second, and total case related Deaths (D) is represented third.

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Antelope: TC: 9 R: 8, D: 1 Keya Paha: TC: 0 Boyd: TC: 1, R: 1 Knox: TC: 23 R: 13 Brown: TC: 0 Pierce: TC: 8 R: 6 Cherry: TC: 2 R: Rock: TC: 1, R: 0 Holt: TC: 3 R: 2

District Judge Martinez vacates incidental take permit for the R-Project

by Marcia Hora **Creative Printers**

U.S. District Judge William Martinez of Colorado has issued a 116-page order affirming in part and vacating in part a June 2019 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service environmental permit for the R-Project. The ruling was handed down Wednesday, June

"This is an unusually complicated case," Judge Martinez wrote in the court document. "The R-Project has been in various planning stages for eight years, and the administrative record is correspondingly enormous. The record is oddly organized and difficult to navigate. More frustrating, however, are the parties' arguments. Many are underdeveloped, 'see what sticks' variety; many are inexcusably belated (i.e., arguments Petitions make for the first time in their reply brief); and there are a surprising number of seemingly relevant arguments

not made.' Oregon-California Trails Association and Western Nebraska Resources, both nonprofit corporations, and Hanging H East, L.L.C. and Whitetail Farms East, L.L.C., both limited liability corporations, brought the civil action against U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, and Nebraska Public Power District as intervenorrespondent.

The court found a large number of challenges were without merit, but the court agreed with petitioners in the following:

· The Service inadequately considered the effects of the R-Project on the O'Fallon's Bluff segment of the Oregon and California Trail;

The Service unlawfully excluded potential wind turbine development in Antelope County, Nebraska from its analysis (an error which infects various other analyses under the ESA, NEPA, and the NHPA); and

•One portion of a "programmatic agreement" entered into to address NHPA matters is arbitrary and reliability council under the sucapricious, at least on this record.

The court set aside the Service's decision to grant the June 12, 2019 incidental take permit, meaning said permit will be vacated. Judge Martinez stated in his find-

ings, prior to the issuance of any license, federal agencies shall take into account the effect of the undertaking on any historic property. As early as March 2016, the

Service received from the National Park Service a letter stating that the R-Project would cross the Mormon Pioneer, California, Oregon, and Pony Express National Historic Trails (NHTs) at a particularly sensitive location, and encouraged an alternate route within the approved routing corridor that would cross the trail corridor in places where the trail and its setting already have been compromised or destroyed.

The Final EIS straightforwardly acknowledged that the R-Project would have a "long-term, high intensity indirect (visual, auditory, and atmospheric) effect" on an area known as O'Fallon's Bluff, which "exhibit(s) some of the most clearly defined and preserved segments of the Oregon-California Trails."

The R-Project's transmission towers and overhead lines "would become the most dominant feature of the landscape, contrasting sharply with the rural feel of the area." The transmission towers would also create a constant hum.

Tom Kent, Nebraska Public Power District's CEO and President said, "NPPD will continue to review the decision and will discuss the next steps with the Board of Directors and the wholesale customers whose facilities are directly impacted by the project. This project is still needed for electric reliability in the state. We have a high level of confidence in the Habitat Conservation Plan. The court agreed with the majority of the analysis by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the three items with which the court disagreed are relatively narrow.'

The Court documents state in January 2012, a quasi-governmental entity known as the Southwest Power Pool (a regional electric pervision of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission concluded Nebraska needed a new east-west 345 kV electrical transmission line "chiefly to provide access for wind development in Cherry (County, in north-central Nebraska), but this line also would provide parallel paths for key contingencies in Nebraska for west to east flows, relieve congestion, increase transfer capability, and mitigate reliability

In April of 2012, the Southwest Power Pool directed the relevant regional utility - in this case, the Power District – to plan and construct the new transmission line and associated infrastructure. These tasks comprise the R-Project.

Later, the Southwest Power Pool and the Power District dropped the idea of a new substation in Cherry County in favor of expanding an existing substation near Thedford, Nebraska in Thomas County.

Over the summer of 2012, the Power District "experienced extreme peak load growth that resulted in load shedding to the customers in north-central Nebraska because of the lack of transmission capacity in that area. During the irrigation season when the load was shed, the Power District was forced to lease expensive mobile generators to serve the irrigation customers. This was the result of "severe drought conditions." Southwest Power Pool concluded that the R-Project is needed to increase reliability and decrease congestion, even if no wind projects were to be built.

NPPD announced the final route for the R-Project in January 2015 and since that time it has been a source of contention with landowners located along the route, those dedicated to preserving the Sandhills and historic sites, and Audubon Nebraska.

In the middle of the process, Fish and Wildlife Service asked NPPD

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The Cherry County Veterans Memorial Comnittee needs to raise \$90,000 to commemorate our Korean and Vietnam veterans.

> \$90,000.00 \$80,000.00 \$70,000.00 \$60,000.00 \$50,000.00 \$48,610.85 \$40,000.00 \$30,000.00 \$20,000.00 \$10,000.00

For those wishing to donate please check with your accountant, although we have been told this is a qualified tax deduction.

Make checks out to American Legion Post 90 CCVMC, PO Box 33, Valentine NE 69201 or contact Bob Stetter at 402-376-2331. Find out more by going to: https://www.leobrinda90memorial. com.

4th of July celebration to be held at the Vets Club

The Vets Club on Main Street in Valentine, will be open and serving fresh hamburgers, hotdogs, beans, chips, cold lemonade, and tea with all the extras and will be grilled and served outside. Take out or seating inside will also be available.

A free will offering will be accepted which will go toward the Korean and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee to help fund an appropriate additional veterans monument outside the Cherry County Justice Center.

Activities will commence at 11:00 a.m. with the presentation of colors by the 728th Quartermaster Company (Reserve) of Fremont, and Wood Lake American Legion Post 202.

Eve Millar of Crookston will be providing music and coordinating DJ services from Security First Bank's Sweetheart Garden. Security First is also making their parking lot available for anyone to display military and surplus equipment and vehicles.

This celebration will be made possible through the coordination and staffing efforts of the Cherry County Veterans Memorial Committee, Cherry County Veterans Service Committee, Cherry County Veterans Service Officer, Vets Club, Valentine American Legion Post 90, Valentine Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5138, Wood Lake American Legion Post 202, Cody American Legion Post 319, their respective Auxiliary Units, and the generous and greatly appreciated support of many local businesses and individuals.

Happy July 4th and upcoming Cherry **County Fair!** allowed currently. Ginny Nelsen

by Laura Vroman

COVID-19 has taken away a lot said that due to the concern over of our freedoms...but they're slowly COVID-19, they won't be reading returning. Governor Ricketts has the Declaration of Independence recently updated the Directed or holding Let Freedom Ring - the Health Measures, and because he ringing of the Badger Bell for each has, we are able to celebrate sum- of the 13 original colonies, along mer similar to the way we have in with ringing it for each of the states the past - just not 100 percent yet. represented and for the soldiers

Which means tune up your derby who are still protecting our other cars folks!!!

According to Cherry County Ag Society Treasurer Carol Leonard, the annual Demolition Derby will be held Saturday, July 4, 2020, at the Cherry County Fairgrounds.

"We will be able to do 75 percent occupancy and have social distancing.

Wreckless Promotions will be do- Leonard said, "We're planning on ing the derby and have the rules and judges," Leonard said. The derby begins at 6:00 p.m. and

will continue until it's over with. There will be a concession stand and beverages on site. After the Demolition Derby, there will be fireworks said Lions Club President Wendy Murphy.

Even if the derby is cancelled, we will still do the fireworks, but people will have to watch from their cars.' In the past, the day began with a 4th of July parade that ended up at Badger Memorial Field to listen to the reading of the Declaration of

Independence. Due to the Directed

Health Measures, parades aren't

valuable free-Ginny did say that next year will be 245 years of freedom, and, 'something will be done to celebrate, no

> matter what!" COVID-19, you may have taken some freedoms, but not all of them! Which means that the

Cherry County Fair is still a go! going forward, but we have to wait and see. We have the rodeo and

the carnival is coming in. As far as times, we'll have to play that by ear a little bit. They are working on a trade show." Carol emphasized that NONE

OF THIS IS SET IN STONE. "It's an unprecedented year. We seriously have to focus on July 4, then go on to the fair."

Correction: In last week's edition, the story said that Carol Leonard was the Ag Society's President, in fact Jim Harms holds that position, while Carol holds the position of treasurer.

My sincere apologies!

since that time.' When he's not selling items to He now has a tent located on light up the sky, he's sharing news

erty, Chris Hernstrom and Deanne Holmes Monroe.

to celebrate the birth of our nation!

With Liberty's Fireworks, you have

Jaycees in the box behind Frosty's

in 2001 and have been selling ever

since," said Zachary Dean. "I have

managed several boxes and tents

"I started selling firworks for the

the best of both worlds!

erty and the pursuit of happiness house Restaurant and Mr. Tire. The

July 4th.

AMERICA!!!

Happy 244th birthday

AMERICAN...

KVSH Radio, or helping those in

distress as an EMT for the Cherry

and family owned and operated

business," Dean said. "I bought the

business and was in a transition last

year. This year I have full ownership

and am proud to be a part of the Val-

entine business community, even if

it is only 10 days out of each year!"

"This is a 100 percent locally

County Ambulance Service.

Innovation helps patients with COVID

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

DISTRICT 43 News

by Tom Brewer

"Persistence and determination alone are omnipontent..."

The people of Nebraska scored an incredible victory in federal court. District Court Judge William J. Martinez ruled against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) in a case concerning the "R-Project" high voltage powerline. This monstrosity was going to cut through the heart of Nebraska's most beautiful and sensitive area in the Sandhills, but the judge's decision in this case has put a stop to the project, hopefully for good.

The judge vacated NPPD's permit from USFWS and sent the matter back to that federal agency. I expect an appeal is being discussed, so this is not 100 percent over. Regardless, an appeal of this decision or a new environmental impact study may take years to complete. I expect them to keep trying. If they do, we will keep

When I first began campaigning for the legislature in 2016, hundreds of citizens from across the district raised concerns with me over this powerline. Helping stop it became a campaign pledge for me. We quickly learned the planning and decision-making on this project had happened years before I took office. Much could have been done to oppose or at least steer this project in a way that reduced citizen anger over it. My predecessor supported this project, and he took a position against the vast majority of the people that were going to be affected by it.

What I found particularly interesting in the Judge's 116-page decision was the fact that nothing he said was a surprise. The basis for his argument will be very familiar to people who have been raising these issues for over eight years. I have raised these same issues in scores of discussions with NPPD. I have traveled to Denver USFWS these same points. I flew to Washington, D.C. and did the same with the Under Secretary of the Department of Interior. Countless citizens have sent letters and emails and attended public meetings all saying the same thing, yet we were ignored at every turn. But the judge listened.

This power line is the key ingredient in the plan to cover Nebraska with more industrial wind turbines. The judge clearly saw through this poorly camouflaged purpose, and sided with the people. He did so because the people were right on the law all along. I am so honored to represent people with this kind of grit. Their efforts are the most heroic example of citizenled government I have ever seen. I hope this stands as an example people can take inspiration from. They remind me of one of my favorite quotes;

Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent....

Calvin Coolidge Please contact my office with any comments, questions, or concerns. Email me at tbrewer@leg. ne.gov, mail a letter to Sen. Tom Brewer, Room #1101, P.O. Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509, or call us at 402-471-2628.

Solving problems

Recently, much of my work in the Senate has focused on responding not been unique. A group of high to COVID-19 through legislation such as the CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act. These bills have been crucial to the health and well-being to work with Nebraskans to

help solve their problems. In March, five friends from Omaha found themselves stranded in Morocco when the government there closed its borders to international travel without warning. With no commercial flights in or out and hotels and restaurants sud-

denly closing their doors, the group assistance with getting these young out to my office. anxiously struggled to find a way home to Nebraska.

They reached out to my staff, who relayed to them important updates from the Department of State and ensured that these travelers' difficult situation was brought to the attention of the repatriation task force. They were able to secure seats on the first State Department flights allowed into Morocco and arrived home a few days later.

Unfortunately, their story has school students from College View Academy in Lincoln were on a mission trip in Honduras when the Honduran government suddenly

closed its borders. With commercial of our state. But throughout this flights cancelled there as well, the crisis, my staff and I have continued school reached out to my office for

by Deb Fischer

people home safe. The group decided to charter a flight, which involves a complex and drawn-out approval process in Honduras. On the morning of this flight, as the plane sat on the runway, an unexpected snag threatened to prevent them from taking off. My staff immediately contacted the State Department, who quickly cleared up the problem

NOTE FROM WASHINGTON D.C.

and secured the necessary approval

by Paul Fell

POLITICAL SATIRE



that allowed these students to get back to Nebraska.

My staff have also been working with hospitals, clinics, and home health care services across the state as they adapt to the new reality of caring for their patients during this pandemic. One of these, a Nebraska home health care provider, was

recently told by the Department of Veterans Affairs that the reimbursement payments they receive from the VA for caring for veterans would be cut by somewhere between 33 to 66 percent. This cut was so significant that it would have impacted their ability to continue providing health care services, so they reached

We worked with the VA to find out the reason for this change, and not long after speaking with them, the VA clarified their policy and even boosted payment rates rather than cutting them.

My staff also helped this provider work with one of the VA's thirdparty contractors. This contractor was behind in their payments by up to nine months, and many of the payments they were making were for less than the agreed upon amount. My staff reached out to the contractor and helped ensure that they were paying in full and on time.

Finally, the IRS has granted an extension to this year's tax filing deadline, but my office has also been able to help those Nebraskans who chose to file before the regular deadline, just as we do every year.

Even though the coronavirus continues to disrupt our lives, Nebraskans still need help understanding the federal bureaucracy. The caring and knowledgeable people on my staff work with hundreds of Nebraskans every year. They represent the best of our state and are committed to helping you navigate sometimes confusing federal regulations. If you or anyone you know is facing challenges, please reach out to my staff in our Omaha, Lincoln, Scottsbluff, or Kearney offices. We are always ready to help.

Thank you for participating in the democratic process. I look forward to visiting with you again next week.

Let's get Nebraska agriculture growing

Renewable Fuels Month and Dairy The coronavirus pandemic has impacted commodity prices and caused significant changes to the nation's food supply chain. Through it all, our farmers, ranchers, and food processor workers

have delivered the food our nation and the world need.

Over the years, Nebraska's ag producers have defined Nebraska grit and determination, and they have once again responded well to adversity. As they navigate difficult circumstances, we're dedicating federal and state assistance to keep our farms and ranches growing.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has rolled out the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) to aid the nation's agricultural community. CFAP is making \$16 billion in direct payments to farmers and ranchers to compensate them for coronavirusrelated price drops and market disruptions. USDA has just begun to issue the first CFAP payments. As of June 8, the program has already disbursed about \$100 million to ag producers in our state. Nebraskans interested in CFAP should contact their local Farm Service Agency to inquire about submitting an application. Details of the program are available online at farmers.gov/ cfap. The USDA is accepting applications through August 28, 2020.

The State of Nebraska has also received over \$1 billion from the federal government through the

with our recovery from the coro-Month, so it's a fitting time to talk navirus pandemic. As part of our about how we're working to get plan to get Nebraska growing, we Nebraska agriculture growing. are allocating \$330 million of these year for our state's largest indus- ducers employing one to 10 persons and small businesses with five to 49 employees. Grant applications are available by visiting getnebraskagrowing.nebraska.gov.

The coronavirus has been espe-

FROM THE Governor

by Pete Ricketts

cially challenging for the ethanol industry. People have been driving significantly less over the last few months, which has reduced the demand for ethanol and other fuels locally and worldwide. At one point, 42 percent of ethanol production in Nebraska was offline. The good news is that as drivers return to the road, demand is coming back.

To support the farmers, ranchers, and production facilities in the ethanol industry, we're successfully advocating for higher ethanol blends-E15, E30, and E85. Ethanol fuels save consumers money, benefit the environment, and create more opportunity for Nebraska's farmers and ranchers. A year ago, the ethanol industry celebrated news that E15 had been approved for sale all year long. This February, the USDA announced a new initiative—the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program. It represents a real commitment to

Here in Nebraska, June is both Coronavirus Relief Fund to assist expand access to higher blends of ethanol fuel throughout the United States. The USDA will award \$100 million in grants this year as part of the program. Through August 13, and told the regional director of the 2020 has been another challenging funds to assist small livestock progas stations and other fueling facilities can apply for funds to install or upgrade fuel pumps, storage tanks, and other infrastructure.

> International trade continues to be a key to growing agriculture. The new USMCA trade deal of-

ficially takes effect on July 1, 2020, which is great news for our ag community. Mexico already ranks as Nebraska's top export destination for corn and dairy while Canada is our second largest market for ethanol and dairy. The more advantageous trade terms of USMCA will give

Nebraska's ag producers even better access to these North American markets. This is especially true for our dairy farmers, who will face fewer restrictive trade barriers when selling to Canada.

While travel restrictions have put a temporary pause on trade missions, our economic development team continues to be in contact with international partners. As travel opens up, I'll lead additional trade missions to promote Nebraska's high-quality crops and livestock. We've seen great results from these missions. For example, in September, I met with top trade leaders in Japan and Vietnam to talk about the premium ag products grown in Nebraska. From January to April of 2020, Nebraska's combined beef and pork exports to Japan have been over \$50 million higher than they were during the

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We're still free, it just looks a lot different than normal

CAPITOL

View

by J.L. Schmidt

are already looking different. No College World Series in Omaha. No Czech Days in Wilbur. No Nebras-

Uncle Sam Jam in Lincoln. Word say they still live in a free counon the Nebraska State Fair is expected soon.

It comes as no surprise that folks in the U.S. have told an Associated Press poll that they

are more unhappy today than which is thought to occur mainly they've been in nearly 50 years. This conclusion comes from the COVID Response Tracking Study, conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. It finds that just 14 percent of American adults say they're very happy, down from 31 percent who said the same in 2018. That year, 23 percent said they'd often or sometimes felt isolated in recent weeks. Now, 50 percent

The survey, conducted in late May, draws on nearly a half-century of research from the General Social Survey, which has collected data on American attitudes and behaviors at least every other year since 1972. No less than 29 percent of Americans have ever called themselves very happy before.

About twice as many Americans report being lonely today as in 2018. Not surprising given the lockdowns to contain the spread of the coronavirus. There's also been a drop in satisfaction with social activities and relationships. Compared with 2018, Americans are about twice as likely to say they sometimes or often have felt a lack of companionship, 45 percent vs. 27 percent; and felt left out, 37 percent vs. 18 percent in the past four weeks.

Louise Hawkley, a senior research scientist with NORC, said loneliness "isn't as high as it could be. People have figured out a way to connect with others. It's not satisfactory, but people are managing to some extent. In early April, the U.S. Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention recommended that Americans wear a face cloth covering or mask in places where it is difficult to social distance from other people. However, there currently is no federal mandate to wear face coverings. A few states require citizens to wear masks in public places. Other states require essential-business employees and patrons while on

Things in a post pandemic world premises to wear masks, while some only require employees to wear them.

But even in states with mask kaland Days in North Platte. No mandates, many Americans who

> try, are defying these orders despite evidence that suggests widespread use of face masks can greatly limit transmission of the disease,

from respiratory droplets.

U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams said some may feel face coverings infringe on their freedom of choice — but if more wear them, we'll have MORE freedom to go out. He said it's a matter of choice, adding he hopes it's made based on the best available/current science, and a desire to do all we can to help others and ourselves and our com-

More people in urban areas wear masks than do folks in rural communities. In March, 38 percent of Democrats and 24 percent of Republicans said they wore masks at all times. By the second week of June, some 60 percent of Democrats and about 34 percent of Republicans responded they wear masks at all times. That is the largest difference in mask wearing across all demographics, including household income, age, race and gender, said pollster Chris Jackson.

So why the resistance to mask wearing? New York University professor of social and behavioral sciences David Abrams says it may go beyond politics. In times of heightened uncertainty, humans tend to seek a sense of belonging. That cuts both ways. Those who don't wear masks may feel a sense of solidarity, and those that do likely regard it "as an act of altruism and a way of helping each other out.

Americans who choose not to wear masks, Abrams said, "don't want to admit that this is the new normal. They want the old America that they're used to." It may be a reaction (or overreaction) to authority. "There's a certain bravado of being angry and defying requirements to wear a mask," he said.

In a few days. Nebraskans will be celebrating Independence Day. As you smile behind your mask, just remember you are still alive and still free. Enjoy that!

What about the debt?

WASHINGTON

 $\mathbf R$ OUND-UP

by Adrian Smith

United States into uncharted territory. Americans were asked to take unprecedented steps in order to slow down the spread of the virus. I have supported bipartisan efforts Congress and President Trump have enacted to fight this virus and provide economic relief. However. I continue to have serious concerns about the costs associated with these bills. We have long had a spending problem, and we must refocus on addressing troubling spending patterns even while fighting COVID-19.

Our debt crisis was not created all at once and is not the product of insufficient revenue; it is the product ing our economy, and included of long-term, uncontrolled federal unrelated issues like Marijuana

spending. Our debt doubled from 2009-2019, despite record revenues. Even after enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, with the goal of

providing tax relief and reform to amounts of unproven projects and as many Americans as possible, includes provisions taken straight Treasury collected \$3.5 trillion in revenue in 2019 - an increase from the year before.

For this reason, I joined a bipartisan group of more than 60 of my colleagues in writing Speaker Pelosi and Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy calling for deficit reduction as part of future pandemic legislation, to ensure we are addressing fiscal repercussions of our response. We must continue to address the COVID-19 pandemic and its fallout, but our goals must include safely reopening our economy so we can help Americans return to work.

While the shutdown of our economy broke our record streak of job growth, we are starting to see positive signs of a comeback. Reopen-

The COVID-19 pandemic cast the ing our economy led to a record for job growth in May at 2.5 million jobs added, as well as a real drop in unemployment. Americans have always defied expectations, and I know this time will be no different as long as we don't strap down the economy with even more debt.

> After working together in Congress, I have been disappointed by proposals brought to the floor by Speaker Pelosi. In May, the majority passed a three trillion dollar spending package with the stated goal of providing additional economic relief. However, this bill was largely focused on extending cash handouts rather than reopen-

banking and ballot harvesting. In addition, last week Speaker Pelosi unveiled a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure package which contains massive

from the so-called "Green New Deal." The one thing the package does not have is a method to pay for this new spending. I am concerned we are using the background of a pandemic to fund unrelated passion projects rather than considering the weight of the immense

If we do not control our spending now, it is our children and grandchildren who will bear the weight of this debt. Before the pandemic, our debt was already at unacceptable levels. I am glad we were able to come together and pass meaningful response legislation, but we cannot continue to spend our way out of this challenge without taking a deeper look at our financial

increased spending.

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FAMILY/HEALTH

"The Dish" provides real talk about food

Lincoln, Neb. June 22, 2020 experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19, and those who are looking to eat well on a budget, can find practical tips on meal preparation, budgettion and more through The Dish – Real Talk About Food website.

Part of Nebraska Extension's Nutrition Education Program (NEP), The Dish - Real Talk About Food, aims to help Nebraskans improve their health, wellbeing and resilience. The Dish recently produced five podcaststyle video lessons that address the special challenges of shopping for and preparing healthy food on a budget during COVID-19.

Low-income families, anyone versations with moms and young tone," Behrends said "Sometimes people who are purchasing and preparing food for their families," said Donnia Behrends, extension educator and registered dietitian at the University of Nebraskafriendly grocery shopping, nutri- Lincoln. "The niche of those topics were very COVID-19 specific, such as online grocery shopping and saving money at the store in new ways.

In addition to the video lessons, the site offers a plethora of budget-friendly tips and resources. What started as five lessons pre COVID-19 has expanded to over 15 lessons to date, with more lessons to be released soon.

"I think the real value in the website resources is that it has

"We wanted to have real con- a very conversational and real talking about nutrition with somebody can seem overwhelming and judgmental, and that's not at all what we want it to be. We want it to be real talk about food and how we can all feed our families as healthy as possible, while staying safe and while enjoying our time together as a family.

From grocery store shopping hacks to saving money, meal prepping, stocking your kitchen with staples, seasonal meal planning, stressing less about mealtime and simple snacks for the family - The Dish - Real Talk About food has something for

"Food and food preparation is something that has been constant the entire time that we've been in our homes. Eating healthy plays an important role in your physical health and these resources are intended to the process of preparing healthy food as simple, and enjoyable, as possible." Behrends said.

All lessons may be accessed at thedishrealtalk.com.

The Dish is funded by USDA through a collaborative project between Nebraska Extension's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education (SNAP-Ed) and South Dakota State University's Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and SNAP-Ed.

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Jean Burge 402-376-2134

Mark and Dawn Langenbach, Evan and Michaela enjoyed a visit from his brother, Kevin and his family from Michigan, two weeks ago. Michaela went back to Michigan with them for a visit and some cousin time!

Dakota and Kayla Walkling, Beckett and Finley were in Rapid City on Father's Day to visit Kayla's family and celebrate the 70th birthday of her stepdad.

Duane and Janet Cady traveled to Alliance on Saturday to see granddaughter, Britni Monroe and AJ Maser.

Kitty and Mikah VanderWey went to the Eatinger Ranch on Saturday for the Sandpainters Art Guild monthly get together. While Mikah worked on her art project, Kitty enjoyed a tour of the ranch courtesy of Byron. This area is kind of her old Sandhills stomping grounds, so she thoroughly enjoyed it, and later played guitar for the Sandpainters.

Pastor Mark and Dawn Langenbach and Evan enjoyed a few days vacation in Montana, including Yellowstone Park last week. In his absence, Brad Veurink of New Holland, preached on Sunday morning. Brad also enjoyed a visited with uncle and aunt, Dean and Sheryl Noteboom.

Pauline (Hoffman) Hogue, age 82, passed away June 25 at Gregory. She was raised in the Cody area and is survived locally by sister, Betty Jackson and brother, Chuck Hoffman of Valentine, and nephews Greg of Lakeview and Gary of Valentine. Funeral service will be Friday, July 17 at Gregory. Our sympathy to the family.

Summer is definitely here - and the forecast for the next couple weeks sounds hot, which may not be good for people, but it will make the corn grow! It's also a busy time with haying. The storms last week were pretty spotty, but some in the area had over 2" of rain - a big

You are invited to the Lakeview Church picnic at the church grounds and Community Hall on Saturday, July 4 at noon. Come enjoy time with friends - social distance if more comfortable with that, and enjoy some good fellowship, food and games. The better your team is at the balloon toss, themore socially distanced you will be!

Have a safe and happy 4th of July weekend. Now, more than any year I remember, I give thanks for the freedoms we have in this country, and pray that as a country, we stay on the same path in the future.

As states loosen stay-at-home restrictions in response to COVID-19, NFPA underscores electrical safety in pools and at marinas during summer months

June 23, 2020 - With the arrival of summer and the July 4th holiday weekend just around the corner, people are looking to take advantage of the easing of stay-athome orders and social distancing measures. As many states begin allowing for more outside activities, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is reminding people about potential electrical hazards that exist in swimming pools and hot tubs, onboard boats and in waters surrounding boats,

While most people are unaware of electrical dangers posed in water environments such as electric shock drowning (ESD), each year people are injured or killed from these hazards.

marinas, and launch ramps.

Electric shock drowning happens when marina or onboard electrical systems leak electric current into the water. The current then passes through the body and causes paralysis. When this happens, a person can no longer swim and ultimately drowns.

"With limited staff at marinas and people obeying social distancing protocols, the onus is on individuals to keep themselves, their loved ones, and the people who might have to rescue them out of harm's way," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "That's why NFPA continues to work diligently to better educate the public about these hazards and ways to prevent these tragedies from happening."

Here are tips for pool and boat

owners, as well as swimmers. Tips for swimmers

• Never swim near a marina, dock, or boatyard.

• While in a pool or hot tub look out for underwater lights that are not working properly, flicker, or work intermittently.

• If you feel a tingling sensation while in a pool, immediately stop swimming in your current direction. Try and swim in a direction where you had not felt the tingling. Exit the water as quickly as possible; avoid using metal ladders or rails. Touching metal may increase the risk of shock.

Tips for pool owners

• If you are putting in a new pool or hot tub, be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations.

• Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and — where necessary — replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool or hot tub electrically safe. Have the electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

• Make sure any overhead lines maintain the proper distance over a pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If you have any doubts, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.

Tips for boat owners

· When heading out for a day on the water, follow all existing navigation and safety rules. Practice good seamanship and avoid becoming a boater in distress. With the current pandemic, there may be fewer staff at the marina and fewer rescue personnel available to come to your aid

· Contact your local marina or boatyard in advance to learn about any local requirements in response to the pandemic that must be followed - especially if you are a transient customer.

 Avoid entering the water when launching or loading a boat. These areas can contain stray electrical currents in the water, possibly leading to electric shock drowning or injury from shock, including death.

· Each year, and after any major storm that affects the boat, have the boat's electrical system inspected by a qualified marine electrician to be sure it meets the required codes of your area, including the American Boat and Yacht Council. Make the necessary repairs if recommended.

 Check with the marina owner who can also tell you if the marina's electrical system has recently been inspected to meet the required codes of your area, including the National Electrical Code® (NEC®).

· Have ground fault circuit protection (GFCI and GFPE) installed on circuits supplying the boat;

use only portable GFCIs or shore power cords (including "Y" adapters) that bear the proper listing mark for marine applications when using electricity near water. Test GFCIs monthly.

"With continued education and awareness, we can help reduce the risk of ESD from happening," said Carli. "Make sure potentially lifesaving measures and protection systems are functioning properly to ensure that these outdoor activities can be safely enjoyed throughout the summer and beyond."

For industry professionals, the 2020 edition of the NEC has been revised to improve marina and boatyard safety and help reduce the risk of ESD. Some specific revisions to Article 555 include the addition of floating building requirements, modified signage requirement, and the reduction of power distribution system maximum voltage.

NFPA has additional codes and standards that apply to boatyards, marinas and floating buildings as well as swimming pools, hot tubs, and fountains, and their related electrical safety issues. Find these resources and more by visiting NFPA's electric shock drowning

NFPA has resources for swimmers, boat and pool owners, including tip sheets, checklists, and more that can be downloaded and shared. Please visit www.nfpa.org/ watersafety.

Valentine Senior Center News

ACTIVITIES

Center closed until further notice to all congregate meals and services except home-delivered meals and the loan of medical equipment.

HOME DELIVERY OR CURB-SIDE PICKUP of meals is available through the Senior Center. At this time, the requirements of being homebound, or recovering from surgery or an illness is waived. The suggested contribution for persons age 60 and over is \$4.50. Please call the Center for more information, 402-376-1400

A miscommunication has resulted in Memorial Day flowers being removed in error, in particular-Section G at Mt. Hope Cemetery. The Senior Center apologizes to anyone affected by this action. You are welcome to come to the center and retrieve your flowers that are in storage there.

NON-CASH DONATIONS: Jim Edwards, Ron Qualley

MEMORIAL: In memory of Herb Pabst from Joyce Carr-Colvin, Tammy Gass and Greg and Cindy Nollette.

In memory of Jo Reagan from Jan Howell.

** Farmers Market coupons will be distributed through the senior center this year. Please call the

the list. Income guidelines apply: single-person household annual income of no more than \$23,606. Two-person household annual income of no more than \$31,894.

**Pitch and all card games are cancelled until further notice.

***Donation boxes are located at the Senior Center for Borders Without Boundaries Animal Shelter and the St. John's Food Pantry. Feel free to bring donations for either entity to the Senior Center.

***Exercise equipment is not available until further notice.

***For loan at no charge--the Senior Center has a good selection of durable medical equipment. We have commodes, shower chairs, tub transfer chairs, wheelchairs, walkers, rollator walkers, crutches, canes, and more. Check with us first if you need medical equipment. There is no charge for this

***If you have extra medical equipment to donate, please let the Senior Center know.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK: Bernard and Lovella Miles, Marie Arendt, Mary Belle Osburn, Cherry Hafer, Dan and Jerilyn Colburn, Becky Pettigrew, Northstar Services, Perry and Lindy Ayers, Dave Prasch.

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Carol started teaching in Valentine in

1950 and taught until 1972, when she

retired. She taught business classes and

English during her years as a teacher.

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many students.

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Carol Johnson Starkjohann, a longtime teacher

at Valentine High School,

will be 100 years old on July 11, 2020.

Her family is requesting a card shower for her 100th birthday.

American Innovation Helps Patients Beat Coronavirus

by Kenneth E. Thorpe

American scientists are working furiously to develop treatments for the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

No group of patients needs a vaccine more than those with chronic conditions. Patients with just one chronic disease who contract CO-VID-19 are 80 percent more likely to experience a "poor outcome" -like hospitalization or death -- than those without any chronic conditions, according to recent studies.

Fortunately for Americans living with chronic disease, the United States leads the world in medical innovation. As long as policymakers protect this innovation ecosystem, U.S. scientists will surely produce vaccines and treatments relatively quickly -- and keep our nation healthy through this crisis and for years to come.

Americans are rightly worried about COVID-19. More than 100,000 Americans have died from CO-VID-19 and more than two million

have tested positive for the disease. Patients with chronic diseases are particularly vulnerable. Forty

percent of hospitalized COVID-19 patients have some type of cardiovascular or cerebrovascular disease. Other chronic conditions -- like arthritis, diabetes, and cancer -- could make it harder for the body to fight the virus.

But our scientists will rise to this challenge and invent new therapies, just as they have countless times in the past. Heart disease death rates have declined 36 percent since 2000, largely thanks to new and better medicines. Similarly, cancer death rates have declined 27 percent since the 1990s.

Health gains like this come at a hefty price. It takes up to 15 years and \$2.6 billion to develop just one new medicine. And only 12 percent of drugs that begin clinical trials ever make it to pharmacy shelves. Drug companies and their investors will only roll the dice on novel research projects if they have a chance of recouping their development losses and earning a return.

Because the United States fairly values medicines, scientists have a strong incentive to launch research

projects here. All told, American for a COVID-19 vaccine, especially firms develop half of the world's new medicines.

Researchers tend to flee countries whose governments arbitrarily cap prices of new medicines. Consider that in the 1970s, Europe produced more than half of the world's new medicines. But throughout the 1980s, many European countries imposed increasingly strict price controls on drugs. As a result, today Europe produces only 33 percent of all new drugs.

Unfortunately, some lawmakers want to implement similar price controls in the United States. A few members of Congress attempted to slip a price control into one of the first COVID-19 spending packages. The provision would have allowed the government to dictate the price of any COVID-19 vaccine that resulted from the emergency funding.

Congress wisely stripped out that provision, which would have discouraged investments into CO-VID-19 cures, vaccines, and therapies. Congress' decision is great news for every American hoping those living with chronic disease.

COVID-19 poses an enormous threat to American society -- but our smartest scientists are already on the case. Let's hope our policymakers don't put any stumbling blocks along their path to a cure whether for coronavirus or any other dangerous disease.

Kenneth E. Thorpe is a professor of health policy at Emory University and chairman of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease.



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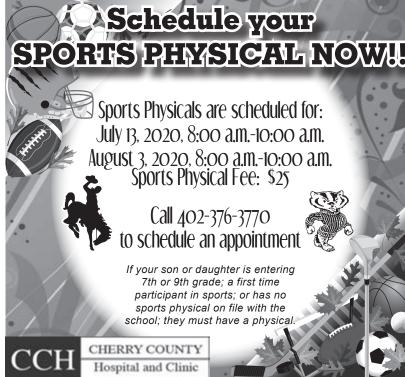
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For the week of July 6-10					
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Tuesday	Family Practice	Dr. Kelli Garwood	In all day		
Wednesday	Family Practice	Dr. Kelli Garwood	In all day		
Thursday	Family Practice	Dr. Kelli Garwood	In all day		
Friday	Family Practice	Dr. Kelli Garwood	In all day		

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11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church 2nd and Green St. • 376-1659 Pastor Johnathon Moore "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice Summer Worship Schedule SUNDAY MORNING Sunday School Classes (all ages)

WEDNESDAY **Next Generation** 6:30-8:00 p.m. **Crossroads Assembly**

Worship Service

404 E. Hwy 20. • 376-2905 Pastor Paul Maunu SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.

Bible Classes (all ages) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Nursery Children's Church 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Youth Services (6th thru 12th grade) THURŚDAY Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

Berean Bible Church 702 East 7th St. • 376-3714 Pastor Scott McClellen **Worship Schedule** SUNDAY

Early Church Service Late Church Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday School will be offered at both services for the kids WEDNESDAY EVENING Bible Study 7:00 p.m. FRIDAY MORNING

Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Synod 3rd and Haley • 376-1643 Pastor Thadeus Flitter Sunday Services 10:00 a.m. Lutheran Radio Service (KWYR AM1260) 8:15 a.m. The Twister FM 99.5,

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Sacrament 10:00 a.m. 2nd hour block 11:10 a.m.

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Sabbath School 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m

> **Victory Bible Church** Merriman Pastor Dave Morrison

6:00 p.m. Sunday Service Thursday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. **Grace Ev. Lutheran Church**

Missouri Synod 100 E. 2nd Ave. • Merriman, NE Pastor Travis Sherman Sunday Services 4:00 p.m. MST

St. Nicholas Catholic Church 400 West 5th • 376-1672 Fr. Abraham Kaduthodiyil Saturday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Lakeview Christian Reformed Church North from Crookston; right at Lakeview School; then right after

the cemetery. Pastor Mark Langenbach **Sunday Services** 10:00 a.m.

Sandhills Church of Hope 314 W. Nebraska St., Cody 402-823-4136 Pastor Kurt Busenitz Sunday Worship Services

8:30 a.m. MT (Cody)

11:30 a.m. MT (Cutcomb) Kids Club After School Program Wednesday(Cody) Seasonal Bible Studies also available

Grace Lutheran Church (Affiliated with the Church of the **Lutheran Confession**)

810 West 3rd Paul D. Nolting, Pastor Pastor's Residence 376-3248 Summer Schedule Easter to Labor Day Church Services 9:30 a.m. Live stream at valentine lutheran.com

Winter Schedule Labor Day to March Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Church Services 10:30 a.m.

8:05 a.m. Grace Ev. Lutheran School & Preschool

Radio Program - KVSH

Wood Lake Union Church Rev. Don Letellier • 967-3390 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY

8:00 p.m. **Prayer Service** St. John's Episcopal "The Church on Main Street" 372 N. Main St. 376-1723 Pastor Steve Meysing

Pastor Jon Mapa Worship Schedule Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. **Pantry Hours** Thursdays 10:00 a.m.- Noon **Except Holidays**

Eli Wesleyan Church Paul McNare • 308-689-3500 Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.

> **Hunts Chapel United Methodist Church** Pastor Judith Miller-Quallev Cody at 10:30 a.m. MT

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Obituaries

Patty L. Barstow, 58

June 19, 2020, at her home, sur-10:30 a.m. rounded by family and friends. Middle & High School

Patty Lynn Frauen was born August 27, 1961, in Ainsworth to Otto and Ruth Frauen. Patty went to elementary school at Shadley Creek. She attended Keya Paha County High School in Springview and graduated in 1979.

Patty briefly attended Chadron State College and then returned to the ranch. The following year, Patty married Neri Barstow on October 11, 1980. Patty and Neri were blessed with three children: Wyatt Thomas, born September 1, 1986; Sheena Michelle, stillborn September 10, 1990; Austin Jacob, December 31, 1991.

Patty and Neri made their home near Springview where they developed and grew the Barstow Angus cattle seed stock business. Patty began her professional career at Commercial National Bank in Springview. She served as secretary at Keya Paha County High School, and later was Director of Economic Development at the North Central Development Center in Ainsworth. Patty worked for Betty's Bookkeeping and later purchased the business which became Barstow Tax/

Patty Lynn Barstow, 58, died Accounting. Patty was a full-time partner and intricate part of the family ranch operation.

Patty loved playing volleyball, gardening and watching her husband and sons compete in rodeo events. She absolutely adored spending time with her grandchildren, Wylie and Presley. She greatly enjoyed traveling and being

with her family and friends. She is survived by her husband, Neri; sons, Wyatt (Amanda) and Austin (Sierra); grandchildren Wylie and Presley; father Otto Frauen; mother and father-in-law, Shirley and Marlan Barstow; brother Monte (Cathy); sister Sally (Keith). Brothers-in-law, Derek and Randy (Becky); sisters-in-law, Tammy (Jim), Tracy (James), Suzie (Michael). Nieces and nephews Robyn (Joe), Melissa, Josh (Brecken) Joel (Carrie), Alan (Kelli) Conner, Quin, Tv. Anna, Amanda, Thomas, Amy, Zack, Jared, Kayla, Ian and Joel.

Memorial service was held on Wednesday, June 24, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cherry County Fairgrounds in Valentine. A private family graveside was held at the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Springview. Sandoz Chapel of the Pines in Valentine was in charge of service arrangements.

Connee L. Sedlmajer, 73

Connee Lee Sedlmajer, 73, of of 1998 and then moved to Linden North Platte, passed away, April 26, 2020, at Linden Court.

She was born December 20, 1946, to Fred and Earlene (Ruff) Kuhl in Valentine. Her curly hair was spit fire red and matched her personal-Connee attended Valentine High

School and graduated in 1965. At age 12 she became a member of the Presbyterian Church. In high School she played the saxophone and marched in the Rose Bowl Parade and also was Jobs Daughter Queen. Connee was married to Joseph

Sedlmajer in 1966. To this union two children were born, Amy Jo and Christopher John. They were married for 25 years. She worked as a secretary at her

father's business Kuhl's Highway Auto Service and later Southside Body and Paint.

Connee was diagnosed with MS in 1982. Her diagnosis did not stop her from living her life to the fullest. Her goal was to stay at her home in Valentine until both children completed their college education. She only missed the goal

Court in January of 1999. She attended Chris's graduation from Pharmacy School in May of 1999 and Amy's graduation from Radiation Therapy School in 1997, both at UNMC in Omaha.

She was able to enjoy her grandchildren through the years which made her ecstatic. Connee loved the NFL, SKOL

Vikes! She enjoyed daily exercise with friends, and she was also a sharp card player, and in the past, played the piano beautifully. Connee was preceded in death by

her father, Fred.

She is survived by her mother, Earlene of North Platte; children, Chris (Suzanne) Sedlmajer, of Rochester, MN, and Amy (Rob) Smith of North Platte; and grandchildren, Keifer, Zack, Jarrett, Caleb, Jack and Lyndee.

A Celebration of will be at Carpenter Memorial Chapel, 1616 West B St. in North Platte on Monday, July 6, 2020, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Linden Court Life Enrichment. Carpenter Memorial Chapel is entrusted with arrangements and by a few months, as she moved to online condolences may be directed to www.carpentermemorial.com

Sutherland Care Center in the fall Ken R. Smith, 79



home surrounded by born on April

1, 1941 to Everett and Irene (Clapper) Smith, the seventh of eight children, in Ainsworth. He attended K-8th grade at Chain Lake School Dist. 19. He graduated from Ainsworth High School with the class of 1958. Following graduation, Ken joined the military, proudly serving his country in the U.S. Navy from January 30, 1959, in Omaha, and was honorably discharged June 29, 1962, at Saufley Field, Pensacola, FL, which included six months of extended service during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Ken married his high school sweetheart, G. Jeanne Gilliland on July 30, 1960, while home on leave. Daughter Pam ("Doc") was born while they were stationed in Pensacola. Following discharge, Ken was employed by Drybred Herefords, Wilbur and Gene Drybred, south of Valentine, where daughters Kendy ("Sam") and Konny ("Zeke") were born. In 1965, Ken was employed by Lawrence and Georgia Peterson of Newport, where daughter Kim ("Shorty") completed the family. In 1974 Ken and Jeanne purchased his family's ranch where they made their home and currently reside. Ken was a good cowman and horseman; he was a conscientious steward of the beloved Sandhills. Ken was honored to be the first inductee into the Sandhills Cowboy Hall of Fame. He served in the Sandhills Cattle Association; was a recipient of Conservation Awards and Outstanding Farm/Ranch Family. Ken was a supporter of the Brown County Fair-sponsoring the Saddle Bronc Riding Buckle and was an Honorary FFA member for his support. He was a past Lector and Eucharistic minister in the St. Pius X Parish. He never met a stranger. His most precious pride and joy were his wife and family.

He was preceded in death by his

Sandhills laws, Ralph and Delia Gilliland; sib-

rancher, Ken lings, John, Helen, Clifford, Wayne, Smith, passed Dallas and Gordon; granddaughter, away in his Angel Yankowski; brothers-sistersin-law. Surviving to cherish his memory his family, on are his wife of nearly 60 years,

June 21, 2020. Jeanne Smith; daughters, Pam Kenneth Ray (Marve) Schmitz, Kendy (Turk) Smith was Blake, Konny (Larry) Zeigler and Kim Yankowski. Grandchildren, Lezley (Jess) Koubek, Tyler Schmitz, Squeak (Hannah) Schmitz, Laura (Danny) Priest, Layne (Darin) Priest, Kolby (Tamra) Blake, Kade Blake, Zac (Katelyn Utter) Zeigler, Heidi Zeigler, Robyn Zeigler, Nate Yankowski, and Kori (Dallas) McCarville. Greatgrandchildren, Tate and Tailey Koubek, Trypp and Milo Schmitz, MaKenna and Draiden Priest, Alyvia and Wrenley Priest, Owen, Caitlyn and Eliott Blake, Rowdy Zeigler, Dillon, Anna and Walker Zeigler, Suttyn Zeigler, Bristol and Briar McCarville; sister, Carol (Don) Lauf of Kansas City, MO; brothers-sisters-in-law, Beverly Smith of Ainsworth, Donna Smith of Maryville, MO, Barb and Delbert Fullerton of Gothenburg and Carole and Mike Witt of Valentine. He was a special Uncle Ken to numerous nieces and nephews, and called 'Papa" by many.

Funeral Services were held Friday, June 26, 2020 at the St. Pius X Catholic Church in Ainsworth with Father Mike Wetovick and Father Louis Nollette officiating. Music was provided by Nichole Flynn and DeAnn Morse, with the congregational singing, "In The Garden," "Amazing Grace," "Supper of the Lord" and "On the Wings of a Dove." Scripture readings were given by Lorraine Pozehl and Carolyn Clark. The obituary was read by Bruce Beebout. Ken was carried by wagon and escorted by his grandsons on horseback to his final resting place in the Ainsworth Cemetery. Military Honors were conducted by Ainsworth American Legion Post #79. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been suggested to the family in Ken's name for a future designation.

Hoch Funeral Home of Ainsworth was entrusted with the service arrangements. Please visit www.hochfuneralhome.com to leave an online condolence.

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upon us. But most of us also feel a expressing their love and tenderness in gnawing anxiety, and in some of us this myriad ways, people are slowing down rises almost to panic, for which prayer and finding peace in their solitude. Speed and noise, those anxietyand following the guidelines are producing hallmarks of the modern perhaps the only remedies. But most of all it is the love that comes to the world, have been replaced by a muchneeded slowing of the pace and a fore, the love we see in the healthcare workers practicing their professions, quieting of the noise. How ironic that during the period of Lent, the

and solicitude.

- Christopher Simon

and all the "essential" workers, but also 407 N. Main St. • Valentine • 402-376-1865 the love that we see in people simply

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Community Wildfire Protection Plan update underway

by Sandy Gieb

Local counties and emergency managers are working with the Nebraska Forest Service to update the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) adopted in 2015 by six north central Nebraska counties. This plan is a wildfire-specific resource that coordinates with area emergency and hazard mitigation

Landowners and others in counties with a CWPP can apply for

within the CWPP region. There is no cost to counties.

CWPP, part of a statewide network ing wildfire risk, and identifying strategies and mitigation actions to reduce overall vulnerability to wildfire events. This CWPP encom-

federal and state cost-share funds passes the entirety of Boyd, Brown, for local woody fuels reduction Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, and Rock and other hazard mitigation efforts counties and the fire districts located within them.

Over the next several months, The North Central Nebraska planners will review the 2015 plan, update outdated information, add of CWPPs, assists communities any new topics that have emerged, in gathering resources, evaluat- and delete material that is no lon-

land management, fire, and community preparedness—particularly counties, local fire districts, natural resources agencies, as well as the general public—is encouraged to provide input on wildfire

The 2015 CWPP can be viewed or downloaded at https://nfs.unl.edu/ documents/CWPP/NorthCentral. Community participation is pdf. For further information or welcome throughout the update to provide comments, email sbenprocess. Everyone who works with son4@unl.edu or call 402-684-2290.

VHS to recognize students with high **ACT** scores

Valentine High School strives to did our very best to thoroughly recognize the outstanding academic achievements of their students. In keeping with this tradition, they would like to invite students with an ACT score of at least 28 to be part of their Valentine High School ACT Test Recognition Display.

Earning a 28 or higher on the ACT is a huge accomplishment. Your name, graduation year, would be on display in their ACT Display

Individual scores will not be listed; rather, your first and last names, along with the year of graduation (as shown below). There will be a gold case for scores between 31-36 and a silver case for scores between 28-30.

First Last Name Class of XXXX

be included in this project. "We individual students.

review the records of the past 30 years, and we hope that we did not miss anyone. We please ask that if you know that your score falls between the range of 28-36, please email Ronelle Kilmer at rkilmer@ vcsbadger.net granting or denying your permission to be included in this project.'

Your contact will help speed the process along greatly. If she has already contacted you, you will not need to contact her again.

Careful consideration was given to the following decision: The school will only be considering ACT scores from the Class of 1990 to the present. Prior to 1990, the ACT looked very different than the ACT test of today. Two of the four tests were completely different, and this Because the score belongs to decision was made in order to be as you, your permission is needed to fair as possible when recognizing

Several road closures on wildlife management areas

LINCOLN, Neb. - Roads on continued high water table in some toms and Peru Boat Ramp, Nemaha obrara Confluence, Knox County; closed because of poor conditions. County roads leading to the areas also may be closed.

several state wildlife management areas and local rainfall making areas (WMAs) remain closed, par-roads impassable. The Nebraska tially closed or are intermittently Game and Parks Commission continues to work to get vehicle access open to these areas.

The impacted WMAs include: These closures are due to dam- Randal W. Schilling, Cass County; Power District and Don Dworack, age from the flood of 2019 along with Goose Lake, Holt County; Peru Bot-Nance County; Bazile Creek and Ni-

County; South Pine, Brown County; Twin Lakes, Rock County; Defair Lake, Grant County; Cottonwood/ Steverson and Big Alkali, Cherry County; Bufflehead and Kea West,

Parshall Bridge, Boyd County; and Spencer Dam, Holt County; Rose Creek, Jefferson County.

For more information on closures at Game and Parks proper-Buffalo County; Loup River Public ties, visit OutdoorNebraska.gov/

Game and Parks receives NET grant for Rainwater Basin Wetland Management project

Game and Parks Commission has the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the Rainwater Basin Wetland Management project.

Game and Parks is a partner with the Rainwater Basin Joint Venture and is committed to providing optimal habitat on private and public lands for migrating waterfowl in the Rainwater Basin. This will be accomplished by increasing wetland management to reduce invasive plant species and

Prescribed management will been awarded a \$75,000 grant from address dense stands of invasive reed canarygrass, river bulrush, cattail, trees, and common reed because they provide limited habitat for wetland dependent migratory birds and out-compete desirable plants. Contractors will disk, apply herbicide, complete prescribed burns and grazing improvements, and remove trees.

This is the first year of award for Game and Parks with a potential for second- and third-year funding increase desirable food-producing totaling \$75,000 each year, respec-

tively.
The Rainwater Basin provides habitat for approximately 8.6 mil-

lion waterfowl, 500,000 shorebirds, and the federally endangered whooping crane. Over the past eight years improved management has increased landscape carrying capacity for waterfowl by 14 percent and increased recreational opportunities. When habitat values are maximized, fewer acres need to be targeted for future enrollment to achieve habitat objectives.

The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided more than \$328 million in grants to more than 2,300 projects across the state. Any citizens, organizations, communities, farmers or businesses can apply for funding to protect habitat, improve water quality and establish recycling programs in Nebraska.

The Trust works to preserve, protect and restore natural resources for future generations.

Nebraska high school sports still battling COVID-19

by Cody Frederick UNLimited Sports/Nebraska **News Service**

High school teams in Nebraska were just beginning to prepare for the upcoming spring sports when the COVID-19 pandemic arrived.

"Once COVID-19 hit, everything went downhill from there," said Mike Naeve, Winside Public School's head football coach. Winside is a Class D2 school located in Northeast Nebraska, about two hours north of Lincoln.

High schools across the area have been fighting the pandemic and using safety precautions for the past few months like the rest of the ing to open back up, no one really knows for sure how high school fall sports will look across the state.

The Nebraska School Activities Association released an updated version of what high school sports teams are allowed to do during summer workouts on June 11 where every sport except football, basketball, soccer and wrestling can host summer camps, clinics and leagues.

However, a significant amount of damage has already been done over the past few months. It has been the athlete's responsibility to be in as good of condition as possible.

"Conditioning wise, it's hurt," said Mark Tonniges, Winside's athletic director and head track coach. "This is statewide. This is probably even nationwide. It's hurt because we've stopped doing everything that we would have normally done. We've lost our freedom and our ability to prepare for that next

High schools in Nebraska are required to follow the NSAA guidelines as far as social distancing and

to the school if they want to take further measures.

'We're taking precautions," Tonniges said when talking about summer workouts. "The numbers were shortened. It was 10 and just before June 1, they increased it to 24. Our four coaches have been taking them through weight training and agilities in four different groups. We're a small school. We have small numbers.

Tonniges, who used to be assistant football coach at Hastings Public Schools, said a school like Hastings has the toughest part because they have a larger number of kids trying to get in the weight room during the week. Even with numbers of a small school Tonniges said it still isn't easy.

"I've heard some are using masks, some are not," Tonniges said. "As far as what we're doing, we're not using masks right now. We're cleaning after everybody's use. We're trying to maintain distance and use the outdoors and indoors.

Although it is allowed, Winside's football team has decided not to use its weight room because it is too difficult with the regulations. Naeve said it would be too difficult to lift heavy weights because there could be no spotter, everything would constantly need to be sanitized and it would take up half of the day. Instead, they are spending the beginning part of summer focused on conditioning and agilities out in the open.

How much does all of the social distancing during these summer workouts actually help? It may not matter all that much when they are around each other outside of

social distance, but when they come in together in vehicles and hang around each other, there's only so much we can do," Naeve said. "I'm talking with the guys that have come in so far, and they've been around each other in one way or another, and when you're young, you don't always see the big picture sometimes."

If a high school athlete did get the virus, Tonniges said they would follow similar measures to the professional sports.

"So they wouldn't affect the rest. he or she would have to be quarantined from the rest of people until they are well, Tonniges said. "Then there would probably be a process where the rest of the team would have to check more regularly.

No matter what happens this summer, a fall sports season is not guaranteed. In fact, some schools may decide on their own to cancel games depending on where hotspots are located in the state.

"Right now, I'm on hold until I get regulations that are given to me," Tonniges said. "It starts from the state and goes to the NSAA to our superintendent who in turn gives me the yes or no. You follow the order and chain of command. Our superintendent is very optimistic about our fall sports.

Tonniges went on to give his own thoughts on the matter.

"Personally, we do need these activities," Tonniges said. "I'm not talking just activities, I'm talking play production and all the fine arts that we do. The camaraderie of the kids, they're still together now. Yet, the state and everybody says 'oh no stay away from each other.' It's kind of foolish in a sense.'

If there is a football season, "We can only as a coach at the Naeve will not require his players

other regulations. However, it is up facility require them to have that to wear masks during the games unless told otherwise.

"I don't see that as something that's necessary," Naeve said. "But if it's mandated down from NSAA, then we'll have to go down that

Another idea being considered is having Nebraska high school sports without fans. Tonniges, however, thinks it should be all or nothing.

"Smaller schools, it will be tough," Tonniges said. "Yes, sometimes, you can drive up and park right along the football fields. Not all stadiums can accommodate that. You look at your Class A in the state of Nebraska. No. It isn't take only 50 percent and spread out people? I have a hard time seeing that."

If there were no fans, Winside may look into setting up a live stream for football fans this year. Even with no live stream, all of their games are recorded and uploaded to Hudl, so athletes can still show their family and friends their games.

Tonniges said even though fans may be pretty upset if they are not allowed to come to the games, they will just have to deal with it.

They'll have to follow our directives," Tonniges said. "Plain and simple. Will there be pressure? There could be, but we have to follow directives... A lot of rules have changed and that's what we're looking at. The safety of the athlete.

In their latest COVID-19 update, the NSAA made a similar stance saying, "Prioritizing the health and safety of all students and staff must remain the focus of each NSAA member school.'

Gov. Ricketts announces grant to bolster early childhood services

LINCOLN - Governor Pete by President Trump in 2019. As a Ricketts announced that the De- result, Nebraska will receive \$8.9 partment of Health and Human million for each of the next three Services (DHHS) has been awarded a Preschool Development Birth through Five (PDG B-5) renewal grant. This grant is administered by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), a part of the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

"I want to thank President Trump for signing off on the allocation of more funds for this important grant," said Gov. Ricketts. "DHHS, in partnership with Nebraska's Department of Education, will ensure that grant funds are optimized for the benefit of Nebraska's young children and their families. I appreciate the work our team has put into getting

Preschool Development Birth through Five (PDG B-5) is a competitive federal grant program established as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) passed in 2015. Funding from this grant will allow DHHS to continue collaboration with the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) and other public and private partners to further develop existing programs that benefit children statewide.

Last year, Nebraska was awarded \$4.1 million in PDG B-5 funds. This grant allowed Nebraska to complete a comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan. Supporting this important work, DHHS has been awarded a renewal grant supplied by funding signed into the PDG budget

years with contributing partners pledging \$2.7 million in matched funds.

The recently awarded PDG B-5 grant is designed to improve the quality of early childhood services. It will expand access to the most vulnerable families while strengthening and streamlining state-level infrastructure. The State's efforts in the coming years will build on the accomplishments achieved during the first year of grant funding. As it moves forward, the State will also leverage the community-level leadership and infrastructure that have been built over many years to better serve preschool children and their families.

DHHS will provide overall project oversight. As a sub-grantee, the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation will serve in a project coordination role and will lead the communication and dissemination efforts. The Nebraska Department of Education Office of Early Childhood is also a sub-grantee, leading some key activities.

"Nebraska has a vested interest in ensuring families have strong early childhood educational opportunities to choose from that are supported by both public and private partners," said Stephanie Beasley, Director of the Division of Children and Family Services. "This grant allows us to build off the successes from last year to continue improving services to families and their young children.'

Peru State to host tryouts for 2020 and **2021 Prospects**

petitive dance coach Noah Roddy has identified Saturday, July 18, as a tryout date for candidates for the 2020-21 dance team, as well as, for 2021-22 team members.

The tryouts will be held in the ${\bf Al}$ Wheeler Activity Center (AWAC) on the Peru State campus from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

The Bobcats are looking for a few more members for the initial Bobcat competitive dance team, but will also be seeking members for the following year.

ships are available for both years.

Athletic and academic scholar-

For the tryouts, Coach Roddy will be doing a variety of assessments with the first part looking at the following: chaines turns, pique turns, pirouettes (single, double, triple, quad), a la seconde turns, coupe turns, pencil turns, grand jete, saut de chat, toe touch, center leap, firebird, tilt jump, and herkie/ hurdler jump.

In addition, Roddy will be assessing flexibility in certain moves

(Peru, Neb.) - Peru State com- such as in splits (left, right, and middle, leg holds (parallel and second, grand battements (parallel and second), scorpion hold, and

> Acrobatic abilities in the following areas will be reviewed as well: front walkover, back walkover, headspring, front handspring, aerial cartwheel, front aerial, kip up, and kip up/rubberband.

Those attending the tryout will also learn an excerpt from collegiate pom and jazz routines.

Coach Roddy noted that he will be looking at individual skills at the time and understands that not everyone will possess all of the skills. He is confident that team members will have plenty of time to build the skills and techniques throughout the fall practices and prior to the competition season.

For more information about the tryout and/or to pre-register, please contact Roddy at nroddy@ peru.edu or 763-442-1501.

Nebraska Promise for free tuition at NCTA

of Nebraska is providing \$50,000 for its on-campus classes in Curtis, Nebraska this fall.

The pledge through "Nebraska Promise" enables tuition-free college classes to fulltime students who are new, transfers or returning Aggies to the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis.

Nebraska residents with family income of less than \$60,000 per year

This scholarship of \$3,336 to \$5,000 per year for 24 to 36 hours maker to some students," said Larry

CURTIS, Neb. - The University Gossen, NCTA dean. "An eligible student can enroll now and start their college program here at NCTA, with in-person classes when the fall semester begins August 24.

"I was notified this week by University President Ted Carter of the Nebraska Promise assistance to NCTA, so that we can ensure faculty, staff and academic resources for all eligible Aggie students," said Dean

The tuition-free pledge was announced in April by NU President Ted Carter for use at any NU campus. of coursework can be a difference- It ensures full-time resident undergraduates whose families have an

adjusted gross income of \$60,000 or less or who quality for the federal Pell Grant can attend college this fall. Nebraska Promise criteria:

• Must be a Nebraska resident who applied for FAFSA (federal aid) by June 1.

• Take at least 12 credit hours each • Family income of \$60,000 or less

(adjusted gross income) or be Pell Grant eligible. Maintain a 2.5 GPA.

NCTA is unique, and a one-of-akind campus within the NU system, Gossen said, with its hands-on programs in agriculture education, agri-

business, ag mechanics, ag production and animal health (veterinary technicians).

"Our New Student Enrollment for students coming to NCTA this fall is at campus on July 7," Gossen said. "I look forward to meeting students and their families. Tuition at NCTA is \$139 per credit

hour, and is the same for Nebraska residents and out-of-state students. Housing and other costs are not included in the Nebraska Promise.

For details on applying to NCTA, see https://ncta.unl.edu/apply-now or call Gaylene Stinman, enrollment associate at 308-367-5267.

Valentine City Council special meeting minutes

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Valentine, Nebraska was held June 25, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in the City Library Meeting Room, the same notice of meeting was given according to law. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public. A public information council agenda packet was available at the public information table. Notice of the Open Meetings Act was provided as required by law.

The Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of

Council President Kyle Arganbright opened the meeting with the following Council members in attendance: Neil Wescott, Dave Otradovsky, Kalli Kieborz, Andrew Ward. Also in attendance were City

Manager Shane Siewert and City Clerk Deanna Schmit recorded the

Councilmember Otradovsky made a motion, seconded by Kieborz, to send a letter of support for ALLO Communications LLC, for the Nebraska Broadband grant program application. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business before the council, Council Chairperson Arganbright declared the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

A complete version of the minutes may be viewed at the office of the City Clerk, 323 N Main Street, Valentine, Nebraska during normal business hours.

Deanna Schmit City Clerk 17913-1 ZNEZ

Meeting Notices

Valentine City Council

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Valentine, Nebraska will be held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Valentine Public Library, 324 North Main Street, Valentine, Nebraska. The meeting will be open to the attendance of the public. An agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's office at 323 North Main Street, Valentine,

> Deanna Schmit, City Clerk 17916-1, 8, 15, 22, 29 ZNEZ

City of Valentine **Planning Commission**

The regular meeting of the City of Valentine Planning Commission will be held at the Valentine City Library Meeting Room on Monday, July 6, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the agenda is on file at the office of the city clerk. This meeting is open to the public.

City Clerk 17905-24, 1 ZNEZ

Valentine Community Schools

Notice is hereby given that the Valentine Community Schools Board of Education will hold a Public Hearing regarding the Student Fees Policy on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Valentine High

Notice is hereby given that the Valentine Community Schools Board of Education will hold a Public Hearing regarding the Parental Involvement Policy on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Valentine High School.

Notice is hereby given that the Valentine Community Schools Board of Education will hold a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Valentine High School.

The agenda shall be readily available for public inspection at the superintendent's office during normal business hours.

> Kent Lopez, Secretary By Lisa Rodgers-Mathis 17887-24, 1 ZNEZ

KBR Rural Public

Power

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of KBR Rural Public Power District Board of Directors will be held on Monday, July 6, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., at the KBR RPPD office in Ainsworth. An agenda of the items to be discussed at the meeting is available at the District Office and is kept continually current.

Robert Beatty General Manager KBR Rural Public Power 17911-1 ZNEZ

Cherry County Board

of Commissioners

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners will meet the second and last Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Cherry County Courthouse, in the Sheriff's Conference Room. A current agenda will be on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Additional Meeting information is available at: https://co.cherry.

17917-1, 8, 15, 22, 29 ZNEZ

Cherry County Board of Corrections

The Cherry County Board of Corrections will meet the last Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the Cherry County Courthouse, in the Sheriff's Conference Room. A current agenda will be on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Additional Meeting information is available at: https://co.cherry.

17918-1, 8, 15, 22, 29 ZNEZ

Deanna Schmit Cherry County Planning Commission

The Cherry County Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. CT in the Cherry County Courthouse Conference Room at the Cherry County Courthouse at 365 N Main Street, Valentine, Nebraska for the purpose of conducting any and all county business that will come before the Board.

A current agenda will be on file in the office of the Cherry County Roads and Zoning Office in addition posted on https://co.cherry.ne.us/ zoning_meetings/agenda.aspx. All avaliable information is in the Zoning Office.

17910-1 ZNEZ

Cherry County Board of Equalization

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners will convene as a Board of Equalization on July 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. CST in the Sheriff's Conference Room of the Cherry County Courthouse. The Board will conduct a public hearing on application(s) for tax exemption on real and personal property by qualifying organizations and for the purpose of discussion/action regarding permissive exemption(s). The Board will also conduct Property Valuation Protest Hearings, discussion and action regarding Property Valuation Protests, discussion and action regarding Reports of Destroyed Real Property, discussion and action regarding Overvalued, Undervalued, and Omitted Property for Tax Year 2020, and to consider any other property valuation issues that may come before the Board. The current agenda is on file in the Office of the County Clerk and is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

17915-1 ZNEZ

Valentine City Council special meeting minutes

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Valentine, Nebraska was held June 22, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Library Meeting Room, the same notice of meeting was given according to law. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public. A public information council agenda packet was available at the public information table. Notice of the Open Meetings Act was provided as required by law.

The Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of

Council President Kyle Arganbright opened the meeting with the following Council members in attendance: Neil Wescott, Dave Otradovsky, Kalli Kieborz, Andrew Ward (5:04). Also in attendance were City Manager Shane Siewert, City Attorney, Suzy Beel and City Clerk Deanna Schmit recorded the

No action taken concerning the structure of support for application for the Nebraska Broadband grant program.

No action taken concerning hiring broadband consultants Brooks, Pansing Brooks, PC, LLO to provide advice on negotiation and documentation for broadband grant program.

Council President stated the

question "Should the council enter into closed session to discuss contract negotiations for broadband provider."

Councilmember Arganbright made a motion, seconded by Kieborz, to enter into closed session to discuss broadband provider contract negotiations. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed session was entered at 6:36 p.m.

Closed session was declared done at 7:17 p.m.

Following entry back into open session Councilmember Arganbright made a motion, seconded by Ward, to direct the city manager to prepare a questionnaire for the broadband applicants to fill out to help select broadband provider to support in the application to the Nebraska Broadband grant program. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business before the council, Council Chairperson Arganbright declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

A complete version of the minutes may be viewed at the office of the City Clerk, 323 N Main Street, Valentine, Nebraska during normal business hours.

laws of the state of Nebraska. The

company was organized and com-

menced on March 6th, 2020. The af-

fairs of the company are to be con-

ducted by its manager/member,

until such time as her successor or

successors are selected pursuant to

Reagan Wiebelhaus, Organizer

Notice

In the County Court of Cherry

Estate of Robert Henry Schnei-

22 day of June, 2020, in the County

Court of Cherry County, Nebraska,

Shirley A. Schneider was appointed

by the Court as Personal Represen-

Creditors of this Estate must file

their claims with this Court on or

before the 31 day of August, 2020, or

17894-24, 1, 8 ZNEZ

the Operating Agreement.

Ainsworth, NE 69210

Wiebelhaus Law

333 E. 5th Street

County, Nebraska

be forever barred.

Attorney for Estate

NSBA #10117

Warren R. Arganbright,

Estate No. PR 20-22

der, Deceased

Deanna Schmit City Clerk 17912-1 ZNEZ

Notice Of Organization of Welker Ranch, L.L.C. A Nebraska Limited Liability Company

Notice is hereby given that, Welker Ranch, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office and registered agent address located at 37592 South Kilgore Road, Kilgore, NE 69216. The designated agent is Susan M. Welker. The general nature of its business is to conduct any and all lawful business for which a company may be organized under the

Notice

The City of Valentine has openings for one member on the Planning Commission, two members on the Board of Adjustment, and one member on the Cemetery Board. Interested parties can pick up an application at City Hall, 323 N. Main Street, Valentine. Deanna Schmit

City Clerk tative of the Estate. 17908-24, 1 ZNEZ

In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska

Estate of Josephine R. Reagan, Deceased

Estate No. PR 20-23 Notice is hereby given that on June 25, 2020, in the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Descendant and that Jerrold D. Carr, whose address is 704 West 11th St., Yankton, SD 57078, was informally appointed by the Regis-

of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before the August 31, 2020, or be forever barred.

trar as Personal Representatives

Kay E. Morrison Clerk of the County Court 365 N. Main, Ste 12 Valentine,NE 69201

129 East Third Box 766 Valentine, NE 69201 402-376-1860

Andrew C. Johnson, #22158

17914-1, 8, 15 ZNEZ

sources District (MNNRD) and City of Valentine are co-sponsoring the USDA-NRCS, Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Mill Pond Bank Stabilization project located in Cherry County, Valentine, NE at the Mill Pond.

struction meeting:

1:00 p.m.

Notice
In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska

Estate of Dean Colburn, Deceased Estate No. PR 20-20

Notice is hereby given that on June 12, 2020, in the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Delores Colburn, whose address is 39426 Beaver Lake Loop Road, Valentine, NE 69201 was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 17, 2020 or be forever

Kay E. Morrison Clerk Magistrate of the County

365 N. Main, Ste. 12 Valentine, NE 69201 Andrew C. Johnson #22158 Johnson Law Office

Valentine, NE 69201 (402) 376-1860

129 East Third

17882-17, 24, 1 ZNEZ

Notice to bidders

308-430-5386

The Middle Niobrara Natural Restruction of "EWP Mill Pond Bank" Stabilization Project" will be received by the MNNRD General Manager at 303 E. Highway 20, Valentine, NE 69201 until 1:00 p.m. on the 8th day of July 2020. If interested, stop by the MNNRD Office, and pick up an Invitation

Contractors bidding the project are required to attend a Pre-Con-

1. Location: MNNRD office at 303 East Highway 20, Valentine, NE 69201 2. Time and Date: June 24th, 2020,

Sealed proposals for the con-

Notice of sale

to Bid and a copy of the Contract

Documents located at 303 E. High-

way 20, Valentine, NE 69201. For

more information give Chandler

Schmidt, MNNRD, a call at 402-

376-3241 or Dave Coe, Engineer at

17877-10, 17, 24, 1 ZNEZ

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the District Court of Cherry County, Nebraska, in an action wherein Heartland Investors is the Plaintiff and Douglas Hendrix and Amy Hendrix, John and Mary Doe and any other persons or entities claiming any right to the real estate described herein, are the Defendants in the entitled cause, foreclosing liens for real estate taxes, I will at 1:00 o'clock p.m. on the 8th day of July, 2020 at the front door of the Cherry County Justice Center in Valentine, NE sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property to wit: Lot 3, Block 3, Keeler's Place, an Addition to the City of Merriman, Cherry County, NE also referred to as 102 S. Smith Street, Merriman, NE to satisfy the liens and encumbrances thereon, costs of suit and accruing costs, all as set forth in the foreclosure decree. The sale will remain open one hour.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of June, 2020.

Rusty Osburn **Cherry County Sheriff** 17876-10, 17, 24, 1 ZNEZ

Notice

In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska

Estate of Reece Malles, Deceased Estate No. PR 20-19

Notice is hereby given that on June 11, 2020, in the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Douglas F. Dean was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Notice is hereby given that on the Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 17, 2020 or be forever

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Notice

In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska Estate of Leslie Malles, Deceased

Estate No. PR 20-18 Notice is hereby given that on

June 11, 2020, in the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Douglas F. Dean was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

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Notice

Clerk of the County Court

Kay E. Morrison

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In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska Estate of Floyd E. Carr, Deceased Estate No. PR 18-36

Notice is hereby given that the Personal Representative has filed a final account and report of administration and a Formal Closing Petition for Complete Settlement, which has been set for hearing in the Cherry County, Nebraska, Court on the 14th day of July, 2020, at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

Kay E. Morrison Clerk of the County Court Warren R. Arganbright, NSBA #10117 Attorney for Estate

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Meeting Notices

Sand Hills AA Sand Hills AA Group meetings

Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Due to Covid-19 an on online/callin meeting is available during the regularly scheduled meeting. To participate in the meetings contact a member below or send an email to area41district14@gmail.com; Jackie 402-389-0219, Randy 402-376-4539, Kathy 307-640-1982, Faren 402-322-3655, Russ 308-645-7255.

Camels AA

Camels AA Group meeting

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Notice Of Organization of Dam Beef, L.L.C.

A Nebraska Limited Liability Company

1. The name of the limited liability company shall be Dam Beef, L.L.C. 2. The address of the designated

office is 111 E. 3rd Street, PO Box 87, Valentine, NE 69201. 3. The general nature of the

business to be conducted by the limited liability company is any lawful act or business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

4. The limited liability company

commenced on the 16th day of June, 2020, and will be perpetual. 5. The affairs of the limited liabil-

ity company are to be conducted by

the members. DATED this 16th day of June,

Dam Beef, L.L.C. A Nebraska Limited Liability Company Kurt Dam Arganbright, NSBA

#24375 Its Attorney

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Notice Of Organization of Cow Country Custom Fencing, L.L.C.

A Nebraska Limited Liability Company

1. The name of the limited liability company shall be Cow Country Custom Fencing, L.L.C.

2. The address of the designated office is 35597 Medicine Lake Road, Cody, NE 69211.

3. The general nature of the business to be conducted by the limited liability company is any lawful act or business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

4. The limited liability company commenced on the 16th day of

June, 2020, and will be perpetual. 5. The affairs of the limited liability company are to be conducted by the members.

DATED this 17th day of June, Cow Country Custom Fencing,

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District Judge Martinez vacates incidental take permit for the R-Project

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erage of whooping cranes, not just American burying beetles. This counter-studies, or meta-studies. Around the same time the Service began pushing NPPD to include the whooping crane within its permit application, and the Service also began receiving information from other federal agencies that the final route would cross immediately over, or very near to, relative pristine sections of the Oregon and California Trails, the Mormon Pioneer Trail, and the Pony Express Trail.

The Service issued its final environmental impact statement in November 2018 and in June 2019, the Service issued an incidental take permit to the Power District

to apply for incidental take cov- covering the beetle only, effective and do other site preparation along through June 12, 2069, for the expected 50-year life of the R-Project.

Petitioners filed the lawsuit in July 2019, and in light of the pending lawsuit, and to avoid preliminary injunction proceedings, the parties stipulated amongst themselves that NPPD would defer major construction activities on the R-Project until June 2020.

Not that the permit has been vacated and work on the R-Project suspended at this time, NPPD reports it will seek to store and secure construction supplies at depots set up under an agreement between both sides in the lawsuit.

NPPD will also prepare to upgrade substations at Thedford and

NPPD remains committed to building the transmission line

where it's planned to go. District 43 State Senator Tom Brewer stated in his weekly column 'the people of Nebraska scored an incredible victory in federal court.

Senator Brewer has stood with many of the landowners along the proposed R-Project route who have fought the route that would cut through Nebraska's most beautiful and sensitive area in the Sandhills. Brewer said a new environmental impact study may take years to complete and if they keep trying he will keep fighting.

"Hundreds of citizens across the Clearwater and clear vegetation district raised concerns with me

over this powerline," Brewer said. 'Helping stop it became a campaign pledge for me.

Brewer traveled to Denver and spoke to the USFWS regional director. He flew to Washington D.C. and spoke with the Under Secretary of the Department of Interior.

Citizens sent letters, emails, attended public meetings, and traveled to Lincoln to testify.

Brewer said this power line is the key ingredient in the plan to cover Nebraska with more industrial wind turbines.

"I am honored to represent people with this kind of grit. Their efforts are the most heroic example of citizen-led government I have ever seen," Brewer said.

American Red Cross and COVID-19 antibody testing at July 9 Blood Drive

testing all blood products (whole blood, power reds, plasma, platelets) for COVID-19 antibodies. They began their testing June 15, 2020. This is incredibly exciting news and we are very proud to be able to offer this test to all blood donors, free of charge to the donor.

This is not a diagnostic test, meaning it will not tell you if you currently have COVID-19. This test determines if you have been exposed to this coronavirus and developed antibodies.

If you are not feeling well, have traveled to certain countries, have been diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 during the past 28 days, or had close contact with someone diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 within the past 28 days, you need to wait

Results will be delivered within seven to 10 days through your account on redcrossblood.org or through the Blood Donor app.

In order to be tested, you must complete a donation - that includes filling the tubes at the end of the donation because that is how the blood is tested.

We are encouraging all donors to make an appointment at the upcoming blood drive. Because of the popularity of this test, we will need to be able to practice responsible social distancing by not having too many people in one area at one time. That may mean we have to turn away walk-ins if we are full with appointments. Please promote the importance of making an appointment to your donors.

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> Fans who come to donate in July will automatically be entered for a chance to win an authentic WON-DER WOMAN 1984 movie prop replica package. Items include: The Golden Lasso and a pair of Gauntlets, identical to WONDER WOMAN's from the film.* Plus, come to give July 1-8 for an exclusive WONDER WOMAN 1984 T-shirt, while supplies last! (Terms and conditions apply Go to www. redcrossblood.org)

The Valentine Rotary will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, July 9, 2020. Walk-ins are welcomed, but try to get an appointment so there's a good flow of donors and not a back up; keep in mind social distancing.

Donors need to wear masks - if they don't have one, they will be available at the door. Your temperature will be taken at the door when you enter the Catholic Parish Hall on West Fifth Street.

Call Jeanie Cozad at 402-376-4715, or make your appointment on line and use the Rapid Pass by downloading Rapid Pass app on your smart phone. Appointment slots available are from 11:30 a.m. -5:30p.m. Cookies, sandwiches, and beverage will be served.

City Council chooses ALLO Communications application for broadband improvement grant

port ALLO Communications' application for the broadband improvement grant at their meeting. Thursday, June 25, 2020. According to City Manager Shane Siewert, their typical residential service is 500 Mbps up and down for \$60.00 per month. They also offer 1Gbps for \$89.00 per month which will be over 100 times faster than what some people are getting. Those

The City Council chose to sup-faster speeds will allow faster and telephone services. uploads and downloads and give people the ability to do more things at once such as streaming a movie at the same time someone is on a video conference or online with a teacher. Commercial service will be 55 Mbps symmetrical for \$60.00 per month and 100 Mbps symmetrical for \$110.00 per month. Speeds up to 10 Gbps will also be offered. ALLO also offers traditional cable

The City Council also met Monday, June 22, 2020 where they vetted several companies from 5:00 - 6:37 p.m. to see who had the best product, availability of materials, and equipment and workers to get the job done by December 2020, one of the grant's requirements. The Council entered into executive session to discuss the vendors interested in the job and they included:

Three River Communications, ALLO Communications, XXXX, XXXX, XXXX, XXXXX.

The community was asked to submit their provider's download and upload speeds which will help determine during the application process if Valentine is a community in need of broadband.

The quick turnaround for the project is due to the CARES Act as

Ranch quotations

by Steve Moreland

Recently I was reading a book titled Western Quotations, made by noted "famous" characters of the Wild West down through the years, as these great United States were being settled. This caused me to think of some of the pertinent quotations my own ranch neighbors have made through the years.

The ETV tower (Educational Television) was built south of Merriman in 1968. This tower stands 1029 feet tall, and at that time was the only tall tower within a hundred mile radius. George Shadbolt was a rancher with land near the new tower. He expressed his concern by saying, "That tower is just going to comb the airplanes right out of the sky." Up to now, that one-toothed comb has not gotten a single airplane that I am aware of.

We neighbored Shadbolts on their west side, and each spring exchanged branding help with them. Their big summer range branding pasture hadn't been cross-fenced at that time, and was about 8,000 acres in size with a multitude of windmills. On branding day, at about 50 riders would come into the pasture from all sides and gather about 600 cows and their calves into the center of the pasture on a big flat where the woven-wire branding corral was located. The year was 1982. I was riding on the extreme west side of the pasture, and Jim Buckles happened to be riding in that area also. We had kicked quite a bunch of cattle out of the hills and were waiting for other cattle pushed by other riders

to join with ours. Jim was just shy their ranch 25 miles south. Before of 75 years old at the time. I said to him, "Jim, you are kind of getting up in years but still riding hard and putting in a full day's work. Some of your younger contemporaries are doing well just to show up at a branding in a pickup. Is there anything in particular that you attribute to your longevity?" Jim didn't even pause to consider before answering, "I've drunk a lot of whiskey and gone a lot of nights without near enough sleep." This formula seemed to work very well for Jim Buckles. One fall my wife Carol and I

were helping the Shadbolt Ranch as they gave vaccinations to their calves. There was a lull in the activity, and the patriarch of the place, George W. Shadbolt, told of some of his early experiences. His dad, George E. Shadbolt, was one of the early pioneers south of Merriman, having come into this area in 1885. The senior Mr. Shadbolt had a partner, William Fleischman at that time. In later years, George W. Shadbolt asked seen a lot of changes come into the ranching business since the early days. What is the single biggest improvement you have seen to this business in vour lifetime?" George said that Uncle Bill didn't mince any words when he replied, "The best improvement to ranching in my lifetime was when the Rockford Bridge was built across the Niobrara River." William Fleishman the railroad depot at Merriman to

the bridge was built, the freight teams would have to pull the wagons across the Niobrara. Many times quicksand would bog down the wagons, and the horses would have to be unhooked and gotten to the river bank. Then Bill would have to mount one of the horses and ride to some homesteader's place to request help in the form of extra teams to get the wagons pulled out of the river. The Rockford Bridge was a great boon to the area, and William Fleischman was deeply appreciative of the improvement.

There are no quotations with this next story, but George Shadbolt told of when he was building his new house on the ranch, probably back in the 1940s. He was hauling lumber and building supplies to the ranch from Gordon. Living a long ways down in the Sandhills, it was 20 miles and 20 gates to get to a decent well-traveled road. Coming home, George had some long dimension lumber tied to the wire gate, he'd have to climb out the window, open the gate, climb back in the window, drive the truck through the gate, climb back out to shut the gate, and clamber once again back into the truck to proceed to the next gate. As one can imagine, this routine soon became less than fun. George was about three miles from his ranch when he got the truck stuck in a sandy had to freight all supplies from pass. He got out and walked home to get assistance in pulling out the

truck. After walking home, George took time to eat and take a brief nap before getting someone to take him back to the truck to pull it out. You'd think back in those days that rural crime wouldn't be much of a problem, but upon arriving at the stuck truck which had been loaded high with lumber, the lumber was gone. Someone had unloaded it and hauled the boards to their place while George was walking home. George said he was pretty sure which neighbor had stolen the lumber, but could never prove it. He drove a lot more carefully through the sandy pass with his next load.

A rancher bought a new team of molly mules. He named them after a couple local ladies. When asked why he picked those names, he smilingly said. "One is a good mule, and the other is a bad mule."

I was in the Anchor Bank one day back in the 1980s renewing my operating note. Ted Bare was the banker at the time. I was sitting across the desk from Ted, and sides of his straight truck which the door to his office was open. A only allowed access through the rancher's wife was doing business Mr. Fleischman (whom he called windows, as the doors couldn't be with one of the lady tellers when "Uncle Bill"), "Uncle Bill, you've opened. Each time he arrived at a the phone rang, and it was her husband paging her. He needed some additional supplies along with the list he'd already given her. She was talking loudly on the phone, and I was a young man duly impressed with all the commotion of the moment. Ted got up to shut his office door, and said, "Sounds like someone stepped on that cat's tail." Somehow his less-than-impressed viewpoint seemed to put everything back into proper perspective.

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Cherry County Court News

Timothy R. Moccasin, Rapid City, SD. Attempt of a class 4 felony, 30 days jail, \$50 costs - Officer Ormesher.

Justin J. Eagle Pipe, Valentine. Attempt of a class 4 felony, 30 days jail, \$50 costs - Officer Ormesher. Jason J. Fairhead, Martin, SD.

Speeding 6-10, \$25 fine, \$49 costs Trooper Nilson. Jose A. Arenas Aguilara, Au-

rora, CO. Speeding 11-15, \$75 fine, \$49 costs - Trooper Sauser. William D. Russell, Denver, CO.

Speeding 6-10, \$25 fine, \$49 costs -Trooper Sauser. Brandi R. King, Mission, SD. Speeding 6-10, \$25 fine; fail to use child passenger restraint, \$25 fine,

\$49 costs - Trooper Doggett. Bryan L. Hugen, Gordon. Overweight on axle or group of, \$75 fine; overweight on axle or group of, \$150 fine, \$49 costs - Trooper

Hadaway. Erich Battershaw, Valentine. Disturbing the peace, \$250 fine, \$30 restitution, \$50 costs - Officer

Contessa L. Pony, Omaha. Speeding 11-15, \$75 fine; fail to use child passenger restraint, \$25 fine, \$49 costs - Trooper Nilson.

Gregory K. Pierson, St. Joseph, MO. Speeding 16-20, \$125 fine, \$49 costs - Trooper Schmitt. Sandra Fernau,

Valentine. Fail to use child passenger restraint, \$25 fine, \$49 costs - Officer Ormesher. Hermilo Garcia, Houston, TX.

Too fast for conditions, \$100 fine; careless driving, \$100 fine, \$49 costs - Deputy Dailey.

George G. Shadbolt, Merriman. Take/possess fish w/o permit, \$100 fine, \$50 costs - Conservation Officer Miller.

Patrick G. Sasse, Gordon. Take/ possess fish w/o permit, \$100 fine, \$50 costs. Nona J. Warrior. Pine Ridge.

SD. Theft-unlawful taking, 4 days jail, \$50 costs - Officer Hoefs. Derrick A. Walter, Marion, SD. Speeding 16-20, \$125 fine, \$49 costs

- Deputy Dailey. Adelicia L. Scott, Crookston. Speeding 16-20, \$125 fine, \$49 costs

- Trooper Schmitt. Ashley N. Slick, Box Elder, SD. Speeding 6-10, \$25 fine, \$49 costs -Trooper Nilson.

Michael W. Spangenberg, Jr., Tempe, AZ. Speeding 6-10, \$25 fine, \$49 costs - Trooper Sauser.

Michael A. Tolle, Dallas, TX. Speeding 11-15, \$75 fine, \$49 costs Trooper Schmitt.

Amy I. Daniel, Jefferson, SD. Speeding 36+, \$300 fine, \$49 costs -Trooper Schmitt.

Bellido, Port Ferdinand C. Neches, TX. Speeding 16-20, \$125 fine, \$49 costs - Trooper Schmitt.

Christopher C. Jensen, Grand Island. Speeding 21-35, \$200 fine, \$49 costs - Trooper Schmitt.

Kent C. Gaston, Brandon, SD. Speeding 16-20, \$125 fine, \$49 costs - Trooper Cramer. Andrew C. Schumacher, Co-

lumbus. Speeding 6-10, \$25 fine, \$49 costs - Deputy Lopez. Kanessa Saupitty, Valentine. Criminal trespass-2nd degree, 7

days jail, \$50 costs - Officer Phipps. Kristi L. Giles, Halsey. Disobey stop lights, \$75 fine, \$49 costs - Officer Phipps.

Philomeme White Lance, St. Francis, SD. Theft-shoplifting,

\$250 fine, \$50 costs - Officer Phipps.

Robert D. Dankemeyer, Clements, CA. Attempt of a class 4 felony, \$1000 fine; disturbing the peace, \$450 fine, \$50 costs - Officer Ormesher.

Kanessa F. Saupitty, Valentine. Criminal trespass-2nd degree, 7 days jail, \$50 costs - Officer Ormesher.

Kanessa F. Saupitty, Valentine. Disturbing the peace, 7 days jail, \$50 costs - Officer Ormesher.

Ethan R. Mitchell, Valentine. Assault-threaten another menacing manner, 14 days jail; trespass-2nd degree/defy order to leave, 14 days jail; disturbing the peace, 14 days jail, \$50 costs - Officer McCormick.

Irene Picotte, Valentine. Disturbing the peace, \$300 fine, \$50 costs - Officer Miller. Shawn Wingrove, Valentine.

Theft-shoplifting, \$250 fine, \$50 costs - Officer Miller.

Heber C. Crockett, Kearney. Speeding 11-15, \$75 fine, \$49 costs Trooper Cramer. Adam C. Fischer, Valentine.

Speeding 11-15, \$75 fine, \$49 costs Trooper Cramer. Menno M. Isaac, Winkler, MB. Speeding 11-15, \$75 fine, \$49 costs -

Trooper Sauser. Trevor Fernau, Crookston. Violate stop or yield sign, \$75 fine; no operator's license, \$75 fine, \$49 costs - Officer McCormick.

Wesley Hitchcock, Sparks. No valid registration, \$25 fine, \$49 costs - Officer McCormick.

Davis R. Black Bull, Chamberlain, SD. Possess marijuana 1 oz or less, \$300 fine, \$50 costs - Officer

Edward J. Waln, Valentine. Possess marijuana over 1 oz, \$300 fine; possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine, \$50 costs - Officer Ormesher.

James A. Brown, Valentine. Curfew, \$25 fine, \$50 costs - Officer Ormesher.

Charlene M. McCloskey, Valentine. Domestic assault-3rd degree, 7 days jail, \$50 costs - Officer Ormesher.



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NDA confirms Vesicular Stomatitis case in horse

Horse, cattle owners take precautions

LINCOLN - The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) has confirmed a case of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) in a horse in Buffalo County. The horses on the infected premises have been quarantined. At present time, one additional horse on the premises is also exhibiting VS symptoms. All animals on the infected premises will be quarantined for at least 14 days after the onset of lesions in the last affected animal.

VS is a viral disease which primarily affects horses and cattle, but can also affect sheep, goats and swine. The disease is characterized by fever and the formation of blister-like lesions in the mouth and on the dental pad, tongue, lips, nostrils, hooves and teats. When the blisters break, there is usually salivation and nasal discharge. As a result of these painful lesions, infected animals may refuse to eat and drink, which can lead to weight loss. There are currently no USDAapproved vaccines for VS.

"Vesicular Stomatitis is primarily transmitted through the bite of infected black flies, sand flies and midges," said State Veterinarian Dr. Dennis Hughes. "There are things livestock owners can do to reduce flies and other insects where animals are housed, but, until freezing temperatures move in and kill the insects that spread the virus, VS will continue to be a threat in Nebraska."

Hughes went on to say, "Since VS can also spread by contact between animals and by shared equipment, like tools or tack, we want livestock owners to be aware and practice good bio-security measures with their animals, particularly with animals that may co-mingle with

To help prevent the spread of the disease, Nebraska has import restrictions for livestock coming into the state from states that have confirmed VS cases. If you are considering moving an animal into Nebraska from an affected state, please call 402-471-2351 to learn more about the importation order.

VS also affects exports. Individuals from Nebraska transporting animals and animal products to other states and countries should contact the destination state/ country to learn about their import requirements before transporting animals.

"The virus itself usually runs its course in five to seven days, and it can take up to an additional seven days for an infected animal to recover from the symptoms," said Hughes.

Although humans can become infected when handling the affected animals, it rarely occurs. To avoid human exposure, people should use personal protective measures when handling affected animals.

VS is a notifiable disease. Individuals or practitioners who suspect or have concerns about VS <u>should contact NDA at 402-471-2351.</u> For more information on VS, visit: http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/ animal/diseases/vs/index.html.

Bold, beautiful, and healthful cabbage

by Melinda Myers

Cleanse the toxins out of your body with the help of fresh vegetables. Cabbage, broccoli, and brussels sprouts are a few of nature's detoxifiers.

You can add variety to your garden and diet by including green, red or Savoy cabbage. It's fun and easy to grow in the garden or a container and can be used in a variety of healthful dishes.

There is still time to add cabbage to your garden. Cabbage grows best in cooler temperatures. Those in the northern half of the country can plant seeds directly in the garden in early July for a fall harvest. Those in hotter regions should wait another month. Simply check the number of days from seed to harvest and count backwards from the average first fall frost. That will be the time to plant. Those in the far south should plant seeds or transplants in fall or early winter for a winter harvest.

Be sure to allow enough room for the plants to grow to mature size. Space plants at least 12 inches apart in the garden and grow in a sunny to lightly shaded location.

Protect cabbage plantings from pests with floating row covers. Made of polypropylene spun material, the covers allow air, light, and water through while preventing cabbage worms from laying their eggs on the plants. This means no green worms eating holes in the leaves or ending up on your dinner plate.

Loosely cover the planting with the fabric and anchor the edges with boards, pipes, stones, or wickets. Leave enough slack for the plants to grow. The plants

support the fabric, so no frames or construction is needed.

Increase your garden's productivity by interplanting the cabbage with quick maturing radishes, beets and heat tolerant greens. You'll harvest these short season crops at about the time the cabbage needs the space.

Harvest cabbage when the heads are firm and full size. Use a sharp knife to remove just the cabbage head, leaving the lower leaves and roots intact. Four to six new heads will arise from buds around the stem. These smaller heads can reach four or five inches in diameter.

Remove any wilted or damaged leaves before storing cabbage in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. If using only half a head of cabbage, wrap the cut end in plastic wrap.

A medium head of cabbage weighs about one and a half pounds and yields about five to six and a half cups of shredded cabbage. A few heads of cabbage can turn into lots of slaw, stuffed cabbage rolls and other tasty cabbage dishes.

Preserve some of your harvest for winter meals. Freeze cabbage by cutting it into coarse shreds, thin wedges or by separating the leaves. It can also be dehydrated and used as a base for casseroles or added to soups and stews.

Consider turning it into sauerkraut with simple fermentation. Make large batches in crocks then can or freeze when fermentation is complete. Smaller batches can be processed in mason jars and stored in the refrigerator.

No matter how you prepare it, cabbage makes a great addition to the garden and your meals.

The Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway Highway 12 board members held a

Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway

Meeting Notes

News Briefs

400 undergraduate and graduate students.

degrees

business meeting Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 7:00 p.m., via teleconference Roll call present: Vice-President Marilyn Janovec, Knox; Secretary Marci Broyhill, Dakota; Treasurer, General Membership, Mary Eiler Sharon Bruegman, Boyd, Excused: President, Connie Larrington, Keya Paha; Rhonda Kneifl, Dixon; Angie Peitz, Cedar; Cherry County, vacant

Nebraska Wesleyan University awards

Nebraska Wesleyan University has awarded degrees to more than

The University's 131st commencement was postponed in May due

Local students include: Bachelor of Arts, Natalie Lurz

Art, Psychology; Bachelor of Science, Nicole Lurz-Business

to the COVID-19 pandemic. A celebration will be held on August 8.

Administration, Modern Language Literacy, both of Valentine.

Secretary Marci Broyhill presented the minutes of the April 29 2020, OTSB business meeting which were approved as amended. Mary Eiler presented the treasurer's report which was put on file for audit

Regarding OTSB Promotions: 1) Marilyn indicated that OTSB's third sign will be placed in the Niobrara area. The fourth and final sign will be olaced in the Lindy area. 2) Rhonda contacted the National Parks Service to assist in promoting outdoor activities. 3) Board members will submit an article to local newspapers regarding the 20th anniversary of the founding of OTSB. 4) Rack card distribution. 6) Facebook and website

Board members discussed expanding OTSB advertising to other print media in Iowa and South Dakota to attract out-of-state tourists Γhis discussion was tabled. OTSB board is seeking a new webmaster Inventory of shirts and print media was reviewed. OTSB decided not to conduct their 2019 Membership Drive due to

the hardship caused by the March flood of 2019. OTSB decided not to conduct their 2020 Membership Drive due to the hardship Covid is curcently causing, however, OTSB welcomes donations.

Next meeting will be held via teleconference Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

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4th, millions of Americans celebrate the birth of our nation. This Independence Day, U.S. Department of Transportation's National zero tolerance for impaired driv-Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Region 7 wants you to celebrate responsibly. In support of law enforcement's dedication to protecting the lives of residents in their communities, you'll see increased enforcement on the roads with zero tolerance for those who drive impaired. Whether you're driving or hosting a party, remember: Drive Sober or Get

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drunk-driving crashes, accounting 12.6% for 38% of the traffic deaths during that holiday period. Even one drink can be one too many.

Like drunk driving, driving high is impaired driving, which means it is dangerous and illegal in all states. Whether the drug is obtained legally or illegally, prescription or over-the-counter, drugimpaired driving can be deadly for drivers, passengers, and others on the road.

According to NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System, 36,560 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2018, and 29% of those fatalities occurred in crashes during which a driver had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) over the legal limit of .08.

"Sadly, many people think driv-

Kansas City, Missouri - On July ing impaired is no big deal," said Regional Administrator, Susan DeCourcy. "The consequences are serious; law enforcement will have ers. Driving under the influence endangers you, your passengers, and everyone on the road with you. If you're heading to 4th of July parties, remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.'

Over the past 25 years, the number of automobile crashes with fatalities where at least one driver involved tested positive for drugs has surged across all Region 7 states. In 2018, the percent of crashes with Each 4th of July holiday, families fatalities where at least one driver across our nation lose loved ones in tested positive for drugs: Arkansas crashes where alcohol is involved. 38.8%, Iowa 21.4%, Kansas 11.4%, In 2018, 193 people were killed in Missouri 36.8%, and Nebraska

> NHTSA Region 7 urges drivers to designate a sober driver before heading out for the evening. If you know you will be at a 4th of July festivity or party and plan to drink, make plans ahead of time for a sober ride home, or to stay over.

> Remember that it is never okay to drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

> Use public transportation or a rideshare service.

> If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement.

> Stay safe this Independence Day, enjoy the fireworks, and remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. For more information, visit www. nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-

Nebraska Farm Bureau **Urges President to Use** "Full Powers" to Enforce Phase One China Deal

ers and ranchers continue to suffer the negative economic and market effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Nebraska Farm Bureau is urging President Trump to use the "full powers" of his office to enforce the Phase One China trade deal. Provisions of the agreement obligate China to make \$36.5 billion in U.S. agriculture purchases

"While some agricultural purchases have been made, China is woefully behind in terms of meeting the agriculture targets outlined in the in the Phase One deal," Bureau president. "In order to China agreed to, purchases must drastically increase, and that must start today.'

In a letter to President Trump. Nelson pointed out that as of the end of April, China had imported approximately \$4.6 billion worth of agricultural goods. The amount falls far short of the pace set back in 2017 of \$7.1 billion; the last year of normal trade relations between the two countries.

China has been a vital market for Nebraska farmers and rancher, serving as a consistent top three market for Nebraska agriculture products year in and year out. Prior to 2018, Nebraska agricul-

LINCOLN - As Nebraska farm- ture exports to China ranged from \$936 million to more than \$1 billion, equating to 15 percent of Nebraska's total agriculture exports. The value of exports to China during that time equated to roughly \$19,300 per farm in Nebraska.

"For more than two years, Nebraska's farm and ranch families have felt the economic consequences of the trade war with China...a war they both understand and largely support. However, that support is based on the promise of more export markets and a better deal for farmers and ranchers when the dust settles. Now is the said Steve Nelson, Nebraska Farm time to ensure China fully complies and meets their agricultural reach the \$36.5 billion in imports import targets as part of this his-

> The Nebraska Farm Bureau is a grassroots, state-wide organization dedicated to supporting farm and ranch families and working for the benefit of all Nebraskans through a wide variety of educational, service, and advocacy efforts. More than 58,000 families across Nebraska are Farm Bureau members, working together to achieve rural and urban prosperity as agriculture is a key fuel to Nebraska's economy. For more information about Nebraska Farm Bureau and agriculture, visit www.nefb.org.

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Petto cited Nebraska's mandatory minimum sentences and a lack of strong re-entry programming as being other contributors to Nebraska's high prison population.

Parole board chairwoman Roslyn "Overcrowding puts everyone Cotton said the board will accelerat risk and that includes staff and ate the parole review process and the people who are incarcerated," has already increased the number

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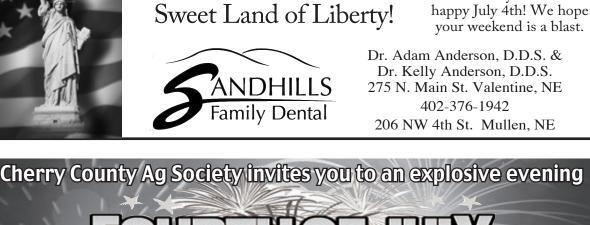
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time in the last 40 years," Petto said.

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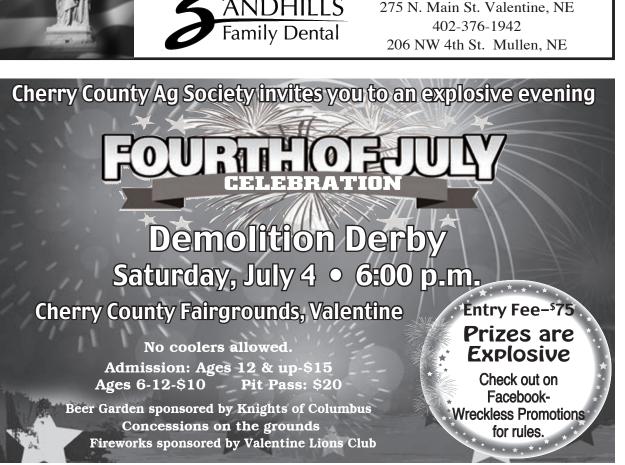
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"Nebraska continues to attract major investments from internationally renowned job creators thanks to our hardworking people, welcoming communities, and business-friendly climate," said Gov. Ricketts. "The Silver Shovel Award underscores our state's reputation as a great place to invest and grow a business."

LINCOLN – Governor Pete Rick- Awards rank each state's ten biggest investment or expansion projects on a combination of weighted factors including new jobs per capita, combined investments, new facilities, and industry diversity. Overall, the top ten projects in Nebraska created more than 900 jobs and totaled nearly \$1.9 billion in new investment.

"The industry diversity represented by these ten projects—from technology, to manufacturing, to renewable energy—is the result of a pro-growth environment where any businesses or industry can be positioned to succeed," said Nebraska Department of Economic Development Director Anthony L. Goins. "We are proud to once again be recognized for our strength at attracting world-class firms that The Gold and Silver Shovel create economic opportunities for

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This marks the third year since 2007 that Nebraska has taken home a Silver Shovel. See below for a full list of projects that contributed to this year's victory.

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News from USDA Rural Development/Nebraska

Lincoln, Neb June 23, 2020 - The A full list of income limits by coun- a fixed one percent rate of interest. U.S Department of Agriculture ty and household size are available Rural Development has received at Single Family Housing Repair the new 2020 income limits for Loans and Grants Program. the home repair loan and grant program. The income limits are based on the county and the size of

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According to NOAA Weather, Thursday, June 25, 2020 had severe thunderstorms develop in the late afternoon across portions of northwest Sandhills and eastern Colorado, and southwestern Nebraska. Storms moved eastward across the Sandhills through the evening hours. Large hail and strong winds were the main hazards.

Local hail reports are as follows

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community is donating milk as well as contributing funds so that food

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Winds gusted at 58 mph near

For the month of June, the area has received a total of 4.76 inches of rain as of Monday, 5:00 p.m.

We've had a windy June as well, so we'll take the moisture. June 6, had a wind gust reaching 70 mph, the following day it reached 65 mph and the day after it dimin-9 through June 18, winds reached • 1.25 inch hail 18 miles north from a high of 58 mph to 21 mph.

• 1 inch hail two miles east of was set in Valentine, June 9, with

the record of 1.50 set in 1991.

sonal from a high of 100 degrees June 1 and again June 7, 99 degrees June 28, to the high 80s and low 90s the remainder of the month. The lowest high was 61 degrees June 9, two days after the 100 degree day.

• 1.5 inch hail 16 miles south of ished a bit to 53 mph. From June Field in Valentine from over a half the animal away from its nest. inch to an inch and a half.

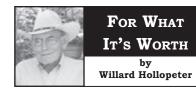
There has been higher rain fall A record daily maximum rainfall amounts over the county, along

a total of 1.53 inches, which broke

Temperatures have been sea-

Most of the rainfall has been subtantial events measured at Miller

with some trace events.



parents

This story is from when Mary and

They love their children dearly and would, I believe, willingly give their lives to protect them from harm. They are quick to go on the offensive in defense of their

Both parents are with their off spring almost constantly, which is extremely rare in this time of one person human families. The mother stays with the little ones and the father is close by. Both feed the babies.

began taking shape under the eve, over the front door, I wanted to poke it down, as I often did in my ranch shop, but I was told that the inhabitants daily consume their weight in mosquitoes and I had best leave it alone.

lows but, by watching this mated pair up close I have gained a lot of respect for them.

intelligent, at least as far as birds go. While other birds build their nest in trees at the mercy of battering wind, rain and hail, or on the ground, subject to being trampled swallow builds inside a building or under an eve, where the weather, and most animals and snakes can have little effect on them, their eggs,

even though they should sense by now that we aren't going to harm their babies, they are still in the defensive/offensive mode, flying off the nest and the birdhouse, they circle around, loudly chirping, and come back in a fast strafing dive, pulling away just before impact. Soon after we leave the vicinity they are back on the nest and the birdhouse.

These birds have shown me that they have a lot more concern for their offspring than do some human parents. The only time they leave them is to secure food for them. They will abandon their little ones only if, through death or injury, they can no longer get back to them. I have watched a bird flutter in front of a dog, trying to make the dog presume it is injured and give chase. It is a dangerous game the bird is

I have much respect for them.



Good

I were living in Wood Lake.

offspring.

When their mud and twig abode

I still don't particularly like swal-

First off, they must be pretty or discovered by a predator, the or the newly hatched birds.

I don't know how many little birds there are in that nest over the door, in the shelter of the porch roof. But they are looking more like birds every day and by the time you read this they will likely have taken to wing and flown away. The mother will have abandoned the nest and father will be gone from his sentinel post on top of a birdhouse under the same roof.

When we open the door to go out,

After watching those birds laboriously build their nest in a place away from the weather, and seeing



Highway 183 load restriction is in effect

The South Dakota Department of Transportation says no overweight loads will be permitted on Highway 183 (effective June 17, 2020) from the Highway18/183 junction west of Winner north for 21.5 miles to the White River, or 14 miles south of Interstate 90. Tuesday, June 23, through at least August 31, 2020, the load

limit will be further reduced to a maximum seven tons per axle on Highway 183 through the construction area noted above. • Trucks are advised to take alternate route until further notice. The highway has heavy section surface breakup and gravel surfac-

www.safetravelusa.com/sd/ or dial 511.

ing from the reconstruction operations. For complete road construction information, visit https://

Valentine Police Department Week in review June 14-20, 2020

On 06/14/20 at 10:38 a.m., an officer fielded a report of terroristic threats. All investigative reports have been forwarded to the Cherry County Attorney for his review.

On 06/15/20 at 10:35 a.m., an officer was called to Seventh and Hall Streets for suspicious activity. The officer contacted a 26 year old Valentine man. He was arrested on an active Cherry County warrant.

On 06/16/20 at 10:51 a.m., an officer responded to the 300 block of North Main Street for a disturbance. A 34 year old Kentucky man was arrested for disturbing the peace.

On 06/16/20 at 10:01 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Second and Cherry Streets. Following an investigation and deployment of the department's narcotic detector K9, a 23 year old South Dakota man was cited for possession of marijuana.

On 06/20/01 at 1:51 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of North Main Street in regard to a disturbance. A 39 year old Valentine woman was arrested for domestic assault.

Officers responded to 135 calls for service this week.

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VALENTINE POLICE REPORT



05-31-20 TO 06-06-20

Accident Non-Injury	1	
Alarm	1	Vehicle alarm was spontaneously going off for no apparent reason. Creepy.
Animal Complaint	2	Concern caller wanting us to check on the care of a critter buddy. Critter was found to be A-OK!
Assist Citizen	5	Officers were called to a verbal dispute that got really confusing when trying to sort it out. Intoxication was suspect.
Assist Other Law	5	Officers assisted the Cherry County Sheriff's Office,
Assist Other Agency	4	Columbus Police Department, Nebraska State Patrol, Alliance Police Department, Rosebud Tribal Police and Cherry County EMS this week.
Assault	1	Delayed report of an assault called in. The details were difficult to sort out to say the least.
Business Check	51	
Code Violation	9	Numerous complaints of tall grass and improper parking addressed this week. Gotta mow folks! Thank you.
Complaint	3	
Disturbance	7	Disturbance called in regarding folks arguing over alcohol. Intoxication was suspect.
Follow Up Investigation	10	
Harassment	1	
Run Away	1	Report of a juvenile runaway filed. Kiddo was found to be fine.
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	4	Report of subject acting oddly. Turns out it was ok. They were using an actual map and were lost. Didn't know people used paper maps anymore.
Theft	3	Gas skipper called in. No luck finding the skipper unfortunately.
Traffic Stop	15	Traffic stops were made for no headlight, improper turn, speeding, stop sign violation and stop light violations.
Traffic Other	1	
Welfare Check	3	Request for a welfare check due to an abandoned 911 call was made. Subject decided family could handle the issue rather than EMS. All was well.
Total Calls	127	

NSP encourages safe driving as traffic volume increases

tinues to move into a new phase of ways buckle up.' COVID-19 response. Most Nebras-

Nebraska State Troopers continue to report an increase in traffic throughout the state, which corresponds with figures reported by the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT). The latest NDOT stats show that traffic volume increased last week to within 10 percent of the 2016-2018 average, up from 35 percent below previous years' average in the week of April 12.

"People are traveling more as things open up," said Colonel John Bolduc, Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. "There are things we can all do to make sure we have a safe summer here in Nebraska; watch your speed, avoid

JUNE 26, 2020 (LINCOLN, NEB.) distractions, never drive impaired, Travelers are hitting the road in use caution in construction zones, greater numbers as the state confollow traffic safely laws, and al-As traffic volume has increased,

ka counties are now in Phase III of the rate of excessive speeding on reopening, as of Monday, June 22. Nebraska roads has somewhat decreased. In the past month (May 26 - June 25), troopers have cited 83 speeders for driving at 100 miles per hour or more. In the 30 days prior to that (April 26 - May 25), troopers cited 129 such excessive speeders. Even with the decrease, June 2020 has still had more citations for driving 100 miles per hour or more than any month in 2019.

Troopers will continue to patrol Nebraska roads throughout the summer months to enforce traffic laws and assist motorists in need of help. If you see a dangerous driver, or need assistance, call *55 or 800-525-5555 to reach the NSP Highway Helpline.

Suspect surrenders after five-hour standoff in North Platte

NEB.) — One person has been ar- reportedly fired multiple gunshots rested following a standoff, which while law enforcement officers lasted several hours, in North Platte. The response involved the North Platte Police Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, and the Nebraska State Patrol SWAT team.

At approximately 5:40 a.m., June 27. 2020. North Platte PD requested assistance from NSP SWAT with a suspect who was barricaded inside a home at 2405 East E Street

JUNE 27, 2020 (NORTH PLATTE, in North Platte. The suspect had were on the scene. The initial contact occurred at approximately 4:10 a.m. After a standoff of more than

five hours, the suspect, Wesley Hawkins, 51, of North Platte, surrendered without incident at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The North Platte Police Department is the investigating agency.

Nebraska Star Party cancelled due to COVID

The annual Nebraska Star Party has been cancelled this year due to the ongoing restrictions of COVID-19. Organizer John Johnson said, We'll regroup and try again next year. We've chosen August 1-6.

The Nebraska Star Party was to be held July 19-24 this year.

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