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

Dr. Jamie Isom retired after 28 years with Valentine Schools. Jamie and her husband Steve and family moved to Valentine in 1991. Prior to joining Valentine Schools, Jamie taught in Osmond, Madrid, Hayes Center and Wallace all in Nebraska.



Valentine Community Schools District Superintendent Dr. Jamie Isom recently retired.

Jamie joined the Valentine School system in 1992 working in music and library positions before becoming the District 1 Superintendent in 2002. Beginning in 2004, Dr. Isom shared the Superintendent position between District 1 and District 6. The Districts consolidated in 2006 and she has been the District Superintendent

since that time. Jamie and her husband Steve will continue to make 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 community appreciates Dr. Isom for 28 years of service to the Valentine Schools and welcomes Mr. Halley!

Positive cases in Cherry and Pierce counties

North Central District Health 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

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.
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: 1
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 17, 2020. “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 Petitioners 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 intervenor-respondent.

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 capricious, 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 findings, 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 reliability council under the supervision 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 concerns.” 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 Theford, 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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NEVER FORGET
The Cherry County Veterans Memorial Committee 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.leobrin90memorial.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!

by Laura Vroman
COVID-19 has taken away a lot of our freedoms...but they’re slowly returning. Governor Ricketts has recently updated the Directed Health Measures, and because he has, we are able to celebrate summer similar to the way we have in the past - just not 100 percent yet. Which means tune up your derby 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 doing 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.”



allowed currently. Ginny Nelsen said that due to the concern over COVID-19, they won’t be reading the Declaration of Independence or holding Let Freedom Ring - the ringing of the Badger Bell for each of the 13 original colonies, along with ringing it for each of the states represented and for the soldiers who are still protecting our other freedoms. 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!

W h i c h means that the Cherry County Fair is still a go! Leonard said, “We’re planning on 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!



Photo by Dean Jacobs

Pictured are from L to R: Nadeane Allard, Dave Dent, Zachary Dean, RJ Dean, Cindi holding Liberty, Chris Hernstrom and Deanne Holmes Monroe.

Liberty’s Fireworks holds Ribbon Cutting

There’s nothing quite like Liberty and the pursuit of happiness to celebrate the birth of our nation! With Liberty’s Fireworks, you have the best of both worlds! “I started selling fireworks for the 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 since that time.” He now has a tent located on

Highway 20 between the Bunkhouse Restaurant and Mr. Tire. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. through midnight July 4th. “We have fireworks of all kinds, including over 400 unique items. From firecrackers and novelty to 500 gram aerial displays, artillery kits, and other assortments.” When he’s not selling items to light up the sky, he’s sharing news

and music over the air waves at KVSH Radio, or helping those in distress as an EMT for the Cherry County Ambulance Service. “This is a 100 percent locally 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 Valentine business community, even if it is only 10 days out of each year!”

Happy 244th birthday
AMERICA!!!

AMERICAN...
Innovation helps patients with COVID
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"The Dish" provides real talk about food

Lincoln, Neb. June 22, 2020 – Low-income families, anyone 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, budget-friendly grocery shopping, nutrition 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, well-being and resilience. The Dish recently produced five podcast-style video lessons that address the special challenges of shopping for and preparing healthy food on a budget during COVID-19.

"We wanted to have real conversations with moms and young people who are purchasing and preparing food for their families," said Donnia Behrends, extension educator and registered dietitian at the University of Nebraska-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

a very conversational and real tone," Behrends said "Sometimes 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 meal-time and simple snacks for the family – The Dish – Real Talk About Food has something for everyone.

"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.

Lakeview/Crookston

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 Etinger 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 blessing!

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, the more 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. Happy 4th!

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-at-home 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, marinas, and launch ramps.

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.

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 life-saving 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 webpage.

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.

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 COVID-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 COVID-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 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 COVID-19 cures, vaccines, and therapies. Congress' decision is great news for every American hoping

for a COVID-19 vaccine, especially 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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Carol Johnson Starkjohann, a longtime teacher at Valentine High School, will be 100 years old on July 11, 2020.

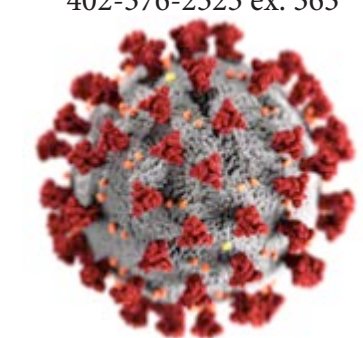
Her family is requesting a card shower for her 100th birthday. Carol started teaching in Valentine in 1950 and taught until 1972, when she retired. She taught business classes and English during her years as a teacher. Over the years she made many friends in the community as well as the friendship and respect of her many students. Carol now lives at 400 E Birchwood Drive, Hooper, NE 68031. Thanks to all that remember Carol.

CCH CHERRY COUNTY Hospital and Clinic

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Valentine, NE
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Come and get your COVID antibody blood test done! \$50.00 cash upfront. Available by appointment only!

Come let Cherry County Hospital help you get your COVID-19 Antibody tests check your blood by looking for antibodies, which can show if you had a past infection with the virus that causes COVID-19. Payment is due at the time of service.



HEALTHCARE WITH HEART... CHERRY COUNTY CLINIC
Physicians Schedule

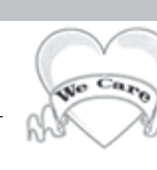
For the week of June 29-July 3

Monday	Family Practice	Dr. Kelli Garwood Cassie Schill, PA-C	In all day
Tuesday	Family Practice	Cassie Schill, PA-C	In all day
Wednesday	Family Practice	Dr. Kelli Garwood Cassie Schill, PA-C	In all day
Thursday	Family Practice	Dr. Kelli Garwood	In all day
Friday	Family Practice	Dr. Kelli Garwood	In all day

For the week of July 6-10

Monday	Family Practice	Dr. Kelli Garwood	In all day
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

To schedule an appointment please call 376-3770. 512 N. Green St. • Valentine, NE



Schedule your SPORTS PHYSICAL NOW!!

Sports Physicals are scheduled for:
July 13, 2020, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
August 3, 2020, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Sports Physical Fee: \$25

Call 402-376-3770 to schedule an appointment

If your son or daughter is entering 7th or 9th grade; a first time participant in sports; or has no sports physical on file with the school; they must have a physical.

CCH CHERRY COUNTY Hospital and Clinic



Area Church Services

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) 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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

Crossroads Assembly
404 E. Hwy 20 • 376-2905
Pastor Paul Maunu

SUNDAY
Bible Classes (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Nursery 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Youth Services 6:30 p.m.
(6th thru 12th grade)

THURSDAY
Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

Berean Bible Church
702 East 7th St. • 376-3714
Pastor Scott McClellan

Worship Schedule
SUNDAY
Early Church Service 9:15 a.m.
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, 12:30 p.m.

Zion Ev. Lutheran
Grade School
224 N. Govt. St. 376-2745
Hannah Carter, Preschool teacher/
Director
Emma Doble, Teacher K-3
Ethann Doble, Teacher 4-8/Principal

St. Mary's Catholic Church-Nenzel
Sunday 10:30 a.m. MDT

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
130 East 3rd St. • 376-2932
SUNDAY
Worship/Communion 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
After School Bible School 3:45 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
339 West 4th St. • 376-2671
Jeremy Johnson-Branch President 660-988-7189

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

Seventh Day Adventist
8th and Haley • 376-2364
Pastor Fred Grant 402-389-0836

SATURDAY
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
Sunday Service 6:00 p.m.
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.
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Pastor A.G. Turner

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Tuesday 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Closed-Friday, and weekends



Obituaries

Patty L. Barstow, 58

Patty Lynn Barstow, 58, died June 19, 2020, at her home, surrounded by family and friends.

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/

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, Quinn, Ty, 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 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 personality.

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 by a few months, as she moved to Sutherland Care Center in the fall of 1998 and then moved to Linden 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 online condolences may be directed to www.carpentermemorial.com

Ken R. Smith, 79



Sandhills rancher, Ken Smith, passed away in his home surrounded by his family, on June 21, 2020.

Ken Smith was 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 parents, Everett and Irene; his in-

laws, Ralph and Delia Gilliland; siblings, John, Helen, Clifford, Wayne, Dallas and Gordon; granddaughter, Angel Yankowski; brothers-sisters-in-law.

Surviving to cherish his memory are his wife of nearly 60 years, Jeanne Smith; daughters, Pam (Marve) Schmitz, Kendy (Turk) Blake, Konny (Larry) Zeigler, and Kim Yankowski. Grandchildren, Lesley (Jess) Koubek, Tyler Schmitz, Squeak (Hannah) Schmitz, Laura (Danny) Priest, Layne (Darin) Priest, Kolby (Tamara) Blake, Kade Blake, Zac (Katelyn Utter) Zeigler, Heidi Zeigler, Robyn Zeigler, Nate Yankowski, and Kori (Dallas) McCarville. Great-grandchildren, Tate and Tailey Koubek, Tyrrp and Milo Schmitz, MaKenna and Draiden Priest, Alyvia and Wrenley Priest, Owen, Caitlyn and Elliott 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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Love in the Time of Covid-19

"Comfort and prosperity have never enriched the world as much as adversity has."
Billy Graham

Whatever else we might think about the Covid-19 pandemic, we can be thankful that most people are showing more love and kindness. Deprived of physical closeness and contact with our friends and family, we are moved to show our love in other ways. And while we cannot be thankful for the virus itself, or the pain and suffering it brings, we can be grateful for the salutary effects it has on communities in general and individuals in particular. Besides people expressing their love and tenderness in myriad ways, people are slowing down and finding peace in their solitude. Speed and noise, those anxiety-producing hallmarks of the modern world, have been replaced by a much-needed slowing of the pace and a quieting of the noise. How ironic that during the period of Lent, the quarantine that was imposed on many of us provided its own type of Lent. (The word "quarantine" comes from the same word which our Hispanic friends use for Lent, namely, "Cuaresma," both deriving from the Latin word for forty.) Some of us find comfort in the austerity and simplicity that is forced upon us. But most of us also feel a gnawing anxiety, and in some of us this rises almost to panic, for which prayer and following the guidelines are perhaps the only remedies. But most of all it is the love that comes to the fore, the love we see in the healthcare workers practicing their professions, and all the "essential" workers, but also the love that we see in people simply treating each other with tenderness and solicitude.
- Christopher Simon

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 Allegiance.

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 minutes.

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, Nebraska.

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.

Deanna Schmit
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 School.

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.

Signed,
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

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 Allegiance.

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 minutes.

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.

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

laws of the state of Nebraska. The company was organized and commenced on March 6th, 2020. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by its manager/member, until such time as her successor or successors are selected pursuant to the Operating Agreement.

Reagan Wiebelhaus, Organizer
Wiebelhaus Law
333 E. 5th Street
Ainsworth, NE 69210
17894-24, 1, 8 ZNEZ

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
17908-24, 1 ZNEZ

Notice

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 Decedent and that Jerrold D. Carr, whose address is 704 West 11th St., Yankton, SD 57078, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representatives 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.

Kay E. Morrison
Clerk of the County Court
365 N. Main, Ste 12
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17914-1, 8, 15 ZNEZ

New Books at the Library

"The Secrets They Left Behind" by Lissa Marie Redmond
"Three Hours" by Rosamund Lupton
"Untamed Shore" by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
"The Age of Witches" by Louisa Morgan
"Long Range" by C.J. Box
"You Are Not Alone" by Greer Hendricks
"Thief River Falls" by Brian Freeman
"In Five Years" by Rebecca Serle



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Notice to bidders

The Middle Niobrara Natural Resources 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.

Contractors bidding the project are required to attend a Pre-Construction meeting:

1. Location: MNNRD office at 303 East Highway 20, Valentine, NE 69201
2. Time and Date: June 24th, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

Sealed proposals for the con-

struction 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 to Bid and a copy of the Contract Documents located at 303 E. Highway 20, Valentine, NE 69201. For more information give Chandler Schmidt, MNNRD, a call at 402-376-3241 or Dave Coe, Engineer at 308-430-5386.

17877-10, 17, 24, 1 ZNEZ

Notice of sale

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 barred.

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

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Valentine, NE 69201
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17882-17, 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.

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

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

Katie Samples Dean, NSBA #25743
Samples Dean Law, LLC
1013 Main Street
PO Box 577
Bridgeport, NE 69336
970-590-1418
katie@samplesdeanlaw.com
17883-17, 24, 1 ZNEZ

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.

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

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

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Bridgeport, NE 69336
970-590-1418
katie@samplesdeanlaw.com
17884-17, 24, 1 ZNEZ

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 liability company are to be conducted by the members.

DATED this 16th day of June, 2020.

Dam Beef, L.L.C.
A Nebraska Limited Liability Company
Kurt Dam Arganbright, NSBA #24375
Its Attorney

17898-24, 1, 8 ZNEZ

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/call-in 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 Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Due to Covid-19 an on online/call-in 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.

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, 2020.
Cow Country Custom Fencing, L.L.C.
A Nebraska Limited Liability Company
Kurt Dam Arganbright, NSBA #24375
Its Attorney

17897-24, 1, 8 ZNEZ



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Gov. Ricketts announces Nebraska's second consecutive Silver Shovel Award for Economic Development

LINCOLN – Governor Pete Ricketts announced that Nebraska has received a major economic development award. For the second year in a row, Area Development—the leading executive magazine covering corporate site selection and relocation—has honored the State with a Silver Shovel. The award recognizes Nebraska's successful recruitment of high-value, job-creating investment projects in 2019. "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."

The Gold and Silver Shovel

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 create economic opportunities for

the people of our state."

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.

Company / Industry

- Avansya – Sweeteners
- Google – Data Center
- Great Plains Beef, LLC – Meat Processing
- Kawasaki Motors Mfg. Corp., USA - Aerospace
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- Monolith Materials, Inc. – Natural Gas Products
- Plum Creek Wind, LLC – Wind Energy
- The Scouler Co. – Pet Foods
- Thunderhead Wind Energy, LLC – Wind Energy

Attorney General Peterson's statement regarding letter

"The tragic murder of George Floyd has renewed a very important opportunity for public dialogue regarding race relations in communities across the country. In Nebraska, law enforcement continue to take proactive steps to advance this dialogue in the com-

munities that they are duty-bound to protect and serve.

"I, like the vast majority of Nebraskans, support such constructive efforts and our men and women in uniform. Efforts to *defund* law enforcement in any manner are absolutely the wrong

proposal and only detract from such meaningful dialogue. This moment should serve as an opportunity to overcome division and heal communities under the rule of law."

Attorney General
Doug Peterson

News from USDA Rural Development/Nebraska

Lincoln, Neb June 23, 2020 - The U.S Department of Agriculture Rural Development has received the new 2020 income limits for the home repair loan and grant program. The income limits are based on the county and the size of household.

For the direct loan program, one to four person households can have incomes of \$35,800 and for four to eight person household incomes of \$47,300. The income limit for some counties may be as high as \$41,100 for one to four persons and \$54,300 for five to eight person households.

A full list of income limits by county and household size are available at Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants Program.

This program provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes. Grants are available to 62 years or older very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards. The applicant must be the homeowner and occupy the house. The maximum loan is \$20,000 and grant \$7,500 which may be combined for up to \$27,500 in assistance. Loan terms are 20 years at

a fixed one percent rate of interest.

Properties eligible for Rural Development financing must be in rural communities. All communities in Nebraska are eligible for USDA Rural Development housing programs with the exceptions of Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha and South Sioux City/Dakota City.

Visit the Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants Program for more information and a list of contacts.

Nearly five inches of rain fell this June

According to NOAA Weather, Thursday, June 25, 2020 had severe thunderstorms develop in the late afternoon across portions of northwestern 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:

- 1.5 inch hail 16 miles south of Merriman.
- 1.25 inch hail 18 miles north northwest of Mullen.
- 1 inch hail two miles east of

Gordon.

• Winds gusted at 58 mph near O'Neill.

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 diminished a bit to 53 mph. From June 9 through June 18, winds reached from a high of 58 mph to 21 mph.

A record daily maximum rainfall was set in Valentine, June 9, with

a total of 1.53 inches, which broke the record of 1.50 set in 1991.

Temperatures have been seasonal 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.

Most of the rainfall has been substantial events measured at Miller Field in Valentine from over a half inch to an inch and a half.

There has been higher rain fall amounts over the county, along with some trace events.



FOR WHAT
It's WORTH
by
Willard Holloper

Good parents

This story is from when Mary and I were living in Wood Lake.

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 offspring.

Both parents are with their offspring 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.

When their mud and twig abode began taking shape under the eave, 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.

I still don't particularly like swallows but, by watching this mated pair up close I have gained a lot of respect for them.

First off, they must be pretty 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 or discovered by a predator, the swallow builds inside a building or under an eave, where the weather, and most animals and snakes can have little effect on them, their eggs, 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, 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 playing but it is determined to lead the animal away from its nest.

After watching those birds laboriously build their nest in a place away from the weather, and seeing their dedication to their new family, I have much respect for them.

I still don't like sparrows but I respect them.

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		CITY OF VALENTINE POLICE DEPARTMENT
05-31-20 TO 06-06-20		
CALLS		
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. Kidso 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

JUNE 26, 2020 (LINCOLN, NEB.) — Travelers are hitting the road in greater numbers as the state continues to move into a new phase of COVID-19 response. Most Nebraska counties are now in Phase III of reopening, as of Monday, June 22. 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

distractions, never drive impaired, use caution in construction zones, follow traffic safety laws, and always buckle up."

As traffic volume has increased, the rate of excessive speeding on 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

JUNE 27, 2020 (NORTH PLATTE, NEB.) — One person has been arrested following a standoff, which 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

in North Platte. The suspect had reportedly fired multiple gunshots while law enforcement officers 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.



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 Highway 183/183 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 surfacing from the reconstruction operations.

For complete road construction information, visit <https://www.safetravelusa.com/sd/> or dial 511.

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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