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Gov. Ricketts and Nebraska Department of Education Commissioner Blomstedt host *Back-to-School Briefing*

LINCOLN—Governor Pete Ricketts and Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) Commissioner Matthew Blomstedt held a press briefing to discuss plans for K-12 students to head back to the classroom this fall.

Gov. Ricketts on Back to School

There are many reasons why it's important for schools to be open this fall. Remote learning can be less effective, and it's important that we provide the highest quality education possible. Note every parent is able to devote individual time and attention to oversee remote learning indefinitely.

Social isolation isn't good for the well-being of kids. They need interaction with their friends and the mentorship teachers provide. Education promotes physical activity and a healthy lifestyle. Kids battling food insecurity have better access to good nutrition when they're in school.

Getting kids back into the classroom is critical to their well-being. CDC Director Robert Redfield

recently reported that his agency is seeing more suicides and drug overdose deaths, among the high school population, than fatalities from coronavirus. Dr. Redfield has also highlighted the extremely low risk of the virus to school-age children. In fact, the CDC says that coronavirus is five to ten times less deadly than the flu for school-age kids.

Commissioner Blomstedt stated the following:

We've been doing thoughtful work at the Department of Education with schools, health officials, and other partners to ensure the best and safest environments possible. We value equity, and it's important to maintain access to high-quality teaching for all students in Nebraska. While pursuing flexibility and innovation, we don't ever want to sacrifice quality. We're working with schools to ensure that they can manage the safety of students and staff, while keeping their educational system moving forward.

Gauging and understanding the

level of risk has been a key part of our back-to-school planning. We've asked schools to thoughtfully analyze risk in conjunction with local and state health officials. We're also asking schools to identify and tailor their protocols in light of conditions in their community. We're then supporting schools as they engage staff, students, and parents to communicate their plan for a safe return.

In addition to assessing risks at our schools, we also have to weigh the costs of NOT having students in the classroom. These costs are significant, and we don't take them lightly. We've sought counsel from medical experts, both nationally and here in Nebraska, but decisions about schools ultimately rest with policymakers. We anticipate the need to be flexible, and we're committed to working alongside school districts as they welcome students back this fall. All of our back-to-school guidance is available online at www.launchme.com.

Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District receives NACD Technical Assistance Grant

Valentine – The Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District (MNNRD) in Cherry County, announced it was awarded a technical assistance grant from the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).

"This NACD funding is timely with the 2019 Cyclonic weather events that we experienced across north central Nebraska. We have land throughout the Long Pine Creek Watershed (LPCW) that was completely rearranged by the flood events which occurred from mid-March through October 2019. This funding will hopefully bridge the gap with the needs of NRCS." – MNNRD General Manager, Mike Murphy

This is the third year of the NACD technical assistance grant program, which was created with funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to help increase staffing at the field level and provide conservation services to farmers, ranchers and local communities across the U.S.

MNNRD will use TA grant funding to provide technical assistance for engineering services in the LPCW in Brown County and assisting the USDA NRCS local field office on final design and permitting for EQIP applications addressing stream erosion, water quality issues, streambed degradation, and excess sedimentation.

"Since 2018, NACD and NRCS have worked together to increase staffing at the field level for conservation districts," NACD President Tim Palmer said. "This increased technical capacity helps to improve conservation services to farmers, ranchers and local communities across the nation."

To date in 2020, NACD and NRCS have awarded \$15 million in technical assistance grants. Since the program's inception, NACD has funded technical assistance in all 50 states and three U.S. territories.

"Even in this time of a national emergency, farmers and ranchers have conservation concerns that need to be addressed," Palmer said. "NACD is proud to provide funding to America's conservation districts and allow for more boots on the ground, providing our growers with support for their individual landscapes and resource concerns." Visit NACD's website to learn more about the grant program.

Nebraska state fish hatcheries remain closed including Valentine

LINCOLN – Due to heavy visitor traffic, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission reminds guests that the state's five fish hatcheries remain closed.

For the safety of staff, the following hatcheries remain closed until further notice: Rock Creek in Dundy County, North Platte in Lincoln County, Valentine in Cherry County and Calamus in Garfield County. The buildings at the Grove Trout Rearing Station in Antelope County are closed, while the grounds are open.

The hatcheries will continue to produce and stock fish.

Visit OutdoorNebraska.org to view the fish stocking database or find more information about fishing.



Sandhills Area Foundation Executive Director Kimberly Johnson.

Sandhills Area Foundation hires executive director

The Board of Directors of the Sandhills Area Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of Kimberly Johnson as their first Executive Director. She joins the Foundation with more than 30 years of experience working in the non-profit sector and has expertise in fund raising, event-planning, marketing, volunteer coordination and management.

Kimberly is very excited to begin her tenure assisting the Board in planning the annual fundraiser which will be held October 24, 2020, at the fairgrounds. "It's truly an honor and privilege to have been given this opportunity to serve the residents of Cherry County and work with a board that is extremely dedicated. The Sandhills Area Foundation is the heart of Cherry County and brings people and resources together to better serve its residents, and the board has done an incredible job. We look forward to growing the Foundation and being able to serve even more residents in the coming years," said Kimberly.

"Kimberly was chosen from a strong field of candidates. We were impressed with her success and

experience in the non-profit sector and are pleased to have her join us. Our vision is to grow the Foundation and better serve its residents, and we are quite confident that she will be a great leader in doing so," said Monty Neiffer, Sandhills Area Foundation Board Member.

The Sandhills Area Foundation has been in existence since 1996 and provides grants and scholarships that enhance the long-term success and quality of life for all residents of Cherry County. The Foundation, through the use of contributed funds, has awarded over \$1,000,000 in grants and scholarships in the past 24 years; \$667,000 in scholarships and \$400,000 in grants. The Foundation relies heavily on memberships, donations and the annual fund raiser to support the needs of Cherry County.

"Make plans to join us for the annual fund raiser October 24 and visit with Kimberly about the many ways you can become involved. The evening will be one you won't want to miss, filled with great food, fun and the ever-popular auction" said Gregg Perret, vice-president of the Sandhills Area Foundation.

Gov. Ricketts Signs Legislation to Protect Good Samaritans, signs budget adjustments too

LINCOLN—Governor Pete Ricketts announced that he has signed LB 832 into law. LB 832, introduced by Senator Bruce Bostelman of Brainard, gives legal protection to "good Samaritans" who forcibly enter a locked vehicle to rescue an endangered child. For instance, it provides immunity from civil liability for someone who breaks a window to save a baby stranded in a hot car.

"When Nebraskans see a child stranded in a hot car, we want them to take action," said Gov. Ricketts. "Senator Bostelman's bill protects Good Samaritans who do what's needed to rescue a child in danger."

"It's heartbreaking whenever a child is lost from a heatstroke after being trapped in a hot vehicle," said Senator Bostelman. "LB 832 raises awareness about these tragedies and empowers Nebraskans to respond when necessary to save a life."

The National Safety Council has launched a "Look before You Lock!" campaign to prevent vehicular heatstroke. Click here to view a list of simple actions that can help keep children safe.

He has also signed LB 1008, the legislative bill containing adjustments to the State's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

"I appreciate the work of the Legislature on these key budget adjustments which include flood

relief, resources for local health departments, and scholarships for Nebraskans seeking a great opportunity," said Gov. Ricketts. "This budget achieves important priorities while also leaving room for the Legislature to deliver meaningful property tax relief to our hardworking families in the coming days."

The Governor also thanked Senators for convening in late March to approve emergency funding for the State's coronavirus response.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM NEW BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

The budget encompasses many key priorities, a few of which are highlighted here:

- Community Health Centers Funding: \$500,000
- Corrections Registered Apprenticeships: \$500,000
- Flood Relief: \$55,240,974
- Gering-Fort Laramie and Goshen Irrigation Canal Repair Grant: \$3,800,000
- Mental Health Courts Pilot Program: \$637,788
- Nebraska Career Scholarships: ~Community Colleges: \$1,000,000
- State Colleges: \$1,000,000
- University of Nebraska: \$2,000,000
- Public Health Departments: \$1,500,000
- Rural Workforce Housing: \$10,000,000

Positive COVID-19 Cases in Cherry, Holt, Knox, Pierce, and Rock Counties

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been made aware of five (5) additional positive COVID-19 cases in the district on August 5, 2020.

One case in Cherry County is currently under investigation. One case in Holt County is due direct contact with a positive case and all close contacts have been contacted and asked to quarantine. One case in Knox County is due to community spread and all close contacts have been identified and asked to quarantine.

One case in Pierce County is due to community spread and all close contacts have been notified and asked to quarantine. One case in Rock County is due to community spread and all close contacts have been identified and asked to quarantine.

Case count update as of August 5, at 3:00 p.m.: 95 Total Cases (TC), 79 Recoveries (R), and 1 Death (D).

A 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: 19 R: 16, D: 1
Keya Paha: TC: 0
Boyd: TC: 1, R: 1
Knox: TC: 36 R: 31
Brown: TC: 0
Pierce: TC: 18 R: 17
Cherry: TC: 5 R: 3
Rock: TC: 3, R: 2
Holt: TC: 13 R: 9



Photo by Laura Vroman

Pictured at the Eggert Floors and More Ribbon Cutting are from L to R: Chris Elliott, Tim Henderson, Mike Woodraska, Monty Neiffer, Chris Hernstrom, Deanne Holmes Monroe, Jamie Eggert, Ella, Ann Krueger, Nadeane Allard, Max Eggert, Jason Kelber, Zane Limbach, Valerie Matulka, Ann Neiffer, and Dean Jacobs.

Eggert Floors and More holds Ribbon Cutting

Located inside Cherry Street Plaza is Eggert Floors and More which definitely has more than floors to offer.

There's tile, carpeting, and onyx shower systems along with quartz counter tops.

Stop in and visit with Max Eggert at 103 N. Cherry Street by appointment. You can call him at 402-389-0202 or 402-314-5138. "For now, it's by appointment only, but we will

have regular set showroom hours in the near future."

Eggert said the showroom is only so large, and that there is much more that can be ordered.

He and his wife Jamie have two girls, Ella who is seven, and Iyla who is one, and a boy on the way.

"Jamie and I got into the flooring business seven years ago with my sister and brother-in-law when we were living in Lincoln. We partnered

with them to buy my brother-in-law's grandfather's store, BK Flooring, in Columbus.

"After returning to Valentine, I decided I would like to start a store here as well."

To celebrate a Ribbon Cutting was held!

Cherry Street Plaza is owned by Tim Henderson with additional office space for rent. Call him for more information at 402-376-5529.

Vision 2020

Hope you enjoyed the Cherry County Fair



Hunter Education

On-line only courses until further notice

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DISTRICT 43 NEWS

by Tom Brewer

We have enough surplus electricity in the state to power a second city of Lincoln

A large, 50 turbine wind energy facility is planned for northern Gage County, in Nebraska. It is not surprising the citizens in the area are up in arms about it. Like they have in the Sandhills and in counties all over Nebraska, citizens are organizing and are actively resisting the plague of wind energy infecting their county and ruining the quality of their lives.

The Gage County Alliance for Wise Wind Energy Decisions invited me to attend a meeting of the Gage County Planning and Zoning Commission recently. I was joined by my colleague Senator Myron Dorn who represents that county. The question before them was should the minimum setback (distance from a residence) of an industrial wind turbine be increased from three eighths of a mile to one mile in the county zoning regulations? The high school auditorium had about 200 concerned citizens and scores of them provided public comment. The overwhelming majority were in favor of the one mile setback.

I have attended quite a few wind energy meetings like this in counties all over the state. Several I've seen got pretty rowdy, but not this one. The people were polite and respectful. The commissioners were engaged and asked a number of good questions. I was proud to see my fellow Nebraskans gather together and play their part in their county government. The more local government is, the better it is and the people and commissioners of Gage County provided a splendid example of this.

People all over Nebraska are waking up to the truth about wind energy. It is not "green" or good for the environment. It slaughters wildlife and is near impossible to dispose of at the end of their service life. Wind energy isn't "free" either. Utilities companies have costs associated with bringing wind energy into the electrical grid, and those are passed on to the ratepayers. Wind energy isn't reliable, and can never replace a conventional power plant. Nebraska doesn't need the power. We have enough surplus electricity in the state to power a second city of Lincoln. The only reason wind energy is built is to make money off of an incredibly wasteful federal government subsidy program.

It says *The salvation of the state is watchfulness in the citizen* above the north door of the capitol in Lincoln. Like their fellow Nebraskans from the Sandhills and all over the state, who are fighting to protect their private property rights, the good people of Gage County have certainly lived up to that standard and I salute them.

The planning and zoning commissioners voted 6-1 to extend the setback to one mile.

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.

Mourning a patriot

When asked why he chose to dedicate his life to the fight for civil rights and racial equality, the late Congressman John Lewis once said, "Brother, each of us has the opportunity and the responsibility."

He was right, of course. We all have the duty to stand up for what we believe in.

Born in 1940 in Troy, Alabama, John Lewis experienced discrimination from a young age. The third of ten children, his parents were sharecroppers, and he grew up poor. On the family farm, he was responsible for taking care of the chickens. He did this well, but this young boy had higher aspirations: He wanted to be a preacher.

And so at the age of five, he began to preach to his chickens. He preached his first public sermon a decade later, when he was just 15.

This talent for public speaking proved useful a few years later during the 1963 March on Washington.

Though he was only 23 years old at the time, he was chosen to be one of the march's six main organizers.

The day that Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his *I Have a Dream* speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, John Lewis spoke to the same crowd of hundreds of thousands about the violence and hate he had witnessed throughout his

fighting for it "until true freedom comes, until the revolution of 1776 is complete."

In his *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, Dr. King expressed the same sentiment. He wrote that the fight for civil rights was nothing more than the fight to bring "our nation back to those great wells of democracy which were dug deep by the founding fathers."

John Lewis, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the other great leaders of the Civil Rights era were bound together by their belief in our founding ideals. For them, the problem wasn't America itself - it was America's failure to keep its word.

These leaders owed a great debt to Frederick Douglass, a former slave and incredible orator who fought a similar fight over abolition a century before and who ultimately found success by appealing to the ideals of our founding.

Because of Douglass and other abolitionists, this country rid itself of the sin of slavery. And in large part because of John Lewis, the descendants of those slaves finally became full participants in our democracy.

John Lewis went on to become Congressman Lewis, and for more than 30 years he humbly served the people of Georgia and continued to work within Congress to make sure we keep the promises we made in 1776.

We have come a long way, but many of these promises remain unfulfilled. Too many Americans still live in fear because of the color of their skin. Two months after the death of George Floyd, protests for the worthy cause of equality for all continue across the country. Unfortunately, many of these have been hijacked by people whose vision of this country could not be further from that of John Lewis.

Rather than give in to our frustration, we must honor his legacy by upholding his lifelong commitment to nonviolence and helping others. There is more work to do, and John Lewis's life shows us the way forward.

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

NOTE FROM WASHINGTON D.C.

by Deb Fischer

life, including during the Freedom Rides through the still-segregated South two years earlier.

He asked that day that those who believed in the Declaration of Independence's promise of God-given equal rights for all continue

POLITICAL SATIRE

by Paul Fell



Getting back to work

Since the early days of our state when pioneering women and men plowed the prairies and cut grain by hand, Nebraska has been known for its industriousness. Our love of growing things and making things has helped our state power through even the most difficult times. Just last year, we experienced historic flooding and now a pandemic.

As coronavirus restrictions have eased, Nebraskans are getting back to work. Recent data has shown that, so far, Nebraska's economy has been one of the least impacted in the nation by the coronavirus. We also have one of the lowest unemployment rates. Even so, we have experienced historic joblessness and unemployment rates. To help Nebraskans find a new job or career opportunity, we have deployed three programs. The State's reemployment program, SNAP Next Step, and Workforce Retraining Initiative (WRI) are all helping Nebraskans find a new opportunity.

A few years ago, Nebraska became the first state in the nation to launch a reemployment program. Led by the Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL), this free program connects Nebraskans searching for a new opportunity with job coaches, tools to create an online searchable resume, and other valuable resources. People receiving unemployment benefits participate in these services to help them get back to work more quickly. Since mid-March, teammates at NDOL have assisted with more than 75,000 requests for employment services. You don't have to receive unemployment benefits to access these great resources. NDOL's job

centers are open to anyone. They stand ready to connect Nebraskans to tens of thousands of employment openings. For more information about services available through the job centers, visit dol.nebraska.gov and NEworks.nebraska.gov.

One great way our reemployment program at NDOL has been making a difference in people's lives is through a partnership with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. For the past few years, these agencies have

working more predictable hours, allowing them to spend more time together as a family. For example, a single parent was working the second shift, including weekends, before she started SNAP Next Step. Now, she has a job working 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and can spend evenings with her children. In another instance, a single mother working as a waitress made just over \$900 a month with no health benefits. After taking part in SNAP Next Step, she now earns almost \$2,700 a month with full benefits, a pension, and potential bonuses.

Right now, SNAP Next Step is active in the following cities and their surrounding areas: Columbus, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Lexington, Norfolk, North Platte, Scottsbluff, and Sidney. Given the success of the program, we're in the process of expanding it statewide. Nebraskans interested in SNAP Next Step can learn more by visiting dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/SNAP-Next-Step.aspx.

Recently, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, NDOL, and I announced a new initiative that invests federal coronavirus funding into helping Nebraskans find a new career path. Through the Workforce Retraining Initiative (WRI), Nebraskans whose employment or income has been affected by the pandemic can apply for a scholarship to gain new skills to grow their earnings. Six of Nebraska's community colleges are participating in the program. Each college has designed training courses to help scholarship recipi-

FROM THE GOVERNOR

by Pete Ricketts

teamed up to help families who rely on food stamps find new opportunities that give them greater financial independence and flexibility. This initiative, called SNAP Next Step, provides families with employment services such as creating a virtual resume, preparing for a job interview, and helping participants enhance their skills. On average, participants who complete SNAP Next Step increase their income by about \$1,200 a month or \$14,500 per year! For example, Jenni was out of work when she enrolled in the program. SNAP Next Step helped her find full-time employment at an engineering firm. Her new monthly income is \$2,284, eliminating her need for SNAP benefits.

In addition to improving their financial situation, SNAP Next Step participants are enhancing their quality of life. Many are now

Lawmakers Pass Budget Adjustments and Other Measures

It's almost over. The 106th Legislature Second Session, that is. Not the Year 2020 which has, by any measure, been one long and winding road marred by a worldwide pandemic and unprecedented levels of racial unrest. Don't even mention a presidential election!

The session was interrupted in March and the last 17 days were finally convened in July thanks to the Coronavirus precautions that have gripped Nebraska and the rest of the world. Through it all, lawmakers have managed to accomplish their one constitutionally assigned task - adopting a budget - and actually pass other measures which impact everyone from the folks who grow dry peas and lentils to the young people who are incarcerated at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers.

Budget adjustments were adopted after careful consideration of the Coronavirus impact on the state economy - a floating target at this point. Most "experts" think Nebraska will fare better than other states. The adjustments were in appropriations for state operations, aid and construction programs in the current and next fiscal year.

The budget package also: transfers \$10 million to the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund; provides a \$3.7 million increase in developmental disability provider rates; appropriates an additional \$1.5 million to aid local public health departments; appropriates \$250,000 to the Nebraska State Patrol crime lab for timely processing of sexual assault forensic evidence; and \$458,000 over two years to the state Supreme Court to increase staffing for youth problem-solving courts.

The budget adjustments also transfer \$60 million from the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund to the state's Cash Reserve Fund and allow payment of claims against the state including \$66 million in state agency write-offs for various uncollectable debts.

Lawmakers said "no" to a request by Omaha Sen. Tony Vargas to introduce a measure that would require the state's meat packing plants to institute more safety measures to protect workers against the Coronavirus. Vargas' father in New York State died of the virus in April.

The Legislature did allow Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne to introduce LB1222 to adopt the Municipal

Oversight Act to require any city that employs full-time police to create a seven-member citizen oversight board. Each city's mayor would appoint board members, with approval of the city council. The boards would investigate all

police shootings and complaints filed by members of the public and independently investigate all cases of alleged misconduct by police officers.

A lengthy hearing on the bill before the Urban Affairs Committee was stopped after three hours when a member of the committee was informed that he had been exposed to someone recently who just tested positive for the Coronavirus. Consensus is the bill will come back next year for a thorough airing and revisions. Omaha and Lincoln already have police review boards.

The Legislature passed a Health and Human Services Committee bill (LB1144) to expand legislative oversight of the state's YRTCs. The bill requires the juvenile services division to report to the inspector general any instance of assault, escape, attempted suicide or certain other acts that occur at a YRTC.

In addition, the department is required to submit quarterly reports of grievances filed at YRTCs and to notify the inspector general of any leadership changes within the juvenile services division or the YRTCs. The inspector general is required to conduct an annual review and physical inspection of six state institutions and report to the Legislature.

Lawmakers passed a measure (LB803) introduced by Venango Sen. Dan Hughes to create the five-member Dry Pea and Lentil Commission to set policies and programs related to the discovery, promotion and development of markets and industries for the utilization of dry peas, lentils, chickpeas or garbanzo beans, faba (sometimes called fava) beans or lupins grown in Nebraska.

Beginning July 1, 2021, a 1 percent excise tax on the net market value of dry peas and lentils sold through commercial channels in the state will be levied and imposed on the grower at the time of sale or delivery.

Raise your hand if you knew that we grew any other crops besides corn, soybeans and wheat in Nebraska. See, we learn something new every day.

Working Toward a Vaccine

Many of the steps we have taken to physically and economically combat COVID-19 have received widespread coverage, such as social distancing, wearing of masks, and quarantining. The most critical measure, however, has largely been going on behind the scenes and deserves our attention. Developing a vaccine for COVID-19 is the only way to defeat the virus, potentially helping billions of people worldwide.

Vaccine development has been a top priority of our COVID response, with Congress and President Trump working together on several important actions made possible by the CARES Act. This effort, known as

Operation Warp Speed, mobilized early funding appropriated by Congress to create a key, new partnership between government agencies such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and private companies. The ultimate goal is to develop and distribute vaccines by the end of the year while maintaining our nation's top safety standards.

Operation Warp Speed provides the fastest possible route to a safe, effective vaccine by ensuring it receives top priority consideration by all involved parties. Any new development toward a COVID vaccine will move to the front of the line for FDA approval. Usually, companies must wait months, or even years, in this approval process line, which can be further

slowed by paperwork delays and other regulatory bottlenecks. Companies working on COVID vaccines have been able to complete multiple steps in the development process simultaneously, instead of waiting for each step to be completed sequentially. This means work can be done on manufacturing and distribution logistics while the potential vaccine is going through the normal approval process, potentially saving huge amounts of time. Meanwhile, with funds appropriated by Congress, the

administration is establishing manufacturing lines in advance of approval and preordering hundreds of millions of vaccine doses to ensure the fastest possible rollout of vaccines to the public.

The CARES Act incentivized American companies to lead the way in a worldwide race to find a vaccine. Incentivizing not one company but many to strive for the vaccine helps ensure the American way of competition to ultimately obtain the best result. Progress is being made and we are even seeing some vaccine candidates at the clinical trial phase with adult volunteers. It is inspiring to see the innovation potential of American pharmaceutical companies showcased for the world. We must continue to unleash our capacity for innovation.

We are all in this fight together and I appreciate the leadership shown by President Trump. American ingenuity can once again change the world as we know it - this time by eradicating COVID-19.

CAPITOL VIEW

by J.L. Schmidt

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Meeting Notes

Sand Painters Art Guild

Sand Painters Art Guild met July 25, 2020. Joan Swim gave a fabulous demonstration and workshop on wet wool felt art. Fourteen artists took part, and everyone completed one or two pieces which were varied and beautiful. You can see examples on the Sand Painters Art Guild Facebook page as well as links to examples online for those who were not able to participate. We appreciate you bringing all the wonderful wool and giving great instruction, Joan!

Meeting was called to order by Pat Schemmer.
Show and Tell: Mary Eateringer showed two paintings from the Plein Art Experience at her home.

Dave Dorsey announced that he had three paintings juried into the Bosque Art Classic show in Clifton, TX, and at the American Plains Artists show in San Angelo, TX. Dave received one of the Publishers Award of Excellence, and a third of a page ad in Art of The West magazine.

Geri Coleman showed several photos she wished to have critiqued. June Sheppard shared her learning experience from the Plein Aire Experience that Joan Swim organized this summer. She noted Dave's comments about drawing in the light and said she had a learning experience on her patio with lighting.

Jan Knispel shared several ink drawings from an online tutorial, a drawing from the Plein Aire at Berry Bridge, and a watercolor/pen and ink flower.

Joan Swim shared about her Plein Art online Live Conference. There were a number of national artists speaking and demonstrating as well as an artist originally from Chadron, Scott Christopher. She was also impressed by the knowledge of Eric Rhoades and others. Rhoades has an online presence at outdoorpainter.com with daily podcasts. Another online site is painttube.com the online experience was much less expensive than face-to-face. Realism Live is the next online experience in October. Registration fee increases on August 30, 2020.

Business discussion on Cherry County Fair. There will be no open exhibits this year; only 4-H exhibits will be displayed. The membership voted to cancel the Sand Painters Art Show at the county fair for 2020. The traditional workshop will be held this year with Chris Cernetisch: Day One at the Valentine City Park. Day Two may be at the park or at another agreed upon location decided on Day One. There is a fee to participate. Pay to Debby Galloway, treasurer, or Pat Schemmer, president.

Pat read and elaborated on the contract for the Sand Painters Art Guild and the Western Nebraska Art Center, Scottsbluff, for a guild show in June of 2022. The members voted to have Pat sign the contract. It is important that all members begin creating and gathering their work. Individual artists will need a biography and an artist's statement to accompany their work. Individual artist's work will be shown at the gallery in a grouping. The gallery is a huge space and members of our guild need to be prepared to furnish enough art to make the showing spectacular. Artists should plan to display 10-15 pieces each. The reception for the artists displaying will be at the WNAC in Scottsbluff on Saturday, June 4, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. All artists are urged to attend. Artists displaying can sell art at the WNAC show. There is a fee charged by the art center. Information about the show will be repeated in the future.

The meeting ended with a group photo.

Sandhills Piecemakers Quilt Guild

The meeting was called to order by President, Joyce Wolfenden, at 7:00 p.m. CT July 27, 2020 at the First Baptist Church in Valentine.

Roll Call- There were 12 members present and seven guests present, Jo Jo Jordon, Will Cox, Kate Cox, Jaden Garwood, Wesley Willert, Angie Jordon, and Michelle Garwood.

Ida Chilen shared her quilt of Valor. Laura Hodges told about her scrappy quilt. Mary Lou Kerr shared a scrappy hexagon quilt and a Starburst quilt. Jan Knispel shared her paper pieced triangle jar lid and her felted art project. Judy Ridenour shared a graduation quilt.

Minutes were read and approved. Correspondence-State Guild newsletter.

New Business-There will be no "Open Exhibits" at the County Fair this year due to Covid. Old West Days will be downsizing and changing venues so there is no Old West Days Quilt Show.

There is a Quilt Show in Hill City, SD on September 12-13, 2020. Quilts we be shown outside on Main Street and vendors will be doing demonstrations in the school gym.

AQS will be having a quilt show in Branson, MO, March 24-28, 2021. Rhonda Cherry requested the use of the quilt racks for showing 4-H quilts of Valor at the fair. We said yes.

Mary Lou Kerr made a motion, Lis Sherman seconded, that we would not have a Quilt show at Old West Days this year. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be at the First Baptist Church on Green Street August 24 at 7:00 p.m. CT. The program will be "Flanged Binding" by Debby Galloway. Call Joyce Wolfenden-402-376-1166 or Debby Galloway 402-966-3471 for more information.

We celebrated Ronda Cherry's 4-H Quilt of Valor kids and supporting group with a quilt showing and cake and ice cream. Great Job Everyone!! Quilts will be hung in the 4-H building on Sunday before the fair, viewable Friday through Sunday.

The quilts will also be displayed at the 4-H fashion show.
Debby Galloway, Secretary

NET hosts online 'WELL BEINGS' event to encourage mental health understanding

Lincoln - In some way, everyone in Nebraska is impacted by mental health issues, medical conditions that make it difficult for people to cope with ordinary life. According to research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is a leading cause of death for 10-24 year olds in Nebraska.

NET, Nebraska's PBS & NPR Stations, is hosting its first virtual "WELL BEINGS" online event and discussion, "Preventing Youth Suicide in Nebraska." Participants can learn practical skills and information to help recognize the signs and symptoms of depression, anxiety and suicide in an effort to lower Nebraska's youth suicide rate.

NET News Director Dennis Kellogg will host the live, online panel discussion "Preventing Youth Suicide in Nebraska," Thursday, Aug. 20 at 4:00 p.m. CT. Nebraskans can watch online and submit questions by visiting the NET Nebraska or NET News Facebook pages and at WellBeings.org. The program will also be available on the NET Nebraska YouTube page (no account required). This is a free event and registration is not required.

To submit questions about mental health prior to the event or access Nebraska mental health resources, visit netNebraska.org/wellbeings.

The virtual online event will begin with video features, followed by the panel discussion with local mental health experts including:

Dr. David Miers, PhD - Director of Behavioral Health Services at Bryan Medical Center in Lincoln.

Miers is a Licensed Independent Professional Counselor and member of the American Association of Suicidology. He is also a Suicidologist. Miers is the co-founder of the state of Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition and helped establish the Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Council.

Miguel Estevez, PLMHP, PLADC - Therapist at the Friendship House, Grand Island.

Estevez is an English, Spanish and Portuguese trilingual mental health professional serving young Nebraskans and others through programs and therapy to cope with traumatic events, mental health conditions including substance use, self-harm and suicidal thoughts.

Julia Herbenstreit, Executive Director of the Kim Foundation, Omaha.

The Kim Foundation offers support, resources and compassion to those whose lives are touched by

mental illness and suicide.

Saisha Adhikira, External Vice President of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN), Lincoln.

Adhikira is a senior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in biology, psychology and public health. She speaks openly about her experience with anxiety and cultural stigmas attached to mental health.

Jaden Roe, Green Bandana Project at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Roe is a junior at UNL and was instrumental in bringing the Green Bandana Project to the Nebraska campus. He will be featured in one of the videos from students across Nebraska. The bandana identifies volunteers as a "safe" person to talk with an ally to those with mental health concerns.

The "Preventing Youth Suicide in Nebraska" virtual event is available to parents, teachers, counselors, caregivers, families and students, especially those in high school and the first years of college. It's designed to offer suggestions on ways communities can support each other and encourage compassion about mental health. There will be several student video stories from across the state woven throughout the virtual event.

Nebraskans are encouraged to join the conversation about mental health on the "WELL BEINGS" Story Wall. Comments can be shared on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube with the hashtag #WellBeings.

Resource partners for the "WELL BEINGS" in Nebraska include: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Nebraska division); "Big Red Resilience" and "Well Beings" programs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; The Kim Foundation; CenterPointe; Bryan Medical Center; the University of Nebraska's Green Bandana Program; and St. Monica's.

NET is one of 24 public media stations across the nation increasing awareness about mental health issues by connecting young people and those who care about them with frontline professionals who can help them recognize signs and symptoms of depression, anxiety and suicide in young adults.

"WELL BEINGS" events in Nebraska and across the country are leading up to a new Ken Burns' documentary "Hiding in Plain Sight: Our Mental Health Crisis" scheduled for broadcast on PBS stations in Spring 2021.

Statewide tree decorating contest open to all Nebraskans

Grand Island - Nebraska State Fair is inviting the entire state to participate in a new contest this year. State residents are asked to follow the lead of nearly 40 central Nebraska non-profits, and "bomb a tree" across the state. Trees being decorated at a home, business, church, or school need the permission of the owner. The contest, complete with prizes is open to all Nebraskans.

"We've had such success with our initial non-profit tree bombing activity along State Fair Boulevard, that we wanted to invite everyone to participate," exclaimed Laura Hurley, director of sponsorships, "This contest replaces the hay bale contest which was suspended after the 2018 Fair, and actually allows more people, businesses and organizations to participate, no matter where in the state they are located."

The artistic term is "yarn bombing," as crafty decorations are temporarily applied to the tree. Each participant has till August 31, 2020 to decorate their tree of choice and submit photos of their work of art. We encourage using

cheerful and entertaining themes, much like the Fair to incorporate into their display.

"These bombing installations have been done around the world at events and festivals, but we believe we are the very first State Fair to do it as a statewide contest. There are rules involved for the protection of all your trees, and as long as the installations are in good taste and have a family friendly theme, they are eligible to enter the contest," replied Hurley.

Guidelines on how to "bomb a tree" and how to enter the contest can be found on our website, statefair.org search under contests. Additional questions may be directed to: Lhurley@statefair.org. There is no entry fee to participate, but photos must be received before midnight August 31, 2020 via mail or email. The benefits are to provide beauty, fun and community engagement across our great state. The trees will be judged, and prizes awarded by September 30, 2020. Winners will be notified by email and posted to our Facebook page and website.

Lakeview/Crookston

Jean Burge
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Kathleen and Ethan Gilman and son Chripp of Iowa and Angel and Max Lindsey of Chadron spent the weekend with Duff and Kathy Tinant. Max stayed, and attended a family reunion with them at Keller Park, and will visit a few more days before school starts.

Jon and Marissa Logterman and daughter, Emma of Iowa were guests of Dwight and Marvonne Logterman Monday thru Friday, as well as visiting other family members and friends.

Gary and Barb Peters took their grandson, Brennen to Des Moines, IA on Saturday to meet his parents after a weeks stay in Lakeview.

The community extends sympathy to Sharon and Dean Stiefel, as Sharon's father passed away recently at the Neligh Nursing Home.

Lucas and Becky Tinant and their four kids, Victor, age 6; Charlie, age 3; Geraldine, 17 months, and 4 1/2 month old William of Eagle visited his parents, Patty and Scot Tinant and other family members Thursday through Sunday. The kids enjoyed time with cousins Raken and Takorah too!

Prairey Brennen, Nolan and Norah and Nick Stuetelberg, Marlys's nephew, were weekend guests of Vern and Marlys Walking. The extended Walking family had a day of freezing sweet corn, and were joined by Kayla's stepday, Don Ludens of Rapid City. On Sunday Vern and Marlys

attended the funeral for their brother-in-law, Sherman Koopal at Platte, SD.

Hot weather with a few storms in between seems to be the norm this past week. The Lakeview area could use a good rain again. On Saturday night a strong storm, which was a small band, struck just north of Crookston near Wilbur Fay, headed northeast and taking out Jackie and Gerry Lurz's garden. Wanda Schubauer had some windows broken in her shop and garden damage where it struck near Olsonville, hitting the Jerry and Lori Shelbourn place, again! What a year!

Rick, Kitty and Sadie VanderWey provided music at Cowboy Church in Valentine Sunday morning during the Cherry Co. Fair activities.

Area schools are getting ready some will have students in person and others on-line. Janet Shelbourn, and George and Jodi Arnold and Marvonne Logterman start their jobs at Cody-Kilgore this week as school starts on Wednesday. Todd County School District will have their first quarter of school all remote. Students can learn thru SD Virtual School or TCES remote learning, with a starting date of September 8. There are so many changes this year, but we hope it is a learning year for students, as the teachers go to a lot of work to make it a success.

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Arched doorways, tall windows, wide trim, and hardwood floors characterize the 754 sq ft main level. The equal second level has been freshly updated with carpet, fixtures, paint, and trim. There are two bedrooms at the top of the stairs and down the hall another bedroom, remodeled bathroom, and master bedroom. The master bedroom has a walk-out deck overlooking the private backyard. The full basement includes a finished laundry area within the bathroom and the rest is ready to finish as desired. The exterior has been recently upgraded with metal trim and rain gutters. A back deck extends the width of the home and a kennel area contains a luxury doghouse. There are underground sprinklers, a storage shed, and additional parking in back. \$119,000

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SUNDAY MORNING
Sunday School Classes (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
Next Generation 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Crossroads Assembly
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SUNDAY
Bible Classes (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
Youth Services 6:30 p.m.
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Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

Berean Bible Church
702 East 7th St. • 376-3714
Pastor Scott McClellen
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
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St. Mary's Catholic Church-Nenzel
Sunday 10:30 a.m. MDT

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130 East 3rd St. • 376-2932
SUNDAY
Worship/Communion 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

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After School Bible School 3:45 p.m.

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Pastor Dave Morrison
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Thursday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Services 4:00 p.m. MST

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Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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Winter Schedule
Labor Day to March
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Church Services 10:30 a.m.
Radio Program - KVSH
Sunday 8:05 a.m.

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Prayer Service 8:00 p.m.

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Except Holidays

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It's an old fashioned ice cream social

The United Methodist Church in Valentine will sponsor an ice cream social at the south entrance of the church on Wednesday, August 19 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The fellowship hall will be available for those that prefer the air conditioning or in case of bad weather. Pies and home made ice cream will be served.
Everyone is welcome to stay for praise and worship time also outside at 7:30 p.m. A free will donation will be accepted.

Obituaries

Gerald D. Earll, 78

Gerald Dennis Earll, 78 of Valentine passed away at his home on Saturday August 1 with his wife, Carol and daughter, Nichole by his side.
He was born April 30, 1942 at Carter, SD to Orval and Mary (Toman) Earll.
He attended various country schools and graduated from Winner High School in 1960. He worked at Crossroads Supermarket until April 1964. He then joined the National Guard in Winner, SD until December of 1970.
On February 27, 1965, he married Carol Heying. They were blessed with three children, Bob, Denny and Nichole.
In 1968 they moved to Valentine where he managed the Ideal Market until April 1984 when they bought the Frosty Drive In. During this time, he was active in the Valentine Volunteer Fire Department, the Jaycees and National Guard. He also had a local band called "The Venturas" where they played in the Nebraska/South Dakota areas.
His favorite pastimes were camping, fishing, hunting and ATV trail riding with his family and friends.
He was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother, Roger and his brother, Gene.
He is survived by his wife Carol, sons, Bob (Marci Garland) of Grand Island, Denny (Letta Rowse) of O'Neill and daughter, Nichole (Tadd Buechle) of Valentine; eight grandchildren, Alex (special friend Gabby) of New Zealand, Katie (Kent Niss) of Pawnee City, Kylee (Keith Baughman) of Blair, Amanda (Colton Hunzeker) of Bremerton, WA, Mitchell Bromwich (fiancé Diane Montoya) of Garland, Jordan (Shandie Reiser) Buechle of Valentine, Sheldie Buechle of Valentine and Stephanie Buechle of Valentine; sister, Linda (Wally Eklund) of Gregory, SD; sister-in law, Leatha Earll of Soldotna, AK; four great grandchildren, Kendrix and Kohen Baughman, Heston Buechle and Eleanor Niss.
The Rosary was held on Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. and the memorial service was Wednesday, August 5 at 10:30 a.m. both at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Valentine.
Memorials can be sent to Carol Earll at 729 N. Hall St., Valentine NE 69201. Sandoz Chapel of the Pines was in charge of service arrangements.

Dorothy L. Lowder, 73

Dorothy Loraine (Robbins) Lowder was born October 29, 1946 to Edwin and Wilma Robbins in Gordon. Dorothy was third of 14 children. She passed away on July 30, 2020 at Pineview Good Samaritan in Valentine. Service was held Saturday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the new legion in Martin, SD to be followed by interment at the Martin Community Cemetery.
Dorothy spent her childhood around Long Valley, SD. She attended high school in Martin, SD where she stayed and helped a family friend for room and board. She later married Donald William Lowder on January 18, 1964. Between the two of them, they had a total of nine children. There were seven boys and two girls.
She was preceded in death by her mother, father, one sister, two brothers, and two sons.
She is survived by her husband, six sons, two daughters, six grandchildren, seven sisters, three brothers and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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The Virtue of Constancy

"Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end."
Psalm 119:33 NIV

Virtue must be inculcated when we are young, because the virtues are essentially habits of acting properly, as Aristotle pointed out some 2500 years ago. If those good habits are not developed early on, it's much harder to develop them when we are older. And whether we have inculcated virtue from our youth or not, we are all tossed back and forth by the winds of selfish desire and vice. Even when we know what the right thing to do is, we are often tempted to do the opposite. Knowing that we should return the dropped or misplaced ten-dollar bill to its rightful owner, we are still tempted to slip it in our pocket and keep it for ourselves. If we have been raised right, however, we won't sleep well. Likewise, in so many areas of our life, we know we should be temperate when it comes to eating and drinking, and all of our appetites, but we are still tempted to overdo it. The virtue of constancy is in some ways a virtue which helps us stay on the path of virtue, telling us to steer clear of vice and always do the right thing, despite obstacles in our path. Perseverance is the virtue that allows us to keep striving to do the right thing, despite the difficulty of continuing the act itself, while constancy is the virtue of continuing to do the right thing despite external difficulties. We get distracted, we lose patience, and often we just want to do the easy thing, but constancy keeps us on the right path.
- Christopher Simon

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James R. Pederson, 66
James was born October 23, 1953 to George and Beverly (Heath) Pederson at Basin, WY.
James passed away in his home at Valentine. At the age 66 James was never married.
He was home schooled and grew up in Catalina, AZ until the age of 21. When the family home burnt to ground, the family purchased James' Mother's childhood family farm and moved at Otto, WY. After 15 years James and his mother moved to Kilgore, to be closer to family. James lived there for a few years, then he moved to Valentine until his death.
James did janitor work at Pizza Hut and Ward Plumbing and Heating until he retired. His hobbies included going to the Senior Center for dinner, going to the casino to eat prime rib, going for walks, going to church when he could, going antique shopping, yard saling or shopping at North Platte where he would get different fish to add to his fish tank. He would spend time cleaning his fish tanks, but James great love and passion was working on and collecting old antique radios and speakers. He would make cases to put them in he was amazing at doing this. He also enjoyed going to visit family in South Dakota or back out to Wyoming.
James was preceded in death by both his parents, all grandparents, and infant brother, Donald Franklin Pederson.
He is survived by brother, John and wife, Wendy Pederson of Mills WY; sister, Alice Shotts of Powell WY, sister, Ellen and husband, Wes Hein of Herrick, SD, many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, dear friend, Terry Lynn, many other friends, and caring staff of North Star.
James will be greatly missed by all who knew him he was an amazing person.
There will be an open memorial service at the Northstar Services, 324 S. Hall St., August 15, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. you are welcome to wear mask and join in as we say our goodbyes to (Jimmy) James. He will be laid to rest at the Herrick Cemetery at Herrick SD.

William S. Dill, 90
William S. (Bill) Dill, 90, passed away on July 30, 2020 at Pine View Nursing Home, in Valentine, from the effects of leukemia.
He was born on March 7, 1930 in Omaha to Richard and Rebanis (Sisler) Dill. Bill grew up in Alexandria and graduated from Alexandria High School in 1947. He then earned a BS degree in English from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1951. Bill married Elinor Apking, also from Alexandria, in 1951. The marriage was blessed with four children - Michael, Kathleen, Thomas, and George (Pat).
He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 though 1955, training in Biloxi, Mississippi and then stationed in Albuquerque, NM. After his service, he attended the University of Nebraska Law School, graduating in 1958.
Bill then moved the family to Valentine to join the firm currently known as Quigley, Dill & Quigley, where he practiced law for over 60 years. Bill greatly enjoyed the practice of law with his partners Bryan, Jim, and Bill Quigley. He was elected on a write-in ballot as Cherry County Attorney in the 1970s.
His hobbies included reading, classical music, stamp collecting, cooking (especially his famous fruit-cakes and Christmas sweets), wood-working, and his investment club. He also enjoyed travel, symphony and opera concerts, and sailing on Merritt Reservoir. Bill was very active for many years in the Valentine Presbyterian Church, serving the church in many different capacities.
After separation and divorce from Elinor Dill, he married Sharon Knutson on August 18, 1984 and acquired two step-sons, Thomas and Scott Knutson. Bill and Sharon shared a loving and happy relationship until her death in 2012.
Bill is survived by his sister, Kathleen Winder, of Fort Collins, CO, his children, Michael Dill (Carol Jablonski) of Dallas, TX, Kathleen Dill of Rochester, NY, Thomas (Barbara) Dill of Allen, TX, and George Patrick Dill (Drew Winsler) of Rochester, NY, grandchildren, Alexandra Dill of Brenham, TX, John Dill of Omaha, Elizabeth Dill of Allen, TX, and Christopher Dill of Columbus, IN, step-sons, Thomas Knutson and Scott Knutson, both of Lincoln, and niece, Elizabeth Apking and nephew, David (Vonda) Apking (and their children and grandchildren).
Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Rebanis Dill, his wife, Sharon Dill, and his former wife, Elinor Dill.
Memorial service was held on Thursday, August 6 at 1:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Valentine. Inurnment followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Valentine.
In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Bill's name to the Presbyterian Church, in recognition of his great faith, or to any other local organization. Online obituary and guest book may be viewed at www.sandozfuneralhome.com.
Sandoz Chapel of the Pines was in charge of service arrangements.

Temporary waiver for online Hunter Education still in place

LINCOLN – With fall hunting seasons coming up, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission reminds hunters of temporary Hunter Education changes from which they can benefit.

Until further notice, online-only Hunter Education courses, without the Hunt Safe Session requirement, is allowed for ages 11 and older in Nebraska.

Youth ages 11-15 who take the online Hunter Education course normally are required to attend a two-hour Hunt Safe Session before they can receive a certificate of completion. That Hunt Safe Session requirement temporarily has been waived since Game and Parks has limited the size and available number of classes in the interest of public health due to COVID-19. Those

11- to 15-year-olds who complete the online course will be certified, though they are encouraged to take an available Hunt Safe Session in the future.

The Hunt Safe Session is a two-hour review focusing on equipment safety for firearms and archery, tree-stand safety and shoot/don't shoot scenarios.

The reduction in class sizes, including Hunt Safe Sessions and Hunter Education classroom courses, are a proactive effort to prevent the potential for spread of COVID-19.

For more on Hunter Education and to view available in-class courses and online courses, visit: OutdoorNebraska.gov/hunter-education.

2020 Cherry County Fair a success



Cherry County 4-Hers took home top awards.

photos by Mary Reagle



A little mist and cloudy conditions didn't stop the Cherry County Fly In.



Photo by Nebraskaland Magazine/NGPC

Handle a caught fish as little as possible while keeping it in the water as much as possible.



4-H Livestock barns were filled with a variety of animals waiting to be judged.



Local talent performed in the pavillion area Friday and Saturday. Gage Sandoz entertained those attending the trade show.

Whether releasing or keeping, handle fish with care

by Jerry Kane
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Whether you intend to release a fish you catch or you plan to legally keep it, the fish should be handled properly. For the fish's sake – and yours.

Any caught fish that you do not intend to keep should be returned to the water immediately with as little stress to the fish as possible.

That means minimal handling of the fish.

One thing can make handling fish challenging: Fish are slimy, potentially making grasping and holding them difficult. A fish's coat of slime is what protects it from diseases and parasites. The more a fish is handled, the more its protective slime coat is compromised. The best way to release a fish without causing damage to it is to remove the hook and release the fish while in the water. There is another option.

Take an old kitchen towel with you fishing and soak it. When you catch a fish, cradle the fish in that wet towel. It not only will let you get a good grasp on the fish and prevent possible punctures from fish spines, but it will protect the fish and its slime coat. Remove the hook while holding the fish and then release the fish back into the water.

For removing hooks from fish, use needle-nose pliers or forceps. If you plan on releasing all your fish, use the pliers to bend down

the barb on the point, making hook removal easier.

Another tool you can use is a net made of fish-friendly material that minimize stress on fish. "The best fish handling is to keep a fish in the water as much as possible," according to Daryl Bauer, fisheries outreach program manager for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. "Keep the fish in the water, handle them in the water, remove hooks, snap a photo, let 'em go."

On the other hand, if you want to harvest some fish for a meal, there are ways to handle that. A bucket of water or stringer will keep fish for a short time, otherwise take a cooler of ice to the lake. Place the caught fish on ice immediately.

"Fish are a perishable food product and the quality of the meal is only as good as the handling of the fish after the catch," said Larry Pape, aquatic education specialist Game and Parks. "If possible, fish should be kept alive until just before cleaning."

If you are just getting into fishing and want more details on planning a fishing adventure, a helpful resource for all things beginner is Game and Parks' Going Fishing Guide, available at OutdoorNEbraska.gov/howtofish.

If you want to take a new angler fishing and become eligible to win prizes, register for the Take 'em Fishing Challenge at OutdoorNEbraska.org, where fishing permits also are available for purchase.

Nebraska LEAD programming postponed through August 2021

Lincoln, August 7, 2020 – Members of the Nebraska Leadership Education/Action Development (LEAD) classes 38 and 39, will pause their programming and resume in the fall of 2021.

The Nebraska Agriculture Leadership Council (NALC) Board of Directors unanimously decided to postpone seminars and other programming for members who are involved in production agriculture and agribusiness for the 2020-2021 year.

"To suspend regular programming from September 2020 through August 2021 was not an easy decision, but one the board felt was in the best interests of all people involved with the program," said Ed Woepfel NALC Board Chair.

"Our discussions centered on two major issues; the safety of participants, staff, and others involved in programming; and secondly, the quality of the program."

Given continued uncertainties about the spread of COVID-19, the board was unable to see how programming could occur in a way that would safeguard the health of everyone involved without compromising participants experiences.

"The foundation of the Nebraska LEAD program is not only the content, but also includes the experiences that participants have while in the program that allows them to truly develop as leaders," said Richard Bischoff, associate vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The program is Nebraska's premier two-year agricultural leadership development program, built over 39 years.

For more information, visit: lead.unl.edu



The carnival was up and running, making many youngsters happy.



Rodeo performances Friday and Saturday evenings brought contestants and fans from near and far.

Smith to hold virtual Agriculture Summit

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Adrian Smith (R-NE) will host a Virtual Agriculture Summit, with online sessions each morning from Tuesday, August 18, through Friday, August 21. Those interested in attending must pre-register for each session individually at <http://adriansmith.house.gov/AgSummit2020>

The Virtual Agriculture Summit provides Third District constituents an opportunity to hear from Smith and his special guests on the future of agriculture and rural development policy. In addition to Smith, officials such as

Ambassador Gregg Doud, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, USTR, USDA Farm Service Agency Director Richard Fordyce, USDA Under Secretary for Marketing & Regulatory Programs Greg Ibach, and State Senator Curt Friesen will join the discussions on selected dates.

Rural Housing & Rural Development Session

Tuesday, August 18
7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. (CDT)/ 6:30 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. (MDT)

Special Guest: Tim Kenny, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, and Krista Mettscher, USDA Rural Development

USDA Programs & Ag Producers Session

Wednesday, August 19
7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. (CDT)/ 6:30 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. (MDT)

Special Guest: Richard Fordyce, Director, USDA Farm Service Agency, and Greg Ibach, USDA Under Secretary for Marketing & Regulatory Programs

Rural Broadband Session

Thursday, August 20
7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. (CDT)/ 6:30 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. (MDT)

Special Guests: State Senator Curt Friesen, and Zach Hunnicut, Nebraska Broadband Task Force

Member Trade Opportunities Session

Friday, August 21
8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. (CDT)/ 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. (MDT)

Special Guests: Ambassador Gregg Doud, Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

To pre-register for each session, please visit <http://adriansmith.house.gov/AgSummit2020>. For more information about these events, please contact Smith's Grand Island office at 308-384-3900.

Join the Calf Health Management on Arrival webinar series

Lincoln, August 4, 2020 – The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension will host the 2020 Calf Health Management on Arrival webinar series. The webinars will take place weekly beginning on August 18.

The Calf Health Management on Arrival webinar series is designed to highlight management strategies relative to biocontainment, stress mitigation, nutrition, and treatment options that will set calves up for success. Each session will feature a presentation from an industry expert and a segment featuring a veterinarian or producer perspective.

Each webinar will begin at

12:30 p.m.CT. Dates are August 18, August 25, September 1 and September 8.

Topics and speakers are as follows:

August 18, Biocontainment

• Systems approach to maintaining health in high-risk calves, Dr. John Groves, DVM, Livestock Veterinary Service, Eldon, MO.

• Penning order and morbidity outcomes, veterinarian/producer perspective.

August 25, Stress mitigation

• Arrival health programs for high-risk calves, Dr. Dan Thomson, animal science department head, Iowa State University Handling procedures that reduce arrival

stress and promote health, veterinarian/producer perspective.

September 1, Nutrition

• Role of nutrition in health maintenance of calves, Dr. Clint Krehbiel, animal science department head, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

• Feeding programs on arrival, veterinarian/producer perspective.

September 8, Treatment options

• Limitations of remote drug delivery devices (dart guns) for cattle health management, Dr. Brian Vander Ley, DVM, Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center, Clay Center.

• Beef quality assurance, vet-

erianian/producer perspective

"Management of nutrition and health for calves on arrival is one of the most important decisions for ensuring positive outcomes for beef production," said Clint Krehbiel, UNL animal science department head. "Participants will learn from scientists who are passionate about their success and the health and well-being of beef cattle."

Those who are interested in registering for one or more webinar sessions may do so online at rb.gy/avsfqo. There is no cost to participate in this webinar series.

Wagon Train Lake remains on health alert

Lincoln – A health alert for harmful algal blooms, also known as toxic blue-green algae, remains in effect at Wagon Train Lake in Lancaster County.

The alert has been removed at Willow Creek Reservoir in Pierce County.

Visitors to Wagon Train State Recreation Area should avoid full-body contact activities that could lead to swallowing water,

such as swimming, wading, skiing, jet skiing, etc. Non-contact activities such as boating, fishing and camping are OK. Dog owners are urged to keep pets out of the water and not allow them to ingest lake water.

Samples taken by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy on August 3 at Wagon Train Lake were above the health alert threshold of eight parts per

billion (ppb) of total microcystin, which is a toxin released by certain strains of blue-green algae.

This is a lower threshold than previous years, based on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommendations. Previously, the state had set a limit of 20 ppb, but adopted the new limits after concluding that the new EPA threshold is based on the best scientific evidence available, and is

protective of public health.

Lakes with beaches and those that allow power boating are tested weekly through the summer, and sampling results will be updated every Friday. Health alerts are lifted immediately when algal toxin levels are below eight ppb. To view weekly data for the lakes sampled, visit deq-iis.ne.gov/zs/bw/.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice to Contractors

CALL ORDER: 805
CONTRACT ID: 8002
FEDERAL PROJECT NO. STP-61-4(116)
LOCATION: N-61, SNAKE RIVER - NIOBRARA RIVER IN COUNTY: CHERRY

The Nebraska Department of Transportation will receive sealed bids in Room 104 of the Central Office Building at 1500 Hwy. 2 in Lincoln, until 1:30 p.m. on August 20, 2020. At that time the bids will be opened and read.

Bids will be opened and the bid totals will be read via Webex. The Webex information will be available on the BidX Letting webpage a minimum of two days prior to the opening, and can be found by selecting the applicable letting from: <https://www.bidx.com/ne/lettings>

Plans, specifications, and additional letting information may be found at the Nebraska Department of Transportation's Web Site at <http://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/business-opp/hwy-bridge-lp/>.

This project is funded under the Federal-Aid Highway Act, all appropriate Federal requirements will apply.

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First Publication: July 15, 2020
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17930-15, 22, 29, 5, 12 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
17973-5, 12, 19, 26 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.ne.us/>

17974-5, 12, 19, 26 ZNEZ

Nenzel Village Board

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Nenzel Village Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. MT at the Nenzel Community Building. The meeting will be open to the public. An agenda is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk.

Terri Nollette
Village Clerk
17976-12 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.ne.us/>

17975-5, 12, 19, 26 ZNEZ

Unsolicited seeds in mail? Contact USDA APHIS office in Lincoln

Anyone who receives a package in the mail with unsolicited seeds from China is encouraged not to plant them, but to contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) office in Lincoln.

According to John Thomas, Nebraska Extension Educator based in Alliance, Extension has been receiving some inquiries about the seeds, and has received the following guidance from the Lincoln APHIS office:

Anyone receiving the seeds should call the Lincoln APHIS office at (402) 434-2346 for additional instruction.

USDA is aware that people across the country have received suspicious, unsolicited packages of seed that appear to be coming from China. APHIS is working closely with the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection, other federal agencies, and State departments of agriculture to investigate the situation.

Please hold onto the seeds and packaging, including the mailing label, until someone from your State department of agriculture or APHIS contacts you with further instructions. Do not plant seeds from unknown origins.

At this time, we don't have any evidence indicating this is something other than a "brushing scam" where people receive unsolicited items from a seller who then posts false customer reviews to boost sales. USDA is collecting seed packages from recipients and will test their contents and determine if they contain anything that could be of concern to U.S. agriculture or the environment.

USDA is committed to preventing the unlawful entry of prohibited seeds and protecting U.S. agriculture from invasive pests and noxious weeds.

Bill that would prohibit dismemberment abortion advances

by Natalie Saenz
Nebraska News Service

A bill that would ban dilation and evacuation abortions may soon pass as Nebraska lawmakers advanced LB814 toward select file during the debate on August 5.

Sen. Suzanne Geist of Lincoln presented a bill that would ban dismemberment abortion procedures performed in the second trimester, weeks 13-24 of a woman's pregnancy on a living fetus. The bill advanced on August 5 with a 34-9 vote, despite the controversy on the floor.

"I disagree with people who say that this is not important to the people of Nebraska," Geist said. "There are pro-choice women and men who support this."

LB814 describes dilation and evacuation abortions, also known as dismemberment abortions, as procedures where living fetuses are extracted from women's uterus using clamps, tong or other similar instruments. The bill excludes second-trimester abortions done by suction or emergency situations including the risk of death or seri-

ous risk of substantial impairment to the mother. Opposers said they view it as a violation of women's constitutional rights.

Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks of Lincoln said women should have the freedom to obtain safe and affordable abortions without punishment. If the bill passes, doctors performing the abortion will face a Class IV Felony.

Doctors performing the procedure will face two years imprisonment with 12 months post-release supervision and/or \$10,000 fine. The women having the procedure will face criminal charges.

"There's a constitutional right to abortion, and that there cannot be an undue burden placed on those constitutional rights," Brooks said.

Brooks said the costs of the bill will be legal cases against the state and the bill's unconstitutionality.

"Decisions by the Supreme Court have also said that people have a 14th Amendment right to privacy to allow the termination of an unwanted pregnancy," Brooks said.

Sen. Wendy DeBoer of Bennington said she also doesn't support the

bill because of its unconstitutionality, although she personally doesn't agree with the procedure.

"The procedure sounds just horrible. I've listened to Sen. Halloran describe the process from his own perspective and he paints a very vivid, horrific picture," DeBoer said.

She said she heard the same descriptions in the Judiciary Committee hearing as well and it makes the argument of doctors using their best judgment difficult to believe. DeBoer said she can only vote based on constitutional guarantees.

"I could not find any evidence that the burden has changed. That the standard of examining these things has changed," DeBoer said.

Like Geist, DeBoer reassured her fellow colleagues that the focus of the bill is to protect the lives of not only the fetuses but also the mothers.

With the advancement of the bill, Geist said she will amend the bill before the second round to define the position of fetuses' fathers in an abortion.

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On 08/05/20 at 10:55 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop in the 800 block of north Green Street. Following an investigation, a 19 year old Valentine woman was arrested on suspicion of operating her vehicle while under the influence.

On 08/07/20 at 9:31 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of west 2nd Street. Following an investigation, a 77 year old Valentine man was arrested on suspicion of operating his vehicle while under the influence.

On 08/08/20 at 9:36 p.m., an officer was requested to respond to the 700 block of north Cherry Street in regards to a theft. A 26 year old South Dakota man was arrested in connection to the incident.

Officers responded to 83 calls for service this week.

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Qualifications:
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Mitigating heat stress in cattle via the Nebraska Mesonet

Lincoln, August 4, 2020 – Extreme summer heat can be a cause for concern for feedlot operators and cattle producers in Nebraska. Heat causes stress and other negative impacts in cattle production. Cattle at a comfortable temperature are more productive, gain weight more efficiently and maintain a higher level of health.

"I think our producers, for cattle welfare interests and good business sense, are very interested in managing that stress to maintain performance and prevent losses," said Galen Erickson, Nebraska cattle industry professor in the Animal Science Department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "There are tools that many feed yards have implemented that really are to aid in cattle welfare in these heat stress events."

One helpful tool that producers can use to monitor weather and best manage agricultural resources with is the Nebraska State Climate Office's Nebraska Mesonet calculator.

Data pulled from the Nebraska Mesonet can be used to determine the cattle comfort index, a formula that accounts for temperature, humidity, wind, precipitation and sunlight and how those factors affect cattle health. The Nebraska Mesonet is a statewide weather observation network of nearly 70 stations, which records weather conditions every five minutes, 365 days a year.

"It's the comprehensive look at how stressed the cattle were leading up to now and how stressed will they be going forward," Erickson said.

The Mesonet Cattle Comfort Index, which is used worldwide, was developed and introduced as the



Heat stress for cattle isn't a good thing. What can be done to plan ahead?

Comprehensive Climate Index by Terry L. Mader and Leslie J. Johnson at the University of Nebraska, along with and John B. Gaughan at the University of Queensland in Gatton, Australia.

"We can run the same equation year-round and give a value of what it feels like if you're a cow out there, in real-time," said Martha Shulski, Director of the High Plains Regional Climate Center.

The Mesonet also runs an experimental forecast tool that can help producers make and prepare for conditions ahead.

"The current weather, and how long cattle have been in certain conditions is important, but also looking at what conditions will be

over the next two weeks may be more important," Shulski said.

In Nebraska, cattle can experience both heat and cold stress, but we have many tools to mitigate heat stress and heat stress tends to be a bigger issue for cattle producers than cold-related stress, Erickson said.

To help cattle stay comfortable in hot weather, Erickson recommends producers focus on three main heat-mitigation strategies: sprinkling the ground with water to cool it down, providing cattle access to shade and creating additional water tank space. Air flow challenges may or may not be something that can be modified, but in some cases cannot be addressed.

Cattle producers can also keep up with weekly and monthly weather updates from the Nebraska State Climate office to monitor current and upcoming heat index forecasts. "Farmers and ranchers do a good job of watching the weather and we want them to watch these indices, as well, to help them prepare. Not just 'is it going to rain,' but how comfortable are the cattle going to be tomorrow or this week."

For more resources information, see the Heat Stress Mitigation in Feedlot Cattle webinar, the Feedlot Heat Stress Information and Management guide or Preparing for summer heat article, courtesy of UNL Beef Extension and the beef quality assurance program

Nebraska State Patrol Receives \$1.28 Million Grant for Improved Truck Screening

Washington, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senator Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), a member of the Senate Commerce Committee and chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety, released the following statement after the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) received \$1.28 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DoT).

"The Nebraska State Patrol is critical to protecting Nebraskans and enforcing the laws on the road that keep us safe. I am pleased that NSP received this important grant. It will allow them to cooperate closely with other agencies to make the truck screening process more effective and efficient," said Senator Fischer.

"The Nebraska State Patrol has had a tremendous partnership with the FMCSA for a number of years and this grant will further that effort for years to come," said Colonel John Bolduc, Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. "This grant will allow NSP to install the Intelligent Roadside Operations Computer system at the Highway 2 weigh station at Nebraska City, similar to the system already in place at 1-80 weigh stations at

North Platte and Waverly. This technology upgrade enhances the weigh-in-motion system and will allow more trucks that are operating safely to bypass the weigh station and keep their important freight moving. We'd like to thank Senator Fischer for her dedication to the transportation industry and traffic safety."

More Information on the Grant:

The grant of \$1,286,900 will allow NSP to install the iROC system in Nebraska City similar to those at the Waverly and North Platte eastbound facilities. This system includes a DOT reader, license plate reader, tire pressure detection, and an updated Weigh in Motion. This information is collected and sorted by a system called iROC which screens trucks more effectively and efficiently. This will allow vehicles to be screened on the mainline and not needed to pull into weigh stations. This system represents a cooperative effort between the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Nebraska Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and NSP.

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From the Governor

ents achieve industry-recognized certifications in career fields with a high demand for qualified workers. In addition to skills training, the colleges also offer career coaching to help students match their skills and interests to job opportunities. Every participant in WRI will engage with at least one potential employer during the training process. This allows students to build relationships with companies that are looking to hire.

Most WRI scholarships cover the full cost of the training program. Participants who were receiving unemployment benefits before being awarded a scholarship may continue to access the benefits, provided they are receiving training in a program approved by NDOL. Participating in approved training fulfills the work search requirement for people receiving unemployment benefits.

All of the WRI programs begin this fall. Most end by December, though some may continue into the spring. Nebraskans can apply for dozens of programs in career pathways such as nursing, health care, business administration, welding technology, truck driving/CDL, and criminal justice. A full list of training programs, along with information on how to apply, can be found at get-nebraskagrowing.nebraska.gov/workforce-retraining-initiative-scholarships.

While the impact of coronavirus has been dramatic, Nebraskans are resilient and resourceful. With the help of these initiatives and the industriousness of our people, we will get back to work and get our state growing quickly. In the coming months, we will keep working to create more great opportunities for folks to build a better future for themselves and their families. If you want to know more about our work to get Nebraska growing or any other matter, feel free to email me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call 402-471-2244.

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Cowboy Hall Of Fame

Realizing the impact working cowboys and ranch folk have on the fabric of this great country. In 2005 Congress instituted the National Day of the Cowboy, as a form of awareness and recognition for these people who have had a vital role in shaping the history of the Great Plains and western United States. The Day of the Cowboy came and went this year with me plumb forgetting it, which I usually don't do.

An interesting note: Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who was seriously wounded in the senseless shooting in Tucson, Arizona, was the original sponsor of the bill. As far as I know it has not been signed into law so each year it is an ongoing resolution.

The National Day of the Cowboy is traditionally on the fourth weekend of July. Many communities hold events to recognize the day, although they go with the weekend that will work better for the community. The celebration may include a rodeo, ranch rodeo, trail ride, parade, cowboy songs and poetry.

For eight years, Ainsworth held a celebration. I had the privilege of lining up cowboy poets each year. Along with assorted attractions and venter booths, the poets entertained folks at intervals during the afternoon.

Fischer Applauds President Trump's Executive Order on Rural Telehealth Services

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), a member of the Senate Commerce Committee, applauded President Trump's signing of an executive order expanding rural telehealth services:

"President Trump has taken an important step toward ensuring that rural Americans can continue to access quality health care during this pandemic and into the future. I have long advocated for telehealth services, and the outbreak of COVID-19 has made clear how important telehealth is for keeping Nebraskans safe and healthy," said Senator Fischer

More Information: During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Administration has expanded access to telehealth, especially in rural communities, and has given flexibility to Medicare providers in these areas. The Executive Order proposes to permanently expand these provisions.

In the evening they had professional musicians, or other kinds of entertainment on the outdoor stage. You may have found a popular western singer or a Will Rogers impersonator.

I invited different poets each year, usually two or three. There had been audience members, poets that I knew the audience enjoyed, usually someone who has appeared at the Valentine poetry gathering.

In conjunction with the Day of the Cowboy, a panel of cattle-elle Giffords throughout the state selected from submissions, living and deceased, for the Cowboy Hall of Fame. The selections are cowboys, past and present, rodeo cowboys and ranchers but not always. One inductee was a fellow who had not actually ranching or been involved in rodeo but had trained horses for the Army.

The format was changed in 2011. A banquet was held in the big hall at the Johnstown Fairgrounds. I was invited to entertain before the meal. There was also an auction of donated items and the Cowboy Hall of Fame induction Ceremony.

If you get a chance to attend the Day of the Cowboy celebration somewhere in your area, you need to go. You will be entertained and it is high time cowboys and ranchers got some recognition for their contribution to the nation.



A moment to last

Sudsy white foam trembles, sparkles as it bumps up against the sandy dune under my feet. I watch mesmerized as wave after relentless wave hurls itself toward the shoreline. I am enjoying a last moment at the beach. We have needed this escape.

Retreating water teases me to step beyond my safe spot. Beautiful sand treasures call to the collector in me even as internal caution holds me back. I dare not give in to the hypnotic rhythm for even the most delicate shell. They are not mine to hold just now. Not now.

The power and majesty of the display before me wraps me in awe. I want to stretch my arms around this living scene pulsating with liquid froth and hold it as an ever-present experience. But I cannot. I stand mute. Through His handiwork, the Father is communicating His eternal power, His divine nature, His abiding presence in this forever moment. Salty sea mists kiss my lips. My heart appeals to the throne of grace for the lesson I expect in this setting. Time dissolves. I wait.

Suddenly my eyes settle on birds, seagulls, riding the waves. Around them the power, the watery turbulence remains constant. I am just now aware that each waves'

rhythmic motion is a recurring pattern with even but lengthy and complex sequences. The gulls seem to be perfectly at ease, in complete harmony with their waves. There is no fear. No anxious care is to be detected in any of their movements. Never are they surprised by the crashing crest just beyond each wave's peak. Never are they caught off guard. Periodically they raise wings to the wind. The delicate movement lifts them just in time to avoid getting splashed by a tiny crest. Even such action I come to understand is a part of the whole.

This rhytmical, fluid dance they know well. To my new feathery friends, it looks to be a casual, satisfying part of their daily routine provided by Creator. The lesson I sought is playing out before my eyes.

He who laid out times, seasons, tide patterns and watery symphonies also instructs His own in how to deal with the ebb and flow of life. He allows the chaos. He can even purposefully shape and harness it into wild beauty with my cooperation. And to this too serious, too busy, overly-goal-oriented daughter of the King, He whispers, "Discover pleasure in the journey. Fear not. Enjoy the ride. Enjoy life!" I turn away to enter my own waves.

POINTS TO PONDER

Pam Keech Bryan

USDA Rural Development Invests \$4.9 Million to Modernize Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Lincoln – USDA Rural Development Nebraska State Director Karl Elmshaeuser today announced that more than \$4.9 million will be utilized for projects in the village of Clearwater, city of Lyons, village of Hyannis and the village of Page.

"Communities need to have a sustainable water and wastewater infrastructure. USDA Rural Development provides funding to update, repair or replace water and wastewater systems as to meet regulatory guidelines as well as to make the systems reliable," said Elmshaeuser.

Projects funded are: The village of Clearwater will utilize a \$311,000 loan and \$330,600 grant as additional financing for a sewer improvement project that will construct a new three-cell lagoon system with a controlled discharge via land application, a combination of replacement and relining of the collection system, and the installation of new water meters. The existing lift station system will be updated. The new lagoon system will put the community back into compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) limit and the collection system improvements and water meter installation will reduce the amount of infiltration and inaccurate readings of wastewater flow so lessening the wear and tear on the system.

The city of Lyons will utilize a \$1,000,000 loan and \$586,000 grant to improve the city's water treatment plant through new treatment vessels. The city has an old iron and manganese removal plant that was built in 1978. It has an aerator tower, flocculation tank, and four-cell gravity filters. The facility is 40 years old and corrosion of the tanks (treatment vessels) for the iron and manganese are beginning to leak.

The village of Hyannis will use a \$1,457,000 loan and \$1,152,300 grant to improve their water system. Aging infrastructure will be replaced including the storage tank, distribution pipe, valves, fire hydrants, and the purchase and installation of new meters. Additionally, funds will replace deteriorating parts of the collection system. The project will ensure a safe water source and promote water conservation practices in this rural community.

The village of Page is using a \$40,000 loan and \$61,000 grant to make improvements to equipment at the water treatment plant and well by installing backup power

at both. New water meters will be installed and the replacement of 2,200-linear feet of water mains that are necessary for fire suppression. The village is having unaccounted for water and one of its two wells is not able to meet average and maximum day demand without treatment. The village does have a treatment plant. The village is not meeting certain applicable health or sanitary standards, specifically not having backup power. Backup power would provide a water storage in an emergency.

Elmshaeuser's announcement is in coordination with the Trump Administration's announcement that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$462 million to modernize critical drinking water and wastewater infrastructure across rural America.

USDA is providing the funding through the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. Eligible applicants include rural cities, towns and water districts. The funds can be used for drinking water, stormwater drainage and waste disposal systems in rural communities with 10,000 or fewer residents.

"Upgrading the infrastructure that delivers safe drinking water and modern wastewater management facilities will improve public health and drive economic development in our small towns and cities," Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Bette Brand said. "Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue, USDA continues to be a strong partner with rural communities, because we know that when rural America thrives, all of America thrives."

If your community is interested in a water or wastewater project, view the interactive RD Apply tool or contact a Nebraska Community Programs Specialist.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

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