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City Council tax request .10¢ less than last year!

by Laura Vroman

The Valentine City Council met for their regular meeting, Thursday, September 10, 2020 in the Library Meeting Room. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: City Clerk Deanna Schmit, City Manager Shane Siewert, Council members Kyle Arganbright, Kalli Kieborz, Neil Wescott, and Dave Dent.

Benches

Benjamin Butcher requested funding for an Eagle Scout project to build benches, place trash cans, and disposable dog poop bag dispensers along the existing Cowboy Trail and the newly added path through town. The Council asked questions about his project and ultimately asked if he were given a

budget of \$3,000 could he work the project out with Shane.

The Council members in attendance unanimously approved the request.

Community Center - Old Gym

Jacob from Olsson Associates gave a presentation about the Old Gym and gave the Council renderings of their plans on how they could best renovate the facility to make it ADA accessible, and allow for more usages.

Emily shared the results of a survey that was taken by the community with 90 survey responses returned. She said the demographics indicated a stable population with a .5 percent increase and a median household income of \$50,729. The median age was 40 with a

downward trend with the largest population under 18 years old.

Most people work in town with very little commuting for work, and a low poverty rate. A higher than average high school diploma attainment, and lower than average bachelors degree attainment.

There's a low housing vacancy rate and low housing cost.

Nearly all of the respondents are currently using the Old Gym or have used it recently with 82 percent in support of renovations and 11 percent saying it depends on costs with seven saying no.

The most requested amenity was basketball courts and a walking track. Youth activities are the number one activity supported at the facility. There was a lot of support for ADA improvements including rest room upgrades, which are the biggest challenges for the building.

An open house was held earlier in the year with approximately 60 people who toured the facility.

They gave a virtual tour of how they envisioned renovations to take place which are on page 7. Under the stairs, which would be remodeled for ease of entry/exit, would be the elevator.

Their idea was to remove the concrete bleachers and put in normal bleachers that had four tiers and could be pushed back to allow for more floor space resulting in two volleyball courts or one large basketball court. The stage area, which is rarely used, would have a climbing wall.

The area that is located to the left upon entry, would be turned into a large gym/exercise/yoga/walking area with special doors that would allow for private entry only to that area of the center.

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A likeness of the entrance to the Old City Gym with a new staircase, and ADA accessible elevator located to the right of the stairs.

Feed His flock at St. John's Food Pantry

by Kristi Benson

We appreciate the prayers, food and monetary contributions from the many area businesses, grocery stores, local schools, clubs, churches, civic groups, and individuals. Your contributions enable us to fill the needs of many in our community. Our God is an awesome God and He works through each of you to help feed His sheep. We are humbled and grateful for your personal sacrifice to donate food to others. May you be blessed.

Canned goods and non-perishable food items can be dropped off at St. John's Episcopal Church on Main St., the Second or Fourth Thursdays of each month, between 10:00 a.m. and noon, or call the church office (376-1723) and leave

a message to make arrangements. Donations of meat are always welcome and very much needed!

Checks can be sent to St. John's Food Pantry, PO Box 261, Valentine, NE 69201. We will use the funds to purchase food items we are short on.

Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things. You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My Sheep."

John 21: 17
May the Lord be glorified!
St. John's Food Pantry
Open the second and fourth Thursday of each month, except for holidays.

NCDHD COVID-19 Updates

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been made aware of 28 additional cases in the district since last reporting on Friday, September 4. Twelve cases through case investigations, have been determined to be from close contact with confirmed COVID-19 positive cases: 1-Pierce, 1-Holt, 1-Rock, 3-Knox, 5-Cherry, 1-Brown.

Thirteen cases through case investigations, have been determined to be from community spread: 7-Pierce, 2-Holt, 1-Knox, 2-Antelope, 1-Brown. Two previous Knox County cases, upon further inves-

tigation, have been determined to live outside of the district. NCDHD Knox County data will reflect a reduction in those two cases as they are transferred out of the NCDHD reporting area.

NCDHD is pleased to report 47 recoveries since last week's recovery report. Recovery counts broken down by county are as follows: 1-Boyd, 3-Antelope, 3-Rock, 14-Pierce, 15-Knox, 1-Keya Paha, 4-Holt, 1-Brown, 5-Cherry.

Case count update as of 9/8/2020 at 3:00 p.m.: 348 Total Cases (TC), 178 Recoveries (R), and 9 Deaths

(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: 30, R: 23, D: 1
Keya Paha: TC: 1, R: 1
Boyd: TC: 10, R: 10
Cherry: TC: 54, R: 17, D: 2
Knox: TC: 115, R: 59
Brown: TC: 9, R: 5
Pierce: TC: 77, R: 36, D: 6
Rock: TC: 20, R: 7
Holt: TC: 32, R: 20



Pictured from L to R: Monty Neiffer, Duane Kime, Katie O'Kief and Vince Lopez.

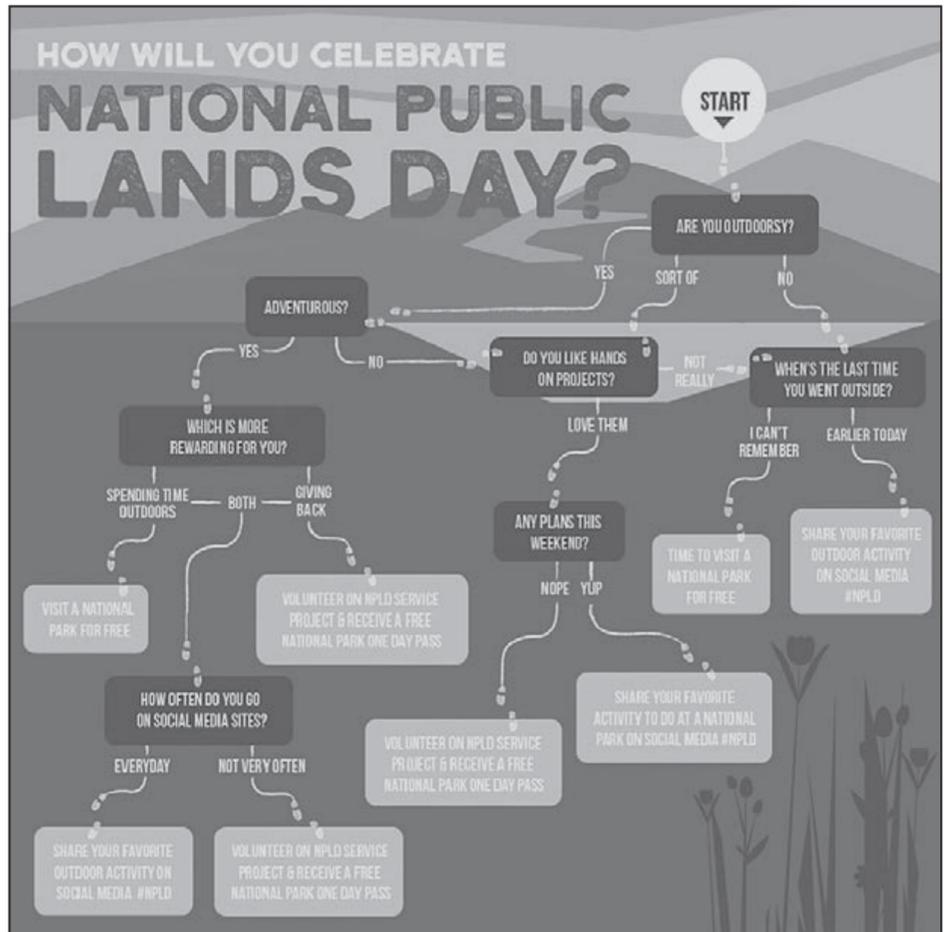
SAF donates to American Legion Baseball

The Sandhills Area Foundation is pleased to announce the contribution of \$10,000 to American Legion Baseball. The grant was used to construct a crow's nest and bathrooms at the ballfield.

"The Sandhills Area Foundation has been a great partner in helping us build up the complex at the ballfield, and we really appreciate it," said Kent Lopez.

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. Mark your calendar for October 24, and attend the Sandhills Family Feud fund raiser. Your attendance will help the Foundation better meet the needs of the residents in Cherry County.



Graphic NPLD

How will you celebrate National Public Lands Day?

Write the River with Niobrara NSR at National Public Lands Day Celebration

Valentine - The Niobrara National Scenic River is joining with the Nebraska and National Writing Projects to celebrate National Public Lands Day with a writing marathon, *Write the River*, on September 25-26, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Smith Falls State Park.

During this writing marathon, individuals, or family groups write for one hour at a time, but you can sign up for multiple hours if you wish. Register in advance by calling the Niobrara National Scenic River's Visitor Center at 402-376-1901 or by emailing Susan Cook at: susan_cook@nps.gov.

Everyone is invited! Spend quiet time along the river and write about your river experiences and its importance to you. No need to be an expert. Social distancing will be practiced during the event and masks are encouraged while engaging with others. The National Park Service canopy will be set up at the landing at Smith Falls. Staff will

welcome writers and be available for any assistance needed but will let the writers spend quality time with this river.

You do not need to write the whole hour but spend some time using your senses to explore the sights, sounds, smells, and touch of the plants around. You just might be treated to some wildlife meandering through. After exploring with your senses, write about it or if you have stories related to the river, please write those too. The river has so much history around it and many stories to tell. If you want to share what you write, we'd love to take a picture of it, if you don't, you don't have to.

September 26 is National Public Lands Day. Established in 1994 and held annually on the fourth Saturday in September, National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort. It celebrates the connection between people and green space in their

community, inspires environmental stewardship, and encourages use of open space for education, recreation, and health benefits.

Niobrara National Scenic River is one of America's National Scenic Rivers and a unit of the National Parks Service in Valentine. Keep up with the latest information by following us on Facebook (Niobrara National Scenic River) and Instagram (@NiobraraRiverNPS). For more information, please call 402-376-1901 or visit www.nps.gov/niob. Visitor Center hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday. Admission is free of charge.

More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 419 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov, and on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

**Free COVID -19 testing
at Cherry County Hospital**

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results!**

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DISTRICT 43 NEWS

by Tom Brewer

Elect officials who share your principles

I read a newspaper article this week about a county in Missouri which passed a zoning regulation banning industrial wind energy facilities in the county. They joined a growing number of counties all over the United States that are enacting similar zoning.

A while back, the citizens of Cherry County proposed a zoning regulation that would have limited the height of a wind turbine tower to 80 feet. This would have had the effect of banning industrial wind turbines in the county. They were told by the county commissioners that the county could not enact such a zoning regulation because it would "ban an entire industry." I told them they were wrong about this and so did the Nebraska Attorney General. Buchanan County, Missouri is just the latest example to make this point about exercising local control. More will follow. The plain truth is people do not want to live next to these things and I can't say I blame them.

Americans have private property rights. They should be able to do whatever they want on their land, provided they are not hurting anyone else. Wind energy proponents have a bad habit of dismissing the many ill-effects the people forced to be neighbors to these industrial facilities have to endure. Some will even say they still have a right to put up an industrial wind turbine even if the neighbors have to suffer. I do not think that is right. Your private property rights end where mine begin and vice-a-versa.

Balancing the property rights of those who want industrial wind energy with those who do not is not quick or easy, but it should be a local decision. In Nebraska, the counties were created by the Legislature. They only have the power the Legislature has granted them. The Unicameral has equipped the counties with the authority they need under the law to adequately address the wind energy issue. However, if counties fail to take appropriate action to protect property owners, the Legislature must act.

This is why I have introduced bills every year I've been in the legislature to address this issue. LB 373 was a bill I introduced in the last session that would have required counties who wished to host industrial wind energy facilities to have zoning that addressed at least three things: noise, set-backs, and decommissioning.

Creating a zoning regulation is a very public process. There are numerous opportunities for the public to attend meetings, speak at the meetings, and to provide documents and information for the county board to consider. Regardless of the outcome, the public at least has a chance to be heard. Whether or not the public is listened to is another matter, but the people have a remedy for this problem as well: the ballot box. At the end of the day, electing local officials who share your principles is how you end up with a county or city you want to live in.

One final word: this month marks 19 years since the horrifying acts of terror of September 11, 2001. Let us never forget that day.

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.

How Nebraskans are helping Hurricane Laura survivors

Nebraska is home to some of the friendliest, most charitable people in the country. Over and over throughout my life, I have seen our state band together to help others when times get tough.

These last six months since COVID-19 arrived in the U.S. have certainly been difficult, but I have been so proud of the way our state has responded. Nebraskans are continuing to practice social distancing, and many businesses are reopening, hopefully for good.

Even more than this, I have been proud of how Nebraskans have gone out of our way to help other Americans during this pandemic. A great example of this selflessness is Omaha Steaks, which has been proudly based in Nebraska since its founding over 100 years ago. They recently part-

nered with the Salvation Army to provide meals for thousands of families who have been affected by Hurricane Laura.

Omaha Steaks has donated over

hit by the hurricane.

On top of Omaha Steaks' donation of food, our state also sent help in the form of disaster recovery workers. Nebraska Task Force 1 is an urban search-and-rescue team based out of the Lincoln Fire Department that has deployed to help those affected by Hurricane Dorian, Hurricane Florence, last year's flooding in Nebraska, and other disasters in recent years. At the end of August, they left for College Station, Texas, to help Hurricane Laura victims as well.

Task forces like NE Task Force 1 are deployed nationally, and according to team member Nic Cunningham, Nebraska's location in the center of the country "puts us on alert to go to the East Coast, the West Coast, or the Gulf area," and they'll be in Texas for the foreseeable future to help people there get back on their feet.

Holdredge-based jobsite equipment manufacturer Allmand Brothers is also pitching in. They sent dozens of generators and light towers to Lake Charles, where they will be used to provide emergency power and to support recovery efforts. Even better, they sent this much-needed equipment on trucks owned by another Nebraska company, Ogorzolkha Transportation in Henderson.

Finally, Navigator MotorCoach and Charter Bus Company is also doing its part. The Norfolk-based transportation company has sent several buses and drivers to Texas and Louisiana to help with recovery. The motorcoach industry as a whole has sent over 600 buses to the area, which they do just about every year to assist with hurricane response efforts around the country.

Throughout this pandemic, I have seen Nebraskans helping Nebraskans in inspiring ways. These stories show that Nebraskans look out for others, too – and I could not be more proud to call "The Good Life" home.

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

60,000 pounds of steak, or nearly 200,000 portions – and that's just the initial donation. These much-needed meals will go to Hurricane Laura survivors from Lake Charles, Louisiana, to Beaumont, Texas, a region along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico that was hardest

No special session, but plenty to discuss next year

As predicted, there will be no special session of the Nebraska Legislature to introduce bills and set policies to address systemic racism. At the urging of a number of social justice groups in the aftermath of demonstrations – some of them not so peaceful – in Lincoln and Omaha, a group of 11 urban lawmakers signed a petition for said special session. After Secretary of State Bob Evnen polled all 49 senators, only 14 said they wanted the session.

Proponents told a group of eight senators participating in listening sessions in the wake of the George Floyd death in Minneapolis that they didn't want to have to wait until next year. The senators and many of the rest of us sincerely believe the law needs to value every citizen so they know their life is respected, regardless of color, age, economic background or legal standing.

The 35 who said "no" to a special session had a variety of reasons for not returning to Lincoln. For some it's probably a belief that it's strictly an urban problem. Others might have been concerned about the coronavirus danger meter being in the orange in Lincoln, its highest mark since the pandemic began. Still others didn't want a repeat of the rancor that marred the end of the regular session last month. With a statewide election looming, some probably didn't want to give their opponents ammunition if they disagreed with the incumbent's comments.

I am NOT surprised that the session was a no-go. But six Democrats in the officially nonpartisan Unicameral have introduced study resolutions that could be the fodder for bills when lawmakers meet again in January. Such resolutions are designed to gather information on problems and look at solutions.

The recent death of Lincoln Police Detective Mario Herrera – the first active duty death of a Lincoln Police officer in 52 years – could change the debate. But it's quite possible that Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne's bill to create police standards boards in cities and villages with full-time police officers will be introduced again. The late entry died at the end of the 2020 session.

Wayne is promoting two of the six study resolutions. His LR146 would examine the feasibility of

a prosecutor-transparency act to collect data and establish a process to report on city and county prosecutors. Such information would include numbers of people incarcerated and racial disparities that may exist.

As chairman of the Legislature's Urban Affairs Committee, Wayne is sponsoring LR374 to look at the history of redlining -- the practice of banks, mortgage lenders, Realtors and others restricting services to certain areas of a community, often based on race. The study would look at negative impacts of redlining on racial and socioeconomic segregation and the role of government in promoting the practice, as well as potential policy solutions to reverse the negative impacts.

Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks' LR377 would consider reforming policing through independent government oversight of law enforcement agencies requiring more transparency in matters of internal affairs, restraint tactics and staffing and hiring practices.

Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen's LR417 would focus on policies on the use of force by law enforcement, including the components of the policies, national best practices and their use by agencies and barriers to adopting effective use-of-force policies.

Omaha Sens. Steve Lathrop and Sara Howard are sponsoring LR421 to study the racial and ethnic disproportionality in Nebraska's foster care and juvenile justice systems, specifically for those committed to the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers. The study would include an action plan for reducing those disparities with input from Nebraska's four federally recognized Native tribes and others who have been affected.

Omaha Sen. Tony Vargas' LR449 would examine systemic and institutional racism in Nebraska and offer recommendations to make things equitable for those who are biracial, interracial and people of color.

That's quite a load of concepts on a single topic. I can see the results of several resolutions being combined to create some viable legislation. Let's hope that those who yearn for change can be patient while lawmakers, with a revived sense of purpose, work it out.

POLITICAL SATIRE

by Paul Fell



Growing opportunities for the Good Life

America is known as the *Land of Opportunity* and nowhere is that more true than here in Nebraska. Even as we grapple with the challenge of the pandemic, we've been hard at work to create and attract great-paying jobs to the Good Life. These jobs help families send their kids to school, own their own home and car, or go on that family vacation. They make it appealing for young Nebraskans to stay in our state after graduation. These jobs also provide the dignity and enjoyment of rewarding work.

As we continue to return to a more normal life, businesses are creating great-paying jobs here in the Good Life. Last week, I attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Scouler's new Pet-source facility in Seward. It's a great example of how value-added agriculture is growing Nebraska. The \$50-million facility is bringing about 100 jobs to Seward, and it will be sourced with Nebraska beef. So it's not only creating great job opportunities in manufacturing, but also increasing opportunities for our livestock producers.

Last month, I joined the groundbreaking for Vireo, a company investing in Plattsmouth to produce an immune support supplement. The project is projected to bring \$15 million of investment in Nebraska and will bring up to 200 new jobs to the area. It's one of the largest investments in the Plattsmouth area in recent memory, and great news for Cass County.

These are just a couple of recent examples of jobs being created across the state as we get Nebraska growing. Throughout my administration, we've been focused on creating a climate favorable to job growth, and we're maintaining that focus as pandemic restrictions loosen. Our state routinely ranks atop lists of the best states in America for business. We're...

#1 Least state debt (Moody's), la-

FROM THE GOVERNOR

by Pete Ricketts

bor force participation and employment-to-population ratio (Bureau of Labor Statistics).

#2 Best regulatory environment (Forbes), lowest unemployment (Bureau of Labor Statistics).

#3 Most new economic development projects per capita (Site Selection).

#4 Children's economic well-being (Casey Foundation).

#5 Lowest costs of doing business (CNBC) and most diverse economy (Bloomberg).

These strong rankings demonstrate that Nebraska is a great place for growth. Even so, no company invests in a generic place called Nebraska. They choose to do business with specific leaders whom

they respect and trust. And they select communities where they've experienced friendliness and hospitality. From Seward to Sidney and everywhere in between, Nebraska has hundreds of welcoming, well-led communities that are experiencing growth.

In my time in office, we've built on four pillars to grow Nebraska: 1.) Developing our people, 2.) Being easy to do business with, 3.) Controlling spending to deliver tax relief, and 4.) Promoting Nebraska domestically and internationally. This four-part strategy has been very successful.

According to the most recent numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nebraska has the second-lowest unemployment in the country at 4.8 percent. Our metro areas in Lincoln, Omaha, and Sioux City are all outperforming regional peers in providing employment. Each has an unemployment rate under six percent, which is significantly lower than in other Midwestern cities: Kansas City, 7.6 percent; Denver, 7.8 percent; Minneapolis, 8.2 percent; and Chicago, 12.0 percent.

Nebraska ranks number one in the nation in employment rate among adults, ages 16 and older. We're the only state where more than two-thirds of adults are actively working. Compared to the 67

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CAPITOL VIEW

by J.L. Schmidt

Always ready, always there

From the advent of our republic, through the American revolution until now, Americans have joined together to defend our borders and our freedoms, and to help each other in times of greatest need. While most Americans now most closely associate military service with active duty troops in our Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, the nearly half-million men and women who comprise the National Guard across the 50 states and several U.S. territories stand always ready to be called up to provide national defense or meet any disaster occurring within our borders.

In Nebraska we have seen firsthand how quickly and well the National Guard can respond to domestic disasters. After the devastation from the 2019 "bomb cyclone," President Trump quickly declared a federal disaster and sent in the National Guard. Their reassuring presence gave solace to many Nebraskans and provided hope that we would recover. Their relief efforts and quick action saved lives and helped us begin to rebuild.

In the aftermath of the storms and flooding, I was able to survey the damage, and the incredible efforts of the Guardsmen with Major General Daryl Bohac, the Adjutant General of the Nebraska National Guard. Though the destruction was extensive, the clean-up started right away. I am impressed with his professionalism, capability, and dedication the National Guard brought to this crisis.

During the pandemic, the National Guard has shown once again their commitment to service. Their mission has included distributing food, test kits, personal protective equipment (PPE), and other crucial resources for fighting this virus. The CARES Act – passed earlier this year – provided key funding to supplement their efforts.

In Congress, I am working to ensure the National Guard receives support equal to the care they give our country. For this reason, I have cosponsored the TRICARE Reserve Select

Improvement Act (H.R. 613). This legislation would expand Tricare Reserve Select eligibility to federal employees, including those in the National Guard, who are currently prohibited from accessing it. I also voted in favor of the National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Extension Act which was signed into law by President Trump last year and provided an important extension of provisions which help National Guard service members and Reservists who experience certain financial difficulties following their service on active duty or in homeland defense deployments.

I thank those who make sacrifices on behalf of our country in the National Guard – including the 4,600 brave men and women in the Nebraska National Guard. The men and women in the National Guard uniform have made it their duty to be "Always Ready, Always There!" This motto rings as true now as it ever.

WASHINGTON ROUND-UP

by Adrian Smith

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Providing resources for those experiencing drought

Lincoln - No matter where you live, drought is a part of life. Being prepared for drought before the next one develops can help reduce the severity of its damaging effects on everything from agricultural production to urban water supplies to physical and emotional well-being and beyond.

The National Drought Mitigation Center, based at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Natural Resources, along with Nebraska Extension, work with an array of partners to develop resources that can help you be better prepared before and during drought events. The most well-known of those resources is the National Drought Mitigation Center's U.S. Drought Monitor, which provides a weekly drought outlook across all 50 states and U.S. territories, along with over 20 years of data collected over the monitor's history.

"The September 1, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor showed nearly 33.3 percent of the U.S. and Puerto Rico area in drought, and Nebraska hasn't avoided it," NDMC director Mark Svoboda said. "Nearly 49 percent of the Cornhusker State is experiencing drought at this time. Since our founding 25 years ago, the National Drought Mitigation Center has been building and sharing resources to help people in times like these - and to prepare for times like these. We have collaborated with local, state and

federal partners to build drought monitoring and resilience tools. We have worked with land managers and U.S. residents across Nebraska (and the country) to learn how droughts affect them, and how they've best weathered them. We want to share what we've developed and learned with you through this collection of resources, and invite you to check out the full scope of our work at drought.unl.edu."

Following are some of the tools that Nebraska Extension and the National Drought Mitigation Center have helped develop that can help Nebraskans in times of drought:

- Nebraska Extension's drought response page offers response for ranchers, farmers and home owners about how they can mitigate the effects of drought in their fields, pastures and backyards. Visit disaster.unl.edu/drought for more information.

- The Vegetation Drought Response Index combines data from satellites with ground-based measurements and other information to detect drought's effects on vegetation.

- The Quick Drought Response Index was developed to complement the Vegetation Drought Response Index, and was designed to detect the effects of drought at time intervals of a month or less.

- The NASA GRACE-FO soil moisture tools provide weekly glob-

al maps of terrestrial water (surface soil, root zone soil and shallow groundwater) levels around the planet. Monitoring the wetness of the soil is essential for managing agricultural crops and predicting their yields, because soil moisture is the water available to plant roots.

- The experimental Grass-Cast forecast uses almost 40 years of historical data on weather and vegetation growth - combined with seasonal precipitation forecasts - to predict if rangelands are likely to produce above-normal, near-normal or below-normal amounts of vegetation.

The Midwest Specialty Crop Decision Calendars provide monthly-month and seasonal advice on how growers manage production of Midwestern apple, grape, cranberry and irrigated potato crops during drought years. Along with the calendars available on the NDMC site, there are also fact sheets that highlight appropriate drought and climate tools for growers to monitor during the growing seasons and beyond.

With every drought, people ask how it compares to previous ones - the most recent drought, the drought of record for an area or even (often) the Dust Bowl. Until recently, the answers haven't been readily available for individual stations, and more often than not have only been available for climate divisions. The NDMC Drought Risk

Atlas, which recently received a major upgrade, answers all of these questions and provide user-friendly access to the data.

The Nebraska Climate Assessment Response Committee, which includes members from Nebraska Extension and the NDMC, has a set of drought planning and monitoring resources on its website.

The Managing Drought Risk on the Ranch guide was created to help rangeland managers better prepare for and manage drought. The guide includes information gathered from interviews with Great Plains rangeland managers, including three based in Nebraska, who have implemented drought plans on their land.

Nebraskans can also help better inform U.S. Drought Monitor authors and NDMC researchers about what drought looks like - and doesn't look like - where they live. Sending images to the Visual Drought Atlas allows us to compare landscapes over time, showing what different places across the country look like in dry, wet and normal years. And submitting conditions to our Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR) network helps us understand how drought is affecting local conditions and map impacts nationwide.

To see a full list of the Drought Center's resources, research and projects, and to learn more about the NDMC, visit: drought.unl.edu.

Lakeview/Crookston

Jean Burge
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Congratulations to Heather Patton and Rob Deeter, who were married September 5 in Valentine. Relatives and friends came from a distance to share this special day with them. A week earlier Ron and Becky Patton traveled to Ohio to attend Heather's graduation. It's been a busy time, but one with happy occasions!

Amanda Toren of Sweden arrived August 30 to spend the year with her host family, Rick and Kitty VanderWey, Mikah and Sadie. She will be attending school at Cody-Kilgore, is getting involved in activities and learning about ranch life from her hosts. Welcome Amanda!

George and Jodi Arnold are hosting two exchange students this year also. They will be hosting Koen de Vecht from the Netherlands and Yaniss Marra of France. Both are seniors enrolled at Cody-Kilgore High School.

Several from the community attended a service of remembrance at the Lakeview Church on September 8 to honor the lives of Clint and Jed VanderWey. Memories were shared, balloons released, and a plaque and garden sunflower were placed in the memorial flower garden.

Gary and Barb Peters traveled to North Dakota last week where they toured the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. En route they stopped at Lemmon, SD to see the Petrified Wood Park.

Mary Tinant and husband Tim of Brandon have been visiting family and friends in the area. Mary, Ruth

and Sara enjoyed some sister time celebrating Sara's birthday on the September 4. Sunday night Sara had supper with Gladys Anderson and Gloria Richey.

Trent Cady's Labor Day weekend guests were Mike and Faith Thomas and children, Shauna Robinson and Scott, all from Lincoln. Everyone went down the river on Sunday while Duane and Janet babysat Hazel and Hayden Thomas. On Saturday, Duane and Janet celebrated the 84th birthday of Janet's mom, Darlene Thomas. Deb and Dave Monroe from the Denver area and their daughter Angee and Tracy Hock and their six children also came to celebrate.

Sheridan Andre spent the weekend with her grandparents, Greg and Gwenda Jackson. Sheridan and Gwenda went to Gordon on Saturday, and visited Burnell and Rosella Nieuwenhuis in Valentine. On Sunday they visited Gregory and LaCosta and family.

Randy and Carla Sybesma of Platte were Friday overnight guests of her brother, Rick and Kitty VanderWey. They preg checked heifers Saturday and the Sybesma's took some back to Platte.

Happy birthday to Kathy Tinant on September 16, and to Wyanne Walking and Clyde Brewer on September 18! Former area resident, Isa Pavelka of Colorado, celebrated her 104th birthday on September 11. Imagine the changes she's seen in her lifetime! Happiest birthday wishes to her!

Job Training Scholarships available through State Of Nebraska

Lincoln - Millions of dollars in scholarships are still available to help unemployed and underemployed Nebraskans find work. The Workforce Retraining Initiative, administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) with federal CARES Act funding, is providing \$16 million in community college scholarships to help people whose livelihoods have been impacted by COVID-19 learn new skills and obtain high-demand jobs.

Each of Nebraska's six community colleges is offering scholarships and courses under the Workforce Retraining Initiative. These programs are designed to help people acquire new skills or certifications that will lead to rewarding job and career opportunities. Scholarships will be available until the end of October, with training programs beginning over the next few months and most running until spring.

So far, over 1,500 scholarships have been awarded under the Initiative - leading Nebraskans to jobs in healthcare, information technology, construction and other industries where talent is needed.

"We can't predict when some industries will return to business as usual, but we do know that there are sectors where the demand for talent is high," said DED Director Anthony L. Goins. "There are rewarding jobs waiting for those willing to acquire additional skills and education. This partnership with the community college system will provide Nebraskans with a clear path to new economic opportunities and a bright future."

Scholarship recipients who meet income qualifications are eligible for support to offset childcare and transportation costs. Scholarships for required books, tools and other student-provided materials are available to any recipient, regardless of income. Individuals who receive a

scholarship can also request a continuation of their current unemployment benefits while participating in an approved training program; the weekly job search requirement would then be eliminated while recipients complete their training.

"We are working closely with the Nebraska Department of Labor to make this opportunity as accessible as possible," Goins said.

For more information on eligibility, as well as community college contact information, see below. Interested applicants should begin the process as soon as possible, as the application deadline is only weeks away. To learn more about the Workforce Retraining Initiative, or to view frequently asked questions, visit <https://getnebraskagrowing.nebraska.gov>.

Scholarship Eligibility
Individuals who are currently unemployed or underemployed as a result of COVID-19 are eligible for a scholarship; specifically, if they fall under any of the following employment situations (note that each community college also has its own eligibility requirements):

- Unemployed on or after March 13, 2020, as a result of COVID-19.

- Unemployed starting between January 1, 2020, and March 13, 2020, and now unable to find employment as a result of COVID-19.

- Employed for less than 40 hours a week at a job which provides the majority of monthly income (Primary Job) because of COVID-19 and wish to be employed full time.

- Employed temporarily at a Primary Job because of COVID-19 but wish to be employed permanently.

- Furloughed or laid-off from a Primary Job on or after March 13, 2020, because of COVID-19 (or had to close a self-run business which provided the majority of monthly income because of COVID-19) and now employed at a new Primary Job with lower wages than previous employment.

Scholarship Application Info:
Interested applicants can apply for scholarships at any of the following Nebraska community colleges:

- Central Community College (CCC) Scholarship Application Link Contact Phone: 308-398-7513 Contact Email: NWRTeam@cccnneb.edu
- Metropolitan Community College (MCC) Scholarship Application Link

Contact Phone: 531-MCC-2400
Contact Email: mcccresscholarship@mccneb.edu

- Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC)

Scholarship Application Link
Contact Name: Amy Sabatka
Contact Phone: 308-535-3619
Contact Email: sabatkaa@mpcc.edu

- Northeast Community College (NECC)

Scholarship Application Link
Contact Name: Dr. Cyndi Hanson
Contact Phone: 402-241-6405
Contact Email: getnebraskagrowing@northeast.edu

- Southeast Community College

Scholarship Application Link
Contact Phone: 402-3233628
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- Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC)

Scholarship Application Link
Contact: Career Pathways & Advising Team
Contact Phone: 308-635-6000
Contact Email: pathways@wncc.edu

Valentine Senior Center News

ACTIVITIES

Center closed until further notice to all congregate meals and services. Home-delivered and curbside meals are available as well as the loan of medical equipment.

Beginning September 1, the Valentine Senior Center will close on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. Hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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

MEMORIAL: In memory of Alma Alder from Jan Howell.

In memory of Gina Keller from Sandy Lurz.

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

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

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

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK: Bernard and Lovella Miles, Mike Young, Cherry Hafer, North Star Services, Perry and Lindy Ayers, Becky Pettigrew, Marie Arendt, Dave Prasch, Mary Belle Osburn.

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

For the week of September 21-25

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Tuesday	Family Practice	Cassie Schill, PA-C	In all day
Wednesday	Family Practice	Cassie Schill, PA-C	In all day
Thursday	Family Practice	Cassie Schill, PA-C	In all day
Friday	Family Practice	Cassie Schill, PA-C	In all day

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Summer Worship Schedule
SUNDAY MORNING
Sunday School Classes (all ages)
9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Bible Classes (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Nursery 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Services 6:30 p.m.
(6th thru 12th grade)

THURSDAY
Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

Berean Bible Church
702 East 7th St. • 376-3714
Pastor Scott 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
KWYR AM1260 8:15 a.m.
KVSH 940 AM 8:30 a.m.
The Twister FM 99.5, 12:30 p.m.

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Grade School
224 N. Govt. St. 376-2745
Sarah Dewey, PreK Teacher
Suzanne Schultz, K-3 Teacher
Ethan Doble, 4-8 Teacher/Principal

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

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

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
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SUNDAY SERVICES
Sacrament 10:00 a.m.
2nd hour block 11:10 a.m.

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Pastor Fred Grant
402-389-0836
SATURDAY
Sabbath School 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Victory Bible Church
Merriman
Pastor Dave Morrison
Sunday Service 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
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100 E. 2nd Ave. • Merriman, NE
Pastor Travis Sherman
Sunday Services 4:00 p.m. MST

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

Lakeview Christian
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North from Crookston; right at Lakeview School; then right after the cemetery.
Pastor Mark Langenbach
Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.

Sandhills Church of Hope
314 W. Nebraska St., Cody
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Pastor Kurt Busenitz
Sunday Worship Services
8:30 a.m. MT (Cody)
11:30 a.m. MT (Cutcomb)
Kids Club After School Program
Wednesday(Cody)
Seasonal Bible Studies also available

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

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

Grace Ev. Lutheran School & Preschool
Wood Lake Union Church
Rev. Don Letellier • 967-3390
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 8:00 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal
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Pastor Steve Meysing
Pastor Jon Mapa
Worship Schedule
Sept. 6-Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 27-Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

Pantry Hours
Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Except Holidays

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

Hunts Chapel
United Methodist Church
Pastor Judith Miller-Qualley
Cody at 9:30 a.m. MT

Valentine Presbyterian Church
Pastor Guy Helms
325 N. Victoria St. Office: 376-1305
AA - Monday, Thursday, Saturday
7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m.
Al-Anon - Mondays
Sundays: Worship
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United Methodist Church
804 E. 5th St., Valentine
402-376-3473
Pastor A.G. Turner
Sunday Worship Opportunities
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at 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School Opportunities
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Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
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Obituaries

Kenneth C. "Buzz" Kime, 85

Kenneth Carl "Buzz" Kime was born to Jake and Edith (Mitchell) Kime on April 18, 1935 at his Aunt Lizzy Ladley's home in Mullen. His early years were spent on the Kime ranch north of Whitman in the Nebraska Sandhills. The youngest of four siblings, Buzz acquired his lifetime nickname as a toddler when a hired hand's observance of his "buzzing around" prompted him to call Kenneth, Buzzy. Buzz, at one time taught by his older sister, Beth, attended elementary school in one-room country schools. In 1943, when he was eight, the Kimes relocated to a larger ranch south of Nenzel, then known as the HL Bar where he ranched until he was no longer able.

Buzz attended high school at the Nebraska School of Agriculture in Curtis. Buzz proudly served our country in Korea from March 11, 1958 to December 10, 1959. An early honorable discharge from Fort Sill, OK was granted so he could return home to help on the ranch.

On June 10, 1962 Buzz married Shirley Mogle in Valentine. Two sons completed their family, Dallas born in 1963 and Shane in 1969.

Buzz, a lifetime rancher, worked for many years with his older brother, Lenard. The Kime brothers continued the family legacy working with their sons and their families, successfully raising Hereford cattle and expanding their cattle business. At one time they leased the neighboring McMurtrey Ranch for several years working it along with the home place. Buzz's work ethic, intelligence, mechanical skills, meticulousness with fencing and haying, his willingness to get along with anyone and his allowance of an Angus bull to cover those Hereford cows were large factors in their success.

Buzz served on the local country school board and Valentine Rural High School Board for many years. He was an avid Husker fan and trips to their games and the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas

with the Churchills was a great joy in his life. This tough cattleman's soft heart was shown in how he loved his family. His stories of his days in Curtis, Korea and the history and happenings of ranch life were enjoyed by all who crossed his path, young and old alike.

Perhaps his trademark nip of Old Crow and the lighting of an ever present cigarette with a branding iron, along with numerous horse wrecks hastened the betrayal of his physical body leading Buzz to live out the last four years of his life under the loving care of Pioneer Memorial Rest Home in Mullen and Pineview Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Valentine. No matter the cause, he met that challenge through the love of his family and with the same acceptance and courage that carried him through any earthly trial that came his way. He departed this life and stepped whole again into the arms of Jesus on September 4, 2020 at the Cherry County Hospital in Valentine at the age of 85.

Preceding him in death were his parents, three siblings, Leonard Kime, Barbara Gale, and Beth Yeager, and their spouses, Joan, Edson and Bob.

Those remaining who will miss him dearly, are his wife Shirley, sons, Dallas and wife, Carmen, and Shane and wife, Heather, his grandchildren, Drew (Macabi) Hoefer, McKenna (Josh) Beckman, Shaye and Jake Kime, great-grandchildren, Rhyann and Blair Hoefer and Grayson Beckman, nieces, nephews and many friends and neighbors.

Services were held September 9, 2020 at Sandoz Chapel of the Pines and Mount Hope Cemetery in Valentine officiated by Pastor Kurt Busenitz. Memorials maybe made to the Kenneth "Buzz" Kime scholarship fund, through the Sandhills Cattle Association. Sandoz Chapel of the Pines was in charge of service arrangements.

Joseph W. Ferris II, 78



Joseph W. Ferris II was born to Fallo "Fud" and Rose (Farach) Ferris on August 26, 1942 in Valentine. Known to all as "Joie", he was the youngest of five children.

He attended school in Valentine and later, college in Chadron.

He joined the US Navy in 1962 and trained at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, CA. He served 27 months aboard the USS St. Paul stationed in Japan, and sailed to the Philippines, Australia, and Hong Kong. His time in the Navy was the beginning of his lifelong love of travel. As a watch captain in the ship's galley, he began his long and illustrious career in cooking.

After Joie left the Navy, he truly became a jack-of-all-trades with jobs ranging from tow truck driver, bodyguard for an oil tycoon, car salesman, barman and more. However, his passion seemed to lie in cooking good food. Through the years, Joie owned or operated thirty-six hotels, bars, restaurants, and one ski resort, in fourteen different states. He seemed to love the challenge of taking a business and turning it into his vision of success.

His adventures were so vast and so varied, it would take a book to recount them all. Luckily, he wrote a collection of his stories in 2019 titled, "Life of the Ferris Wheel." Just a few of the amazing events in Joie's life were: obtaining a commercial pilot's license and flying for hire, cooking for three American presidents, and food and bar manager at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

Joie loved people, often feeding and entertaining them with stories, card tricks, and magic. He

never met a stranger, had advice to share for any situation, and it was said he could sell ice to an Eskimo. He was a proud American and veteran, and he was thrilled when his sons, Joie and Tony, along with grandson Shawn, entered military service. Joie truly lived life on his own terms and to the fullest extent possible.

Family was also paramount in Joie's life. He was blessed with seven children, thirteen grandchildren, and a multitude of nieces, nephews and cousins who all loved Uncle Joie's stories and tricks. He married the love of his life, Lois, in 1987, and together they traveled, worked, lived, and loved for the rest of his days. Even as his health deteriorated, anyone stopping by was treated to card tricks and magic, jokes and stories.

Joie departed this life on September 4, 2020. Despite being a lifelong Catholic, he requested no services be held. He was cremated and interred at Mount Hope Cemetery in Valentine near his Ferris family.

He is mourned by his wife, Lois of Valentine, children Nicole (Gabe) Aviles, Nicholas, Gabriel and Erik of Virginia, Christie Wickett and Kennedie of Valentine, Tony (Kelli) Ferris, and Emily of Wyoming and Shawn of Florida, Joie (Melissa) Ferris, Cory, Jace, and Keatley of Washington, Michelle Green, Bella and Shawn of Virginia, Kathy (Monte) Linabery and Cassidy of Valentine, and Cody (Nikki) Ferwerda and Rylee of Iowa, and a huge extended family of nieces, nephews, and cousins, and friends from across the country and around the world.

He was preceded in death by his parents and all four siblings: Wakyn, Carl, Fuddy, and Rosemary.

Holmes Funeral Home of Valentine was entrusted with the arrangements.

Faylene M. Murray, 82



Faylene Mae Murray was born October 7, 1937 in Crookston to Perry and Alida E (Selle) Robertson. Faylene passed away Monday, September 7, 2020 at Pineview Good Samaritan in Valentine.

She married Joseph James Murray, Sr. on September 27, 1959. To this union were born Cinda Mae and Joseph James Jr. They joined Linda Kay (Quick) and Tommy Jo. Faylene was interred at a private family service held at Harmony Cemetery north of Valentine on September 8, 2020.

Holmes Funeral Home of Valentine was entrusted with the arrangements.

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What Prophets Do

"As surely as the Lord lives, I can tell him only what the Lord tells me."
1 Kings 22:14 NIV

We tend to think of prophets as people who foretell the future, but that is only one aspect of prophecy. If we read the Old Testament carefully, we see that the prophets were wise men and social critics, people who were often called upon by kings to give them advice. The kings didn't always like the advice they received, but the good prophets always gave it straight, without sugar-coating, and in speaking the unvarnished truth to power, often ended up in dire straits. Consider the prophet Micaiah, who advised King Ahab that he would be defeated by the Syrians, despite all of the other prophets telling him he would be victorious. (1 Kings 22) Micaiah ended up imprisoned for his

trouble, and King Ahab ended up killed in battle, with the dogs licking up his blood, as prophesied. Are there prophets today, holy men and women who hear the voice of God and speak truth to power, despite negative consequences? The people in power frequently do not like to be told the truth, but that is what prophets do. Where are the prophets today?
-Christopher Simon

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Goals for FBLA

by Grace Maunu

Valentine High School's FBLA chapter has been working hard to prepare for this school year. Our three goals are 1.) To be very organized, 2.) To create passion within our members, and 3.) To involve ourselves within our community.

In August, our officer team went on a retreat to plan our activities for the year. We discussed how things were going to be run and worked on being a team. We have many different fund raisers and community events planned that we are very excited about.

Our first fund raiser is this week on Friday, September 18, 2020. We will be doing our Krispy Kreme doughnut sales that many people will remember from last year.

This year we will be offering not only the original glazed, but we will also have chocolate glazed, raspberry filled, lemon filled, and kreme filled.

Next, we are organizing work days where we will offer the services of a group of students to help out local businesses or families with large projects. Businesses/Families who hire us, get to choose how much we earn.

An additional plan is to put together a Badger Store that will sell an assortment of Badger gear. We, of course, are still continuing to do our lollipop sales around town. We so appreciate Old Mill, Auntie D's, Nails by Becky, Scotty's, Broken Spoke, Plains Trading Company, and the VHS concession stand for selling our lollipops at their

locations. All of these fund raising activities help pay for our biggest event, state FBLA and everything else we do.

Our officers are very excited to see what our team will accomplish this year. COVID-19 may obviously influence our plans, but we are prepared to be flexible. Appreciation to everyone who supports our group whether by selling our lollipops at your business or by buying doughnuts. We hope to see you this year. Make sure to check on the Valentine Community Schools website, Facebook page, and other social media resources for information on our activities this year. You can also learn about us on KVSH and read about it in the Midland News.

Badgers vs. Chadron football cancelled due to positive Valentine COVID-19 test

The North Central District Health Department in collaboration with Valentine Community Schools has been notified that a positive COVID-19 case has occurred at Valentine High School.

North Central Health Department and Valentine Community Schools has requested the case self-isolate. Their family and other close contacts are also being asked to self-quarantine, parents, guard-

ians, or community members that have been identified as having been in close contact - within six feet for greater than 15 minutes - with the case are being notified and asked to self quarantine, isolate, self-monitor.

Due to protected health information, small population sizes of district communities and schools, North Central District Health Department and Valentine Commu-

nity Schools will not be releasing the identity of the case or identifying factors such as grade level.

Due to the situation, the football contest at Chadron was cancelled Friday, September 11, 2020. "We will notify other activities of potential impacts to their programs when the investigation is complete," said Valentine Community Schools Superintendent Mike Halley.



VMS begins football season with a loss against O'Neill

Valentine Middle school started their season with a game in O'Neill. The score was O'Neill 12 Valentine 8.

Playing for the VMS Badgers are: Cinch Miller, Kansas Kellum, Garrett Cumbow, Jekhi Williams, Robert Ross, Clayton Elliott, Braydon Battershaw, Sutton Shrunck, Reeves Whitte, Andon Olson, Ethan Borer, Trace Buechle, Syre Beauvais, Logan Radant, John Fulton, Isaac Watson, Olivia Felton, Thane Taylor, Cooper Phillips, Quinton Nelson and Titus Maunu.

Coaches for the VMS team are Shane Allison and Kevin Pettigrew.



Photos courtesy of Terry Miles, Holt County Independent

Throwing off O'Neill, this Badger keeps his momentum in the game.

Badgers first game results in a loss

The Valentine Badgers played against O'Neill Friday, September 4 and lost with a score of 13-25.

Scoring by quarters:
Valentine - 6, 0, 7, 0 = 13
O'Neill - 6, 0, 0, 19 = 25

The first quarter, Ryan OKief ran the ball in for a three yard TD putting 6 on the scoreboard. The PAT was no good.

O'Neill had a two yard run putting 6 on their scoreboard, PAT no good.

There was no scoring in the second quarter.

The third quarter Chris Williams received a three yard pass from Ryan O'Kief, with a good PAT making the score 13-6.

The fourth quarter saw O'Neill on fire lighting up the board with three more TDs, a failed PAT, failed 2-point conversion and a good PAT bringing the end of the game to Valentine 13 and O'Neill 25.



Photos by Mary Reagle

Ava Reagle hitting the ball.

Lady Badgers host triangular

The Lady Badgers hosted a triangular Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The first game was against O'Neill, where they lost in two sets. Valentine - 21, 10 = 0
O'Neill - 25, 25 = 2.

Next they played West Holt where they won in two sets.

Valentine - 25, 25 = 2
West Holt - 11, 13 = 0



Izzy Salters serving above, Grace Kelber is passing the ball at left.



Jennalee Garwood earned a Blue for Illustrated Presentation.



Jennalee Garwood.

Results for Cherry County 4-H from the Nebraska State Fair

Results for Cherry County 4-H from in-person events at the Nebraska State Fair August 29-30: Fashion Show STEAM Clothing Level 2 -Purple for Kate Cox; Fashion Show Shopping in Style - Blue for Cadence Swanson; Rabbit Show - Purple for Jenalee Garwood in Intermediate Showmanship and Blue for Rex Class; Illustrated Presentations - Blue for Jenalee Garwood.



Cadence Swanson.



Kate Cox.

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SPORTS & YOUTH IN THE NEWS



Dylan Naslund and Taylor Cady block as Peyton Sterkel, runs the ball for a touchdown. The Cowboys lost to the Wolves on September 4, 2020.



Cactus Millar, a junior at Cody-Kilgore, pushes past the Arthur Wolves, as he carries the ball.

A look at CK Sports



Senior, Shaelyn Welch digs a hit, to get the ball to her setter, Colby Cady.



Elle Ravenscroft, finishes her powerful hit across the net to the Arthur Wolves. The Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls lost to the Arthur Wolves.

Cody-Kilgore Schedule

- September 10: HS JV VB vs. Valentine
- September 11: Teacher Inservice, HS CC @ Bennett Co., HS FB @ Santee
- September 14: School Board Meeting @ Cody 6:30 p.m.
- September 15: HS VB Triangular @ Hay Springs, JH VB Triangular @ Valentine
- September 17: JH VB @ Hyannis, JH FB @ Hyannis, HS VB Triangular
- September 18: HS FB @ Stuart
- September 19: HS CC @ Alliance

Badger JV and Varsity Football games cancelled due to COVID-19

Valentine Community Schools announced on their website that that due to COVID-19 and the low number of available athletes Monday, September 14, that the JV game with Winner had been cancelled.

The Varsity Football game with Winner this Friday, September 18 is also cancelled due to COVID-19



Photo by Laura Vroman

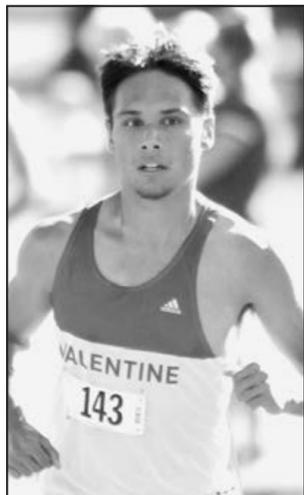
9-11 a day we'll always remember!

Remembering our first responders Friday, September 11, 2020, at NSRA. They're the ones rushing in, when everyone else is rushing out. They spend countless hours training - away from their families - to keep our community safe. Bless you for all you do!

XC Badgers begin season with meets at Ainsworth and Broken Bow



MaKenzie Long - Ainsworth meet.



Riece Rivera - Ainsworth meet.



Sadi Johnson - Broken Bow.



Lex Larsen - Broken Bow.



Grace Maunu - Broken Bow.



Jack Lancaster - Broken Bow.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday the 3rd day of November 2020**, a statewide General Election will be held in Nebraska.

The Cherry County Fairgrounds is no longer a polling place. All ballots will be delivered by non-forwardable mail to every registrant in Cherry County. Return envelopes, with postage included, will be provided. In accordance with §32-908, on Election Day, the Cherry County Clerk's Office will be open at 8:00 AM CT and close at 8:00 PM CT. If not returning by mail, ballots may be hand delivered to the Clerk's Office or the Ballot Dropbox outside of the Courthouse until 8:00 PM CT on November 3, the statutory close of the polls. Ballots will only be counted if they are received in the Clerk's Office by 8:00 PM CT on November 3, regardless of postmark date.

The General Election will be for the purpose of for electing candidates to office as well as voting on some special issues. Races below will only appear on the ballots of those Voters who reside in that district.

To View your Election Districts & Party Affiliation go to: ne.gov/go/votercheck All Cherry County Election Information will be available here: <https://co.cherry.ne.us/webpages/election/election.html>

General Election Ballot Items

RACE	VOTE FOR	TERM LENGTH	CANDIDATES
PRESIDENTIAL TICKET			
For President and Vice President of the United States	ONE	4	Donald J. Trump/Michael R. Pence - Republican Joseph R. Biden/Kamala D. Harris - Democratic Jo Jorgensen/Jeremy Cohen - Libertarian
UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET			
For United States Senator	ONE	6	Ben Sasse - Republican Chris Janicek - Democratic Gene Siadek - Libertarian
CONGRESSIONAL TICKET			
For Representative in Congress District 03	ONE	2	Adrian Smith - Republican Mark Elworth Jr. - Democratic Dustin C. Hobbs - Libertarian
COUNTY TICKET			
For County Commissioner At Large	ONE	4	Martin K. DeNaeyer - Republican
NONPARTISAN TICKET			
For Member of the Legislature District 43	ONE	4	Tom Brewer Tanya Storer
Judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court Six Year Term Shall Judge Thomas E. Stine be retained in office? YES or NO			Judge of the District Court District 08 Six Year Term Shall Judge Mark D. Kozisek be retained in office? YES or NO
Judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court Six Year Term Shall Judge Dirk V. Block be retained in office? YES or NO			Judge of the District Court District 08 Six Year Term Shall Judge Kale B. Burdick be retained in office? YES or NO
Mid-Plains Community College For Board of Governors District 03	ONE	4	Kirk R. Crawley
Mid-Plains Community College For Board of Governors At Large	ONE	4	Ted A. Klug Jr.
Western Community College For Board of Governors District 01	ONE	4	Kimberly A. Marcy Sandra C. Elliott
Western Community College For Board of Governors At Large	ONE	4	Tom Perkins
Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District For Board of Directors Subdistrict 01	ONE	4	Tim Nollette
Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District For Board of Directors Subdistrict 03	ONE	4	Leonard Danielski
Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District For Board of Directors Subdistrict 05	ONE	4	Gregory J. Wilke
Upper Loup Natural Resources District For Board of Directors Subdistrict 01	ONE	4	Rebecca Connealy
Upper Loup Natural Resources District For Board of Directors Subdistrict 02	ONE	4	Judy Ridenour
Upper Loup Natural Resources District For Board of Directors Subdistrict 03	ONE	4	Miles Maseberg
Custer Public Power District For Board of Directors At Large	up to TWO	6	Bradley Bartak Wayne V. Licking
KBR Rural Public Power District For Board of Directors Cherry Subdivision	ONE	6	James R. Lee
Educational Service Unit No. 13 District 04	ONE	4	Kimberly Marx
Educational Service Unit No. 16 District 04	ONE	4	Robert L. Jones
Educational Service Unit No. 16 District 08	ONE	4	Sooky Marks
Educational Service Unit No. 16 District 12	ONE	4	Claudia Melvin
Educational Service Unit No. 17 District 06	ONE	4	Jan Knispel
Educational Service Unit No. 17 District 08	ONE	4	Jody Dexter
SCHOOL TICKET			
Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools For Board of Education Member	up to THREE	4	Adam Naslund Shannon Ravenscroft Kevin L. Heath Ben Risse Landon Miller Bree Hill
Gordon-Rushville Public Schools For Board of Education Member	up to THREE	4	Krista Wegner Candie Johnson Ross Janssen Nick Rosane Seth Tausan Zack Kearns
Hyannis Area Schools For Board of Education Member	up to THREE	4	Chris Gentry Rod Boots Kevin Anderson
Mullen Public Schools For Board of Education Member	up to THREE	4	Michael J. French Travis W. Hampton Dane Peterson
Theford Public Schools For Board of Education Member	up to THREE	4	Matt D. Blackford James J. Jones Bridget Licking
Valentine Community Schools For Board of Education Member	up to THREE	4	Shane W. Kime Clinton L. Assarsson Jo Hand
CITY TICKET			
For City of Valentine Council Member	up to THREE	4	Kalli J. Kieborz Kyle W. Arganbright Andrew Ward Ross Brockley
VILLAGE TICKET			
For Village of Cody Board Member	up to TWO	4	Michael Knapp Rita C. Schneider Brent Collier Blake A. Ruggles
For Village of Crookston Board Member	up to THREE	4	Richard Quick Steven V. Kennedy Tiffany Hill Cyndi Weaver Linda Quick
For Village of Kilgore Board Member	up to THREE	4	Deb Hand Todd W. Rothleutner
For Village of Merriman Board Member	up to THREE	4	Gailund G. Valentine Randy Hutchison William J. Creegan Jeremiah Hanson
For Village of Nenzel Board Member	up to TWO	4	Deanna M. Schmit Richard L. Schmit
For Village of Wood Lake Board Member	up to THREE	4	Bryce Porter Grant Moreland Ronald E. Pinney

Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Initiatives, titles and text to be published by the Office of the Secretary of State, once a week for 3 weeks prior to the General Election.

I, Brittny Petersen, County Clerk of Cherry County, do hereby certify that the persons whose names are printed in the certification have made personal filings and each has fulfilled all requirements of law and each is entitled to have their name printed upon the official ballot as a candidate for public office, as designated in the certification.



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Nebraska Department of Transportation Notice of Public Meeting

NH-83-4(121); WEST 4TH STREET IN VALENTINE; C.N. 81037

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding proposed improvements of U.S. Highway 83 (US-83) in Cherry County. The meeting will be held at the Cherry County Fairgrounds, 120 South Green Street, in Valentine, on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. A brief presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m. The option to view materials and a pre-recorded version of the presentation will be available on the NDOT website at <http://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/> by clicking on the "West 4th Street In Valentine" link.

Identified as West 4th Street In Valentine, the proposed project starts 0.06 miles west of the junction of US-83 with Nebraska Highway 12 (N-12) at mile marker (MM) 212.42, and extends west to MM 214.14, which includes the bridge over the Minnechaduza Creek (Structure Number S083 21414). Construction may begin and/or end approximately 800 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

The purpose of this project is to preserve the transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this project is based on the existing condition of the pavement.

The planned construction would consist of removing the existing concrete pavement and replacing it with doweled concrete pavement with integral curb, reconstructing concrete shoulders, reconstructing curb inlets and storm sewer as needed, replacing erosion control curb and flume, construction of new pedestrian facilities and updating roadway lighting. Existing utilities would be reconstructed or relocated as needed. Additional work would include repairing and sealing the deck of Structure Number S083 21414, replacement of guardrail, and grading.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights which could include new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), temporary easements (TE), and/or permanent easements (PE) at certain locations within the project area. If your property is impacted by this project, you will be contacted by a representative once the design

footprint has been established. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2023 with completion anticipated by fall of 2023. Some segments of this project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. Other segments would require temporary closure and detouring of US-83 traffic to complete utility and paving work. Temporary surfacing would be required to accommodate phased construction.

A designated detour for through traffic would be provided utilizing W. 3rd Street between Main Street and Edna Street; and Edna Street between W. 3rd Street and W. 4th Street. The detour would be used during construction on US-83 between Main Street and Edna Street. Due to turning restrictions for large vehicles at the intersection of Main Street and W. 3rd Street, a truck detour would be posted to route trucks onto Cherry Street between US-20 and W. 3rd Street. Reconstruction on US-83 between Edna Street and the bridge over Minnechaduza Creek would be constructed under traffic.

Impacts to wetlands are anticipated and would be mitigated, as necessary. The detour on Cherry Street would cross the Cowboy Trail. The existing trail crossing would be used in place. Impacts to historic properties are being considered and comments related to historic properties can be made at this meeting.

A separate project identified as In Valentine [NH-STP-83-4(117); C.N.80865] is located within the project vicinity. The project would reconstruct 0.64 miles of US-83 between MM 212.78 and MM 213.36. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning pavement. Construction of In Valentine would be completed prior to the start of the West 4th Street In Valentine project. A separate pre-construction public information meeting for In Valentine would be held prior to the start of construction anticipated in spring 2021.

As part of a future N-12 micro-surfacing project, N-12 would be resurfaced beginning 0.03 miles north of the junction of US-83 and N-12, at MM 0.03, extending north and east to MM 12.97. Construction

on this resurfacing project may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement. This project would consist of pavement repairs, curb repairs, applying micro-surfacing to the pavement and construction of new curb ramps to meet current ADA standards.

This public information open house meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project, currently in the design phase, and to receive the public's input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Design information will be displayed and personnel from NDOT will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The information "open house" format allows the public to come at any time during the advertised hours, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel, and leave as they wish.

NDOT will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) will be made if the Department is notified by September 22, 2020. A Spanish interpreter will be available at the meeting. The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through October 14, 2020. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Soula, NDOT External Affairs Manager, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.soula@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-479-4871, Fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at <http://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/> by clicking on the "West 4th Street In Valentine" link. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, NE 68509. For further information, contact: Mark Kovar NDOT District 8 Engineer, mark.kovar@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-387-2471, Fax 402-387-1498.

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Ordinance No. 2020-2238M Annual Appropriations And Pay Levy Fiscal Year 2020-2021

An ordinance to adopt the budget statement to be termed the annual appropriation bill; to appropriate sums for necessary expenses and liabilities; to adopt pay plan; and to provide for an effective date.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Valentine, Nebraska, Cherry County:
Section 1. That after complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021. All sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Valentine. A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and to the County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

Section 2. That the following pay plan be adopted for the 2020-2021 fiscal year:

	Monthly Low	Monthly High
Administrative Office		
City Manager	\$5,330.00	\$6,394.27
City Clerk/treasurer	\$3,764.80	\$4,515.34
Mayor/Council	\$200.00	\$250.00
Billing Clerk	\$2,435.34	\$2,922.40
Secretary	\$2,192.67	\$2,632.94
Office Aid	\$1,946.54	\$2,362.54
Inventory Clerk	\$2,229.07	\$2,674.54
City Attorney	\$1,828.79	\$1,998.37
Police Department		
Police Chief	\$4,137.47	\$4,969.47
Police Sergeant/Lieutenant	\$3,764.80	\$4,515.34
Officer (4)	\$3,125.20	\$3,749.20
Police Secretary	\$2,192.67	\$2,632.94
Electric Department		
Electric Foreman	\$4,220.67	\$5,066.54
Lineman (1)	\$3,766.54	\$4,510.14
Apprentice (1)	\$3,385.20	\$4,054.27
Street/Park Department		
Street/Park Foreman	\$3,627.87	\$4,361.07
Street Laborer (2)	\$2,248.14	\$3,506.54
Extra Labor	\$9.13/Hour	\$15.00/Hour
Water/Sewer		
Water/Sewer Foreman	\$3,627.87	\$4,361.07
Water/Sewer Utility Worker (2)	\$2,372.94	\$3,506.54
Wastewater Treatment Plant		
Lead WWTP Operator	\$3,627.87	\$4,361.07
WWTP Operator	\$2,912.00	\$3,506.54
Landfill		
Landfill Operator	\$2,910.27	\$3,506.54
Library		
Library Director	\$3,764.80	\$4,515.34
Librarian	\$2,553.20	\$3,047.20
Library Aide I	\$10.70/hour	\$16.30/hr
Library Custodian	\$12.93/hour	\$12.93/hour
Bookmobile		
Bookmobile Driver	\$13.58/hour	\$16.15/hour
Swimming Pool/Youth Activities		
Youth Activity Director/Pool Manager	\$14.23/hour	\$17.08/hour
Pool Operators	\$10.14/hour	\$12.11/hour
Life Guards	\$9.13/hour	\$10.90/hour
Golf Course		
Superintendent	\$19.40/hour	\$23.17/hour
Groundskeeper	\$12.00/hour	\$15.00/hour
Course Help	\$9.00/hour	\$10.75/hour
Clubhouse Manager	\$14.50/hour	\$17.31/hour

SECTION 3. AND THAT this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed, approved and adopted and ordered published this 10th day of September, 2020.

Deanna Schmit
City Clerk
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Cherry County Board of Corrections meeting minutes

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Corrections on September 8, 2020 in the Sheriff's Conference Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per the notice in the Valentine Midland News, with the agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Chairman Storer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Tanya Storer, Martin DeNaeyer, James Ward, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Petersen. The location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from August 25, 2020 were read and approved during regular session.

Protocol regarding a Justice Center employee personnel issue during open or closed session was discussed.

At 2:43 p.m. Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue with the Board, Clerk, and Justice Center employees: Daniel Bauer, Jane Stolzenburg, and Jenny Reece to be present. Roll call vote: Ayes – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Valentine Community Schools Board of Education meeting minutes

The Valentine Community Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, starting at 5:00 p.m.

The Valentine Community Schools Board of Education held a Tax Request Public Hearing and a Budget Hearing on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 starting at 5:00 p.m. at Valentine High School.

The Board approved the budget for 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the tax request for 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved High Ability Learner Proposal for the 20-21 year.

The Board accepted and approved the resignation of Lori McQuistan effective at the end of the 20-21 year.

The Board approved three extra duty positions for the 20-21 year.

The Board approved items to be declared for surplus list.

The next regular meeting will be October 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

For full Board minutes go to: <https://meeting.sparqdata.com/public/Organization/55>

Wendy Adamson, 473.00; Allard Precast, 37.50; Alpha Rehabilitation, P.C., 454.64; Appera, 217.04

Apple Computer Inc 1,399.00; Bio Corporation, 177.61; Blick Art Materials, 300.00; Body Worx, 500.00; Bomgars Supply Inc, 404.56; Brown Sheep Co. Inc, 131.85; BSN Sports, Inc., 97.99; Ted C Buechle, 324.48; Julia Burdick, 521.96; Carolina Biological Supplies, 640.74; Cengage Learning, 335.39; Central Valley Ag, 136.82; Cipahfilter, 5,148.30; City Of Valentine, 9,835.05; Colonial Research, 555.82; Consumer Driven Technologies, LLC, 13,110.00; Cornhusker State Industries, 2,220.00; Country Fabric & Craft, 30.35; Amy Cox, 157.32; D/W Machines & Mfg.co. Inc, 1,944.00; Danielski Farms, Inc., 738.48; District IX FFA/ Agricultural Education, 150.00; ESU #2, 690.00; Tisha Fischer, 170.44; Flowerland, 100.00; Fun Express, LLC, 442.60; Michael Halley, 139.50; Heart City Drug, 25.42; Heart City Plumbing & Heating, 718.83; Heartland Paper Co, 3,426.78; Heartland Paper

Village of Crookston meeting minutes

Village of Crookston held the annual budget meeting and regular monthly trustees meeting on September 8, 2020. Chairman Bob Janssen called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Other trustees present were Linda Quick, Phyllis Daniels and Shirley Schuman. Richard Quick was absent. No visitors. Those present acknowledged the Open Meeting Act.

Phyllis, Linda and Bob have interest in and receive reimbursement for services rendered.

Correspondence was received from JEO regarding Region 24 Emergency Management community meetings; County Assessor for certification of Taxable Value and Value Attributable to Growth for 2020

Chairman Janssen opened the Annual budget meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes of the August meeting were read on line by all Trustees. Linda made a motion to approve, Phyllis seconded. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given. Claims total \$2302.88. Linda made a motion to approve the report and pay claims on Part I. Shirley seconded. Motion carried. Shirley made a motion approve claims for wages on Part 2. Absentee vote by Richard to second. Motion carried. Phyllis, Bob and Linda abstained. No Unfinished Business
New Business

At 3:35 p.m. the meeting room doors were reopened and the public was allowed to enter the room.

At 3:36 p.m. Ward moved and Storer seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Ayes – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse and the Board discussed food service options for the jail. Billing discrepancies and the expired contract for Summit Foods were also discussed.

A payroll change notice, as approved by the Justice Center pay scale, was reviewed and signed by the Board.

Administrator Hesse provided the Board with potential changes for the Justice Center pay scale, including a change to starting wages and incentive pay. The pay scale and Sheridan County Dispatch Agreement items will be added to the agenda for the next Board of Corrections meeting.

At 4:11 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

These minutes are not the official record and may be corrected. A copy of the approved official minutes is available to the public in the Cherry County Clerk's Office.
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Co, 261.74; Henderson's I.G.A., 93.25; Hometown Lumber, 44.68; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Co, 3,536.04; Huskerland Communications, 29.99; Innovative Office Solutions, LLC, 283.38; J.W. Pepper, 500.99; Luke Jenkins, 186.82; KBR Rural Public Power District, 370.81; Heather Kime, 281.22; Kadie Kruger, 354.14; KSB School Law, PC LLO, 294.50; Lakeshore Learning Materials, 2,205.94; Life Track Services, 760.50; Little Outlaw Canoe & Tube Rentals, Ltd, 376.00; Heather Lurz, 112.09; Mathis Equipment, 77.98; McGraw-Hill, 12,044.16; Brittany McLeod, 240.66; Mosaic, 2,301.11; Lacey Mundorf, 471.91; Nasco, 177.52; National Art & School Supply Inc., 2,040.63; NCSA, 550.00; Nebraska Assoc. Of School Boards, 30.00; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip, 3,291.50; Nebraskaland Magazine, 44.00; Noredink, 3,000.00; Nsasp Region V, 60.00; Office Products Center, 3,248.29; Cali Olson, 432.64; Olson's Pest Technicians, 638.00; One Source, 156.00; Perry Law Firm, 150.00; Pioneer, 1,333.46; Pitsco Education, 695.00; Premier Parts And Paint, 500.00; Premium Automotive Repair Center, 1,358.11; Quill Corporation, 1,460.04; Rasmussen Mechanical Services, Inc, 2,784.12; The Reading Warehouse, 158.95; Really Good Stuff, 23.57; Jennifer Salters, 149.50; Sandhill Oil Co., Inc, 509.09; Savvas Learning Company LLC, 764.10; Scenario Learning, 1,030.00; School Health Corporation, 75.78; School Specialty Inc, 954.28; Scientific Learning, 1,034.00; Sherry Slagowski, 171.25; Stadium Sports, 8.91; Striv, Inc, 1,975.00; Studies Weekly Inc, 551.04; Taese/Usu, 200.00; Teacher Direct, 2,905.43; U. S. Cellular, 131.78; Valentine Machine & Welding, 300.00; Valentine Medical Clinic, LLC, 125.00; Valentine Midland News, 1,236.49; Valentine Physical Therapy And Sports Rehab, LLC, 297.00; Doug Wackler, 87.50; Zulema Wade, 373.65; Wards Natural Science, 323.41; Weathercraft, 1,520.00; Amber Weller, 59.00; Wrenched Recovery LLC, 180.00

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The Street Superintendent declined to come to the meeting due to COVID 19. He mailed the papers needed, to the Village Office.

Shirley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09-08 for the long range Six Year Plan for Highway, Road and Street Improvement based on priority of needs. Phyllis seconded. Motion carried.

Phyllis made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Budget as prepared by L & B Johnson accountants. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Shirley made a motion to close the Budget Meeting for 2020-2021, at 8:30 p.m. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Linda made a motion to close the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Shirley seconded. Motion carried.

Shirley Schuman
Crookston Village Clerk
Claims: T. Hill water cert. app. Fees DHHS 115; Heart City Plumb & Heat valves 273; KBR St.Lts 357.27; KBR office, gen, pump 237.38; NE Pub. Hlth Env. Lab tests 15; One Call Conc. 1.92; S. Kennedy contr dump. 84; T. Sherwood Cont. clean pit shut off 25; Union Bank loan pmt. 196.41; Postmaster pstg water tests 28.85; Midland News Hearing & Budget 119.05; Part 2 Payroll P Daniels 300; R. Janssen services 200; L. Quick mowing 350
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Cherry County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sheriff's Conference Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice in the Valentine Midland News, with the agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chairman Storer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Tanya Storer, Martin DeNaeyer, James Ward, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Petersen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from August 25, 2020 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Storer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Ayes – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from August 25, 2020 were read. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Ayes – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

The Board discussed a claim as submitted by Niobrara Valley Consultants and the Cherry County Surveyor Agreement. The aforementioned documents will be sent to the County Attorney for review prior to payment.

A potential audit of Sawyer Memorial Library funds was discussed with Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott via telephone. The agenda item regarding Sawyer Memorial Library was added due to the recent restructuring of the Sawyer Memorial Library Board.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court fee report from August 2020, Treasurer's fund balance listing from August 31, 2020, Operating Statement report of budget vs actual spending for July 2020 and August 2020, Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees meeting minutes from July 28, 2020, Cherry County Hospital Balance Sheets from July 31, 2020, and an anonymous letter received from a member of the public.

Cherry County Communications Director Gary Weaver informed the Board of estimated costs for adding cameras in areas of the Courthouse hallways and for portable microphones and speakers for the Commissioner meetings. An estimate was received from Platte Valley Communications and will be forwarded to the Board for their review.

The Board recessed for lunch from 11:23 a.m. to 1:09 p.m.

Comments from the public were received by the Board during the allotted time.

At 1:30 p.m., as advertised in the Valentine Midland News on September 2, 2020, Chairman Storer opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2020-2021 Cherry County Budget. No one appeared at the hearing in support of or opposition to the proposed budget. At 1:43 p.m. Chairman Storer closed the hearing.

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DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to adopt Resolution #09-08-2020-01 to approve an additional one-percent increase to the base amount for restricted funds authority for fiscal year 2020-2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to adopt Resolution #09-08-2020-02 to set the 2020 property tax request at \$4,344,442.00 compared to the prior year tax request of \$4,428,225.00 and to set the tax rate at .205189 compared to the prior year tax rate of .205545. Roll call

Valentine Community Schools Board of Education budget workshop minutes

Valentine Community Schools Board of Education held a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Valentine Rural High School, 431 N Green Street, Valentine, NE

1. Call Meeting to Order
Board President Will Fischer called meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1.1. Roll Call
Absent: Clinton Assarsson, Kent Lopez, Present: Will Fischer, Greg Gass, Shane Kime, Kris Larsen. There were also 2 guests present.

1.2. Notice of Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Review of Agenda
3.1. Publication of Notice

vote: Ayes – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Resolution #09-08-2020-03 Cherry County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations outlining that the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document, be adopted as the budget for Cherry County for said fiscal year. Roll call vote: Ayes – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

At 2:32 p.m., as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections.

At 4:12 p.m. the Board returned to regular session.

DeNaeyer moved and Storer seconded to approve Claim #20094461 and Claim #20094520. Roll call vote: Ayes – DeNaeyer, Storer. Abstain – Ward. The motion carried.

September 8, 2020
Cherry County Claims Listing
Claims were presented in the amount of \$1,765.42 and disallowed in the amount of \$-. A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of \$1,765.42
General Fund
Heart City Plumbing & Heating, Services, \$1,765.42

TOTAL \$1,765.42
Claims were presented in the amount of \$36.10 and disallowed in the amount of \$-.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$36.10
ROAD
Heart City Lock & Key/Charles Ward, Services, \$36.10

TOTAL \$36.10
Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve claims listed as follows. Roll call vote: Ayes – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

September 8, 2020
Cherry County Claims Listing
Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 50,129.26 and disallowed in the amount of \$-.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of \$50,129.26

GENERAL
Ainsworth Star Journal, Services, \$130.00; Allen Monument Company, Services, \$285.00; Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement, Withholdings/Retirement, \$170.51; Applied Connective Technologies, Services, \$367.45; Daniel Bauer, Reimbursement, \$14.00; Black Hills Chemical, Supplies, \$491.91; Bomgars, Supplies, \$19.07; Michael S. Borders, Services, \$2,074.26; Buckles Fuel Service, Services, \$36.71; Aisha Car, Services, \$2,670.50; CenturyLink, Telephone Service, \$176.49; Century-Link, Telephone Service, \$1,640.87; Cherry County Court, Court Fees, \$187.00; Cherry County Hospital, Services, \$1,325.00; Cherry County Sheriff, Services, \$16.00; Cherry County Treasurer, Bank Fees, \$5.00; Clearly Communications, Telephone Service, \$276.25; Consolidated Management, Services, \$110.29; Alisa Dailey, Gross Wages, \$1,515.65; DAS State Accounting 6506, Services, \$448.00; EFTPS, Withholdings/Taxes, \$351.14; Election Systems & Software, Services, \$332.31; Encartele Inc, Supplies, \$300.00; Firstnet/AT&T Mobility, Telephone Service, \$501.90; Frank Contracting LLC, Services, \$530.10; Fyr-Tek Inc, Services, \$72.29; Galls LLC, Services, \$1,034.12; Michelle Garwood, Reimbursement, \$117.78; Pat Greenough, Reimbursement, \$100.00; GRP & Associates, Services, \$201.00; Heart City Drug, Supplies, \$93.66; Heartland Paper Company, Supplies, \$53.32; Henderson's IGA, Supplies, \$87.43; Holiday Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$199.90; Hometown Lumber & Construction Inc, Supplies, \$27.99; ICS Jail Supplies, Supplies, \$1,555.20; Idemia Identity & Security USA, Services, \$4,543.00; Idville, Services, \$67.20; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, Supplies, \$141.89; Johnson Law Office, Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment, \$4,080.55; KBR Rural Public Power, Services, \$96.65; Kent Osnes (Kent's Auto Detailing), Services, \$130.00; Lifeguard MD Inc, Services, \$181.00; Meritain Health, Health Insurance Premiums, \$2,002.96; Microfilm Imaging, Services, \$136.00; Jackie Moreland, Reimbursement, \$333.16; Kay Morrison, Reimburse-

ment, \$72.70; NE Department of Revenue, Withholdings/Taxes, \$36.62; Nebraska Health & Human Services, Services, \$286.88; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip, Services, \$275.00; Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency, Services, \$180.00; Newman Signs Inc/Traffic Signs, Supplies, \$77.51; Office Products, Supplies, \$769.59; Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery, Supplies, \$112.00; Page My Cell, Services, \$3,000.00; Paper Tiger Shredding, Services, \$50.00; Petty Cash, Reimbursement, \$35.59; Pit Stall, Services, \$17.00; Prema, Services, \$98.85; Presto X, Services, \$81.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Services, \$4,700.00; Ron Lower Construction, Services, \$688.00; Sandhill Oil Company, Fuel, \$168.62; Cardmember Services, Supplies, \$52.43; Elior Inc, Summit Food Services, Services, \$1,379.43; Sundance Enterprises, Services, \$110.23; Three River Telco, Services, \$36.04; True Value Hardware, Supplies, \$42.27; US Cellular, Telephone Service, \$139.24; Valentine Midland News, Publishing Services, \$764.86; City of Valentine, Utilities, \$6,603.31; Ward Plumbing & Heating LLC, Services, \$431.60; Wex Bank, Fuel \$1,029.99

GROSS TOTAL \$50,469.27
Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings (\$340.01)
NET TOTAL \$50,129.26

Claims were presented in the amount of \$82,984.12 and disallowed in the amount of \$-.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$82,984.12
ROAD

Andy's Glass Shop, Services, \$325.00; B's Enterprises Inc, Services, \$2,380.00; Bacon Repair, Services, \$1,196.52; Bluetarp Financial Inc, Services, \$1,269.99; Bomgars, Supplies, \$1,027.82; Buckles Fuel Service Inc, Services, \$15.00; Cherry County Implement, Services, \$39.10; Cody Oil Company, Services, \$1,628.52; Consolidated Telephone, Telephone Service, \$241.04; Custer Public Power District, Services, \$164.16; Dale's Tire & Retreading Inc, Services, \$1,614.00; DAS State Accounting 6507, Services, \$27.70; Dooley Oil, Services, \$1,559.91; Farritor Auto Parts, Supplies, \$40.00; Great Plains Communications, Telephone Service, \$119.73; Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply, Supplies, \$358.25; Heinert Ag Service, Services, \$35.32; Hometown Lumber & Construction, Supplies, \$7.06; Huskerland Communications, Supplies, \$3.99; J&J Trailer Sales, Services, \$1,412.94; Journal Entry, Refund -\$34.50; John Deere Financial, Services, \$169.38; KBR Rural Public Power District, Utilities, \$190.57; Lanair Products LLC, Services, \$204.48; Martin Auto Parts, Services, \$73.82; Menards, Supplies, \$191.89; Mips Inc, Services, \$180.00; Mullen Auto & Diesel, Services, \$5,457.65; Mullen Motor Company, Services, \$795.67; Nebraska Dept of Correctional Service, Services, \$29,472.25; Nebraska Machinery Company/NMC Inc, Services, \$8,395.24; Nebraska Public Power District, Utilities, \$50.51; Nebraska Truck Center, Services, \$4,669.84; Newman Signs Inc/Traffic Signs, Supplies, \$85.88; Office Products Center, Supplies, \$425.31; The Parts Company, Supplies, \$47.73; Perrett Construction LTD, Services, \$144.95; Petty Cash, Reimbursement, \$20.00; Pit Stall, Services, \$253.40; Platte Valley Communications, Services, \$423.60; PREMA, Services, \$120.33; Sandhill Oil Company Inc, Fuel, \$9,483.21; Security First Bank, Services, \$7,094.52; Sundance Enterprises, Services, \$12.00; Tehrani Motor Company, Services, \$265.00; Truck Center Companies, Services, \$121.50; True Value, Supplies, \$300.00; Uline, Services, \$196.74; US Cellular, Services, \$68.68; Valentine Medical Clinic, Services, \$260.00; Valentine Midland News, Services, \$179.50; City of Valentine, Services, \$198.92

TOTAL \$82,984.12

Claims were presented in the amount of \$2,730.00 and disallowed in the amount of \$-.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of \$ 2,730.00
Emergency Bridge
Niobrara Valley Consultants, Services, \$2,730.00

TOTAL \$2,730.00

Claims were presented in the amount of \$171.35 and disallowed in the amount of \$-.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$171.35
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
CenturyLink, Services, \$171.35

TOTAL \$171.35

Claims were presented in the amount of \$2,900.00 and disallowed in the amount of \$-.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the 4000 Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of \$2,900.00
4000 Courthouse (Special Building)

Power Protection Products, Services, \$2,900.00
TOTAL \$2,900.00

The Board discussed changing the September 29, 2020 Commissioner meeting to September 30, 2020. As directed by NACO, the meeting date change will be published in the Valentine Midland News, sent to local news media, and posted on the Cherry County website.

At 4:38 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

These minutes are not the official record and may be corrected. A copy of the approved official minutes is available to the public in the Cherry County Clerk's Office.
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TOTAL \$2,900.00

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Valentine Community Schools Board of Education August meeting minutes

Valentine Community Schools Board of Education held a Regular Board meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 6:00 p.m. at Valentine High School, 431 N Green Street, Valentine, NE

1. Roll Call
Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Will Fischer, noting that the meeting was properly advertised according to policy, with a notice of time and place posted in three prominent places at least 48 hours before the beginning of the meeting.

Present - Will Fischer, Kent Lopez, Kris Larsen, Greg Gass, Shane Kime and Clinton Assarsson.

There were also eight guests present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Notice of Open Meetings Law
4. Review of Agenda
- 4.1. Publication of Notice
- 4.2. Notes Regarding Agenda
- 4.3. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Kris Larsen and seconded by Shane Kime, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kris Larsen: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

5. Public Comment
6. Action Items

6.1. Consent Agenda
Approval of consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Shane Kime and seconded by Kris Larsen, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kris Larsen: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

6.1.1. Approval of Minutes from Regular Board of Education Meeting July 8, 2020

6.1.2. Approval of Minutes from Student Fees Policy Hearing July 8, 2020

6.1.3. Approval of Minutes from Parental Involvement Policy Hearing July 8, 2020

6.1.4. Treasurer's Report

6.1.5. Approval of Regular Claims from the General Fund

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6.2. Reports

6.2.1. Special Education Coordinator's Report

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6.3. Approve Return to School plan

Valentine Community Schools will adopt changes to the document as needed.

Approve return to school plan as presented. This motion, made by Greg Gass and seconded by Shane Kime, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kris Larsen: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

6.4. Title IX updated policies 2006 and 3057

Review and Approval of Title IV updated policies 2006 and 3057 as presented. This motion, made by Greg Gass and seconded by Kent Lopez, Passed.

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6.5. Approve use of local substitutes for the 2020-2021 school year

Approval of the use of local substitutes for the 2020-2021 school year. This motion, made by Shane Kime and seconded by Kris Larsen, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kris Larsen: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

6.6. Review and award propane bid for the 2020-2021 school year

There were also bids from CHS: \$.95 firm and \$.91 pre-paid and Central Valley Ag: \$1.03 firm, \$.95 for first month and \$.01 each month after escalating, \$.98 pre-paid

Approval of the propane bid award for the 2020-2021 school to Sandhill Oil Co. at the price of \$.86 per gallon pre-paid delivered. This motion, made by Shane Kime and seconded by Kent Lopez, Passed.

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6.7. Set rate of tuition for 2020-2021 school year

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6.9. Approve contract with Stacy Stec for 1.0 fte school nurse position

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6.11. Review of 2019-2020 and planning for 2020-2021 budgets

6.12. Executive Session - Staff Negotiations

Mr. Halley will provide information from Rex Shultze of the Perry Law firm.

Motion to go into closed executive session at 7:17 p.m. for the purpose of holding a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining. This motion, made by Kris Larsen and seconded by Clinton Assarsson, Passed.

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Valentine City Council meeting minutes

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The Council and those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

Council President Kyle Arganbright opened the meeting with the following Council members in attendance: Neil Wescott, Dave Otradovsky, Kalli Kieborz, Andrew Ward (8:00 p.m.). Also in attendance were City Manager Shane Siewert and City Clerk Deanna Schmit recorded the minutes.

Councilmember Wescott made a motion to approve consent agenda items: #2a) Regular Library Board meeting minutes of August 24, 2020; #3a) Regular City Council Meeting minutes of August 13, 2020; #4) July, 2020 Financial Reports; #5) August, 2020 Receipt Report; #6) August, 2020 Claims & Payroll. Councilmember Kieborz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Otradovsky made a motion, seconded by Arganbright, to release the 1976 utilities easement between Berean Fundamental Church of Valentine and the City of Valentine. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Arganbright made a motion, seconded by Kieborz, to allocate \$3,000.00 for funding of the Eagle Scout project to build benches and trash cans along the cowboy trail connection trail. Motion carried unanimously.

7:10 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to advertisement in the Midland News and Nebraska State Statutes Sections 13-501 to 13-512, a Public Hearing was opened to receive comments on the City of Valentine proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year budget.

7:10 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to advertisement in the Midland News and Nebraska State Statutes Section 77-1601.02, a Public Hearing was opened to receive comments in setting the final tax request for fiscal year 2020-2021.

An update from Olsson about the community center feasibility study on the old gym was presented via zoom.

7:20 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to notice in Valentine Midland News a public hearing was opened to consider rezoning the following:

From Residential (R-2) to Highway Commercial (C1) a tract of land located within the following legal description: Drive In Addition, Lot 13, Blk 1, Valentine, Cherry Co, Nebraska

7:20.45 p.m. The public hearing for zoning consideration was closed.

No action was taken on Ordinance 2020-2237M for rezoning from Residential (R-2) to Highway Commercial (C1) a tract of land located within the following legal description: Drive In Addition, Lot 13, Blk 1, Valentine, Cherry Co, Nebraska, due to the request being withdrawn by the owner of the property.

No action was taken concerning the request by Karla Fox to consider subdividing her property which has two houses on one lot.

7:59 p.m. The public hearing to consider the 2020-2021 budget was closed.

7:59 p.m. The public hearing to set the final tax request for fiscal year 2020-2021 was closed.

Councilmember Arganbright made a motion, seconded by Otradovsky, to adopt Ordinance No.

2020-2238M, an Ordinance of the City of Valentine, Cherry County, Nebraska, to adopt the budget statement to be termed the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Motion carried four to one.

Councilmember Otradovsky made a motion, seconded by Arganbright, to adopt Resolution No. 0910201 setting the property tax request for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$433,318.84. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Otradovsky made a motion, seconded by Kieborz, to adopt Resolution #0910203 providing for Water Rates and Fees. Motion carried three to two.

Councilmember Otradovsky made a motion, seconded by Kieborz to adopt Resolution #0910204 providing for Sewer Rates and Fees. Motion carried three to two.

Councilmember Wescott made a motion, seconded by Otradovsky, to adopt the Resolution to surplus the airport tractor. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business before the council, Council Chairperson Arganbright declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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

Deanna Schmit
City Clerk

Acushnet Company, Golf Clubhouse Supplies, \$913.29; Adamsons Distributing, Beer, \$2,668.70; Aflac, Insurance Premiums, \$1,138.64; American Agricultural Lab, Water Testing Fees, \$126.10; Retirement Plans Division, Pension, \$14,119.09; Apparea, Rug Services/Supplies, \$187.08; Susan Neujahr Beel, City Attorney Insurance Reimb, \$1,148.97; Duane Bellin, Fly In Announcer, \$250.00; Blackhills Chemical Co., Kru1320 Center Pull Towels, \$174.94; Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance Premiums, \$31,954.20; Bomgaars Supply, Supplies/Small Tools/Dog Food, \$404.86; Border States Electric, Inventory Supplies, \$374.50; Brown Transfer Co., Liquor Freight, \$193.99; Callaway, Clubhouse Supplies, \$300.33; Cardinal Snacks Inc, Clubhouse Supplies, \$569.71; Cherry County Clerk, Filing Fees, \$48.00; Cherry County Hospital, Fly In Ambulance Stdby Fee, \$300.00; Cherry County Implement, Starter Chipper Truck, \$271.12; City Of Valentine-Petty Cash, Postage/Toner/Ice, \$118.18; City of Valentine-Util Billing, Utilities, \$24,641.77; Cleveland Golf/Srixon, Pro Shop Resale, \$700.74; Conoco, Gas/Car Wash, \$73.08; Consolidated Fleet Services, Hot Tools/Truck Testing, \$2,912.50; Core & Main Lp, Inventory Supplies, \$3,430.06; D & L Sand & Gravel LLC, 3 Loads Sand, \$144.00; Dept 135-01 Avfuel Corp, Av Fuel Purchase, \$13,607.18; Dutton Lanson, Inventory Supplies, \$5,087.39; Econo Lodge, Fly In Rooms, \$154.58; Edwards Environmental Corp., Bio-Regen Fog, \$410.00; Ets Corporation, Credit Card Fee, \$1,120.38; Central Valley Ag, 267 Gal Red Diesel, \$451.23; Federal Express, Chipper Blade Shipping, \$15.99; Floor Maintenance&Paper Supply, Trash Bags, \$33.50; Dearborn National Life Insurance, Insurance Premiums, \$1,706.78; Good Life Architecture LLC, Facade Program Contract, \$500.00; Hach Company, Inventory Supplies, \$218.09; Hawkins, Inc., Chemicals, \$3,202.14; Heartland Consumers Power Dist, Power Purchased, \$103,921.82; Henderson's IGA, Concessions Food, \$423.18; Hometown Lumber, Drill/Supplies, \$654.12; Ibew Local 1597, Union Dues, \$376.96; Ingram Library Services, Books/Marc Records, \$1,089.52;

Internal Revenue Service, Fed/Fica Tax, \$28,887.36; Stuart C Irby, Uniform Pants, \$303.80; Johnson Service Co, Clean And Vac Sewer Main, \$17,336.70; KBR Rural Public Power, Utilities @ Landfill, \$68.09; League Of Nebr Municipalities, Membership Dues 9/1-8/31/21, \$1,655.00; Libdata, Time Management Pgm Annual Fee, \$400.00; Masek Golf Car Company, Golf Cart Maintenance, \$341.33; Mid American Research, Break Away Nut Loosen, \$398.79; Valentine Midland News, Publications/Scale Tkts, \$1,043.57; Midwest Laboratories, July Lab Tests, \$297.00; Midwest Turf & Irrigation, Repair To 328-D Mower, \$1,739.24; Wendy Murphy, American Heart Assc Cpr Class, \$318.00; Ne Dept Environmental Quality, Annual Operating Fee, \$7,500.00; Ne Dept Of Labor Ach, State Taxes, \$4,070.45; Ne Public Hlth Env Laboratory, Water Tests, \$477.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Power Purchased, \$78,116.29; Nebraska Child Support Ach, Child Support, \$379.40; Nebraska Department Of Revenue, July Sales Tax Pd Aug, \$29,476.09; Nebraska Dept Of Agriculture, Annual Dog Pound Fee, \$175.00; Nebraska Dept. Of Aeronautics, Ndb Charges, \$160.00; Nebraska Technology & Telecom, Telephone Service, \$931.66; Nebraska Youth Center, Prisoner Care, \$360.00; Optk Networks, Internet, \$30.00; Nk Waste Inc, Waste Billed/Waste Pkup/Mow, \$34,954.21; Northwest Community Action, Internet Service, \$12.00; Office Products Center, Off/Supplies/Copier Agreement, \$105.68; Olsson, Engineering, \$499.83; Omaha World Herald, Annual Subscription, \$301.60; One Call Concepts Inc, Utility Locates, \$28.04; The Parts Company, Vehicle/Equip Repair Parts, \$1,151.74; Pepsi Cola Of Western Nebraska, Concessions, \$667.20; Donald L Pettigrew, Street Supt Agreement, \$1,433.26; Pit Stall Inc, 2 Tires-Diesel Pickup, \$523.60; Premier Parts, O-Ring, \$0.90; Quality Brands Of North Platte, Beer, \$2,319.40; Reese, Inc., Ac Repair/Tank Rent, \$586.95; Republic National Distributing, Liquor, \$5,195.40; Rosebud Office Solution, Toner Cartridge, \$102.12; Sandhill Oil Co, Gasoline, \$1,509.67; Sandhills Aero Service, Fuel Pumped/Maint Agreemt, \$3,468.60; Sandhills Wireless Llc, Wireless Internet, \$260.00; Sanitas Technologies, Software License Renewal, \$195.00; Scotty's Ranchland Foods, Fly In Flour, \$56.71; Jamon Slama, Headlight Reimbursement, \$10.69; Stadium Sports/Outback Print, Pro Shop Resale, \$504.68; Tehrani Motors, Vehicle Repair, \$646.16; Three River, Internet Services, \$271.87; Tony's Tire & Auto Repair, Vehicle Repair, \$383.51; True Value Hardware, Supplies, \$102.84; Tsys Merchant Solutions, Credit Card Fee, \$451.01; U S Cellular, Cell Phones, \$402.59; Us Foods - Grand Island, Concessions, \$1,250.58; Valentine Community Schools, Liquor/Tobacco License Fee, \$4,075.00; Valentine Wind Llc, Wind Power Purchased, \$22,357.64; Vanwall, Equipment, \$32.8

Village of Cody meeting minutes

The Village of Cody held a regular meeting September 8 which was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Chairperson Richards who stated the time, place and posting of the Open Meeting Act. Present were Richards, Williams, Peterson, and Fish. Hamilton was also present along with guests Betty Williams, Brent Collier and Chad Schneider.

Agenda: A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Fish to approve the agenda. After discussion all voted in favor; motion passed. A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Fish to approve the appropriate minutes, treasurer's report, and disbursements. After discussion, all present voted in favor; motion passed. Reports can be viewed at the Cody post office and online at www.villageofcody.com

New Business: A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Williams to remove Josh Jones as back-up water operator effective December 31, 2020. All voted in favor; motion passed. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Peterson to accept the resignation of Bonnie Hamilton as Village Clerk. All voted in favor; motion passed. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Fish to approve the Husker Hub liquor license for 2020-2021. All voted in favor; motion passed. A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Williams to accept Resolution #0908200 allowing the signing of the municipal annual certification of program compliance for 2020

to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards by the Village Board Chairperson. All voted in favor; motion passed. Adjourn: A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Fish to adjourn meeting at 8:35 p.m. All present voted in favor; motion passed.

Submitted by Bonnie Hamilton, Clerk Disbursements September 8, 2020

EFTPS-\$761.93, NE-Dept. of Revenue-Sales Tax-\$51.37, Nebraska DHHS-\$508.14, Cherry County DMV-License for Toyota Truck-\$10.25, Heart City Lock and Key-\$10.50, Richard Reiser-Toyota Truck-\$1,700.00, Savings Account-(equipment fund)-\$250.00, NE Public Health Enviro. Lab (water testing)-\$15.00, Heart City Plumbing-couplers-\$64.10, Cody Oil (Gas, oil)-\$324.66, Cody Oil (propane contract)-\$1,404.00, Valentine Midland News (minutes publication)-\$26.84, Johnson Service (sewer cleaning)-\$2,540.70, Heinert Ag (battery and shop light)-\$203.88, Bomgaars (supplies)-\$641.01, KBR-\$1,580.30, NK Waste (dumpster)-\$444.80, Bonnie Hamilton-Salary-\$689.05, Richard Reiser-Salary-\$2,278.36, Holly Fay (hall management and maintenance)-\$50.00, EMC (insurance)-\$168.00, Great Plains (phone, internet)-\$97.65, City of Valentine (trash)-\$456.66, Hometown Lumber (shelves)-\$65.50
Total: \$14,342.70.

18045-16 ZNEZ

Notice Of Organization of Sharp Liquors, L.L.C.

A Nebraska Limited Liability Company

Notice is hereby given that Sharp Liquors L.L.C., a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its registered office at 273 N. Main St., P. O. Box 349, Valentine, Nebraska, 69201. The general nature of its business is to engage in and do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under

the laws of the State of Nebraska. The company was organized and commenced on July 27, 2020 and will exist in perpetuity.

The affairs of the company are to be conducted by its members.

Eric A. Scott
Attorney At Law
P.O. Box 349
Valentine, NE 69201
402-376-1803
402-376-1964 fax
18018-2, 9, 16 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
18028-2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ZNEZ

Cherry County Veterans Service Committee

Notice is hereby given that a quarterly meeting of the Cherry County Veterans Service Committee will be held at 7:00 p.m. CT on Monday, September 21, 2020. The meeting will be held at the County Veteran Service Office, 365 N. Main St., Suite 2. The meeting is open to the public. The agenda for the meeting is kept current and is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Veteran Service Office.

18033-9, 16 ZNEZ

Cherry County Board of Commissioners

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners regularly scheduled meeting has been changed from Tuesday, September 29 to Wednesday, September 30. The Board will meet on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. CST in the Sheriff's Conference Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, located at 365 N Main St, Valentine. A current agenda is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

18057-16, 23, 30 ZNEZ

Cherry County Board of Corrections

The Cherry County Board of Corrections regularly scheduled meeting has been changed from Tuesday, September 29 to Wednesday, September 30. The Board will meet on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. CST in the Sheriff's Conference Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, located at 365 N Main St, Valentine. A current agenda is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

18058-16, 23, 30 ZNEZ

Cherry County Board of Equalization

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners will convene in special session as a Board of Equalization on September 30, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. CST in the Sheriff's Conference Room of the Cherry County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is discussion and action regarding taxable status of two properties and to consider any other property valuation issues that may come before the board.

18056-16 ZNEZ

Notice

A total of 153 cases will be heard by the Board in September, 2020. The following case(s) sentenced in Cherry County will be seen by the Board of Parole. Due to COVID-19 lockdown, the Hearing Date has changed to the following:

September 30, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.
Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska
Carr, Christopher, 85833, Burglary (3 counts)

Rosalyn Cotton, Chair
Nebraska Board of Parole
18055-16 ZNEZ

Village of Wood Lake

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Cherry County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 18 day of September 2020, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Village Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2018-2019 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	51,816.08
2019-2020 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$	55,921.11
2020-2021 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$	119,500.00
2020-2021 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$	4,947.83
2020-2021 Total Resources Available	\$	124,447.83
Total 2020-2021 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	9,090.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$	3,260.57

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$	9,090.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$	-

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1601.02, that the governing body will meet on the 18 day of September 2020, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Village Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2019	2020	Change
Operating Budget	111,500.00	119,500.00	7%
Property Tax Request	\$ 7,555.00	\$ 9,090.00	20%
Valuation	2,225,894	2,029,859	-9%
Tax Rate	0.339414	0.447814	32%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.372193		

18059-16 ZNEZ



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Sinte Gleska University Job Announcement

POSITION: Chief Financial Officer

DEPARTMENT: Finance Office

SUPERVISOR: President/Executive Vice President **CONTRACT:** 12 mo./Salary commensurate with experience

JOB SUMMARY: This is an administrative position responsible for managing the business and financial services of the University. This position exists to support other administrators and department heads, helping them determine how to accomplish their objectives and thereby providing a supportive foundation for organizational success. As the universities' Chief Financial Officer, this position provides collaborative financial management leadership, ensures short and long-term fiscal health, oversees the business practices of the university, and ensures that the budget is linked to and supportive of the university's strategic plan.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Know the requirements for non-profit accounting including the rules and regulations outlined in OMB Circulars A-133, A-110, and A-122.
- Must be skilled in database software including Excel and Access.
- Must know how to use Jenzabar data management system or be willing and able to use it for cost accounting functions so that timely and accurate budgets and expenditure reports are available.
- Must be able to provide direct supervision to finance office staff including accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, student billing, property & supply and accounting.
- Have a clear and comprehensive understanding of budgeting, budget processes, and financial reporting.
- Be knowledgeable about, and be able to oversee grants and contracts functions.
- Be highly organized with attention to details needed for timely and accurate reporting to staff, administration, board of regents, and funders.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree in business administration or closely related field, or
- Bachelor's degree in accounting,
- Certified Public accountant (CPA) preferred.
- 4-6 years experience with day-to-day financial operation with an organization of 50 persons or more.
- 2 years minimum supervisory experience,
- 2 years experience with tribal programs or tribal colleges or universities preferred.
- Equivalent combination of education and experience will be considered.

To apply-Submit a completed SGU job application and Resume' with a copy of your Diploma or equivalent, Transcripts, verification of College Degree(s), Driver's license. Tribal ID or abstract to the HR Department no later than September 30, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m. CST, or open until filled. For more information contact Brenda I. Farmer HR Director @SGU Administration office/Antelope Lake campus or call (605)856-8100 ext. 8561/or Brenda.Farmer@sintegleska.edu. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.



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Notice of Incorporation of Lady Wranglers, Inc.

Initial Registered Office: P.O. Box 46, 114 E. 3rd St., Valentine, NE 69201

Initial Registered Agent: Scott D. Peterson

The corporation shall engage in any lawful business for which a corporation may be formed under the Nebraska Nonprofit Corpo-

ration Act. The corporation is a public benefit corporation.

The corporation shall have members.

Scott D. Peterson, Incorporator
P.O. Box 46, 114 E. 3rd St.
Valentine, Nebraska 69201
18010-2, 9, 16 ZNEZ

Trend-setting daffodils for gardens and bouquets

by Melinda Myers

Daffodils are having their day. Floral designers are opening our eyes to a world of gorgeous daffodils that extends far beyond the iconic yellow trumpets. These unexpected varieties include doubles, bi-colors and split cups, in colors such as creamy white, peach, pink, gold and orange. Plant the bulbs in fall to see these beauties emerge in your spring garden. Then enjoy how they elevate all your spring bouquets.

A benefit of planting some of these more unusual varieties is being able to stretch the daffodil season. Be sure to include some early bloomers such as miniature Tete a Tete. Another early bloomer is Barrett Browning. This heirloom variety's orange-red cup has a yellow halo at the base, set off by bright white petals. Silver Smiles is a subtle beauty. A cluster of two or three little flowers tops each stem. Greenish-white petals surround a pale-yellow cup that fades to buff and then white.

Pink-cupped daffodils have been around for almost 100 years yet are still relatively unusual. Grow them in filtered sunlight to accentuate the color. Blushing Lady has yellow petals and a flared, salmon-pink cup. Turn up the pink even more with Pink Pride. Another early-blooming variety, it features a ruffled cup that opens apricot and gradually turns coral pink.

As early daffodils begin to fade, midseason varieties take center stage. This is the time for split corona and double daffodils. Both types work well with the more traditional daffodils, while adding flair to gardens and arrangements.

Instead of a trumpet, the cup of a split corona daffodil is split into sections. These split cups may be ruffled or pleated and often lay flat against the outer petals. One of the showiest split cup daffodils is Cum Laude. Its white petals frame

a frilly, peachy-yellow cup with a green eye. Include other split-cup varieties such as Cassata, with a delicate ruffled yellow split cup and white petals, or Lemon Beauty with a star-like yellow cup set against white petals. Can't decide? Plant a split-cup assortment to find your favorites.

Close out the season with double daffodils. Their fluffy flowers resemble roses, and most varieties are fragrant. Delnashaugh (longfield-gardens.com) is one of the most impressive doubles. Its enormous, four inch flowers feature layers of frilly white and peach-pink petals. Tahiti is just as large, with soft yellow petals and red-orange ruffles.

Two of the latest bloomers are also two of the most fragrant: Cheerfulness and Yellow Cheerfulness. Each stem is topped with a mini bouquet of three or four little rose-like flowers, each the size of a cherry tomato. They are incredibly beautiful and extremely long-lasting.

In a vase, daffodils can essentially arrange themselves. The more flower forms and colors you include, the better. Have a little more time? Add a few stems of forsythia or curly willow and some other spring favorites such as bleeding heart, tulips and hyacinths.

The stems of freshly cut daffodils release a clear sap that can shorten the life of other flowers. Conditioning your daffodils is easy and eliminates this risk. Cut the stems to the final length and stand them in a clean container of cool water for four to six hours. After that, they can be combined with tulips and other blooms. Just remember to not recut the stems.

Nothing says spring like a yellow trumpet daffodil. But with so many other flower styles and colors to choose from, why not stretch your boundaries and discover some new favorites?



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Panhandle Perspectives: Blister beetle in alfalfa

by Gary Stone, Extension Educator, Invasive & Resistant Pest Issue Team

Last year in another state, 14 horses died and another 100 were sickened from hay that contained blister beetles. Usually Blister beetles are not a problem, but growers should be aware of the insect and what to scout for in their fields.

The Pest:
The blister beetle (scientific name *Epicauta* spp., order Coleoptera, family Meloidae) includes several species: ash-gray blister beetle (*Epicauta fabricii*), black blister beetle (*Epicauta pennsylvanica*), three-striped blister beetle (*Epicauta vittata*), and spotted blister beetle (*Epicauta maculata*).

Life cycle:
The Blister beetle complete metamorphosis life cycle is unusual, complex and contains several immature forms. Blister beetles overwinter in a pseudo pupae stage in the soil. Final pupation occurs after an increase in temperature and moisture in the spring, from which adults emerge, usually in June and July. The adults congregate and feed on pollen, flowers and leaves of the host plant. The next generation begins when the adults mate and there is one generation per year. Two to three weeks after mating, the female adult beetles deposit up to six clutches of eggs, each containing 100 eggs in the soil near the host plants. After about two weeks, the eggs hatch into tiny mobile larvae called triungulins with legs designed for active movement in the soil. These larvae then search for food, primarily grasshopper eggs and solitary bee larval cells. As these larvae feed, they proceed through three more instars, gradually losing their legs and becoming sedentary. This final instar stage then transforms into the pseudo pupae form to overwinter in the soil to start the process again the next spring.

Identifying characteristics of damaging stages:
The adult blister beetles are the stage of the insect that causes damage to the host plant, usually alfalfa. Blister beetle adults range from 3/8 to 1 inch in length. The adults have long, cylindrical, soft bodies with heads wider than the pronotum, with the later giving the appearance of a neck. Color and size of the Blister beetle adults found in Nebraska and Wyoming vary by species. The antennae and legs are generally moderately long in the adults.

The ash-gray blister beetle, *Epicauta fabricii*, is approximately 1/2 inch in length and gray in color. The black blister beetle, *Epicauta pennsylvanica*, is also about 1/2 inch in length and is completely black. The three-striped blister beetle, *Epicauta vittata*, is approximately 5/8 inch in length with either two or three stripes down each of the elytra. The spotted blister beetle, *Epicauta maculata*, is similar in size and is black in color, covered with small white-colored hairs, except where the small black spots show through on the elytra.

Damage:
The damage consists of feeding on the pollen, flowers and leaves of the host plant. Other crops, such as garden vegetables, potatoes, sugar beets, canola, soybeans and certain weeds can also be attacked. Damage to these plants can be extensive, although localized, and the real danger from this insect is to livestock.
The blister beetles contain a chemical substance called cantharidin. This stable chemical compound is an irritant and toxin that causes blisters on the external and internal/gastrointestinal body tissues of the livestock and to humans if they are exposed to the compound. Horses are particularly sensitive to this compound, followed by cattle and sheep, and the toxin has caused the death of these animals.
The cantharidin content concentration will vary by species, size and sex of the Blister beetle. Female blister beetles will have less cantharidin concentration in their bodies than males. During haying operations, the blister beetles are trapped in the harvested crop and whether they are alive or dead, the cantharidin still remains in the insect body parts or is released to contaminate the hay and can be ingested by the livestock, causing the damage or death of the animal. The table shows the extent of blister beetle damage to horses.
Scouting, population assessment, and economic threshold:
There are no economic or treatment thresholds for Blister beetles. If the hay crop being harvested and marketed as horse feed / forage, the

producer should scout the fields prior to harvest to determine if the beetles are present. Then the producer can decide if a course of action is warranted, whether chemical and / or cultural.

Management options:
Biocontrol: There are no known biocontrol options at this time.

Chemical control: There are no currently labeled seed treatments or at planting products available for blister beetles. Foliar applications, whether by ground or air, include carbaryl, pyrethrins, chlorantraniliprole + lambda-cyhalothrin, gamma-cyhalothrin, chlorpyrifos + gamma-cyhalothrin, chlorpyrifos + lambda-cyhalothrin, lambda-cyhalothrin. These provide limited control as they are short-lived and timing of application is critical for maximum efficacy against the target pest(s). Blister beetles are mobile and can move into the crop at any time. Application of insecticides will kill the beetle, but the bodies and therefore the cantharidin will potentially remain in the hay crop to be ingested by livestock.
Preharvest interval is very important when using insecticides for this pest. Ground application carrier rates vary by product label, but in general are a minimum of five gallons per acre (GPA) to 20 GPA or "adequate for coverage". Aerial application carrier rates also vary by product label, but in general are a minimum of one GPA to five GPA.
There are many different product label names that contain the same or similar active ingredients and formulations, but may not have the site / crop listed on the label. Use of products without the site / crop listed is a violation of federal law. Not all common name products, active ingredients and their methods of application are listed and are not limited to these shown. Chemigation may be a method of application on some product labels and additional information such as application set-backs / buffer zones from well heads, bodies of water, drift, etc. should be reviewed.
Chemical controls are part of an IPM program and all options should be considered when implementing one. When considering a chemical

option, the producer must read, understand and follow all label directions. Producers who have any questions should consult the chemical representative and/or local agricultural chemical dealer or applicator.
Some items to review when considering a chemical treatment option or options are the preharvest interval and the replant interval to other crops after application. Other items include tank mixes, tank mix compatibility, tank mix order of mixing, and timing of application when considering bees and other pollinators. The product(s) may be a restricted use pesticide, application records may need to be kept, the field may have to be posted prior to and after application. The producer should also consult the local agricultural chemical dealer, applicator, chemical representative and / or local extension personnel to determine the efficacy history and any known pest resistance. Most product labels now contain and are classified by "insecticide mode of action groups" to help manage insect resistance.
Cultural control: Methods and types of haying will help reduce the number of blister beetles in harvested forage. Use of haying equipment without conditioners has shown to reduce the number of dead beetles. If the hay is harvested in this manner and the hay is allowed to dry in the windrows, the majority of blister beetles can move out of the windrows before the hay is baled.
The use of sicklebar mowers has shown an increase in blister beetles in the harvested crop because the blister beetles are crushed driving over the cut hay and then picked up when raked into windrows and baled. Hay harvested early in mid-May and later in the season, usually after early September, are less likely to have blister beetle in it.
Physical control: No physical controls are available for the management of Blister beetles in field crop situations.
Plant-resistant controls: No known plant-resistant blister beetle varieties of alfalfa are available to producers at this time.

Meeting Notices
North Central Community Partnership
North Central Community Care Partnership and Area Substance Abuse Prevention coalition would like to notify and invite community members to the September 18 meeting, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in O'Neill. The mission of A.S.A.P. is to promote substance abuse prevention through action, balance, and choices. If you would like more information, please contact the coalition coordinators Whitney Abbott at 402-336-2406.

Sand Painters Art Guild
The Sand Painters Art Guild's September meeting will take place Saturday, September 26 at Debby Galloway's home south of Kilgore.

Members attending should bring their favorite Plein Art materials and photography essentials for use that day.
Debby will be furnishing lunch so please let her know by Wednesday, September 23, if you will be attending. A map to get to the Galloway home has been sent to members in an art guild email.
If you need information regarding this meeting, please contact Debby Galloway 402-389-2637 or Jan Knispel at 402-322-0087 or check the Sand Painters Art Guild Facebook page.

Meeting Notes
Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway
The Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway Highway 12 board members held a business meeting Thursday, August 27, 2020, 7:00 p.m. via teleconference. Roll call-Present: President-Connie Larrington; Vice-President-Marilyn Janovec-Knox; Marci Broyhill-Secretary-Dakota; Mary Eiler-Treasurer-General Membership; Excused: Connie Larrington-President-Keya Paha; Sharon Bruegman-Boyd; Rhonda Kneifl-Dixon; Angie Peitz-Cedar; Cherry County-Vacant.
Secretary, Marci Broyhill presented the minutes of the August 27, 2020, OTSB business meeting which were approved. Mary Eiler presented the treasurer's report which was put on file for audit.
Inventory of shirts and print media was reviewed.
Regarding OTSB Promotions-items discussed: 1) Marilyn indicated that OTSB's third sign was placed in the Lindy area. The fourth and final sign will be placed in the Verdell area. 2) Board members will submit article to local newspapers regarding the 20th Anniversary of the founding of OTSB. 3) rack card distribution. 4) Facebook and website. Mr. Kim Sawatzke is the new OTSB webmaster. 5) expand OTSB advertising to other print media in South Dakota to attract out-of-state tourists.
Due to the hardships caused by the March Flood of 2019 and Covid-19 of 2020, OTSB decided not to conduct their 2019 and 2020 Membership Drives. However, OTSB welcomes donations. OTSB discussed 2021 Membership Drive.
Board members indicated that tourism was low at the beginning of the summer and has increased mid and late summer.
Next meeting will be held via teleconference on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned 8:22 p.m.

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FYRA Engineering (www.fyraengineering.com) is a fast-growing water resources consulting firm that specializes in watershed and water quality planning, river and lake restoration, dam rehabilitation and design, levee certification and design, and stormwater management. We are seeking a detail-oriented, experienced, and organized engineer with a minimum of 5 years of experience to join our growing team in a new FYRA office in Valentine, Nebraska. This engineer will collaborate with other FYRA personnel experienced in watershed planning to assess, improve, and protect watersheds and streams in the Sandhills region of Nebraska.

Responsibilities:
This engineer will have a critical role on water resources projects, which include watershed planning, modeling, design and field work. Modeling work may include hydrologic, hydraulic, nutrient mass balance, and water quality modeling. Design work may include development of planning reports or technical memorandums, data analysis, conceptual designs, and construction plans and specifications. Field work may include site investigations, data collection, water sampling/monitoring, surveying, and construction observation of our projects. The split between office and field work will vary across projects and seasons. The ideal applicant should be team-oriented, able to guide project development and direct team members, communicate well with clients, and have experience with design and plan development on water resources projects. Candidate should be able to manage project budgets and client needs, assist with the preparation of project proposals, develop client relationships and tackle complex issues. Must be reliable and capable of leading other engineers in project and plan development.
Job Experience Requirements:
A minimum of five years of experience is desired, and experience with water resources-related projects (watershed planning, lakes, rivers/streams, dams, levees, stormwater work) is preferred. Candidate must be able to obtain licensure as a professional engineer in the State of Nebraska. Familiarity with AutoCAD/Civil 3D, GIS software, HEC-RAS, HEC-HMS, other modeling software, construction services, and/or surveying will be viewed favorably. The candidate should be a self-starter as they will be working remotely at times. FYRA has a strong backlog of work in the Valentine area and senior staff from our Omaha and Des Moines offices will work with the candidate to grow the practice.
Degree Requirements:
A Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering or equivalent from an accredited college or university. Water resources or environmental emphasis preferred.
Additional Requirements:
This position requires adequate written and oral skills in the English language, working knowledge of computers, and familiarity with relevant software. Candidates must have a valid driver's license and car insurance; occasional use of personal vehicles may be required.

Help Wanted
Full Time Scientist/Ecologist
Start immediately
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Responsibilities:
This opportunity will involve field work, planning, and permitting related to natural resource, ecology, and aquatic habitat associated as part of a comprehensive suite of water resources projects, including and stemming from watershed planning and implementation of improvement/conservation alternatives. Field work may include site investigations, data collection, water sampling/monitoring, surveying, and wetland delineations. The split between office and field work will vary across projects and seasons. The ideal applicant should be team-oriented, able to guide project development and direct team members, communicate well with clients, and have an understanding of environmental/ecological impacts, planning, and design of water resources projects. Candidate should be able to manage project budgets and client needs, assist with the preparation of project proposals, develop client relationships and tackle complex issues.
Job Experience Requirements:
Applicable experience is desired, and experience with water resources-related projects (watershed planning, lakes, rivers/streams, dams, levees, stormwater work) is preferred, but recent and upcoming graduates will be considered. The candidate should be a self-starter as they will be working remotely at times. FYRA has a strong backlog of work in the Valentine area and senior staff from our Omaha and Des Moines locations will work with the candidate to grow the practice.
Degree Requirements:
A Bachelor of Science in a related scientific field or equivalent from an accredited college or university is desired, and near future graduates will be considered as well. Ecology, Aquatic Biology or similar natural resources-based environmental education/background is preferred.
Additional Requirements:
This position requires adequate written and oral skills in the English language, working knowledge of computers, and familiarity with relevant software. Candidates must have a valid driver's license and car insurance; occasional use of personal vehicles may be required.

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LUNCH MENUS

Cody-Kilgore School

Monday, September 21 - Breakfast: (Cody) Scrambled eggs, cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk (Kilgore) Chocolate donut, cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch: (Cody)** Pork patty, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas, bread, fruit & salad bar & milk. (Kilgore) Chicken patty, bread, lettuce, relish tray, fruit & milk.

Tuesday, September 22 - Breakfast: (Cody) Tornado, cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk (Kilgore) Cherry turnover, cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch: (Cody)** Beef stroganoff or spaghetti, corn bread, fruit & salad bar & milk. (Kilgore) Italian dunkers, green beans, macaroni salad or potato salad, cookies, bread, lettuce, relish tray, fruit & milk.

Wednesday, September 23 - Breakfast: (Cody) Hashbrowns, cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk (Kilgore) French toast, cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch: (Cody)** Lasagna, green beans, garlic breadstick, fruit & salad bar & milk. (Kilgore) Pork rib, broccoli, bread, lettuce, relish tray, fruit & milk.

Thursday, September 24 - Breakfast: (Cody) Pancakes, cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk (Kilgore) Yogurt, cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch: (Cody)** Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle or tomato soup, crackers, broccoli, bread, fruit & salad bar, & milk. (Kilgore) Cooks choice, bread, lettuce, relish tray, fruit & milk.

Friday, September 25 - No School!!
*** All menus subject to last minute change!!

Valentine High School

Monday, September 21 - Breakfast: French toast sticks w/syrup dipping sauce, cereal choices w/toast, chocolate iced long john, Smucker's peanut butter & jelly Uncrustable, applesauce, juice & milk choices. **Lunch:** Baked ham & cheese sub, toasted cheese sandwich, crispy chicken sandwich, steamed broccoli, baby carrots, fresh & canned fruit of the day, and choice of milk.

Tuesday, September 22 - Breakfast: Bacon & egg breakfast pizza, cereal choices w/toast, ice long john, Smucker's peanut butter & jelly Uncrustable, fruit cocktail, juice & milk choices. **Lunch:** Baked combo sub, pork fritter sandwich, soft shell tacos, broccoli, refried beans, fresh & canned fruit of the day, and choice of milk.

Wednesday, September 23 - No School

Thursday, September 24 - Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy, cereal choices w/toast, Smucker's peanut butter & jelly Uncrustable, maple long john, peaches, juice & milk choices. **Lunch:** Baked ham & cheese sub, macaroni & cheese w/dinner roll, chicken nuggets w/dinner roll, broccoli, corn, carnival cookie, fresh & canned fruit of the day, and choice of milk.

Friday, September 25 - Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal choices w/toast, Smucker's peanut butter & jelly Uncrustable, iced long john, pineapple tidbits, juice & milk choices. **Lunch:** Baked ham & turkey sub, cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, honey glazed chicken on a biscuit, green beans, baby carrots, fresh & canned fruit of the day, and choice of milk. **Menus are subject to change without notice!!

Valentine Middle School

Monday, September 21 - Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal choices w/toast, applesauce, juice & milk choices. **Lunch:** Baked ham & cheese sub, toasted cheese sandwich, crispy chicken sandwich, steamed broccoli, baby carrots, fruit of the day, and choice of milk.

Tuesday, September 22 - Breakfast: Bacon & egg breakfast pizza, cereal choices w/toast, fruit cocktail, juice & milk choices. **Lunch:** Baked combo sub, pork fritter sandwich, soft shell tacos, broccoli, refried beans, fruit of the day, and choice of milk.

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Friday, September 25 - Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal choices w/toast, pineapple tidbits, juice & milk choices. **Lunch:** Baked ham & turkey sub, cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, honey glazed chicken on a biscuit, green beans, baby carrots, fruit of the day, and choice of milk. ** Menus are subject to change without notice!!

Valentine Elementary School

Monday, September 21 - Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal choices w/toast, applesauce, juice & milk choices. **Lunch:** Toasted cheese sandwich, crispy chicken sandwich, steamed broccoli, baby carrots, fruit of the day, and choice of milk.

Tuesday, September 22 - Breakfast: Bacon & egg breakfast pizza, cereal choices w/toast, fruit cocktail, juice & milk choices. **Lunch:** Pork fritter sandwich, soft shell tacos, broccoli, refried beans, fruit of the day, and choice of milk.

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Valentine Senior Center

Thursday, September 17 - Pork steak, buttered rice, carrots, beets, bread, applesauce.

Friday, September 18 - Chicken strips, baked beans, coleslaw, bread, pineapple.

Monday, September 21 - Sloppy joe, tater tots, green beans, tropical fruit.

Tuesday, September 22 - Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, September 23 - Lasagna, lettuce, garlic, bread, pears.

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GARAGE SALES

CENTENNIAL HALL Thrift Rooms have Christmas and Halloween items for sale. Thursday-Friday, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 3rd & Macomb, Valentine. Sack sale on clothes on going. (38A)



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Master Gardener tips

by **Kirstee Moore, Nebraska Extension Master Gardener**

Native plants for home landscapes: A native plant, or an indigenous plant, occurs naturally in a region without human introduction. Using native plants in the landscape translates to a lower maintenance, more sustainable

FOR RENT

STORAGE UNITS. Contact Great Plains Mini Storage, call 402-376-3421 or 402-376-4714. (1TF)

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CHERRY COUNTY Hospital is looking for a self-motivated, compassionate part-time laundry/housekeeper. Experience preferred, but not necessary, will train. Competitive benefit package. Interested individuals may pick up an application at CCH; send resume to Cherry County Hospital, PO Box 410, Valentine, NE 69201; or fill out an online application. CCH is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants are not obligated to disclose any sealed criminal record. (37-38A)

POLICE OFFICER-Valentine Police Department. The City of Valentine is seeking a highly-qualified applicant for the position of full-time Police Officer. Applicants must be U.S. citizens; 21 years of age; never convicted of a felony or serious misdemeanor by any Court, be in good physical condition and possess excellent moral character; possess a valid driver's license and a high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate. Applicants must meet

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all requirements for entry into the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center or have a current Nebraska Law Enforcement Certification. Applicant must be able to work weekends, holidays, and rotating shifts. Please send resume and cover letter to Chief Miller at 365 N Main St. Suite 10, Valentine, NE 69201 or email to valentinepd@cityofvalentine.com. The position will be opened until filled. The City of Valentine is an Equal Opportunity and Veteran Preference Employer. Salary based on experience. Contact Chief Dana Miller at 402-376-3055, 365 N Main St. Suite 10, Valentine, NE. (37-38A)

CHERRY COUNTY Clinic is seeking a friendly, compassionate and organized medical billing coder/medical records. 1 year rural health clinic coding experience is required. The position offers a competitive wage and fringe benefits including: paid health insurance, dental/vision insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, pension plan, paid time off and pharmacy program. Applications are available at the hospital or clinic and online at cherrycountyhospital.org. Cherry County Hospital is an EEO/Vet/Disabled employer. (37-40A)

THE VILLAGE of Cody, NE is accepting applications for a part-time Village Clerk position. The Village Clerk is the chief fiscal officer of the Village of Cody, serving as Treasurer of the Village Board. The clerk records, processes and oversees Village utility billing and maintains the books, records, and papers of the Village including all the official reports and communications of the Village Board. Applications are available by calling the clerk at 402-823-4118 or writing to Village of Cody, PO Box 118, Cody, NE 69211. Applications will be accepted until September 23, 2020 with interviews to follow. EOE (38-39A)

Shifting tobacco landscape in Nebraska

Legislative bills 840 and 1064 are shifting the tobacco landscape in Nebraska. With the conclusion of the 2020 Spring legislative session, e-cigarettes will no longer be welcome indoors and Nebraskans will have to wait until age 21 to purchase tobacco products.

Legislative Bill 840 was signed by Governor Ricketts on August 6, 2020 and will be in effect November 14, 2020. LB840 expands the Nebraska Clean Indoor Act to include electronic products. The Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act prohibits smoking in a place of employment or public place. LB840 would add electronic smoking devices to the definition of smoking, which would prohibit their use in a place of employment or public place except for "electronic smoking device retail outlets". This bill was introduced by Senator Mike Quick and cosponsored by Senators Crawford, Matt Hansen, Pansing Brooks, Walz and Kolowski. With the passage of LB840, Nebraska becomes the 20th state to prohibit the use of e-cigarettes in existing state smoke-free provisions.

Legislative Bill 1064 was signed by Governor Ricketts on August 15, 2020 and will be in effect October 1, 2020. LB1064 makes it illegal to sell tobacco products including electronic nicotine delivery systems to anyone under the age of 21. This bill was introduced by Senator Tom Briese and made Nebraska the 33rd state to raise the tobacco age to 21.

landscape as they require less water and no fertilizer. The deep root system allows moisture to thoroughly permeate the soil increasing the soils capacity to store water. This also helps reduce erosion. Incorporate native plants with other plants that have low water needs as well!

Prepare roses for cold weather: The arrival of winter in Western Nebraska can be unpredictable so give your roses time to shut down prior to damaging cold weather. Stop deadheading by September, as it encourages the rose to push new growth. By allowing the rose hips to develop naturally you will be rewarded with fall and winter interest. To overwinter hybrid tea roses apply two to three inches of soil around the base for an insulating layer that will protect the rose from cold snaps, and extreme weather.

Planting bulbs in fall: Planting bulbs in mid to late September is a great way to provide early spring color. Plant bulbs about six inches deep in clusters of five to six, placing them a few inches apart. Make sure the "pointy" side is up, and the roots are down. This is also a good time to divide rhizomes that have emerged from the soil. Using a soil knife, dig up rhizomes, then using clean pruners, divide the rhizome removing old "woody" sections.

Plant horizontally with any shoots level to the ground.

Energy-saving landscapes: A landscape doesn't only compliment your property esthetically, it can be an effective energy saving tool. Take windbreak design, for example: by planting a row of trees and shrubs on the west or northwest side of your home, wind is deflected over your home, reducing heating costs by lowering windchill. Dead airspace between the windbreak and your home provides insulation during winter. For an effective windbreak try incorporating shrubs and trees that have a low crown to block wind close to the ground

When designing landscape, consider plants' hardiness zones and water needs: There are many factors to consider when creating a sustainable and efficient landscape design. Important elements to keep in mind are the hardiness zones, and water needs of the plants you desire to use. When choosing plants by zone consider utilizing Zone four plants, as winters can be quite frigid here in the Panhandle. By grouping plants with similar water needs together in hydrozones you greatly reduce the risk of over watering or under watering various plants in the landscape which ultimately prevents plant loss.



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NET will hold 3 Funding Category meetings on-line via Zoom. You can only register for one meeting. Registration is limited. Written comments may be submitted to: Nebraska Environmental Trust, 700 S. 16th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 until October 23, 2020. Registration link is - <https://go.unl.edu/net2020meetings>

The meetings will be held online from 1:00pm - 4:00pm CDT on the following dates:
- Tues., Sep 29th, (Ferguson House, Lincoln)
- Tues., Oct 6th (Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce, Kearney)
- Wed., Oct 14th (Papio-Missouri River NRD office, Omaha)

These meetings allow the public to comment on the existing funding categories: Habitat, Water, Waste/Recycling, Air, and Soil. For more information, call 402-471-5409.



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Being near...

When they were in grade school, our children made up a routine of daily seat assignments in our cars. It began when they were much smaller and would argue over who got to sit in front. The pattern was carried out adamantly for years until we no longer chauffeured the three. The prized position for them was the front passenger seat. It was so special, so important, that it was nothing for one to declare, "Hey, did you forget? This is my day!" What that statement said, book bags, lunch sacks, guitar and

coats all were dutifully scraped together in one big heap and tossed into the back so that fairness would be rule. I've never been exactly sure why this was the seat of choice; but just between us, we hoped it was because they liked being near "Mommo" and "Daddo".

I have a favorite place where I like to sit too. It's a space in our

bedroom. I go there to be with my Father. With Bible, journal and pen I settle in quietly so that I can be "next to Him."

There I listen for His voice.

I soak in His truth and pour out my longings and needs.

He silently affirms His love. His pleasure is in

having me there beside Him. Recently I read from Psalms. I

POINTS TO PONDER

Pam Keech Bryan

Fully operational Incident Management Team created

LINCOLN – Governor Pete Ricketts and Major General Daryl Bohac, Director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), announced that, for the first time in its history, the State of Nebraska has a fully operational Type 3, All-Hazards Incident Management Team (IMT). NEMA Assistant Director Bryan Tuma, State Fire Marshal Chris Cantrell, and Nebraska Forest Service Director John Erixson joined the Governor and Maj. Gen. Bohac for the announcement.

"This new Incident Management Team is helping better coordinate Nebraskans to provide leadership during extended emergencies including wildfires, floods, and other disasters," said Gov. Ricketts. "When communities face challenges beyond the capabilities of local responders, Nebraska's qualified Incident Management Team can provide support to help protect communities and bring in additional resources."

An IMT works at the scene of a disaster to coordinate a response along with the State Emergency Operations Center at NEMA and federal partners, if needed, to secure resources and personnel that exceed a local jurisdiction's capabilities to respond to a wildfire or other disaster.

"The IMT demonstrates our continued commitment to building and maintaining strong partnerships for the benefit of the people of Nebraska," Maj. Gen. Bohac said. "Development of partnerships from the federal, state, to local level are an effective and efficient way to respond to all disasters."

Once a local jurisdiction declares an emergency, a state declaration

must be approved by Gov. Ricketts to allow state resources to be made available to aid in the response. Previously, state resources would provide assistance to local emergency managers during a disaster. With the new IMT in place, local jurisdictions can now request for the State to directly manage the disaster response.

A Type 3 IMT includes a minimum of eight command and general staff members who manage an incident after being delegated authority by a local jurisdiction faced with a disaster that exceeds its capabilities and resources. An Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) includes credentialed members who deploy as needed to integrate with local responders to assist them in managing their incident.

Team members can include trained command, operations, planning, logistics, and finance/administration personnel from different state agencies, fire departments, and local emergency management who work together within the confines of the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS is part of the National Incident Management System which allows the whole community to work together to manage all threats and hazards regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity.

Team activation is requested through local emergency managers to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. Under the Nebraska Emergency Management Act, an IMT or IMAT in Nebraska deploys as a State Emergency Response Team (SERT) under the authority of The Adjutant General of the Nebraska Military

Department. State Fire Marshal Chris Cantrell said the State made the choice to support responders and citizens of Nebraska with development of an IMT/IMAT because of lessons learned from previous large wildland fires.

"The support this team brings to firefighters, emergency management, local jurisdictions, and the citizens of this state is essential," Cantrell said. "A Type 3 team can provide relief to local jurisdictions when an incident increases in complexity, and can also help to get control of an incident before it becomes too complex, such as a Type 2 or Type 1 incident. The transition from a local incident management to a mid-level management has never been an option in our state before. This is a major milestone toward Nebraska being capable of assisting its citizens in their greatest time of need."

"Fires are just one of the reasons an IMT or IMAT would be deployed," NEMA Assistant Director Bryan Tuma said. "The team can assist with incident management activities during all-hazards events, including natural and human-caused events, as well as planned events."

"Having a state IMT is a cost-

effective way to respond to incidents," State Forester John Erixson said. "Cost of a national Type 1 and Type 2 team is considerably higher than that of a Type 3 team." Nationally, there are five types of IMTs:

• Type 5: A local village and township team composed primarily of fire officers from neighboring departments trained to serve in command and general staff positions during the first six to 12 hours of an incident.

• Type 4: A city, county, or fire district including fire, EMS, and law enforcement officers from a larger and generally more populated area during the first six to 12 hours of an incident.

• Type 3: A state or metropolitan area team comprised of several entities within a state or region, activated to support incident management at incidents of extended duration.

• Type 2: National and state teams used on smaller-scale national or state incidents.

• Type 1: The most robust IMT with the most training and experience. These teams operate through interagency cooperation of federal, state, and local land and emergency management agencies.

Drive Sober campaign results in 73 arrests

LINCOLN - Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) removed 73 impaired drivers from the road during the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign to close out the summer driving season.

"This summer driving season has been unique, but our troopers dedication to keeping Nebraska roads safe has been steadfast," said Colonel John Bolduc, Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. "As we move into the final months of the year, we encourage all drivers to do their part as well. For whatever reason you're traveling, drive safely and drive sober."

The effort, which ran from August 21 through September 7, was part of a national campaign involving law enforcement agencies throughout the country. NSP's portion of the effort was made possible thanks in part to the grant for \$20,000 from the Nebraska Department of Transportation - Highway Safety Office.

In addition to the 73 arrests for driving under the influence, troopers also issued 1,196 citations

for speeding, 97 for driving under suspension, 54 for no proof of insurance, 24 open container, 17 minor in possession, 26 no seat belt, and 13 improper child restraint. Troopers also performed 767 motorist assists for drivers in need of help on the road.

The campaign also marks the end of NSP's *100 Days of Summer* annual campaign focused on safe driving during the summer months. Between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend, troopers performed dozens of enforcement and education operations to keep Nebraska roads safe. Troopers assisted more than 4,700 motorists in need of help during the summer campaign and arrested 320 people for driving under the influence.

During the "100 Days of Summer", excessive speeding continued to be an issue on Nebraska roads. Troopers issued 390 speeding citations for motorists exceeding 100 miles per hour. That figure is more than double the 192 such speeding citations during the same period last year.

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From the Governor

percent of adults employed in Nebraska, only 52 percent of adults work in Arkansas and in New York.

While we're doing comparatively well, there are still many Nebraskans who have lost work or seen their business, farm, or ranch endure financial hardship. The State put \$85 million of the federal assistance we received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund into critical services such as food security, shelter, and behavioral health care. We allocated \$330 million of additional funds to help businesses and livestock producers impacted by the pandemic. We also shored up our Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund to ensure our ability to provide benefits to Nebraskans who are out of work.

Last week, the Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) announced that the State is applying for Lost Wage Assistance Funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This will allow NDOL to pay an additional \$300 in weekly unemployment benefits to Nebraskans whose livelihood has been affected by the coronavirus. Qualified claimants will receive the benefits for the weeks ending August 1, August 8, and August 15.

NDOL's job centers are open to anyone, whether unemployed, underemployed, or simply looking to take the next career step. State teammates 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 networks.nebraska.gov. Additionally, NDOL partners with the Department of Health and Human Services to offer innovative reemployment services to Nebraskans who rely on food stamps. The program, SNAP Next Step, provides families with services such as writing a resume, preparing for interviews, and gaining job skills. On average, participants who complete SNAP Next Step increase their income by about \$1,700 a month or over \$20,000 per year! To sign up for SNAP Next Step, visit the program's website at dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/SNAP-Next-Step.aspx.

If you have questions about our strategy to create great jobs and grow the Good Life, please email pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call 402-471-2244. We're tirelessly working to get Nebraska growing for the benefit of our families, graduates, and future generations.

Valentine Police Department Week in review

August 30 - September 5, 2020

On 08/31/20, several reports of vandalism and graffiti were reported. Your assistance is needed to help identify suspects. Please contact VPD at 402-376-3055 with an information.

On 09/01/20 at 11:25 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop near 4th Street and Elenora Drive. Following an investigation, a 38 year old male and 28 year old female, both from South Dakota, were arrested on drug charges.

On 09/03/20 at 3:09 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop near 3rd and Victoria Streets. An 18 year old female from South Dakota was cited for no operator's permit.

Officers responded to 108 calls for service this week.

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VALENTINE POLICE REPORT		CITY OF VALENTINE POLICE DEPARTMENT	
08-23-20 TO 08-29-20			
CALLS			
Assist Citizen	3	Assisted in finding a missing woman who was having a medical issue. Kudos to the Cherry County Dispatch for all their help and efforts.	
Assist Other Law	2	Officers assisted the Cherry County EMS, Region IV Mental Health, MOCIC and the Cherry County Sheriff's Office this week.	
Assist Other Agency	5		
Business Check	19		
Code Violation	2		
Complaint	1	Disgruntled person upset about mowing...why now?	
Disturbance	2	Report of a fight in progress. Everyone left prior to our arrival.	
Domestic Disturbance	2	Domestic disturbance call leads officers on a wild goose chase to nab suspect. Suspect later caught and arrested. Thanks to the Cherry County Sheriff's Office for the help.	
Follow Up Investigation	3	Missing juvenile who didn't come home was later found to be OK...just grounded now.	
Found Property	1	Drugs were found lying on the ground and were turned over to the PD. If you are missing yours, don't hesitate to call.	
Harassment	2	Caller reported getting threatening messages. Helped figure out who was sending the messages and addressed it. Messages stopped.	
Special Assignment	2		
Theft	1	Bikes have been disappearing the last few weeks without owners consent. Not all of them return as happy bikes. To make our job slightly easier, please park in front of a working camera (or put them up during the evenings).	
Training	1		
Traffic Stop	7	Tremendous amount of people driving past the school bus when the stop sign is out and red lights going. REMINDER: Stop means Stop!!!	
Welfare Check	2	Request to check on kids screaming called in. Turns out it was kids being kids. Nobody was hurt.	
Total Calls	55		

The importance of mental health shared on World Suicide Prevention Day

LINCOLN – Thursday, September 10, 2020, is World Suicide Prevention Day, and Governor Pete Ricketts encouraged Nebraskans to monitor their mental well-being and to be on the lookout for signs of mental distress in loved ones.

"The last couple of years have created a significant amount of disruption to our lives here in Nebraska. Recently, the pandemic has placed more distance between us than usual," said Gov. Ricketts. "Dealing with the stress of the pandemic can be difficult. We need to combat the mental impact of the virus just as rigorously as its physical threat."

"Like any other health emergency such as a heart attack or stroke, it's important to address a mental health crisis quickly and effectively," said Sheri Dawson, director of the Division of Behavioral Health. "Suicidal thoughts are a symptom of a mental health crisis. By simply talking about suicide and mental health, we can achieve a cultural shift where we actively encourage Nebraskans to share thoughts of suicide and reach out for help."

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been educating Nebraskans to identify signs of mental distress. They include:

- Withdrawal: A change of behavior in how someone interacts with friends, family, and the community.
- Agitation: A change in mood, such as increased anger or irritability.
- Hopelessness: Feelings of being trapped and unable to get out of what someone is going through; talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Changing routine: A change in someone's daily habits, such as wanting to sleep all day or being unable to sleep.
- Changing personality: Someone seems joyless or unable to experience life as usual.
- Increased alcohol and drug use or other risky activities.
- Discussing potential methods of suicide.
- Giving away possessions.
- Saying goodbye to friends and family.
- Tying up loose ends, like orga-

nizing personal papers.

If you notice these signs in a friend or family member, or see them in yourself, take immediate action. Mental health issues are treatable, and with the right help people can recover. State and national hotlines are available to provide assistance.

- The Nebraska Family Helpline: 1-888-866-8660
- The Nebraska Rural Response Hotline: 1-800-464-0258
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

The Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition (NSSPC) is another helpful resource for Nebraskans interested in suicide prevention. NSSPC is a volunteer-led group comprised of suicide survivors, public and private agencies, and other Nebraskans dedicated to preventing suicides. NSSPC has a website with information about suicide prevention, along with contact information for local suicide prevention coalitions.

When a suicide-related crisis occurs, friends and family are often caught off guard, unprepared and unsure of what to do.

Strategies for action include: Talking openly and honestly. Don't be afraid to ask questions like: "Are you thinking of killing yourself?"

Removing means such as weapons, ropes, or stockpiled pills.

Practicing active listening techniques such as reflecting their feelings and summarizing their thoughts. This can help your loved one feel heard and validated.

Expressing support and concern. Avoiding arguing, threatening, or raising your voice.

Being patient, kind, and compassionate.

If your friend or family member struggles with suicidal ideation day-to-day, let them know that they can talk with you about what they're going through.

Let them know that mental health professionals are trained to help people understand their feelings and teach coping skills.

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide, there are Local Outreach to Suicide Survivor (LOSS) teams in Nebraska who can provide support. Please reach out (www.nelossteam.nebraska.edu).

Statements on the death of Trooper Mario Herrera

Lincoln - The Nebraska State Patrol mourns the loss of Lincoln Police Investigator Mario Herrera. The Lincoln Police Department reports that Investigator Herrera passed away early Monday morning, September 7, 2020.

"Nebraska's law enforcement family has suffered a tragic loss today," said Colonel John Bolduc, Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. "We send our deepest condolences to Investigator Herrera's family and friends, along with the entire Lincoln Police Department and all who had the privilege

of knowing him. Our troopers were honored to work beside Mario, and will forever remember his service and sacrifice."

Lincoln - U.S. Senator Ben Sasse released the following statement after the death of Lincoln Police Officer Mario Herrera.

"We mourn the death of Lincoln Police Officer Mario Herrera. Our hearts break for his family, and we join Nebraskans united in prayer for his family. This tragedy reminds us of the risks and sacrifice members of law enforcement make across our state."

Drive through Mobile Food Pantry coming to Valentine September 22, 2020

The Community Services Program at Northwest Community Action Partnership (NCAP) will sponsor a Drive Through Mobile Food Pantry with the Food Bank of the Heartland on September 22, 2020, at the Cherry County Fairgrounds located at 120 S. Green Street from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please use the north entrance. There is no need to bring boxes, volunteers will load the food in your vehicle. Any family in need is welcome to come.

NCAP serves residents by providing food support, emergency services such as utility bill assistance, rental assistance and other needs in Cherry County.

The office is located at 312 E. 3rd Street. For more information about services available or if you are interested in volunteering to help at the mobile food pantry please call 402-376-1886.

Free COVID-19 tests at Cherry County Hospital

FREE COVID-19 testing available at Cherry County Hospital during the following dates:

Note the changes for September 16 and September 22.

- Wednesday, September 16 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 22 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 30 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 6 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, October 13 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 21 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 28 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Register at www.TestNebraska.com OR sign up upon arrival

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