

Lt. Governor tours Grant

BY ERIN GIBBENS
GRANT TRIBUNE-SENTINEL

Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley toured Grant Thursday, Oct. 1 as part of a plan to visit small towns in the area to see how Covid has affected rural Nebraska.

Lt. Governor Foley also toured Sydney, Scottsbluff, Ogallala and Oshkosh to see how different communities are adapting.

"I like to get out of Lincoln and get out to greater Nebraska to see how things are going for people and how they coped with the Covid situation," Lt. Governor Foley said.

City Superintendent Edward Dunn and executive director of Southwest Nebraska Community Betterment Corporation Amy Thelander guided Lt. Governor Foley and Brittany Hardin, a representative for the Governor's office, around town. Together, they visited multiple businesses in Grant so owners could provide information about the impact of the pandemic.

The first stop on Thursday's tour was Grant Packing, where owner Justin Coats explained that the pandemic actually increased his business, since people were purchasing large amounts of meat at once to stock up.

Coats actually took this opportunity to make improvements to the building, including adding a larger freezer and new time-saving equipment.

A negative result of Covid, however, is the lack of events for Grant Packing to cater. Because public events with large amounts of people have been put on hold, there has not been a need for the business to provide meat for banquets and other events.

Next, the group traveled to Noyes Quality Homes, where they discussed how for a while, they had issues with acquiring the necessary supplies to build homes. This difficulty was due to delays and increases in costs.



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Valerie Hochstein, right, explains issues the store had with meat products, specifically regarding price increases due to problems in the supply chain.

After Noyes Quality Homes, Dunn and Thelander took Hardin and Lt. Governor Foley to Little Bluestem for lunch at the recently established eatery.

Hatch's was the next stop on the tour, which Thelander and Dunn explained kept the town alive, even when their doors were closed.

Lt. Governor Foley walked around the store with manager Valerie Hochstein as she explained the situation Hatch's has been working with through the last several months.

Hochstein informed him of the financial impact of temporarily closing the doors, difficulties when older staff retired for their safety, in-

creased prices and product shortages.

"We have a good community," Hochstein told Lt. Governor Foley.

The final stop on the tour was Soulful Salvage, where Lt. Governor Foley got to see the interesting creations that come from this small community. He toured the shop, noting how interesting he found the repurposed decor.

Before leaving Soulful Salvage, Monica Poppe presented him with a goodie bag to thank him for visiting Grant.

Lt. Governor Foley noted at the end of the tour that he finds it amazing how people are finding ways to thrive and live their lives.

"Nebraskans are not about to let a microbe slow them down," he said. "They're going to find ways to adapt and go forward."

He said it is remarkable and encouraging to hear stories of people who grew up here, left town for college or other pursuits, and later returned to their home town with a desire to make a future for themselves and their community.

"It's exciting to hear these stories because that's what these small areas need," he added.

Lt. Governor Foley found it encouraging to see people



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Lt. Governor Mike Foley was impressed with the Plainsmen/Husker mural on the north side of HomeTown Agency and wanted his picture there with Amy Thelander and Edward Dunn.

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PCHS Foundation planning 'Operation' tournament

Event replaces Gala, cancelled due to Covid

BY RUSS PANKONIN
GRANT TRIBUNE-SENTINEL

Remember playing the board game "Operation" as a youngster? This timeless board game has spanned the generations as players try to "operate" on Cavity Sam's ailments.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the Perkins County Health Services Foundation made the tough decision to call off this year's Gala, which represents their main fund-raising effort for the year.

The objective of the foundation's efforts this year is to raise money to fund new equipment for the operating rooms.

So in keeping with the operating room theme, Foundation Director Jackie Urdahl came up with the unique

idea to hold an "Operation" tournament as this year's fundraising event.

But instead of using the small game board version, Urdahl is bringing in a life-size version of the game for the tournament.

To add to the reality, the two-person surgical teams will wear gowns, gloves and masks (which also makes the event Covid-friendly).

Members of the PCHS medical staff will be on hand to offer teams their assistance and guidance.

The tournament will begin with qualifying rounds in mid-November with the final four teams competing for the championship on Dec. 5.

Qualifying rounds will be held at Arnold Insurance with the semis and finals

held at the fairgrounds dance hall.

The entry fee for the two-person teams will be \$200 and various levels of sponsorship will be offered as well.

People can begin registering for the tournament this week by going to the foundation's website: pchsfoundation.org or calling the foundation office at 308-352-7285.

Urdahl said spreading out the tournament over eight qualifying rounds helps keep attendance numbers lower to keep the event Covid-friendly.

She said this will be a fun event for everyone while serving a crucial need to raise money for hospital needs.

Positive Covid test ends JV high volleyball games abruptly

School's Covid status moves to level orange

BY RUSS PANKONIN
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Perkins County's jayvee volleyball tournament Monday afternoon ended abruptly after it was learned a Perkins County player had tested positive for coronavirus.

In an effort to be proactive, Superintendent Philip Picquet elevated the school's risk protocols to orange on Tuesday.

Picquet said they contacted the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department in McCook Tuesday morning to discuss necessary actions to lessen the risk of the virus spreading in the school.

The orange level, as developed by staff and health officials prior to the school year, indicates a "moderate or elevated risk of spread."

Picquet said the player had been tested for the virus and was awaiting the results.

Once they learned the test was positive, the tournament was called and the gym cleared.

He said they began contact tracing to see who might have been around the person during the school day and worked with SWNPHD on contact tracing follow-up.

A high school varsity volleyball triangular was scheduled Tuesday at Wauneta-Palisade. The

health department said that event could go forward.

Picquet said this shows just how quickly things can change due to the virus.

Several weeks ago, a teacher and coach in the jr./sr. high building tested positive for the virus. The school was still able to remain at level green throughout that period.

While the most recent case occurred in the jr./sr. high building, Picquet said the elevation to level orange will apply to the elementary building as well.

He said reports of community members and parents also testing positive played into that decision.

The goal is to keep kids in school, Picquet said, and they have been able to achieve that thus far.

The last thing he wants to see is for kids having to quarantine due to exposure at school.

A list of the level orange protocols appears on page 7.

He said they are evaluating which optional protocols make the most sense in this situation.

He said they are closely examining the number of kids in each room and if they are able to have desks six feet apart.

If that's not possible, the students in those rooms may be required to wear masks.

Masks will also become a necessity on buses as well, due to tight quarters.

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Rather than repair their older, smaller freezer, Grant Packing built a new 25x32 feet freezer space. Owner Justin Coats estimates the freezer can hold nearly 10,000 pounds of meat.

Grant Packing adds new space, equipment

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Grant Packing has added a new walk-in freezer and several pieces of equipment to the business recently, both due to Covid and the continuously advancing industry.

Justin Coats, owner of Grant Packing, said the addition of new freezer space is somewhat related to Covid, and also because it simply was the best path at the time.

"We have always been short on freezer space, and we had a freezer fail," Coats said. "That kind of helped made the decision that we needed to remove the freezer altogether."

The building itself is old, he added, and the old freezer had served its purpose. It could be repaired, but more freezer space was necessary.

The pandemic added additional need for more

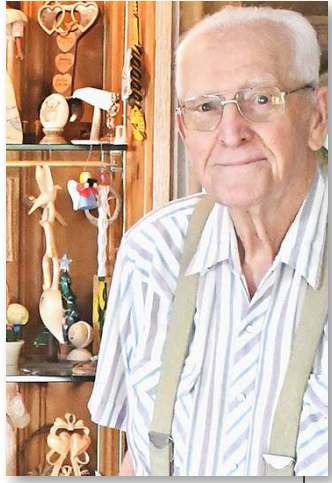
freezer space, because early on when Covid first struck, Grant Packing experienced an increase in business.

Concrete for the 25 by 32 feet freezer was poured in May, and the freezer was operational by the middle of July, according to Coats. He estimates around 10,000 pounds of meat could be stored in the new space.

Besides adding new space to the building, Coats has acquired new machinery to help make certain parts of the packing process more efficient.

For nearly three months now, they have been using a new hamburger stuffer, which is portion controlled and self-feeding. This means the meat is fed through the machine in precise amounts. A clipper, which seals the containers of hamburger, has also been added to the facility.

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CARVING!

Archie Silvrants adds to his carving collection.

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NO SCHOOL MONDAY:

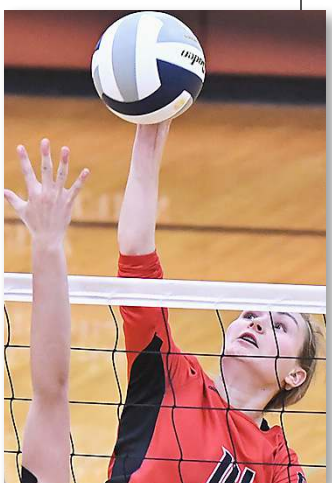
There will be no school Monday, Oct. 12 due to a teacher in-service day.



BOUNCE BACK!

Plainsmen look to bounce back after loss.

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VOLLEYBALL!

Plainsmen home for triangular Oct. 13.

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OUTSIDE



Looking Ahead

Thurs.: Partly Cloudy, 87/47
Fri.: Mostly Sunny, 89/46
Sat.: Sunny, 85/50
Sun.: Partly Cloudy, 78/43
Mon.: Partly Cloudy, 64/41
Tues.: Sunny, 66/39
Wed.: Partly Cloudy, 68/40

Source: weather.com

Looking Back

Date	High	Low	Moisture
Sept. 29	82	34	
Sept. 30	40	45	
Oct. 1	63	39	
Oct. 2	76	33	0.02
Oct. 3	66	41	
Oct. 4	80	35	
Oct. 5	86	46	

Source: weather.com

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OBITUARY

Harold Harmon

Harold Wayne Harmon was born August 7, 1937, at Imperial, Nebraska, to George and Marietta (Munson) Harmon. Harold grew up and attended school in the Champion-Lamar, Nebraska area. As a young man he assisted on the family farm and became a farmer himself, farming near Champion, Nebraska, for many years.



Harold was married to Frances Weiss, and Jan Liebhart. He married Judy Trout on May 26, 2006. He was an artisan in his own rite, playing in three different Western Bands. He enjoyed hunting and camping in the mountains and loved fishing on his boat "The Blue Angel". Harold was a charter member of the Imperial Eagles Aerie # 3472, as well as an Elks member of Wray, Colo.

Harold Harmon passed away early Thursday morning, November 28, 2019 at the Wauneta Care and Therapy Center in Wauneta, Neb. He was 82 years of age.

Survivors include wife, Judy Harmon of Champion; son, Dennis Harmon and wife, Jennifer, of Longview, Texas; son, Rick Harmon and wife, Jo, of Worland, Wyo.; son, Randy Harmon and wife, Brenda, of Rush, Colo.; daughter, Carol Horinek of Loveland, Colo.; brother, Martin Harmon of Imperial; sister, Gerietta Morse of Imperial; brother, Robert Harmon and wife,

Mary of Imperial; Grandchildren Venessa Harmon, Cassidy Larison, Heather (Aaron) Bassett, Hannah (Abhishek) Neelam, Lydia Harmon, Naomi Harmon, Luke Harmon, Justin (Judy) Horinek, Travis Horinek; great-grandchildren Lilianna, Aden, Lucian, Beau, Forrest; great-great-grandchild Aden.

Step Children Ron Liebhart, Mike (Cristie) Liebhart, Dan (Stacy) Liebhart, Cheryl Cecile and Robyn (Jeremy) Wheatcraft; step-grandchildren Zane, Chance, Cooper, Katelyn, Brock, Ashlee (Mark) Longwell, Maria (Ryan) Reid and Melissa Pope; step-great-grandchild Michael.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Jan Liebhart; sons Russell and Timothy; brother Levi Harmon; great-granddaughter Journey; brother-in-law Elwin Morse; nephew Arlyn Morse.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, October 10, 2020, 10:30 a.m. (MT) at the Champion Community Center, Champion, Nebraska, with Mr. Jim Smith officiating.

There will be no viewing; Harold chose cremation.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the Champion Community Center.

(The Chase County Museum of Champion will be open after services to view some of Harold's displays.)

Online condolences may be left at liewerfuneralhome.com

Liewer Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

MAKING NEWS

TRUMP HALTS COVID-19 RELIEF TALKS UNTIL AFTER ELECTION: President Donald Trump abandoned COVID-19 relief talks on Tuesday, saying they won't resume until after the election. The move came as the chairman of the Federal Reserve said that further fiscal intervention is needed to prevent the economy from spiraling downward.

GUITAR ROCK LEGEND EDDIE VAN HALEN DIES OF CANCER AT 65: Eddie Van Halen, the guitar virtuoso whose blinding speed, control and innovation propelled his band Van Halen into one of hard rock's biggest groups, fueled the unmistakable fiery solo in Michael Jackson's hit "Beat It" and became elevated to the status of rock god, has died. He was 65.

FDA PUBLISHES VACCINE GUIDELINES OPPOSED BY WHITE HOUSE: The Food and Drug Administration released updated safety standards Tuesday for makers of COVID-19 vaccines after the White House blocked their formal release,

the latest political tug-of-war between the Trump administration and the government's public health scientists.

MILITARY LEADERS QUARANTINED AFTER OFFICIAL TESTS POSITIVE: The nation's top military leaders were under self-quarantine Tuesday after a senior Coast Guard official tested positive for the coronavirus, the Pentagon said. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Mark Milley, and the vice chairman, Gen. John Hyten, were among those affected, U.S. officials said.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES ARE LARGER THAN EVER, BUT NOT DEADLIER: With months still to go in California's fire season, the state has already shattered records for the amount of land scorched in a single year — more than 4 million acres to date, with one blaze alone surpassing the 1 million-acre mark. Five of the 10 largest wildfires in state history have occurred since August.

-Associated Press

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Joshua D. Waterman, Grant Speeding, \$25
Ryan A. Studer, Goodland, Kan., Speeding, \$125
Gale L. Haynes, Holyoke, Colo., Speeding, \$75
Carlos Villanor Reynaga, Ogallala, Neb., No operator's license, \$75; Speeding, \$75
Angella Suzanne Perry, Evansville, Wyo., Speeding, \$75
William D. Turney, Benbrook, Texas, Speeding, \$125
Michael T. Brown, Greeley, Colo., Speeding, \$75
Andrew P. Blea, Ogallala, Neb., Speeding, \$124
Emilio T. Magallanes, Madrid, Speeding, \$200

Chicago Ave Elsie 8:36 a.m., Civil - Paper Service, Main Ave Brandon 1:56 p.m., Ambulance Call - Medical Emergency, Hwy 23 Grant 2:07 p.m., Sex Offense - Other, N Pennsylvania Venango 2:54 p.m., Accident - Property Damage, Rd 335 Madrid 11:32 p.m., Traffic - Warning, Hwy 61 Grant
Oct. 1 — 9:25 a.m., Ambulance Call - Medical Emergency, Hancock Ave Grant 9:38 a.m., Sex Offense - Sex Offender Registration, Perkins Ave Elsie 12:21 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, Washington Ave Grant 12:35 p.m., Motorist Assist - Traffic Control, Rd 336 Madrid 3:07 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, S Allegheny Ave Venango 5:21 p.m., Fire Call - Grass/Brush, Rd 322 Grant 6:38 p.m., Assist - County Agency, S Pennsylvania Venango
Oct. 2 — 1:32 a.m., Citizen Assist - Open Door/Alarm, Sherman Ave Grant 5:41 a.m., Traffic - Other, Hwy 61 Grant 7:59 a.m., Ambulance Call - Transfer, Lincoln Ave Grant 8:40 a.m., Sex Offense - Other, Sherman Ave Grant 6:28 p.m., Suspicious Circumstance - Vehicle, Rd 766 Grant 8:27 a.m., Traffic - Warning, Hwy 23 Grant 10:42 p.m., Traffic - Warning, Hwy 61 Grant
Oct. 3 — 12:37 a.m., Citizen Assist - Security/Vacation Check, Putter Rd Grant 7:41 a.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, Washington Ave Grant 7:43 a.m., Occurrence/Violation - S Pennsylvania Venango 7:44 a.m., Occurrence/Violation - Handgun Permit, Rd 756 Madrid 1:04 p.m., Animal Complaint - Animal On Roadway, Hwy 23 Grant 2:17 p.m., Traffic - Warning, Rd 346 Elsie 2:34 p.m., Traffic - Citation, Rd 348 Elsie 6:13 p.m., Traffic - Warning, S Central Ave Grant 6:50 p.m., Traffic - Warning, 8th St Grant
Oct. 4 — 2:00 p.m., Weather - Other, Lincoln Ave Grant 4:34 p.m., Occurrence/Violation - Other, 6th and 7th Grant 6:32 p.m., Traffic - Warning, Hwy 61 Grant

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sept. 28 - Oct. 4
Sept. 28 — 6:15 a.m., Ambulance Call - Medical Emergency, Central Ave Grant 8:16 a.m., Animal Complaint - Other, Rd 344 Elsie 11:02 a.m., Assist - State Agency, Burlington Ave Elsie 3:54 p.m., Motorist Assist - Traffic Hazard, Hwy 23 Madrid 6:28 p.m., Suspicious Circumstance - Vehicle, Mitchem Ave Grant 8:36 p.m., Traffic - Citation, Central Ave Grant
Sept. 29 — 6:00 a.m., Weather - Other, Lincoln Ave Grant 8:02 a.m., Animal Complaint - Animal On Roadway, Rd 351 Grafton 9:10 a.m., Animal Complaint - Stray Animal At Large, Perkins Ave Elsie 10:43 a.m., Citizen Assist - Check Welfare, Washington Ave Grant 4:56 p.m., Traffic - Warning, Central Ave Grant 5:27 p.m., Traffic - Warning, E 8th St Grant 5:57 p.m., Traffic - Citation, Hwy 23 Grant 7:38 p.m., Traffic - Warning, Warren Ave Grant 9:08 p.m., Traffic - Warning, Central Ave Grant 9:36 p.m., Motorist Assist - Other, Hwy 23 Grant
Sept. 30 — 7:19 a.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, Rd 760 Wallace 7:24 a.m., Suspicious Circumstance - Vehicle, Garfield Ave Grant 7:38 a.m., Occurrence/Violation - Title Inspection, Logan Ave Grant 7:59 a.m., Civil - Paper Service, Sherman Ave Grant 8:27 a.m., Civil - Paper Service,

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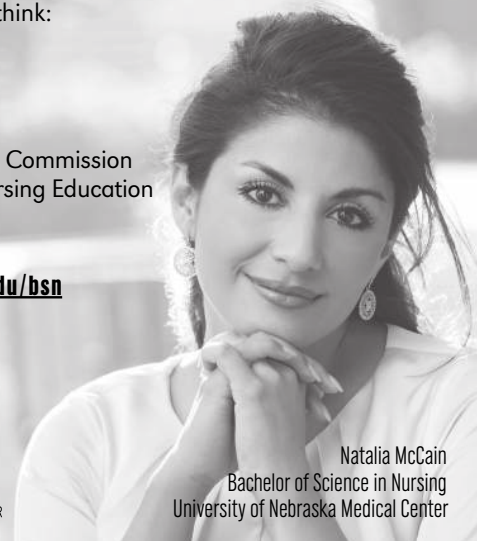
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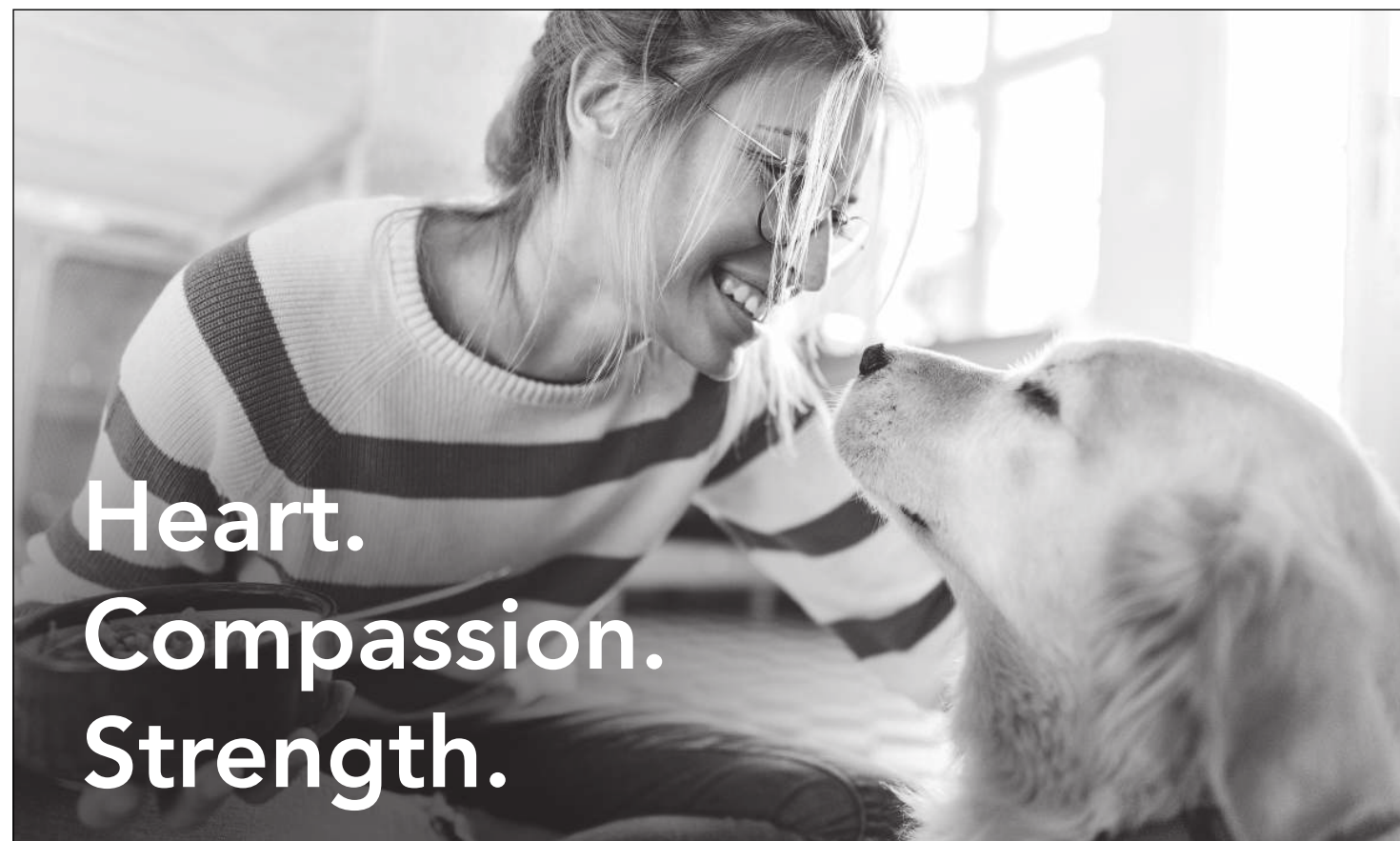
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move away from strife and social discontent, and instead choose a good community to build a future and raise a family.

In his own life, Lt. Governor Foley said he has had to be careful about the virus, not because he is worried about himself, but because of others who could be impacted if he were to be exposed.

"If I get it, that means my wife is going to get it," he explained. "She is the caregiver of her 92 year old parents. I don't want to be that pathway for her parents getting the disease." He continued to add how important it is to think of others in this situation.

"It's not just about ourselves, it's about other people who we might have some connection with who need protected," he said. "And we have to protect them. We're going to get through this situation, but in the meantime we need to protect the elderly and those with health concerns."



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While perusing Soulful Salvage during his tour of Grant, Lt. Governor Foley found a gem he particularly enjoyed: a colorful chair decorated with the words "be groovy or leave man."

LEVEL ORANGE: School raises risk level for coronavirus

FROM PAGE 1
They are already using seating charts on buses and classrooms to make it easier for contact tracing if a student tests positive.

He also expected some changes in lunchroom procedures.

He said the health department told him the student's risk is reduced if they are wearing a mask. By wearing a mask when exposed to the virus, a student can be monitored closely for symptoms

versus having to go into quarantine.

KIND OF TESTING

With more exposure to the virus occurring locally, the hospital has been receiving increased inquiries about testing and what kind of test is needed.

Chastity Knoles, head of the lab department, said that unless someone is showing Covid symptoms, the patient will be administered a test that is sent off to TestNebraska or the

hospital's pathology service provide.

In the case of Covid symptoms (fever, cough, loss of taste and/or smell and body aches), a doctor may order a rapid test that is now available at the hospital.

She noted supplies for rapid testing are still limited so unless necessary, tests will be sent off.

SW NEBRASKA SEEING SURGE

Southwest Nebraska is seeing a surge in COVID-19 cases, according to Myra Stoney,

director of SWNPHD.

From Sept. 29 to noon, Oct. 5, 63 new cases had been reported. A breakout by county includes: Chase, 11; Perkins, 1; Keith, 6; Dundy, 1; Frontier, 3; Furnas, 10; Hitchcock, 9; Red Willow, 22.

She strongly recommends everyone wear a mask in public and wash hands and surfaces often. Limit travel and work from home when possible.

High-risk and vulnerable individuals should avoid public places.

PACKING PLANT: Improvements to ease the day to day grind

FROM PAGE 1
Another new piece of equipment Coats added is a bacon slicer, which aids in precision and speed when preparing the meat.

Finally, Grant Packing added a new meat grinder and mixer just one week ago. This machine mixes the hamburger to make it more uniform, and it is also self-feeding rather than manual.

Coates says the additions have been added not only due to an increase in business, but because of the advancements within the industry.

He said it was a good opportunity to use new equipment offered in the industry, and these changes help him make improvements to provide his service for the community.



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Grant Packing's new hamburger stuffer, seen on the right, and clipper is a self-feeding machine which helps to package hamburger in portion-controlled servings, which are then sealed by the clipper on the left.



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The Grant Fairview Cemetery Board invites any and all participants to the

Annual Fall Clean-Up Day at the Grant Fairview Cemetery

on October 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

This will be a fun filled morning of sprucing up the Cemetery.

The tasks associated will be trimming, picking up branches, hand pulling weeds, and various landscaping.

Please feel free to bring gloves, hand gardening tools, and trimmers (you must be 18 years of age to operate any equipment on City owned property).

There will be bags provided for weeds and grass clippings.

Adams Bank and Trust will be providing water and cinnamon rolls.

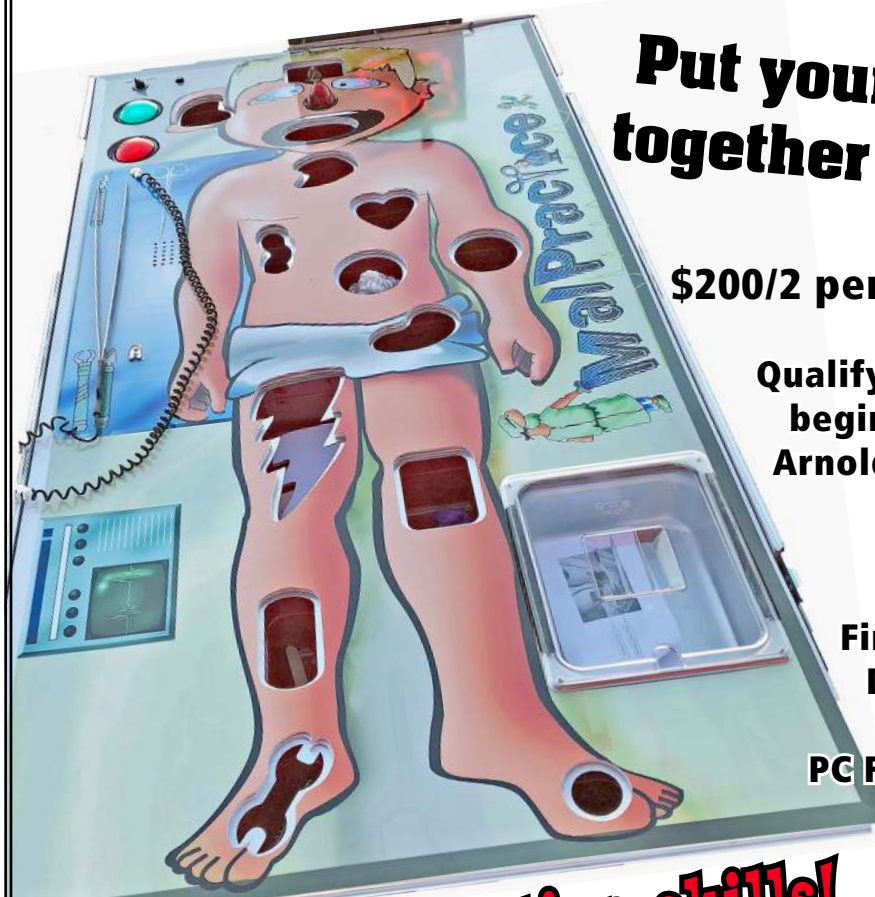
For more information please feel free to contact City Superintendent Edward Dunn at 308-352-2100 (Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.).

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Due to COVID-19, the PCHS Foundation Gala will be replaced with an

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2020 has shown us why America needs journalists

There is one week set aside each year to salute newspapers for the important role they have played in our nation, a role that goes back to the beginning of these United States.

This year, however, waiting until October 4-10 and National Newspaper Week has been difficult, because the coronavirus pandemic and a variety of major news events across our land have tested newspapers, and our communities, in ways we might never have fathomed.



HONORING NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

Randy Evans

Taking stock of the contributions by newspapers, large and small, serves as an important reminder of why our Founding Fathers wrote freedom of the press into the Constitution's Bill of Rights -- and why the theme for this year's National Newspaper Week, "America Needs Journalists," is so appropriate.

We have seen our lives and our communities change in dramatic ways because of coronavirus.

In the early weeks, businesses closed their doors and government offices were darkened in response to directives that all but the most essential workers should remain at home to guard against spreading the disease.

Newspapers scrambled to protect their employees, too. But newspapers still needed to be produced to serve their readers and communities and to fulfill that vital information function the Founding Fathers envisioned.

Journalists quickly educated themselves on the coronavirus and shared that knowledge with readers.

They kept their communities informed -- telling readers where tests were available, reporting on local test results, sharing the heartbreaking news of deaths, and alerting people about employment changes at local businesses.

Journalists turned to their kitchen tables, spare bedrooms and basement offices to take the place of the newsrooms where they had gathered with colleagues a few weeks earlier. While the locations changed, the core mission of newspapers did not.

Newspapers have long served as "watchdogs" over government. The pandemic magnified the significance of this role because the virus closed most government offices, and meetings of school boards, city councils and county officials moved onto Zoom.

Reporters have always tried to be vigilant over the way state and local governments use tax money and make decisions. But in 2020, journalists also have worked to keep up with the dynamic nature of the coronavirus testing data. They have tried to make sense of the metrics government leaders have relied upon in making decisions on mask wearing, social distancing, and back-to-school directives.

The most potent tool of newspapers continues to be the spotlight. They shine it on problems that need to be addressed and on solutions that ought to be considered. They shine it on stories that are heartwarming and uplifting.

At other times, they shine it on topics that might raise the blood pressure of readers.

There has been a long tradition of newspapers advocating for the public's access to government meetings and records so citizens know what their government is doing, or not doing.

This is hugely important now and long term, because government should conduct its business -- really, it's the public's business -- in open, not in secret, so citizens have the opportunity to share their views on forthcoming decisions.

The important work of newspapers stretches far beyond government buildings, however. Newspapers are there to introduce readers to interesting people.

They tell their communities about events that are coming up. They provide the stuff that finds its way into families' scrapbooks and onto the doors of refrigerators -- news items about awards received, honors bestowed, touchdowns scored, prizewinning pigs shown at local fairs, and on and on.

And in times of great distress -- during killer hurricanes and tornadoes, horrendous floods and wildfires -- newspapers step up in ways that truly can make the difference between life and death.

Newspapers have done that this year, once again being the go-to source for vital details the public needs -- the lists of places where people can charge their cellphones, laptops and medical equipment, the locations of shelters and meal distribution sites, and places where people can get drinking water or provide a helping hand to those in need.

The immense challenges we all have dealt with this year clearly underscore the fact that America needs journalists.

Randy Evans is executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council. He was a newspaper reporter and editor in Iowa for 42 years.

Nebraska loses two of its greats

In the last couple of weeks, Nebraska has had two great athlete's pass away. Gale Sayers, Hall of Fame football player and Bob Gibson, Hall of Fame Baseball player.



PITCHING WITH PRITCH

Larry Pritchett
Columnist

Sayers, who was born in Wichita, Kansas, grew up in Omaha and was an outstanding high school player.

He went back to Kansas to play for KU upon graduation from high school. His college career was great and he became known as the Kansas Comet for his college play.

Sayers was a two-time All-American inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. He was drafted fourth in the 1965 professional draft by the Chicago Bears.

He tied one NFL record with six touchdowns in a game and set another with 22 touchdowns in his first season: 14 rushing, six

receiving, one punt and one kickoff return.

Sayers was a unanimous choice for offensive Rookie of the Year. Sayers followed that up with being named an All-Pro during the first five years of his pro career.

As good as he was, he played on a handful of poor to just plain bad Bear's teams and never played in a post-season game.

He played in only 68 total games and just two in each of his last two seasons, trying to overcome knee injuries.

In 1977, at the age of 34, Sayers became the youngest player inducted into the Hall of Fame.

If you want to see a great film featuring the career of Gale Sayers, find "Brian's Song" which is a movie about the friendship of Sayers and teammate Brian Piccolo.

They became roommates and the first interracial roommates on pro teams. Remember this was the '60s and things were a little different at that time.

Piccolo ended up having cancer and Sayers became a very close friend taking care of all he could for Piccolo up until the cancer won and Piccolo passed away at age 26.

Sayers was more than just a

good football player.

ANOTHER NEBRASKA GREAT

Bob Gibson was as impressive playing baseball as Sayers was in football.

Gibson won both the National League's Most Valuable Player Award and the Cy Young Award in 1968.

He won 22 games, struck out 268 batters, pitched 13 shutouts, and posted an earned run average of 1.12. That's still the lowest since the advent of the lively ball in 1920 and the fourth-lowest in major league history.

Gibson threw 56 career shutouts and captured another Cy Young Award in 1970.

He was an eight-time All-Star, won a Gold Glove award for fielding nine times and pitched a no-hitter against the Pirates in 1971.

He was voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1981, his first year of eligibility.

He was considered as competitive as anyone who ever played the game. It was mentioned that one time a sports writer asked him if he was always this competitive in everything.

Gibson replied that he had played 700 games of Tick-Tack-Toe with one of his younger daughters and she

had never won even one of them yet!

As good and positive as it is talking and reading about Gibson and Sayers, I also watched The Broncos and the Jets play last Thursday night. It might have been the worst football game I have ever watched.

If you are a fan of sloppy, disoriented, undisciplined football then watching this game filled all of your fantasies. The Broncos just made fewer mistakes than the Jets.

The Jets are 0-4 and looking like arguably the worst team in football on a weekly basis. They had some of the dumbest penalties at the worst time in a game and more of them than a professional team should have, hands down. If it continues, they might have a chance for a good draft choice.

Another surprise was Sunday night when the Heat beat the Lakers after losing the first two games in the championship series by not looking like they belonged there. I was sure that everyone that bet on a sweep by the Lakers were going to be collecting from the betting houses.

Well, it won't be sweep and maybe the win will give the Heat some momentum in the games to come.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ask me first, by the Lord Jesus

Dear Editor,

Well, America, we have a lot of coronavirus.

Why? Well, did anybody think to pray in America? No!

I prayed at the beginning of this coronavirus outbreak and thanks to the Lord, my family and my friends, it is working.

Why? The Lord said ask me first. Well you didn't. Now you better start going with fasting and praying.

Look at California -- 4+ million acres of burnt forest and grape vines. Who has supported the protestors and riots in California? Who allowed our police officers to be murdered?

Who? The people of California. Same with Oregon, Washington, New York, Illinois and Minnesota.

Look out, sooner or later you'll get your turn.

The only two wars this country won was World War I and World War II. Why? People back then prayed, and fasted, and prayed again.

My neighbor has prayed for her family and it works.

You can't fix stupid, Americans. You'll show everybody that you'll act stupid rather than save this country.

The Democratic, socialist, communist party has a lot of power and it will cost you, America.

We who pray will be in Heaven before Rapture, so Satan and the Antichrist will have a ball with you.

Can't fix stupid. If you don't believe in praying, you get what you deserve.

Mel Shootman

Vote yes on cemetery levy

Dear Editor,

Election time is here. This year there will be a question on your ballot asking that the Madrid Cemetery District be allowed to levy a property tax. We are required to put this up for a vote every 5 years in order for the Cemetery to have money to operate. We as a board work very hard to run a nice cemetery on a small budget. Please vote yes on this levy.

Madrid Cemetery Board

Chet Harger, Lori Day, Dana Lee, Scott Fosbinder and Diane Hagan

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Obtaining the latest news is vital, especially during confusing and uncertain times such as a pandemic.

Whether it's lighthearted, small-town stories or new information about Covid, journalists are here to cover it all.

It is an honor to contribute to putting the facts out there and telling this community's story, and it has been one of the best ways to get to know people in a community that just a short year ago was completely new to me.

As a journalist, presenting the facts is the number one priority. America needs the facts. Nebraska needs the facts. Our small community needs the facts.

Journalism is a privilege that allows us the to present the facts, and preserve the history, and a job that comes with great responsibility.

There isn't another place in the world you can collectively find OUR history, here in Perkins County, Nebraska, than in The Grant Tribune Sentinel, and I am so proud to be a part of documenting and preserving that history.

Now more than ever, in a world full of so much misinformation, America needs Journalists."

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Silvrants adds to carving collection

BY ERIN GIBBENS
GRANT TRIBUNE-SENTINEL

Archie Silvrants has completed yet another carving to add to his collection after putting many months of work into the project.

His newest piece is carved into what Silvrants believes is a longhorn steer's horn. The carving depicts the 14 stages of Jesus Christ's life.

Silvrants said he had been wanting to do a carving on that subject for a long time, but he could not find the right reference photos that would fit his vision for the piece.

Finally, his wife Alene found an old children's bible around the house, and he was able to figure out the design from there.

He started working on the horn at the beginning of the year in January or February, and he was finally able to add the finishing details and finish the project a few weeks ago.

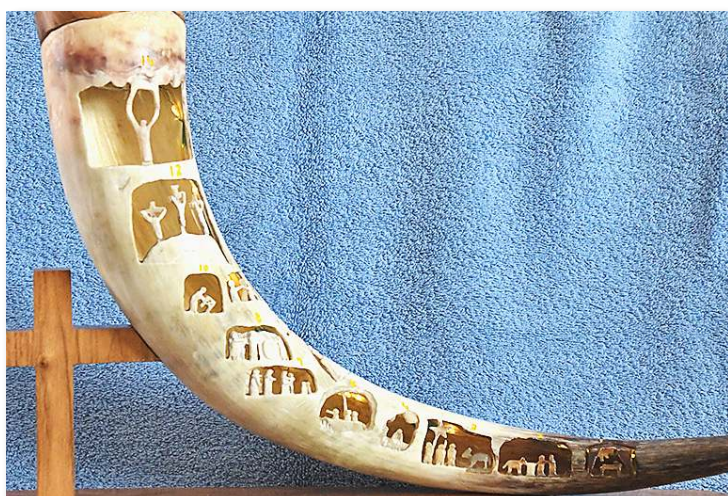
He is still trying to get the lighting on the interior just right, but overall the months-long project is complete.

Silvrants also crafted the wooden base the horn rests on. He originally was going to have a solid brace instead of a cross supporting the horn, but once he came up with the cross idea he had to stick with it.

The carving process itself took many months because of his shaky hands, Silvrants said. He got the bigger parts of the design carved out, but his hands would shake too much to finish the finer details.

One day, he had a feeling something was telling him to finish the piece. His hands didn't shake for five days, and he was able to complete the artwork.

There is a brass plate on the base describing each of the 14 stages depicted in the carvings, which he had made in



ERIN GIBBENS | JOHNSON PUBLICATIONS

Archie Silvrants spent many months working on a horn carving which depicts the 14 stages of Jesus Christ's life. He finished up the finer details under a month ago, and the piece now sits on display in his home.

Ogallala.

Silvrants has been carving since shortly after his retirement, he estimates for around 23 years. When he retired, he said he had to find something to do with his hands.

A friend invited him to a wood carving club in Ogallala, and Silvrants said he's been addicted ever since. He started with chip carving, which uses one knife and simple, small cuts. Practice has helped his skill grow to what it is today.

"I'll carve anything from toothpicks to golf balls," Silvrants said. "If someone says I can't carve it, I have to prove them wrong."

He also noted that carving helps keep his mind active, which is important to Silvrants, as he says he's not the type of person who can just sit down in front of the TV all day. He needs something to keep his mind and hands occupied.

The coronavirus pandemic has reduced his social carving events, however, so Silvrants has been carving from home. He normally attends clubs in Ogallala and North Platte,

and has even taught classes on carving.

He attends shows for the craft, and donates some of his work to fundraisers and auctions to help raise money for charity. The rest of his carvings are either given to family and friends, or displayed around his home.

Silvrants has a cabinet full of woodwork he has completed, and other pieces are displayed on the walls, shelves, or wherever else they will fit.

His hard work can be seen in nearly every corner of his home.

For his next carving, he is thinking about doing some work with a deer antler, and he is currently working on drawing up a design.

Silvrants said if anyone wants to start wood carving, Mid-Plains in Ogallala has a club for carving; classes, however, have been halted due to Covid and will pick up again when it is deemed safe.

He encourages those interested in the craft to start with chip carving, and practice, practice, practice.

"It's a great hobby," he said.

MENU

PC SENIOR CENTER

Meals can be ordered for delivery or carry-out by calling (308)-352-4236. Service will be provided from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. daily. Salad bar will be discontinued until further notice.

Thursday, Oct. 8: Fish, au gratin potato, asparagus, bread, fruit, dessert

Friday, Oct. 9: Mexican lasagna, corn, tossed salad, fruit, birthday cake

Monday, Oct. 12: Closed for Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct. 13: Smothered pork, baked potato, carrots, bread, fruit, dessert

Wednesday, Oct. 14: French dip, stir fry veggies, tater tots, fruit, dessert

PC SCHOOL

Breakfast: cereal, fruit, yogurt, whole grain options, milk and juice offered daily; Lunch: fruit and veggie bar, whole grain rich bread and milk served daily.

Thursday, Oct. 8: Chicken alfredo, cherry tomatoes, apples, dessert

Friday, Oct. 9: Shredded pork on a bun, potato wedges, cucumbers, peaches

Monday, Oct. 12: No school, professional development day

Tuesday, Oct. 13: Lasagna bake, bread and butter, carrot sticks, warm cinnamon apples

Wednesday, Oct. 14: French dip sandwich, pasta side dish, mixed vegetables, pineapple

WALLACE SCHOOL

Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit and milk offered daily; Lunch: flavored milk and juice offered daily.

Thursday, Oct. 8: Taco, rice, refried beans, mandarin oranges

Friday, Oct. 9: Pulled pork sandwich, smiles, pears

Monday, Oct. 12: No school

Tuesday, Oct. 13: Chicken nuggets, french fries, mixed fruit

Wednesday, Oct. 14: Nachos, hashbrowns, apple/orange

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

• Noon - Rotary meeting, PC Senior Center

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

• 4 p.m. CT - RPAC Cross Country meet, Southwest
• 4 p.m. - SPVA Cross Country meet *
• 5:30 p.m. - PC Volleyball, Chase County

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

• 6 p.m. - PC Football game vs. Sutherland *

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

• No activities scheduled

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

• No activities scheduled

MONDAY, OCT. 12

• No school for PC and Wallace schools
• Girls State Golf Tournament, Columbus
• 7 a.m. - Grant Housing Authority meeting, 300 Warren Ave, Sunset Haven
• 5 p.m. CT - Wallace Volleyball triangular *
• 7:30 p.m. - Village of Madrid meeting, Madrid Town Hall

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

• Girls State Golf Tournament, Columbus
• 4:15 p.m. - PC Volleyball Triangular *
• 7 p.m. - Village of Wallace meeting, Wallace Town Hall
• 7:30 p.m. - Village of Venango meeting, Venango Town Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

• Noon - Rotary meeting, PC Senior Center
• 8 p.m. CT - Wallace School Board meeting, Wallace Public Schools

* Denotes home game.


All times mountain unless noted otherwise.

Disclaimer: Schedule is subject to change.

Check www.perkinscountyschools.org for updates.

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Happy Birthday!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY CALVIN YOUNG!



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You are very appreciated and loved,
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Ashleigh & Jason, Trisha & Chris,
Troy & Lauren, Aspen & Ben and Alyssa



Please join in a
"Drive by Birthday Party"
for Calvin this
Saturday, October 10th at 11 a.m.

Cal will be on the East side balcony of Golden Ours facing the highway for everyone to walk or drive by "honking and hollering" and wish him a Happy Birthday!

He'll be thrilled to feel all your love after being isolated for so long!

Plainsmen fall to Hemingford

BY RUSS PANKONIN
GRANT TRIBUNE-SENTINEL

Perkins County's Plainsmen football team suffered their second loss of the season, falling to the Hemingford Bobcats 58-25 in district action there Friday.

The loss dropped the Plainsmen's record to 4-2 and 2-1 in the district.

The Plainsmen will face Sutherland in their final district game here Friday. A win against the ??? Sutherland Sailors would give Perkins County a share of the district title.

Sutherland handed Hemingford their only district loss two weeks ago. A Plainsmen win Friday would give Sutherland its first district loss. All three teams would finish district play with one loss.

To do that, Coach Tanner Collins said his squad will have to turn in a better effort than they did Friday at Hemingford.

"We took a step back," he said.

He felt his team didn't play at the physical level they are capable of. They didn't engage, he said. In addition, missed defensive and special team assignments, and untimely penalties proved costly as well.

The Bobcats pounded the ball on the ground for 322 yards and six touchdowns. They also collected two more in the air.

The game had swings of momentum early.

The Plainsmen put the first points on the board, scoring on a third-and-26 from their own 30.

Quarterback Triston Hite found Hunter Garner in the left flat and he went 50 yards untouched for the score.

Then, on Hemingford's first

play from scrimmage, Nolan Foster picked off a pass at the Bobcat 30.

However, two plays later, Hemingford returned the favor, picking off a Hite pass.

Collins took responsibility for that one, saying he called the wrong pass play.

But the biggest momentum change came when Hite made the tackle on the interception. He injured an ankle that took him out for the rest of the game.

"That took the wind out of the sails," Collins said. If Hite plays the whole game, that makes a difference, the coach added.

Sophomore Casey Hanson took over quarterback duties for the second week in a row, taking over the helm last week against Kimball after Hite dislocated a finger in the Bayard game.

Before the Plainsmen could get back on the board, the Bobcats put up three touchdowns of their own.

Hanson answered with a 52-yard keeper to pull back within a touchdown, 20-13.

Hemingford provided their own answer with a five-play, 44-yard drive.

Late in the second, Hanson hit Garner for a 33-yard score, only to have it nullified by a penalty.

The Plainsmen remained within a pair of touchdowns at half, 26-13.

Hemingford stuck another dagger to open the second half, taking the kickoff 69 yards for the touchdown.

The Plainsmen added two scores in the third but Hemingford closed it out with two scores in the fourth.

That brings the Plainsmen forward to another big game here Friday against Sutherland

Kickoff at Haenfler Field is



TANDY OVERSTREET

Junior Jeb Kohl goes down after a pass from Casey Hanson in action at Hemingford Friday.

set for 6 p.m. MT.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
PC	7	6	12	0	25
HHS	20	6	20	12	58

Team Totals	PCS	HHS
Total Plays	70	60
Total Yards	252	372
Passing Yards	147	50
Rushing Yards	105	322
First Downs	12	20
Third Down Conv.	4-13	4-9
Fourth Down Conv.	0-5	2-5
Turnovers	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Interceptions Thrown	1	1
Penalties/Yards	7/43	4/89

Third Quarter

HHS—Brian Turek 69 Yd Kickoff Return (Zachary Rozmiarek Run For Two-Point Conversion)

PC—Hunter Garner 2 Yd Run (Failed Two-Point Conversion)

HHS—Brian Turek 28 Yd Run (Failed Two-Point Conversion)

PC—Hunter Garner 17 Yd Pass (Failed Two-Point Conversion)

HHS—Darin Turek 11 Yd Run (Failed Two-Point Conversion)

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Freshmen Kailee Potts, left, and Katie Cook, right, defend the net against the Chase County Longhorns.

Lady Plainsmen suffer losses at Chase County

BY ERIN GIBBENS
GRANT TRIBUNE-SENTINEL

The Perkins County volleyball team fell to both Chase County and Gothenburg during the Chase County triangular Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Their first game of the evening was against Gothenburg. Coach Monica Cole said it has been quite a few years since Perkins County has been able to score more than 12 to 15 points in a match against the Swedes.

This year, however, the girls scored 18 points in the first set and 17 in the second, showing improvement over previous years.

The varsity team held their own against Gothenburg, even though they lost in two sets, Cole said.

The Lady Plainsmen then moved on to face Chase County. They won the first set, 27-25. Cole said she was

proud of them for battling for the win.

The team, she added, flattened on the game after that. The Chase County Longhorns defeated the Lady Plainsmen in the final two sets 25-12 and 25-13.

These games made their record 12-6 going into this week.

Tuesday, Oct. 6, Perkins County traveled to Wauneta for a triangular against Garden County and Wauneta.

NEXT ACTION

Cole said the girls are excited for a big week, and the team worked on some things they know are important to do right.

"Execution and continued determination is what we need most at this point," she continued.

The Lady Plainsmen will again face the Longhorns in Chase County on Thursday, with games beginning at 5:30 p.m.



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NORA JAMESON

Wallace girls at 7-8, boys at 2-4

Senior Emma Berry hits, not over the block, not around the block, but through the block! The Lady Cats played against Brady and Maywood-Hayes Center in a home triangular on Tuesday, Sept. 29. They defeated Brady 2-1, but fell to Maywood-Hayes Center 2-0. Thursday, Oct. 1, Wallace hosted a game against SEM, and the Lady Cats earned another win, 2-1. Their record coming into this week is 7-8. Tuesday, Oct. 6, the girls competed in a home triangular against Paxton and Dundy County-Stratton. Their next game will be Monday, Oct. 12 in a home triangular against Garden County and Potter-Dix beginning at 5 p.m. CT. In football action, senior Tanner Finley brings down this runner from Sumner-Eddyville-Miller during last week's contest. The Wildcats fell to 2-4 after falling to SEM in a close one 33-28. This week they travel to Wauneta to face the 1-5 Wauneta-Palisade Broncos.



CONTRIBUTED

Sugar and Spikes take second in tournament

Over the weekend, the Sugar and Spikes volleyball team competed against seven other teams and took second place in their division. Members of the team include (l-r): Coach Melissa Wilson, Coach Tara Nodlinski, Shyne Hickey, Emily Wilson, Savannah Miller, Haylea McGreer, Jordyn Lenhart (kneeling) Addison York, Zoe Hansen, Emily Lenhart and Coach Lindsay Nodlinski.



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Sarah Cockerill turned in her best round of the season at Monday's district meet in Ogallala.

Lady Plainsmen finish golf season at districts

BY RUSS PANKONIN
GRANT TRIBUNE-SENTINEL

Perkins County's girls golf team completed their season Monday at the C-5 District meet held at Crandell Creek Golf Course in Ogallala.

Kayton Brueggeman led the Lady Plainsmen with an 18-hole score of 108, which was just nine strokes away from qualifying for the state tournament.

Kayla Reichenberg finished with a 122, Emme Sims carded a 124 and Sarah Cockerill finished with a 129, her lowest score of the season.

Brueggeman and Sims each bettered their scores for the Crandell Creek scores during Monday's competition.

The team finished eighth in the field of teams recording team scores.

Coach Rich Borman congratulated the girls for their ongoing efforts and accomplishments this season. He noted Monday's meet was "very competitive."

Kimball's Payton Wise won the meet with a 76.

Mitchell won the meet with a 386, followed by Valentine with a 392 and Kimball with a 394. Those three teams advance to next week's state tournament at the Elks Country Club in Columbus.

Team Scores—1, Mitchell, 386; 2, Valentine, 392; 3, Kimball, 394; 4, Gordon-Rushville, 422; 5, Ogallala, 434; 6, Bridgeport, 447; 7, Garden County, 455; 8, Perkins County, 483; 9, Hershey, 554. Schools with no team score included Bayard, Creek Valley, Dundy County Stratton and Muller.

PC Schools COVID-19 level orange protocols

BUILDINGS AND LOCATIONS
 • If limited occupancy or social distancing is required by directed health measures or by the determination of administration, offsite locations in the community of Grant or other communities within our district may be utilized for in-person instructional deliver:
 ◦Elementary grades will have priority access to elementary and secondary locations.
 ◦Secondary grades may be located at offsite locations.

ACADEMICS AND CURRICULUM

Courses and instructional delivery may be modified.
 • In-person and E-learning.
 • Academic emphasis may be placed on core subject areas that are assessed at the state and national level: Math, Science, English Language Arts, Social Studies.
 • Modified student schedules may also be implemented.
 • Schoology—Learning Management Systems will be utilized.
 • Possible closing of pre-school depending on capacity limitations and/or need for increased social distancing.
 • All classes will have assigned seating when applicable:
 ◦Band and Choir students will practice social distancing or be modified to limit risk.
 ◦PE/Weights may be modified to limit risk.
 ◦Library may limit numbers, cleaning protocols in place.
 • All academic trips/tours will be limited and must be approved by administration.
 • Small group learning activities may be limited or modified.
 • PreK-6 teachers may rotate to students.
 • Possible extended school year calendar or length of the instructional day modified Parents and Students.
 • Trainings will be implemented for School-ogy, Zoom, Google Suite.
 • Student training in digital citizenship.
 • Students and parents have the choice to opt-out of in-person attendance:
 ◦Must complete a declaration of intent to participate in E-Learning.
 ◦Attend e-learning classes.
 ◦Accountable for homework assignments and assessments for grade promotion and course completions.
 ◦Not allowed to participate in activities.
 • Educate parent's how to analyze and access student profile report of MAPS.
 • Educate parents on BARK.
 • Educate parents on screening their students,

reporting ill students, and the questions they will be asked.
 • Mask/face coverings are optional unless mandated by directed health measures, Southwest Health Department, or Administration.

STAFF

• Staff will integrate e-learning modeling and training before the possibility of moving to COVID-19 Red - severe risk of spread.
 • Will receive professional development training in Schoology, Zoom, Google Suite.
 • Formalized system to track priority standards taught.
 • Initial assessments will be used to set goals and benchmarks for student learning.

Mask/face coverings are optional unless mandated by directed health measures, Southwest Health Department, or Administration.

SCREENING PROCEDURES

• Temperature screenings of students and staff twice a day.
 • Students/Staff Exhibiting Fever of 100 Degrees or other COVID-like symptoms.
 ◦ Stay at home.
 ◦ Multiple thermometers will be readily available for temperature screenings to take temperature of students reporting not feeling well.
 ◦ Students will report to designated rooms (Elementary - Nurses office, Secondary - Principal Waiting Room).
 ◦ Face covering required if demonstrating COVID and Flu-like symptoms.
 • Continue regular collection of data and surveillance with school absences.
 • Visitors will be limited and may need prior approval. Temperature screenings will be taken as they enter the building. Those 65 or older, people with underlying health conditions and other populations at heightened risk from COVID-19 are encouraged not to visit, practice social distancing if choosing to visit, and are encouraged to wear a mask

HYGIENE AND CLEANING

• Mask/face coverings are optional unless mandated by directed health measures, Southwest Health Department, or Administration.
 • Teaching and modeling of coughing and sneezing into elbows.
 • Classroom windows open as much as possible when conditions allow.
 • Educating staff students about masks and being considerate of others choosing to wear masks.
 • Increased frequency of regular cleaning

schedule and logs kept for bathrooms, hallways, and high contact surfaces (handrails, doorknobs, light switches).
 • Use hand sanitizer after classroom transitions or contact with high contact surfaces.
 • Wash hands for at least 20 seconds after touching high contact surfaces.
 • Increased frequency of cleaning and disinfecting desks.
 • No sharing of classroom supplies (scissors, pencils, crayons)

MOVEMENT AND ACCESS

• There will be established points of entry and exit.
 • Social distancing implemented per recommendations by Southwest Health Department.
 ◦ Classroom.
 ◦ Alternate passing periods to mitigate hallway contact.
 ◦ Before and after school gathering areas.
 ◦ Staggered dismissal.
 • Visitors will be limited or need approval from administration to enter the building.
 • Limited students/traffic in-office - use window "pass-through".
 • Students will carry water bottles - water fountains are closed.
 • Modified recess or cancellation of recess

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

• Cafeteria procedures may be modified.
 • No self serve salad bar will be offered unless health measures are modified.
 • Breakfast and lunch activities will have students dismissed by table.
 • Lunches may be staggered or moved to individual classrooms to accommodate proper social distancing and health measures.

TRANSPORTATION

• Masks will be mandatory on bus routes and activities.
 • Students will have assigned seats and family members will be seated with each other.
 • Drivers or bus personnel may take temperatures of students entering the bus. Parents are encouraged to take their students' temperature prior to dropping off. Extracurricular Activities.
 • Follow NSAA Guidelines and the host schools protocols.
 • After school activities and programs may be modified or canceled.
 • The Teammates Program will be modified as needed.
 ◦ This could include potentially canceling in-person meetings.
 • Contact upcoming competitors/events (schools) prior to the event

Schmitt named September Senior

Perkins County Schools September senior-of-the-month honor has been given to Savannah Schmitt.

Schmitt is the daughter of Laurie Schmitt and Rick Matousek.

Schmitt has been active in a variety of sports and activities throughout her high school career.

During her first two years of high school, she was the student manager for the volleyball team, and was also the student manager for basketball in grade 10 and track in grade nine.

She has been a cheerleader during her freshman, sophomore and senior years, and has participated in FFA from sophomore to senior year. Schmitt was also in the school musical during her first three years of high school.

During all four years at Perkins County High School, Schmitt has been involved in speech and one act.

She has lettered in one act and the musical, and has earned many medals throughout her years in speech.

Outside of school, Schmitt has been involved in 4-H and swim team. She has participated in 4-H since seventh grade, and was on the swim team from fifth to eighth grade.

Schmitt has helped out on her family farm throughout the years, and got her first official job at 15. She currently works at Poppe's Posies, where she has worked since April of 2019.

One of the accomplishments she is most proud of is her sophomore year informative speech about Amber Alerts. She made it to district speech

and earned fourth place, one away from attending state.

"It was very emotional because I was sad I didn't make it but really happy because I was so close," Schmitt said. "And it was my first year, and I had no idea what I was doing."

She said speech has taught her a lot, not only because she has learned new information from speeches she has watched over the years, but also because it taught her how to talk to people in front of crowds. She also feels speech has taught her what a team feels like, and it has shown her how hard everyone works to go so far.

Schmitt expresses her creativity through music.

"Ever since I can remember, I have loved singing," she said. "Sometimes when I am really struggling with studying or something, I will try to fit some things I need to know into a song I know well."

She added that when she feels mad or sad, singing is something that will always make her feel better because it allows her to express her feelings.

After graduating from Perkins County High School, Schmitt plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study either music or history.

She enjoys singing and believes that could lead to a future in music. She also enjoys history and believes she may teach the subject.

The community has helped shape Schmitt in many ways. One way, she noted, is how supportive the community has been throughout her life.

"When I am done with whatever activity I am in, someone from our community will come up and say 'good job' or 'I'm so



CHRIS LOEFFLER PHOTOGRAPHY

SAVANNAH SCHMITT

proud of you," she said. "The community keeps my head up. They let me know that they are there for me." One way she gives back to the community is helping out, for example with the fundraisers for the pool project. She also finds sitting down and having a conversation with community members has been a way she can give back.

She added she has learned a lot from her teachers, coaches and supervisors she has had over the years.

"The one thing I have learned from everyone is to never quit, keep pushing, even when it gets tough," Schmitt said. "Don't back down."

For being selected senior of the month, Schmitt's picture will hang in the lobby of Pinnacle Bank in Grant. She will be eligible for a scholarship awarded at the end of the school year. The student of the month and scholarship program are sponsored by Pinnacle Bank of Grant and members of the community.



CONTRIBUTED

Dr. Kohl visits with students

Kristi (Wendland) Kohl, M.D., was the guest speaker for Medical Professional Monday's in Anatomy class on Oct. 6. Dr. Kohl is a 1993 Garden County Schools graduate and is a Family Doctor in Grant at PCHS's Grant Medical Clinic.

Peterson takes first in junior division of livestock judging

CONTRIBUTED



Sophomore Storm Peterson (right) and Freshman Will Long competed in the BerMis FFA livestock judging contest Saturday, Oct. 3 in Bertrand. Out of 40 competitors in the junior division, Peterson took 1st place with a score of 408, and Long placed 11th with a score of 345. Overall, Peterson took 4th place and Long placed 22nd.



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Metric calendar proposal

BY JOEY LEDBETTER
 WHS JOURNALISM STUDENT

Have you ever thought about why September, October, November, and December all have names based on numbers?

Septem-seven, octo-eight, novem-nine, and decem-ten. But these Latin roots do not line up with the current Gregorian calendar: September is the ninth month, October-tenth, November-eleventh, and December is the twelfth.

I propose we update our calendar to one that lists March as the first month of the year. It would be a bit nicer for my brain. This is my push for the "Metric Calendar", since metric units are simpler and friendlier to the brain, which I would personally like to go by. I have some good reasons why.

First of all, the month's

names. I hate that we have months named after numbers but they don't line up. It annoys me to no end, yet most people don't even recognize this mistake. We live our lives not knowing why the month is called "December" and assume it is for a good reason. At this point, the root words lose their meaning.

The Gregorian calendar also starts and ends halfway through winter. I have always had trouble telling how many months are in every season because the winter months are on opposite sides of the year. Our calendar should accurately portray the seasons. With all these problems, we're

going to need a new calendar. We need a calendar that makes more sense, without changing too much. The metric calendar is like the Gregorian calendar we have today but is logical.

The year starts with March and ends in February. New Year will sometimes happen on the leap year which is really handy! The 'ber months are in their proper place, and all that changed was New Year's Day.

We should restart 2020 next March as the first year with the new calendar. We can pretend this year never happened and have a more friendly year to boot!



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PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING NOTICE

The Grant Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will hold its regular monthly meeting October 15th, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. at the Community Room located at 300 Warren Ave., Sunset Haven.
PUBLISH: Oct. 7, 2020 ZNEZ

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder at the East door of the Perkins County Courthouse in Grant, Nebraska on November 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.:

Lots 1 and 2, Soap Box Car Wash Replat, located in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 13, Township 10 North, Range 39 West of the 6th P.M., Perkins County, Nebraska

subject to any and all real estate taxes, special assessments, easements, covenants, and other senior encumbrances and restrictions of record.

TERMS OF SALE: The sale shall remain open for a period of 15 minutes unless there is active bidding. In that event, the sales shall close five minutes after the last bid received. The successful bidder shall deposit with the Trustee an amount equal to at least 10% of the purchase price, in cash or certified funds, at the time of the sale, with the balance to be received by the Trustee or the attorney for the Trustee by 5:00 P.M. on the day of the sale. This requirement is waived when the successful bidder is the beneficiary. This sale is being made without any warranties as to title or condition of the properties.

This sale is being held pursuant to the power of sale granted in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 17, 2017 and recorded on July 24, 2017 as Instrument No. 2017-00635 of the real estate records of Perkins County, Nebraska wherein Boehs Construction, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, is Trustor:

DATED: September 23, 2020.
Adam A. Hoelsing

Attorney for Western States Bank, Trustee
Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C., L.L.O.

1502 Second Avenue
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 632-3811

PUBLISH: Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2020 ZNEZ

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT M25 Farms, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office at 209 W 5th St., Grant, NE 69140.

The Company's initial registered agent for service of process is Patrick McGreer at 209 W 5th St., P O Box 354, Grant, NE 69140.

The limited liability company was organized and commenced on September 30, 2020, and the period of the Company's duration is perpetual.

The affairs of the Company shall be conducted by its Members in proportion to their contribution to the capital of the Company, as adjusted from time to time, to reflect additional contributions or withdrawals by the Members.

M25 Farms, LLC
Joshua J. Wendell
McQuillan & Wendell, P.C., L.L.O.
PO Box 478
Ogallala, NE 69153
(308) 284-4058
info@mcquillanlaw.com

PUBLISH: Oct. 7, 14 and 21, 2020 ZNEZ

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Grant invites qualified firms to submit sealed bids clearly marked on the sealed envelope: Sewer Jet/Vacuum Combination Truck for the Purchase of a 2003 or Newer Sewer Jet/Vacuum Combination Truck until 2:00 PM on Thursday October 22, 2020 at such time the bids will be immediately and simultaneously opened publicly in the presence of the bidders or representatives of the bidders.

Parties interested in this Request for Bids may obtain a copy from the City of Grant. All information outlined in the Bid Specifications, along with any other pertinent facts necessary for a proper evaluation of this bid, should be delivered to the City of Grant, 342 Central Avenue, P.O. Box 614 Grant, Nebraska 69140 prior to the hour and date above designated.

The City of Grant reserves the right to reject any or all bid in whole or in part with or without cause and/or to accept the bid that in its judgment will be in the best interest of the City of Grant and is to the lowest responsive Responsible bidder.

Any additional information necessary can be obtained by directing calls to the City of Grant, 342 Central Avenue, P.O. Box 614 Grant, Nebraska 69140 (308) 352-2100
PUBLISH: Oct. 7 and 14, 2020 ZNEZ

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF PERKINS COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF DOROTHY M. FORD, DECEASED ESTATE NO. PR 20-18

Notice is hereby given that, on September 21, 2020, in the County Court of Perkins County, Nebraska, Margaret Ford, whose address is #43 Makochmni, Ogallala, NE 69153 and Georgia Barbee whose address is 514 West 4th, Ogallala, NE 69153, were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before November 30, 2020 or be forever barred.

Kathy Woodmancy
Clerk of County Court

Robert B. Reynolds, NSBA No. 18636
Reynolds, Korth & Samuelson, P.C., L.L.O.

1401 West First Street
PO Box 717
Ogallala, Nebraska 69153
308-284-4001

PUBLISH: Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and 14, 2020 ZNEZ

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF FALL RIVER LAND COMPANY, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Fall River Land Company, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company (the "Company"), has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office at 34625 Rd. 760, Elsie, NE 69134. The Company's registered agent for service of process in the State of Nebraska is John C. Cutler, 34625 Rd. 760, Elsie, NE 69134.

Michael L. Lafleur #26060, Organizer
Endacott Peetz Timmer & Koerwitz, PC LLO
5825 S. 14th Street, Suite 200
Lincoln, NE 68512

PUBLISH: Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and 14, 2020 ZNEZ

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Grant invites qualified firms to submit sealed bids clearly marked on the sealed envelope: New/Used Pickup with Steel Service Body for the Purchase of a 2019 or Newer Pickup with a Steel Service Body until 1:30 PM on Thursday October 22, 2020 at such time the bids will be immediately and simultaneously opened publicly in the presence of the bidders or representatives of the bidders.

Parties interested in this Request for Bids may obtain a copy from the City of Grant. All information outlined in the Bid Specifications, along with any other pertinent facts necessary for a proper evaluation of this bid, should be delivered to the City of Grant, 342 Central Avenue, P.O. Box 614 Grant, Nebraska 69140 prior to the hour and date above designated.

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PUBLISH: Oct. 7 and 14, 2020 ZNEZ

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF PERKINS COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF DOLORES I. SEXSON, DECEASED ESTATE NO. PR20-19

Notice is hereby given that on September 30, 2020, in the County Court of Perkins County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Douglas Winn Sexson, whose address is 32385 Road 758, Grant, NE 69140, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before December 7, 2020, or be forever barred.

Kathy Woodmancy
Clerk of County Court

Address of the County Court:
200 Lincoln Avenue, P.O. Box 222
Grant, NE 69140

Richard H. Roberts #15465
Attorney for the Personal Representative
300 Central Avenue
P. O. Box 130
Grant, NE 69140
308-352-2111
robertslaw@gpccom.net

PUBLISH: Oct. 7, 14 and 21, 2020 ZNEZ

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSHOP THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 7:00 PM MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Perkins County Schools Board of Education special budget workshop was called to order in the high school media center on September 3, 2020 at 7:22 pm by President Jayson Bishop. The following board members answered roll call: Jayson Bishop, Chris Fryzek, Angela Gloy, Amy Kroeker, Angie Patrick (late) and Larry Pritchett. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, notation of the posted Open Meetings Law was made, and Amy Kroeker and Chris Fryzek verified they had seen the published notice of the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

This motion to approve the agenda as presented, made by Angela Gloy and seconded by Chris Fryzek. Passed. Jayson Bishop: Yea, Chris Fryzek: Yea, Angela Gloy: Yea, Amy Kroeker: Yea, Angie Patrick: Absent, Larry Pritchett: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Absent: 1
Consider approving the August 11, 2020 board workshop minutes. This motion to approve board minutes in August, made by Chris Fryzek and seconded by Angela Gloy, Passed. Jayson Bishop: Yea, Chris Fryzek: Yea, Angela Gloy: Yea, Amy Kroeker: Yea, Angie Patrick: Absent, Larry Pritchett: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Absent: 1
Budget workshop and planning lead by Mr. Piquet. The topics were discussed and reviewed at length by board members and no vote to approve at this time.

Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned at 9:25. Next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
PUBLISH: Oct. 7, 2020 ZNEZ

PERKINS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 6:00 PM MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Perkins County Schools Board of Education was called to order in the high school media center on September 15, 2020 at 6:35 pm by President Jayson Bishop. The following board members answered roll call: Jayson Bishop, Chris Fryzek, Angela Gloy, Amy Kroeker, Angie Patrick, and Larry Pritchett. Phillip Piquet was present for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, notation of the posted Open Meetings Law was made, and Amy Kroeker and Angela Gloy verified they had seen the published notice of the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

This motion to approve the agenda as presented, made by Chris Fryzek and seconded by Amy Kroeker Passed. Jayson Bishop: Yea, Chris Fryzek: Yea, Angela Gloy: Yea, Amy Kroeker: Yea, Angie Patrick: Yea, Larry Pritchett: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0
Consent Agenda

Consider approving the August 17 regular meeting. This motion to approve board minutes in August, made by Angie Patrick and seconded by Chris Fryzek, Passed. Jayson Bishop: Yea, Chris Fryzek: Yea, Angela Gloy: Yea, Amy Kroeker: Yea, Angie Patrick: Yea, Larry Pritchett: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0
Approve payment of the In & Out claim (Each month the In & Out claim will be voted on separately so that there is no conflict of interest by Board Member Amy Kroeker):

This motion, to pay the In & Out claim of \$190.17, made by Jason Bishop and seconded by Angela Gloy, Passed. Jayson Bishop: Yea, Chris Fryzek: Yea, Angela Gloy: Yea, Amy Kroeker: Abstain (With Conflict), Angie Patrick: Yea, Larry Pritchett: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Approve all other bills and payroll:

This motion to pay General Fund claims of \$757,617.09 (Payroll \$211,674.57; Bills \$545,942.52) and Lunch Fund claims of \$30,709.98 (Payroll \$6,167.99; Bills \$24,541.99), made by Chris Fryzek and seconded by Larry Pritchett, Passed. Jayson Bishop: Yea, Chris Fryzek: Yea, Angela Gloy: Yea, Amy Kroeker: Yea, Angie Patrick: Yea, Larry Pritchett: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0
Payable To Amount

Frenchman Valley Co-op, \$282.98; Adams Bank FBO Ben Jones HSA, \$213.29; Adams Lumber, \$528.54; American Family Life, \$678.67; American Family Life, \$2,079.66; Al's Lock And Safe, \$1,198.46; Amazon, \$1,341.65; Aperture Education, \$1,500.00; Apple

PERKINS COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET AND FINAL TAX REQUEST HEARING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 6:00 PM

1. Public Hearing
1.1 and 1.2

The meeting of the Budget and Final Tax Request Hearing was called to order in the high school media center on September 15, 2020 at 6:05 by President Jayson Bishop. The following board members answered roll call: Jayson Bishop, Chris Fryzek, Angela Gloy, Amy Kroeker, Angie Patrick, and Larry Pritchett. Phillip Piquet was present for the meeting. Amy Kroeker and Larry Pritchett verified they had seen the published notice of the meeting.

1.3 Budget Hearing for 2020-21 School Year

Public notice was given in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 13-501 to 13-513 that the governing body meet on the 15 day of September for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observation of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto.

Phillip Piquet reviewed spread sheets with source of funds and state statute requirement and 3 criteria to limit spending. He



Computer, Inc, \$3,730.00; Apple Inc., \$64,383.78; Arnold's Upholstery, \$590.00; BAVX Resources, \$343.01; Black Hills Energy, \$30.95; Black Hills Energy, \$293.64; Black Hills Energy, \$110.13; Black Hills Energy, \$39.71; Black Hills Energy, \$32.21; Black Hills Energy, \$81.90; Black Hills Energy, \$208.94; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$782.06; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, \$87,544.77; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$2,080.89; Capital Business Systems, \$1,143.44; Carlson Electric, \$312.43; Cash-Wa Distributing, \$159.90; CDW Government, Inc, \$560.55; City Of Grant, \$16,462.34; Clerk Sedgwick Co. Combined Court, \$267.28; Cornhusker Glass, Inc., \$63.30; Country Supply, \$886.14; Blick Art Materials, \$425.18; Eakes Office Solutions, \$5,374.39; Edgenuity, \$1,250.00; EFTPS Payroll Deposit, \$69,090.53; Emmett's Repair, \$429.45; ESU #10, \$4,231.75; ESU #16, \$23,000.00; Faber Signs, \$1,249.71; Filament Essential Services, \$1,900.00; Friesen Welding & Repair, \$234.50; Goff Services, \$410.95; GraceNotes, \$223.24; Marcia Graney, \$118.24; Grant Pharmacy, \$18.00; Grant Tribune/Johnson Publications, \$131.87; Great Plains Communications, \$1,166.44; Growers Supply, \$582.95; Hatch's Super Foods, \$74.62; Hi-Line Cooperative Inc, \$72.71; Houghton Mifflin Company, \$4,979.02; Ideal Linen Supply, \$985.82; In & Out, \$190.17; IXL Learning, \$2,888.00; Knapp Electric, \$494.00; Lawson Products Inc, \$271.55; LegalShield, \$112.44; LJ Music/Audio, \$610.00; Megan Apolius, \$23.17; MG Trust Company, \$2,875.00; Mike's Small Engine Repair, \$67.99; National Assn for Music Education, \$132.00; Imperial NAPA, \$41.50; Nebraska Association of School Boards, \$100.00; NASB Alicap, \$137,194.00; Nasco, \$49.50; Nebraska Depart. Of Revenue, \$10,446.18; Nebraska Retirement System, \$58,554.93; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip., \$360.00; Northern Safety & Industry, \$447.81; Nebraska Public Power District, \$34.21; Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association, \$850.00; NSASSP Region V, \$60.00; Office Service, \$55.98; One Source, \$15.00; Perkins County Schools, \$54.08; PCS Transaction Cash, \$2,194.42; J. W. Pepper & Son, Inc, \$48.49; Perkins Co. Health Services, \$79.00; Phillip Piquet, \$181.00; Pinnacle Bank, \$1,254.44; Pitney Bowes, \$30.00; Quality Diesel Inc, \$11,112.43; Range, \$130.00; Reese Mechanical, \$670.57; Regier Equipment Co Inc, \$200.45; Rockler Woodworking, \$200.54; Scholastic Book Clubs, \$71.21; Screencastify, \$1,500.00; Shaffer & Assoc, \$34.82; Sandhills State Bank FBO Jasmine Lehl HSA, \$213.29; Sandhills State Bank FBO Tristan Stephenson H, \$106.64; Striv, Inc., \$224.25; Super Duper School Company, \$34.50; Supreme School Supply Co., \$67.85; Principal Life Group, \$302.24; TalkTools, \$216.00; Valley Pro Ir-

rigation, \$323.69; Viera, \$106.57; Vision Service Plan (CT), \$543.58; WageWorks, Inc., \$2,851.00; Payment Remittance Center, \$2,925.13; Woodwind & Brasswind, \$200.65; Woodcraft Magazine, \$19.99; Bill Wright, \$489.90; WageWorks, \$182.00; Yandas Music, \$10.99; American Family Life, \$239.27; Lacey Baker, \$105.72; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, \$2,948.52; Cash-Wa Distributing, \$13,278.23; EFTPS Payroll Deposit, \$1,618.93; Hatch's Super Foods, \$908.43; Nebraska Depart. Of Revenue, \$166.57; Nebraska Retirement System, \$1,403.21; PCS Transaction Cash, \$63.00; US Foods - Grand Island, \$3,760.10; Vision Service Plan (CT), \$50.01

Separate motion made to approve Regier Equipment bill of \$200.45 due to conflict of interest by Board Member Chris Fryzek was made by Jason Bishop and seconded by Angela Gloy, Passed. Jayson Bishop: Yea, Chris Fryzek: Abstain (With Conflict), Angela Gloy: Yea, Amy Kroeker: Yea, Angie Patrick: Yea, Larry Pritchett: Yea.

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Reports
Principal: No questions by board members and report reviewed.

Activities Director: No questions by board members and report reviewed.

Curriculum Coordinator: No questions by board members and report reviewed.

Technology Director: No report.
Superintendent: No questions by board members and report reviewed.

Board Committee Reports - NASB Update: None reported

Public Comment
No comment by public.

Discussion Items/Action Items
Consideration of the approval of the 2020-21 Budget & Tax Request Resolutions was made by Angie Patrick and seconded by Chris Fryzek. Passed. Larry Pritchett: Yea, Angie Patrick: Yea, Jason Bishop: Nay, Amy Kroeker: Yea, Angela Gloy: Yea, and Chris Fryzek: Yea.

Yea: 5, Nay: 1
Review, consider, and take all necessary action to approve sound system quote from LJ Music & Audio was tabled for next meeting to acquire more information for vote.

Policy 2007-Reimbursement and Miscellaneous Expenditures was reviewed with no changes.

Board Committee Reports None Executive Session

Motion made and approved to move into executive session at 7:43 by Jason Bishop and seconded by Angela Gloy with all member in favor. Session adjourned at 8:02.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm and next regular board meeting is set for October 19th at 6:00pm.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

also reviewed certified valuation spread sheet from 2006 to 2021. Budget summary comparison of the 2019-2020 budget were reviewed with bullet points on significant increases and decreases in funding.

1.4 Final Tax Levy & Request Hearing for the 2020-21 School Year

Public notice was given in compliance with the provision State Statute Section 77-1601.02, that the governing body meet on the 15 day of September 2020 immediately following the Budget hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observation of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

The total assessed value of the property differs from last year's total assessed value by -2%; the tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the

new total assessed value property would be \$0.527 per \$100 of assessed value, the Perkins County School District proposed to adopt a property tax request that will cause its rate to be \$0.588 per \$1000 of assessed value.

Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Perkins County School District will exceed last year's by 5 percent.

(1) The Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$6,076,768.00 (2) the Tax Request for the Special Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$252,525.00. The total budget, with disbursement and transfers, is approved at \$10,174,646.00.

The budget and final tax request hearing was closed at 6:31 with no public comment.

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Liquid cattle feed service focus of new business

BY JAN SCHULTZ
 THE IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN

After three years as a sub-dealer for Midwest Liquid Feeds, Brian Helser of Champion is venturing out on his own.

On the first of this month, Helser began his own operation, Southwest Liquid Feeds, providing a full all-encompassing service to area cattle operations.

He is now one of just three dealers for Midwest Liquid Feeds in Nebraska.

Helser said a desire to get back to his roots is one reason he started this business.

"I grew up on ranches in southeast Wyoming and wanted to get into the livestock industry," he said.

It's also a goal to get large enough so son Trace can join the business someday, he said. The younger Helser works in farming in the area.

Southwest Liquid Feeds provides the Allix feed supplement, which contains all the feed cattle need, he said, including protein, minerals, vitamins and fat.

It's full service business, he added. He will place the troughs at the ranch, check them weekly and refill as needed. If the cattle are moved to a field of stalks,



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Brian Helser of Champion will soon have signage on his truck that identifies his new business, Southwest Liquid Feeds.

Helser will move the troughs as needed.

His business can also provide other needs for the cattleman, including salt, dry minerals and protein tubs. He'll add garlic to the feed in summer if requested for fly control, he said.

He can also be contacted for other products to help during calving season such as pastes for newborns.

Helser said liquid feed such as his has mostly been

a winter product in the past, but cattle operators are now seeing the benefits of using it in late fall and beyond.

Besides Chase County, his service area as a former sub-dealer took him to Dundy and Perkins counties, too. He'll continue to make contacts in those areas with an eye on expanding.

In addition to other "jobs," Helser also maintains a herd of 25 cows in

his own operation. Son Trace is also involved in the cattle business, and serves on the national Junior Chianina Board of Directors for a second two-year term.

Helser and wife Tammy live on a small acreage in rural Champion, where his new business is headquartered.

He can be contacted for more information at 308-882-8060.

October Farm Finance Clinic to be held

Farmers and ranchers are invited to attend a free clinic.

The clinics are one-on-one, not group sessions, and are confidential. The legal and financial clinic gives you a chance to meet with an experienced Ag law attorney and farm financial counselor. These clinic staff specialize in legal and economic issues related to farming and ranching, including business planning, estate and transition planning, farm loan programs, debtor/creditor law, and other relevant matters.

Here is an opportunity to obtain an experienced outside opinion on issues that may be affecting your farm or ranch.

Bring your questions! Please note that for the

time being, the clinics are being conducted as conference calls or as Zoom meetings. It is therefore possible to attend a clinic from any location in the state.

In-person clinics are expected to resume in the near future, at which time locations will be announced.

October Farm Finance Clinic dates are Wednesday, Oct. 14 and Wednesday, Oct. 21.

To sign up for a clinic or for more information, call Michelle at the Nebraska Rural Response Hotline: 1-800-464-0258.

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Legal Aid of Nebraska sponsor the farm finance clinics.

Great Plains Communications expansion continues

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Great Plains has continued to expand their footprint as a telecommunications provider with an expanding, privately-owned, 13,000-mile fiber network reaching 11 states.

"Great Plains Communications continues to stay true to our vision to grow strategically by identifying promising opportunities like the ETC acquisition," said Todd Foje, CEO of Great Plains Communications.

With the backing of partner Grain Management, LLC, ETC is the second acquisition completed by Great Plains, within the last year. The company acquired InterCarrier Networks in

August 2019.

Chad Crank, managing director at Grain Management they believe the trend of increasing bandwidth demand will only continue.

The robust Great Plains Communications network is designed to meet these capacity needs and to support the advances in technology that are driving the trend, he added.

He said their expansion efforts positions Great Plains for further growth.

Great Plains Communications is the largest privately-owned telecommunications provider in Nebraska.

They have over a century of experience providing business, wholesale and residential customers with fiber-based technology services including ethernet, internet, video, hosted and voice solutions across an 11-state footprint.

Its partner, Grain Management, LLC is a leading private investment firm that focuses on communications infrastructure and technology companies that connect the world to the information economy.

Founded in 2007, the firm invests exclusively in the telecommunications sector.



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