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## Rejuvenation project underway with Valentine Champions, UNL Extension and students

by Laura Vroman

Our community is growing; it has its own energy and vitality; a uniqueness that brings together independence, along with a drive to work together to keep things fresh.

That's where UN Extension Community Vitality Educator Jenny Nixon comes into play. She brought to Valentine the Rural Futures Initiatives, a grant that will plan community vitality for the next 25 years or more.

While that's not something new in Valentine - several groups have been at the forefront of trying to keep Valentine vital, alive, and growing. City Manager Shane Siewert said, "They're offering the resources of the University to help us and how to promote prosperity in Valentine. We said, 'Sure, come on, we'll do it!'

"The local group who is working with UNL is the Valentine Champions and an architecture class. Their teacher, Kim Wilson, is running the program, and will be grading the student's presentations."

Nixon explained that part of the grant is strategic planning which includes: how your community looks, economic opportunities, demographic renewal, and a sense of place or placemaking.

Two students were with Jenny;

Brendan Schartz, and Darby Buckley, both third year students attending UNL's college of architecture and landscape architecture. They, along with classmates, are gathering data for the placemaking portion that will be presented in May.

With Highway 20 being closer to a reality, Darby said they want to incorporate a way that would interest visitors to stop; not to take away what's here, but to enhance it. "Environmental systems, town structure, we looked at land use and zoning issues - the different parts of town and what's there, and the culture and history."

There is a 40 acre neighborhood development near the hospital that will be diverse in both ages and incomes, and is planned to be completed in phases to help address the housing need in Valentine - which has been a top issue.

Brendan said another group went to Ecology Park, City Park, "...and driven Smith Falls, Snake Falls, and the refuge. We compiled information and documented and identified the unique four corners that aren't found anywhere to create this bio-diverse area."

The trails system, Mill Pond, City Park, Cowboy Trail all help to make our area unique and their goal is to improve what's there while keeping

Valentine its humble, good natured, friendly, historical Valentine.

"The quality I would like to improve is more vegetation and it would be native - ecologically responsible."

Valentine Champion Kyle Arganbright said, "This project is perfectly timed. Valentine's population is growing for the first time in over 90 years and our economy is strong and stable. Additionally, over the last few years, we have updated the City's comprehensive plan, updated the City's codes, tackled two major amenity projects in the golf course and community college, spurred beautification efforts, and began conversations to help solve our community's housing and childcare issues. It's time for the next push."

A meeting was held in January where 100 young adults were asked three questions:

1. Why are you here?
2. What are some challenges in Valentine?
3. What could solve those challenges?

Another meeting was held with 25 early retirees who were asked the same questions.

Housing, jobs, and childcare, even for the retirees, were important factors. A convention center was also discussed, east of the hospital

- but the students think the location isn't the best suited. They're thinking the end of First Street or east of the fairgrounds.

An area identified as an "anchor point" was the green space on Main Street between First Street and the Cowboy Trail area, which will be further explored.

Arganbright said, "These students are each spending approximately 30 hours per week working on ways to improve Valentine. (15 students x 30 hours per week x 15 weeks = 6,750 hours.) The time they're investing in Valentine is the equivalent of having three full-time employees working on a single project for one year. This is a huge opportunity."

"It's important that people stay involved with this project so we have polished, supported ideas to execute upon completion."

More info will be available at the A Campaign For Valentine Facebook page."

The students are excited about the task before them. The community has always wanted to keep improving and with the RFI grant, this is a great opportunity for Valentine's energy to rejuvenate.



Photo by Laura Vroman

## Severe weather awareness...

We had plenty of warning for the storm that occurred Friday, March 16, 2018. We knew about the rain, ice, sleet, and snow that was going to occur.

There are times however, when we won't know what the weather actually is. The National Weather Service has announced a statewide tornado safety drill that will occur Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

A test watch is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. CDT, and the test warning at 10:15 a.m. CDT. Be prepared for quick weather changes that can SPRING up on us this time of year.

Go to the back page for more snow storm photos.

## Vehicle thefts occur, information is needed

On March 15, 2018, it was discovered that throughout the night of March 14-15, unknown persons entered numerous garages, vehicles, and sheds within the City of Valentine.

Three local vehicles were stolen even one being recovered within the City limits. An additional stolen South Dakota vehicle was also

recovered by the Cherry County Sheriff's Office in the Valentine City Park.

Anyone with information or leads are encouraged to contact the Valentine Police Department at 402-376-3055. It is vital that you lock your vehicles, homes and outbuildings in order to discourage these types of crimes.

## Poppy Poster Contest coming up!

Leo Brinda Unit 90 of the American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring their annual Poppy Poster contest. The poppy poster contest is a national contest, and students are eligible to enter one of seven different classes: grades 2-12 as listed here:

Class I - second and third grades  
 Class II - fourth and fifth grades  
 Class III - sixth and seventh grades  
 Class IV - eighth and ninth grades  
 Class V - 10th and 11th grades  
 Class VI - 12th grade  
 Class VII - students with disabilities

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# OPINION / COMMENTARY

## DISTRICT 43 NEWS

by Tom Brewer

### Chill political speech and enforce civility

This past Thursday the balcony was full of fourth grade students visiting the Unicameral. As he often does during debate, Senator Ernie Chambers made disparaging remarks about the bible, Christianity, and made disgusting references to female anatomy. In response, the chaperons for the school children took them out of the balcony. Unfortunately, this isn't the first time this has happened.

This behavior rightfully outrages my constituents and I agree with them. The bottom line is there is a rule that is supposed to prohibit such things, but it effectively can't be used. Let me explain what the problem is.

Our State Constitution says the Legislature will make its own "rules." The rules say a senator "... shall confine his or her remarks to the question before the Legislature." This rule is broken every day by any number of different Senators. Rule 2, Section 8, "Transgression of Rules, Call Member to Order" is the rule that is supposed to enforce order in the body. The rule is so vague it can't be enforced. The rule requires the legislature to answer two questions. (1) Whether or not a senator is out of order is a simple majority vote without debate. (2) The question of the consequences for breaking the rule IS DEBATEABLE. For example, the consequence could be a senator not allowed to speak for the rest of the legislative day. This debate would be endless because there isn't 33 votes to end a filibuster over the question of consequences. Each Senator would argue to maintain their freedom to say to whatever they want in debate on the floor.

In researching this I have found the wording of this rule has been this way over 40 years. Our rules are based on "Mason's Rules of Order" as many State Legislatures are, but Nebraska is unique. Since 1937, the traditions governing debate have evolved in our Unicameral system in a way that encouraged the most "full and fair" debate possible. Compared to every other state, senators in Nebraska have MUCH greater freedom to express themselves on the floor. No one I know of has ever heard of a successful use of Rule 2, Section 8. I think we need to change it so it can be used, but we need to be careful what we wish for. That said, I think the right balance can be found.

Rules are reviewed and adopted for each new legislature, so we will have a chance to debate/review them in January 2019 at the beginning of the 106th legislature. Any change to Rule 2, Section 8 to make it enforceable will be seen as an effort to chill political speech. They will say it threatens full and fair debate. I would argue the change is needed as we now live in a different age. Political discourse has turned ugly and coarse. The restraints that modesty and manners once had on the etiquette of public speech are un-done today. Changing this rule is larger than just one senator and really addresses the Legislature as an institution. I think the change we need reflects how our society has changed.

I believe we can enforce civility and decorum in our legislature. We also can protect our unique tradition of giving Senators the most latitude of any State legislature in the country. It's darn sure worth trying. We shouldn't have to be worried about what grade school kids might hear when they come to watch the legislature in session.

The "Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature" I made reference to can be found here:

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/Current/PDF/Rules/RuleBook.pdf>

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 #1202, P.O. Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509 or call us at 402-471-2628.

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### Welcoming tomorrow's leaders

In 1962, senators worked in bipartisan fashion to adopt Senate Resolution 324, which expressed a willingness to participate in a nationwide high school competition that gives students instruction about how the U.S. Senate, and the federal government in general, operates. This resolution gave birth to the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP). Two high school juniors or seniors from every state are selected every year to serve as delegates to Washington Week, which generally takes place in early March.

Encouraging and developing future leaders is important for our democracy. The Senate Youth Program offers training about "the interrelationships of the three branches of government, the caliber and responsibilities of federally elected and appointed officials, and the vital importance of democratic decision making not only for America but for people around the world."

With the support of The Hearst

Foundation, led by William Randolph Hearst's sons George and Randolph, funding for the program has been granted to the USSYP for as long as the Senate will sponsor it. The program has a long history of bipartisan support. Senators make a strong effort to attend the

annual USSYP reception, where they engage with all of the student delegates and listen to speakers.

This year, it was my privilege to serve as a Bipartisan Senate Advisory Member of the USSYP. Through this important program, the Senate recognized the achievements of two amazing young leaders from Nebraska, Nicole Fintel and Bouthaina Ibrahim, both Lincoln High School students. These Nebraskans are passionate, determined, and engaged. They want to make a real difference in their schools, community, and around the world. I was excited to welcome both of them to the Senate at the special reception.

Nicole Fintel, a Lincoln East

High School student, serves as the vice president of her junior class. She is a student ambassador, plays violin in her school's varsity orchestra, and is a member of the speech team. Nicole has completed an internship in the U.S. House of Representatives and

has volunteered on two political campaigns. In addition to her current internship at Nebraskans for Civic Reform, she has interned in a biology lab at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Bouthaina Ibrahim attends Lincoln Northeast High School and serves as the vice president of the Student Council. Her interests include the humanities, specifically history and philosophy, as well as the social sciences. Bouthaina hopes to one day become a United States ambassador and work on major political, social, and cultural issues. She is passionate about the success of the nation and making a difference in the world.

Nicole and Bouthaina joined 102 students from across the country to learn more about the American political process in our nation's capital. The program's schedule included visits with congressional leaders, cabinet members, officials representing the Departments of State and Defense, as well as a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Both will be awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship provided by The Hearst Foundation.

The USSYP serves as a great partnership between federal and local leaders and offers a good learning experience for future leaders of tomorrow. If you are in high school and already serving as an elected member of your student body, or another state or community organization, I encourage you to apply.

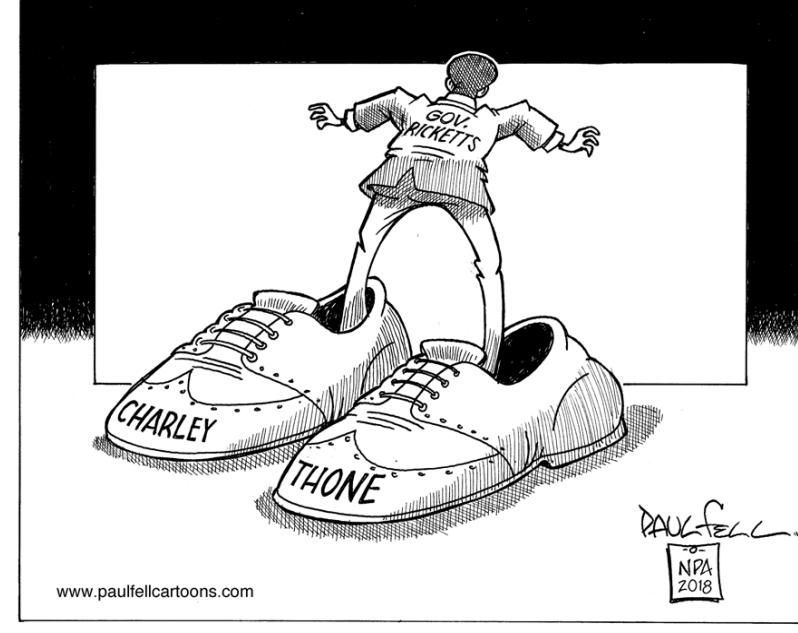
Thank you for participating in the democratic process. I look forward to visiting with you again next week.

### NOTE FROM WASHINGTON D.C.

by Deb Fischer

### POLITICAL SATIRE

by Paul Fell



### Signs of success

The fourth-best state for business according to Forbes. The sixth-best state by fiscal condition according to George Mason University's Mercatus Center. The seventh-best state overall according to U.S. News and World Report. Nebraska rose seven spots in Chief Executive's best states for business in 2017.

These are just a few of the numerous reasons job creators are choosing Nebraska at a faster rate than any other state. It's why Nebraska has, for the second consecutive year, won Site Selection Magazine's Governor's Cup for achieving the most economic development projects per capita of any state in 2017.

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This recognition by Site Selection—a top-tier economic development publication—is tremendous news for Nebraska. Our citizens and communities across the state have been working together to cultivate a business-friendly environment, and that work is clearly paying off.

For the past two years, we've achieved the most economic development projects per capita of any state. These projects help to create jobs and grow the Nebraska economy. Site Selection recognizes projects that include:

- A minimum capital investment of \$1 million;

- 20 or more new jobs created; or

- 20,000 or more square feet of new space.

In 2016, Nebraska had 101 such projects. We built upon this success in 2017 by increasing that number to 110. In winning this award, we out-achieved much larger states

like Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, and Georgia.

This accomplishment would not have been possible without the talented teams across Nebraska who work with our communities to attract investments and grow our state. Teams in my agencies from the Departments of Economic Development, Agriculture, Transportation, Labor, and Environmental Quality partnered with our community leaders, chambers, agriculture associations, and numerous other partners to secure investments in Nebraska.

### FROM THE GOVERNOR

by Pete Ricketts

This win would also not have been possible without people like you. Our great workforce and strong values are the most important reasons companies choose to invest in Nebraska. Companies know that when they come to our state, they will find people who understand the value of hard work and loyalty. They know this translates to places where they can grow and thrive with support from the community.

Why does this matter? No business ever moves to or invests in a generic place called "Nebraska." They move to a specific community under a specific set of circumstances that offers the right tax environment, the right workforce,

and the right regulatory climate, among other things.

When it comes to attracting businesses, a welcoming community makes a big difference. I've heard first-hand from businesses like Hendrix Genetics and Costco that community support was pivotal in their decision to invest in Nebraska. Hendrix Genetics noted that they chose to locate their new facility in Grand Island because of how welcoming the entire community was. One of the major reasons Costco selected Fremont was because 100 people stepped up to greet them—from the mayor to the city chamber—on their first visit. Other communities looking to grow should see these cities as models for attracting investment.

Though Nebraska has won the Governor's Cup the past two years, we must keep working. We should strive to make our state an even more attractive place for job creators and new opportunities. Along the way, the following four strategies can support our work: investing in our workforce, reducing unnecessary regulations, expanding international partnerships, and lowering taxes.

• Workforce Development: To invest in our world-class workforce, we have launched programs to connect Nebraskans to great opportunities like the Developing Youth Talent Initiative and our first-in-the-nation reemployment program.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Valentine Midland News welcomes Letters to the Editor. We ask that letters be a maximum of 600 words in length.

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Letters that may be libelous as well as unsigned letters will not be published.

**Letters sent via e-mail must be accompanied by a signed hard copy. Letters must be signed with the author's true name, address and phone number for purposes of authentication.**

*An individual may only submit two letters per 30 days. Letters containing offensive, libelous material or misleading information will either not be run, or be edited.*

Precedence will be given to letters from subscribers, and readers in the local area, with regard to current issues.

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### We're going to miss Charlie Thone

If you look up "conservative politician" in the encyclopedia, there ought to be a picture of the late Charlie Thone.

The former Nebraska congressman and one-term governor died earlier this month. He will long be remembered as a very conservative Republican who was the first governor to support Ronald Reagan for President. He was also the governor who appointed Kay Orr to fill a mid-term vacancy as State Treasurer. Orr later became governor.

Capitol ob-

servers also

remember the

"Thone Clones,"

a group of state

senators he or-

ganized to help

things go his way

in the Legislature.

I can't say if

that was a widely known fact, but

reporters and lobbyists were well

aware. So, it wasn't an original

idea for subsequent governors Dave Heineman and Pete Ricketts.

There were times, especially

after his exit from politics at the

hands of the young war hero

native son Bob Kerrey, that one

could forget that Thone was once

a staunch Republican.

A favorite quote

—widely used in other edi-

torial memorials to him this month

—shows a spirit of compromise and

a word of caution about the current

political landscape.

"Good policy sometimes is fas-

hioned with compromise by listening

to the other side," he said.

"You need to have your core principles

but give and take sometimes is

good. Today, the lack of civility is

dramatic," he said.

A post-political office Thone

took advantage of relationships

with "the other side."

He became friends with another retired

governor, Democrat Frank Morrison.

The relationship was significant

because during Morrison's time as

governor, Thone was Republican

state chairman and often critical

of Morrison.

In addition to the party chair-

manship and one term as governor,

Thone's political resume included

stints as assistant Nebraska attor-

ney general, assistant U.S. Atto-

rney for Nebraska, aid to U.S. Sena-

tor Roman Hruska and eight years

in the House of Representatives. He

# FAMILY / HEALTH

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Valentine, NE, Wednesday, March 21, 2018

## Online purchase scams are the riskiest type of fraud

March 7, 2018—Online purchase scams are now the riskiest form of consumer fraud, according to a new report from the Better Business Bureau. In 2017, consumers reported more than 47,000 scams to BBB Scam Tracker (BBB.org/ScamTracker). BBB analyzed this information using its unique BBB Scam Risk Index to determine the riskiest scams based on exposure, susceptibility, and monetary loss. The findings, released for National Consumer Protection Week (U.S.) and Fraud Prevention Month (Canada), show some significant changes from 2016:

• Tax collection scams decreased 60% in volume of reports, likely due to the arrest in India in 2016 of the ringleader of a network of call centers primarily responsible for the IRS scam.

• Online purchase scams jumped from the 4th riskiest scam to the top spot, likely due to an increase in exposure.

• Home improvement scams dropped from 1st to 6th riskiest, despite a number of natural disasters that traditionally bring out "stormchasers."

Young people continue to be at higher risk for scams, and susceptibility decreases with age, although dollars lost increases when victims are older.

There was good news in the 2017 BBB Scam Tracker Annual Risk Report: New Trends in Scam Risk (from the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust (BBB Institute) at us.bbb.org/2017riskreport).

"Although we saw an increase in total scam reports, the good news is that susceptibility was down," said Melissa Trumppower, director of programs and operations with the BBB Institute and co-author of 2017 BBB Scam Tracker Annual Risk Report: New Trends in Scam Risk. "The percentage of those reporting who actually lost money to a scam fell from 18.8 percent in 2016 to 15.8 percent in 2017. We also saw a 17% decrease in the median monetary loss, down to \$228."

One interesting phenomenon from 2017 was the prevalence of a new scam, dubbed "Can you hear me?" for the opening line that was extremely common early in the year. "BBB Scam Tracker received more than 10,000 reports on the 'Can you hear me?' scam, but virtually none of those reporting could point to an actual monetary loss due to the calls," notes co-author Dr. Rubens Pessanha, senior director of market research, insights, and strategy with the Council of Better Business Bureaus. "We concluded there was no credible evidence to categorize the calls as scams and controlled for them in the data analysis to determine the riskiest scams of 2017."

The most common online purchase scams in 2017 were related to pets, clothing, cosmetics, electronics, and automobiles. The offer of free trials was a common tactic for these online purchases: 67% of scams involving cosmetics and 60% involving nutrition products mentioned a free trial opportunity.

Another significant increase was in the category of investment scams, which tend to target older age groups and come with a higher average monetary loss. This scam type jumped from the 6th riskiest in 2016 to the 2nd riskiest in 2017.

Home improvement scams

dropped from the riskiest scam in 2016 to 6th riskiest in 2017. Surprisingly, the drop occurred in a year marked by several weather-related disasters, including hurricanes Irma and Harvey. BBB believes this may have been due to a significant increase in information from the media and consumer protection groups around home improvement scams following disasters.

The top ten riskiest scams in 2017 were:

- 1. Online purchase scam (up from #4 in 2016)

- 2. Investment scam (up from #6 in 2016)

- 3. Employment scam (no change)

- 4. Advance fee loan scam (up from #5 in 2016)

- 5. Fake check scam (down from #2 in 2016)

- 6. Home improvement scam (down from #1 in 2016)

- 7. Tech support scam (up from #8 in 2016)

- 8. Travel/vacation scam (new to top 10, #12 in 2016)

- 9. Family/friend emergency scam (no change)

- 10. Government grant scam (new to top 10, #11 in 2016)

Small children are explorers and they learn by touch and by putting things into their mouths. According to Safe Kids Worldwide nearly nine in 10 parents agree that it's important to store medicine up high and out of reach of children after every use, but nearly 7 in 10 report that they aren't actually doing so. Poisonings are the leading cause of unintentional deaths in the U.S.

There are actions that we can all take to reduce these numbers.

## Nebraska Regional Poison Center Celebrates National Poison Prevention Week

The Nebraska Regional Poison Center (NRPC) will unite with the nation's other 54 poison centers to celebrate the 56th Annual National Poison Prevention Week on March 18-24, 2018, a week dedicated to raising awareness about poisoning in the U.S. and highlighting ways to prevent it.

Each year U.S. poison centers receive nearly three million poisoning exposure calls. The NRPC manages close to 40,000 calls annually. Of those calls, more than half involve children five years of age and under but the most serious exposures involve adults. Most poisoning deaths are due to misuse and abuse of drugs but poisoning exposures can involve a vast array of substances such as household cleaning products, personal care products, chemicals, bites and stings, pesticides, plants, gasses and batteries. For example, each year more than 2,800 children are treated in emergency rooms after swallowing button batteries. That's one child every three hours.

Travel and vacation scams joined the list, with top destinations mentioned in the scams: Orlando/Florida, Disney, Mexico/Cancun, and the Bahamas. Also new to the top ten is the government grant scam. Two scams left the top ten list: romance scams and sweepstakes/lottery/prize scams.

One of the most common tactics of scammers is impersonation, where the scammer pretends to be a legitimate business that is well known and trusted by the consumer. The top legitimate organizations that were used by scammers in 2017 were: U.S. Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Government (Grant/Treasury/Reserve/Medicare); Better Business Bureau; Publishers Clearing House; and Microsoft.

Even though a phone call is the primary means of contact for all the reports, in the last year, websites took over as the top mean of contact for scams with monetary loss, which means that the susceptibility on the web is higher than phone calls overall.

Regardless of the scam, scammers often rely on the following tactics:

- The promise of getting a "great deal" (which is often too good to be true);

- Pressure to respond immediately with offers that are time sensitive and prices that "can't be guaranteed;"

- Intimidation (for example, "You are under federal investigation"; "You will be arrested within one hour unless you call this number"); and

- Isolation, which aims to force a decision without others' opinions.

Scammers can also be very nice and personable, which can defy "bad guy" stereotypes and make targets more at risk.

Scammers are clever and are always adjusting their tactics, so everyone is vulnerable. BBB Scam Tracker is helping us identify higher risks and debunk long-standing myths, but no one should let down their guard. For more information on specific scams and tips on how to avoid them, go to BBB.org/ScamTips. To report a scam, go to BBB.org/ScamTracker.

Stop in at your Guidance Counselor's office and pick up the Jones Family Scholarship Application which contains details and eligibility criteria.

**JONES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

• \$500.00 General Scholarship. Open to applicants from Brown, Rock, Cherry, Keya Paha or Holt Counties.

Applications Are Due March 23, 2018

**Then**

**Now**

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**BIRTHDAY PARTY**

*Kay Sokol*

Saturday, March 31, 2018 from 6 pm to 9 pm  
Valentine Niobrara Lodge \* 803 E. Highway 20

## Valentine Senior Center News

### ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, March 21: Caregiver Support Group meets at 1:00: Video: "It's all in your approach" by Teepa Snow; AARP Tax aides at the Center to prepare income taxes. Please call for an appointment: Joan 402-322-0071 or Jan 402-322-1657

Thursday, March 22: Pitch and Shanghai at 12:30; Miracle Ear 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday, March 23: Regular Activities

Monday, March 26: Cards 12:30, Bingo 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27: Board Meeting 12:30

### BINGO LUNCH:

Mildred Hannah, Betty Lou Epke, Evelyn Lower, Margy Zirnig, Wendy Lower, Margaret Lutter, Margaret Brinda, Barb Wantz

### NON-CASH DONATIONS:

Diana Ostrander, Mary Lou Kerr, Dorothy Duerfeldt, Family of Marvin Vanderplough, Velda Forkel, Martha Foster, Family of Danny Vavra, Rita Ewoldt

### MEMORIAL:

In Memory of Willie Kerr from Jan Howell

### PITCH

Join us on Thursdays for Pitch. Everyone is welcome! This week High went to Phyllis Ohlmann. Low went to Venetta Arganbright. Next week's hostess is Phyllis Ohlmann.

\*\*Exercise equipment is available for your use at the Senior Center, including a step bench, NuStep, an elliptical, a treadmill, and an exercise bike. All are available for your use during normal business hours.

\*\*Home Delivery of Meals is available through the Senior Center. You must be mostly home-bound, the caregiver of a home-bound individual or recovering from an illness or surgery to qualify. There are no income guidelines to meet for this service, and you may take as many or as few meals as you wish. Please call the Center for more information, 402-376-1400.

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

### VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK:

Jane Marsh, Mildred Hannah, Margaret Lutter, Kathleen Scholtes, Tim O'Keefe, John Crawford, Valentine Rotary, Mary Belle Osburn, NorthStar Services, Jan Howell, Herb Pabst, Loraine Stevens, Cindy Schaefer, Jerean Walking, Evelyn Lower, Joan Starr.

\*\*Please Note that the Senior Center has open dining for noon meals. You may come to dine anytime from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please call in your reservation by 9:00 a.m. the day of the meal or up to one week in advance at 402-376-1400. You may choose the menu of the day, a chef salad or a hamburger. We welcome everyone to the Center. Please join us for a great meal and good company at 322 N. Macomb in Valentine.

## DOE awards funding for design and cost for carbon capture project

our coal-fired generating resources bring significant value to our customers," said NPPD Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Tom Kent. "It is important that we find technologies that can reduce CO2 emissions in a cost-effective manner." NPPD will be contributing \$250,000 of in-kind support through internal labor and expenses, and \$50,000 in cash contributions from the District's Domestic Energy Initiative Fund.

The project's outcome will in-

clude the completion of sufficient design engineering to develop a budgetary cost estimate for the capture of CO2 emissions from Gentleman Unit 2. It will also provide best available cost information to inform NPPD's generation resource planning process.

The project is expected to begin in April and is expected to last approximately 18 months, with final results known by the fourth quarter of 2019.

In late 2013, ION Engineering

received funding for a demonstration project to study a potential of a new CO2 capture process. At that time, a solvent had been developed by ION that was identified as being a potential low-cost solution for carbon capture. NPPD partnered with ION on the initial phase of that project along with the University of North Dakota Energy and Environmental Research Center and The University of Alabama Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering.



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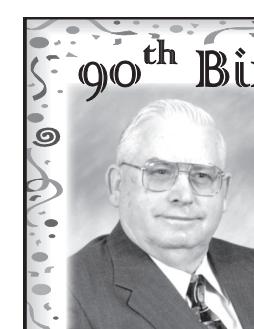
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90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House  
in honor of  
**Howard Heath**  
March 24 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
420 W. 2nd St.  
Valentine, NE 69201

Cards may be sent to the above address

## HEALTHCARE WITH HEART... CHERRY COUNTY CLINIC Physicians Schedule

### For the week of March 19-23

Monday	Family Practice	Dr. Regg Hagge Angela Miedema, PAC Cassie Schill, PA-C	Early morning & In all day In all day In all day
Tuesday	Family Practice	Dr. Steven Senseney Angela Miedema, PAC Cassie Schill, PA-C	In all day & evening In all day
Wednesday	Family Practice	Dr. Regg Hagge Angela Miedema, PAC	In all day In all day
Thursday	Family Practice	Dr. Steven Senseney Dr. Regg Hagge Cassie Schill, PA-C	In all day In all day Early morning & In all day
Friday	Family Practice	Dr. Regg Hagge Cassie Schill, PA-C Angela Miedema, PAC	In all day In all day In all day

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Our providers are certified with NRCME and are able to perform DOT physicals.

To schedule an appointment please call 37

# Area Church Services

**First Baptist Church**  
2nd and Green St. • 376-1659  
"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!"  
**SUNDAY**

Adult Bible Study Classes 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes (all ages) 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Nursery Provided Children's Church 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Hot Dog Supper @ 6:30 for those staying for Bible Study  
Bible Study Classes (pre-school-12th grade) 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

**THURSDAY**  
Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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

**SUNDAYS**

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Evening Bible Study (starts October 4) 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m.

**Zion Ev. Lutheran Church Wisconsin Synod**  
3rd and Haley • 376-1643  
Pastor Thadeus Flitter

Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.

Lutheran Radio Service (KWYR AM1260) 8:15 a.m.

The Twister FM 99.5, 12:30 p.m.

**Zion Ev. Lutheran Grade School**  
224 N. Govt. St. • 376-2745  
Renee Jensen, Teacher K-2  
Brad Jensen, Teacher 3-8

**St. Mary's Catholic Church-Nenzel**

Sunday 10:30 a.m. MDT

## Our Savior Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

130 East 3rd St. • 376-2932  
**SUNDAY**

Worship/Communion 9:00 a.m.

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

**WEDNESDAY**

After School Bible School 3:45 p.m.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

339 West 4th St. • 376-2671

Jeremy Johnson-Branch President

660-988-7189  
**SUNDAY SERVICES**

Sacrament 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.

Priesthood Relief Society and Young Women 12:10 p.m.

**Seventh Day Adventist**

8th and Haley • 376-2364

Pastor Fred Grant

402-389-0836  
**SATURDAY**

Sabbath School 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Pathfinders (youth): Saturday afternoons (call and leave a message for information).

**TUESDAY**

Evening Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Victory Bible Church Merriman**

Pastor Dave Morrison

Sunday Service 6:00 p.m.

Thursday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**Grace Ev. Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**

100 E. 2nd Ave. • Merriman, NE

Pastor Greg Hinners

Sunday Services 11:00 a.m. MST

**St. Nicholas Catholic Church**

400 West 5th • 376-1672

Fr. Abraham Kaduthodiyil

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

**Lakeview Christian Reformed Church**

North from Crookston; right at Lakeview School; then right after the cemetery.

Pastor Mark Langenbach

Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.

## Sandhills Church of Hope

314 W. Nebraska St., Cody

402-823-4136

Pastor Kurt Busenitz

Sunday Worship Services

10:45 a.m. (south country)

6:00 p.m. (Cody)

Kid's Club "After-School" Program

Tuesday (south)

Wednesday (Cody)

Seasonal Bible Studies also available

**Grace Lutheran Church**

(Affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession)

810 West 3rd

Paul D. Nolting, Pastor

Pastor's Residence 376-3248

**Summer Schedule**

Memorial Day to Labor Day

Church Services 9:30 a.m.

**Winter Schedule**

Labor Day to Memorial Day

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Church Services 10:30 a.m.

Radio Program - KVSH

Sunday 8:05 a.m.

**Grace Ev. Lutheran School**

810 W 3rd St.

920-979-2016

Friday Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

**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**

"The Church on Main Street"

372 N. Main St.

376-1723

Pastor Steve Meysing

Pastor Jon Mapa

Sunday, March 25 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 29

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 30,

Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 1, Easter 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 8 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 14 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 22 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 29 9:30 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.

## Valentine Presbyterian Church

325 N. Victoria St. Office: 376-1305

AA - Monday, Thursday, Saturday

7:00 p.m.

Sundays: Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study in Lounge

9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: LOGOS. 6:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Churches**

804 E. 5th St., Valentine

402-376-3473

Pastor Will Deeds

402-389-2400

**Sunday Worship Opportunities Combined at 9:30 a.m. CT**

**Coffee-Friendship Hall 10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School Opportunities**

Adults: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Children: Pre-5th 10:15-10:45 a.m.

**Office Hours**

Mon, Wed, Fri.

7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thurs 3:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Churches**

Pastor Nayda Davis

Kilgore at 8:30 a.m. MT

Cody at 10:30 a.m. MT

**Our Savior Lutheran Church Weekly Lenten Services**

Our Savior Lutheran Church Lenten season Worship services.

Each Wednesday following until

March 21, there will be potluck

soup suppers at 6:00 p.m. fol-

lowed by Worship at 7:00 p.m.

During Holy Week there will be

NO Wednesday worship, but there

WILL be soup supper at 6:00 p.m.

on Good Friday, March 30, followed

by Worship with Communion at

7:00 p.m.

**Sermons A la Carte**

The Cherry County Ministerial

Association presents Sermons A

la Carte 2018.

Community Worship Service at

12:00 p.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Located at: St. John's Episcopal

Church, 372 N. Main Street, Val-

entine, NE

Schedule of Host Churches

March 21-Valentine United

Methodist

March 28-St. Nicholas Catholic

# Avoid ticket scams following teams in NCAA Basketball Tournament

March 15, 2018—March Madness is officially here, and Better Business Bureau serving Nebraska, South Dakota, The Kansas Plains and Southwest Iowa is alerting basketball fans to be on guard for fraudulent sellers when shopping for tickets online. The NCAA Basketball Tournament is exciting for teams, fans, teams and hosting cities. Unfortunately, where there is excitement and big money to be made, scams often follow.

Thousands of fans will be descending on Wichita, KS for the first and second rounds of the tournament and then to Omaha for the Sweet 16 and Elite 8 to cheer on their favorite teams. Fans must balance their passion for their team with awareness that not all online ticket sellers will deliver on their promises, and a bad transaction could leave them at home on the couch instead of at the big game.

BBB warns that sellers of game tickets on secondary ticket websites may be fraudulent. "The most common ways secondary-ticket sellers scam college basketball fans is by delivering counterfeit tickets or simply not sending the tickets," said BBB President Jim Hegarty. "Even if the tickets do arrive, they are sometimes not for the seats the seller advertised – which can mean fans are stuck with seats that aren't next to each other or are not

in the reserved section but are located in the general admission section, which may mean long waits in line and no guarantee to get in."

BBB and the National Association of Ticket Brokers (NATB) offer these tips:

The NCAA advises fans to buy from their website, or host schools ticket offices. The NCAA Ticket Exchange is the only 100% guaranteed, NCAA-approved secondary ticket marketplace that allows fans to buy and sell NCAA Men's Basketball Championship tickets. Ticket holders who are unable to attend a game or find their team eliminated have a place to safely sell their tickets, and buyers can be assured that the tickets are authentic and guaranteed. Log on to [ncaa.com/tickets](http://ncaa.com/tickets).

Research before you purchase. Look up the seller/broker on [bbb.org](http://bbb.org) or call BBB at 800-649-6814 for the company's BBB Profile before purchasing. Check to see if they are a member of the National Association of Ticket Brokers at [VerifiedTicketSource.com](http://VerifiedTicketSource.com). NATB members offer a 200% purchase guarantee on tickets. Taking a few minutes to research a company could possibly save you hundreds of dollars and a big headache.

Buy only from trusted vendors. Look for the padlock symbol in the web address to indicate a secure purchasing system. Don't click

through from emails or online ads; a common scam trick is to create a web address that is similar to a well-known company.

Know the refund policy. Only purchase tickets from a ticket reseller that provides clear details about the terms of the transaction. Sellers should disclose, prior to purchase, the location of the seats represented by the tickets, either orally or by reference to a seating chart; and, if the tickets are not available for immediate access to the purchaser, disclose when the tickets will ship or be available for pick up.

Use payment methods that come with protection. Always use a credit card so you have some possible recourse if the tickets are not as promised. Debit cards, wire transfer or cash transactions are risky; if the tickets are fraudulent, you won't be able to recover your money.

Be wary of ticket offers at extreme discount prices - these are usually too good to be true. Buy at your own risk if you choose to use sites like Craig's List that offer no guarantees or seller identification. NEVER wire funds to strangers. Try to meet in person if possible.

Don't let scammers foul you out of tickets this NCAA tournament! Start with Trust and check before you buy at [bbb.org](http://bbb.org)

## Wood Lake

Mary Holopeter 402-967-3464

March is certainly living up to its Nebraska weather identity! Ice was the password on Friday with area schools closed and little traffic on Highway 20. That day, I saw a robin hopping around in the snow! That gave me hope for spring!

We do have birth announcements however!

Maverick Alfred Thane Schipporeit was born February 16 at Great Plains Medical Center at North Platte to Bryant and Myranda Schipporeit of Wellfleet. Maverick weighed 6-lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. He joins a sister, Hanna, three years old. Grandparents are Bill and Sharon Park of Maywood; Kent and Deb Schipporeit of Valentine and Julie Williams, North Platte. Great-Grandparents are Marilyn Schipporeit of Broken Bow and Willard and Mary Holopeter.

Brandon and Jasmine Hoefs of Valentine are proud to announce the birth of a son, Jeremiah Paul Hoefs, born February 23, 2018. He joins a little sister, Brynn. Grandparents are John and Dee Hoefs, Wood Lake, Harold Henderson and Nancy Miller of Cheyenne, WY; Carey and Sherri Crane of Ozark, MO. Area Great Grandparents are Paul and Pat Hoefs, Mary C. Petersen and the late Russell Peterson.

Jacob and Kate Schubert are the parents of a daughter, Elena, born January 8, 2018 in St. Petersburg, Russia. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 in. long. Grandparents are Mike and Lolita Schubert, Valentine and Andrei and Olga Zimin of St. Petersburg. Great Grandparents are Mary Holopeter, Wood Lake and Leonid and Eugenia Zimin of St. Petersburg.

The FCE Club met for Community Training lessons at Uncle Buck's Lodge in Brewster on March 10. Among those attending the luncheon were Arlene Ries, Tammi Waits, Beth Chase and Sharon Kreycik.

Callers in the Willard and Mary Holopeter home recently were Guy Kleinsasser of Norfolk, Ken Holopeter and John Hoefs.

Norma Cozad visited her family in Crawford and Chadron last week and returned home Saturday. She

reports there is a lot more snow in northwest Nebraska.

Luke and Darci Arnold hosted a family dinner last week at the Osburn home in honor of Danny's birthday.

Word has been received of the death of Donald Joseph Stone, 84, of Ozark, MO. Donnie Joe passed away March 7, 2018 at his home. He graduated from Wood Lake High School in 1952 with classmates Vanita Goodwin, Verne Kenan, Betty Lucht, Betty Smith, Janet Sullens, Sheila Vian, Bette Welker and Robert Williams. His sister, Darlene Low resides in Arapahoe, NE.

The Wood Lake American Legion Auxiliary met at the Ainsworth Senior Center on March 13. They enjoyed the music by Bob Keim and Duane Keim of Ainsworth and Duane Lovegrove of Arizona and lunch following. Guests of the members for lunch were Bob Witt, Willard Holopeter and Junior Ries.

Sincere condolences are extended from the Wood Lake community to the Jerry and Sharon O'Kief families at the loss of their son, Paul Joseph (Joe) O'Kief.

The weather has shown quite a range of things this past week. I believe we had a high of 72 mid-

week and on Friday received 4-5" of wet, heavy snow. The moisture is great, but the muddy roads and cattle yards are not. I drove my clean white vehicle to Lakeview Church Sunday, and it definitely stood out in the parking lot against those who have been traveling thru those roads. I admire all the ranchers who are out pulling calves, moving and feeding cattle and other livestock during this weather. Spring arrives this week, and am looking forward to more spring-like weather!

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# SPORTS AND YOUTH IN THE NEWS



VHS speech team has three qualify for state speech!

## Kierra, Grace, and Mercy headed to NSAA State Speech!

District competition is always a day of highs and lows, joy and heartbreak, and for three Valentine speakers, the day ended in complete joy as they qualified for state speech.

Senior Kierra Gracey is the District Champion of Humorous Prose, and sophomore Grace Woodraska is the District Champion of

Entertainment Speaking. Junior Mercy Maunu also qualified for state competition with a bronze medal in Humorous Prose.

Other medallists were Elli Springer, sixth in Entertainment; Mercy Maunu, fifth in Persuasive Speaking; and Rita Woodraska, fourth in Serious Prose.

Earning superiors were Rita

Woodraska in Informative Speaking; Kaylee Vavra in Poetry; Marisa Hutchinson in Persuasive Speaking, and Elli Springer in Extemporaneous Speaking.

The three state qualifiers will travel to Kearney to compete in the State Speech Meet, Thursday, March 22. Congratulations Kierra, Grace, and Mercy!



### SCHOLAR OF THE WEEK

Reaghan Shelbourn, Junior

Reaghan is an excellent student in my Psychology class. She is great at providing thoughtful feedback during discussion, and always comes prepared to class. She does extremely well on tests and quizzes, and is very respectful to her peers and teachers.

- Blake Beebout, Social Studies Teacher

### BADGER OF THE WEEK

Mercy Maunu, Junior, Speech

This speech season, Mercy has served as the epitome of hard work. She double entered in Persuasive and Humorous Prose and spent countless hours memorizing and polishing her speech. She is extremely coachable and extremely kind to her competitors. As a result of her hard work, she medalled in both events at districts, including qualifying for state in Humorous Prose.

- Melissa Pilakowski, Language Arts Teacher/Speech Coach



by Brianna Henkenius

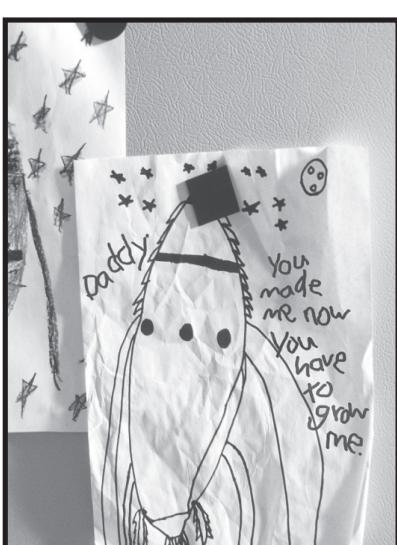
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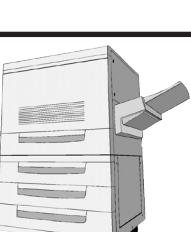
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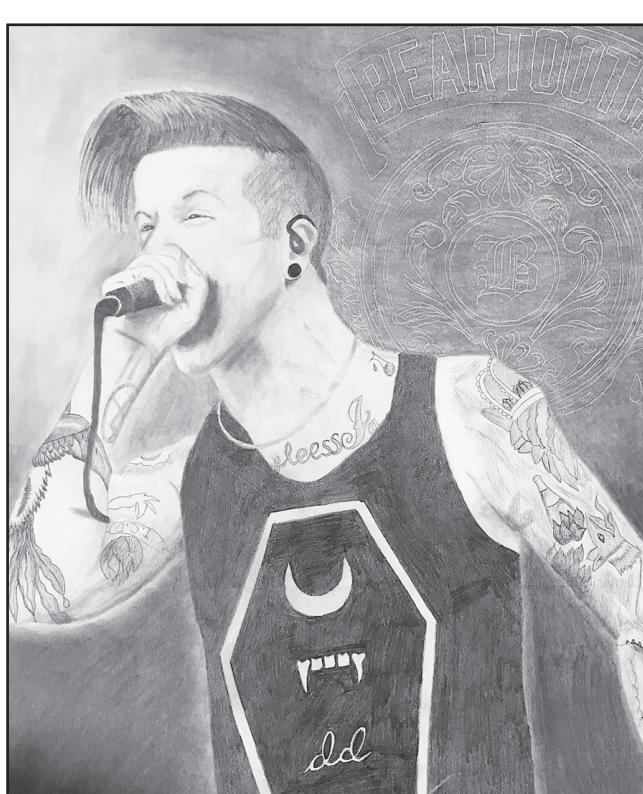
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## Featured VHS Art Student Jakob Harp



Valentine High School featured artist is Jakob Harp a junior in Studio Art 3. Jakob has succeeded in creating works of art that express his interests and artistic skills. He spends an honorable amount of dedication to all his art projects.

The collage and singer are the largest projects and the portrait of the girl is from the orphan project (The Memory Project) and is about 8" x 10".

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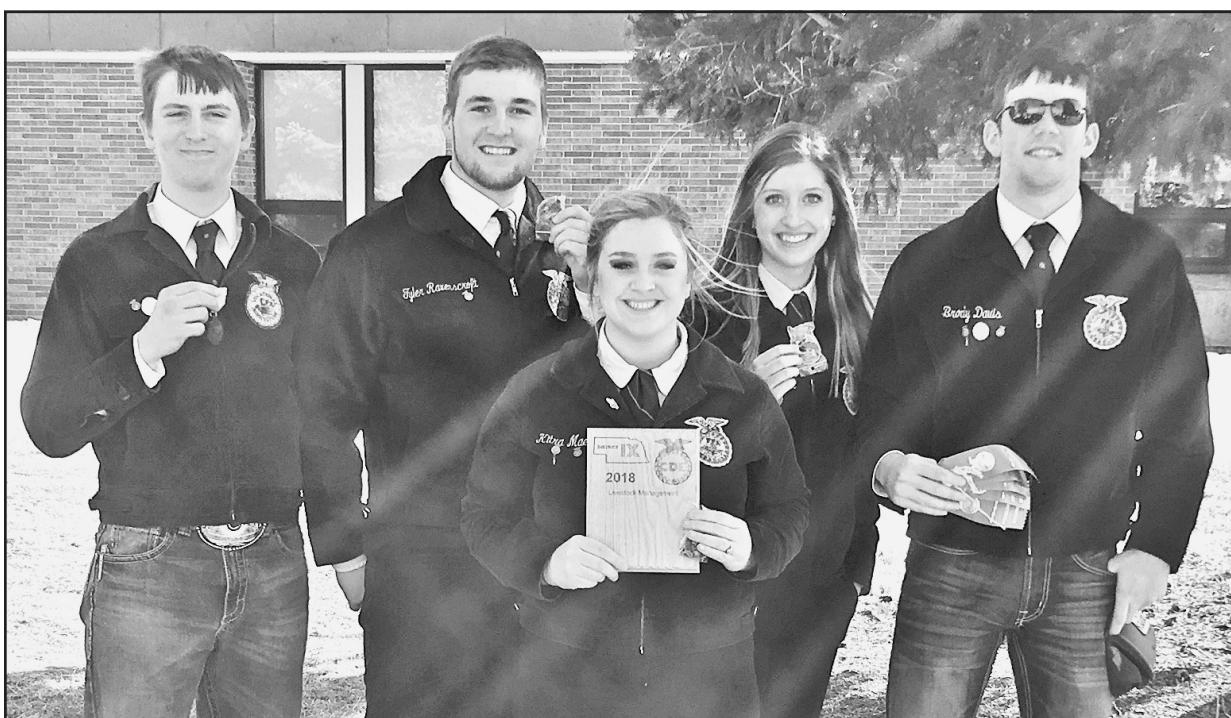
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VALENTINE MIDLAND NEWS 7

Valentine, NE, Wednesday, March 21, 2018



Floriculture Team - Kenzie Barnes, Kacie Kursave, Courtney Galloway, True Ford.



Livestock Management Team - Tyce Stoner, Tyler Ravenscroft, Kitra Cody, Sydney Adamson, Brody Davis.



Back row, L to R: Liz Rosfeld, Kenzie Barnes, Josi Millar, Emily Wollens, and Caleb Wollens.  
Third row, L to R: Tatiana Jones, Sadie Vander Wey, Claysen Davis, Sterling Hendrix, and Jesus Garza.

Second row: Garrett Egger, Irene Latronico, Bailey Cady, Waylon Schneider, and Brody Davis.  
Front row: Dali O'Neill, Kitra Cody, Kenley Schneider, Kaitlin Keating, and Erin Cheney.  
Not pictured: Daniel Busenitz.



Ag Sales Team - Tyler Ravenscroft, Bailey Cady, Kitra Cody, Tatiana Jones.

## Cody-Kilgore receives runner-up at District Speech, seven headed to NSAA State Speech

by Kenley Schneider

On Tuesday, March 13, 2018, Cody-Kilgore competed in the D1-6 District Speech contest at North Platte High School. After a long day of competition, the team was rewarded when they received second place in the team sweepstakes standings.

Leyton High School finished first with 359 points, Cody-Kilgore received runner-up with 290 points, and Paxton High School finished third with 272 points. Overall Cody-Kilgore qualified seven students in five events to the state speech meet.

The following students will represent Cody-Kilgore at the state speech meet: Erin Cheney, Kitra

Cody, Kenzie Barnes, Brody Davis, Kenley Schneider, Kaitlin Keating, and Claysen Davis.

Individual medalists:

Second place Serious Prose- Erin Cheney.

Second place Persuasive- Kenzie Barnes.

Third place Persuasive- Kitra Cody.

Third place Extemporaneous Brody Davis.

Third place Duet Acting- Kenley Schneider and Kaitlin Keating.

Third place Humorous Prose- Claysen Davis.

Sixth place Informative Speaking- Kenley Schneider.

5th Place Entertainment Speak-

ing- Waylon Schneider.

Sixth place Extemporaneous Speaking- Sadie Vander Wey.

Sixth place Duet Acting- Kenny Wollens and Irene Latronico.

Fifth place Oral Interpretation of Drama - Caleb Wollens, Emily Wollens, Liz Rosfeld, Josi Millar and Sterling Hendrix.

Sixth place Oral Interpretation of Drama - Dali O'Neill, Irene Latronico, Kaitlin Keating, Garrett Egger and Kitra Cody.

The State Speech contest for class D1 is scheduled for March 23, 2018, at the University of Nebraska-Kearney in Kearney.



Junior High members and their new FFA jackets. The donation from Zoetis was used to purchase jackets for Junior High members.



Students from 27 high schools had the opportunity to shine and show off their talents.

## Cody-Kilgore earns first place in Academics!

Students from 27 area high schools put their skills and knowledge to the test during the 51st annual Inter-High Scholastic Contest at North Platte Community College. More than 250 applied technology tests were taken on North Campus and more than 700 academic tests were taken on South Campus.

The applied technology competitions consisted of both written test and hands-on elements. Students were judged in the areas of auto body, automotive/diesel, building construction, electrical, welding, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

On the academic side, students took exams on everything from accounting and athletic training to chemistry and information technology. They presented three to five minute monologues in a dramatic arts competition and performed solo vocal and instrumental pieces among a variety of other activities.

The FFA members are excited about attending and participating in the State FFA Convention.

"This contest gives students

a chance to shine, show off their talents and earn scholarships for themselves and their school," said Kelly Rippen, the college's area dean of enrollment management. "We have so much academic, hands-on, creative and artistic talent in our area. It's our pleasure to host these students and allow them to show what they can do."

Winners in each academic category received a medal and a \$500 scholarship to the college. Additionally, those placing first through third earned certificates for up to three credit hours of summer tuition.

Winners in the applied technology categories also received scholarships and tuition vouchers, but instead of medals, took home equipment that applied to their particular test areas. The top three students deemed to be the "hardest workers" of the day were presented with T-shirts.

Schools earned points based on

how many winners they had. The top three point earning schools in each division received a plaque and a \$500 scholarship to award to a student of the school's choice. Schools were also able to qualify for a scholarship by having any of their students place in the top three.

Results are as follows:

Academics:

Top School Division 3

First - Cody-Kilgore

Second - Thedford

Third - Leyton

Art - first place, True Ford, Cody Kilgore

Biological Science - third place, Kenzie Barnes, Cody-Kilgore

Business Communications - second place, Sydney Adamson, Cody Kilgore

Applied Technology:

Building Construction - third place team, Cody-Kilgore, Caustin Hill, Mason Hill, Kyen Langfield, Waylon Schneider.

## Cody-Kilgore FFA Report

by Laura Bergman

The Cody-Kilgore FFA Chapter has been rather successful in their past events. We recently moved from District 12 to District 9 and will have 24 FFA members attending the State FFA Convention.

Our Ag Sales Team consisting of Kitra Cody, Tatiana Jones, Tyler Ravenscroft, and Bailey Cady placed first. The Floriculture Team placed first, which included Kenzie Barnes, who also was the highest individual overall, True Ford, Courtney Galloway, and Kacie Kursave were the other team members.

The Livestock Management Team consisting of Brody Davis,

Tyler Ravenscroft, Tyce Stoner, Kitra Cody, and Sydney Adamson also placed first.

Our other State Qualifying teams were Meats, Ag Mechanics, Livestock Judging, and Natural Resources. The Meats Team members are Kenzie Barnes, Tyce Stoner, Brody Davis, and Courtney Galloway.

The Ag Mechanics Team members are Brody Davis, Claysen Davis, Bert Hooper, and Tyce Stoner. Members of the Livestock Judging Team are Brody Davis, Tatiana Jones, Tyler Ravenscroft, and Tyce Stoner. The Natural Resources Team is Laura Bergman, Addison Johnson, Dali O'Neill, and Sara Ford.

Tatiana Jones, Erin Cheney, and Kitra Cody have qualified for State Choir, and Kitra and Tatiana also qualified to sing a duet during a convention session.

Brody Davis, Sydney Adamson, True Ford, and Kitra Cody are receiving their State FFA Degrees. Claysen Davis, Kaitlin Keating, Elle Ravenscroft, and Riley Jones also qualified for State with their speeches. Sara Ford, Laura Bergman, Dali O'Neill, and Addison Johnson will be representing the Cody-Kilgore FFA Chapter by setting up a Hall of Chapter display.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Cherry County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., 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 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Storer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Jim Van Winkle, Martin DeNaeyer, Tanya Storer, County Clerk Tom Elliott, and County Clerk employee, Brittny Petersen. Also present were Carolyn Semin, Craig Andresen, and Jill Coble. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Regular meeting minutes from the February 27, 2018 meeting were read. Commissioner Van Winkle moved to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner DeNaeyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-aye. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from February 27, 2018 were read. Commissioner Van Winkle moved to approve the minutes as read with a correction stating that Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott was present for the 3:45 p.m. executive session with the Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storer. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-absent. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the fee report from the Clerk of the District Court for the month of February. The Board reviewed the Treasurers report from the March 5, 2018 delinquent tax sale. Approximately 54 parcels were sold for a total of \$83,491.65. No Board action was required.

The Board reviewed the bank reconciliations for the Imprest and Health accounts for the month of February.

Commissioner Van Winkle moved to approve the claims. It was the consensus of the Board to table the motion until later in the meeting.

At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Van Winkle was excused from the remainder of the meeting to attend to personal matters.

Additional people arriving at the meeting included Ann Warren, Wanda Simonson, Jim Ducey, Mike Young, Bob Stetter, Twyla Gallino, Michael Knapp, Mike Schubert, and Jim and Gail Hermann.

Cleve Trimble addressed the Board regarding his request made at the February 27, 2018 meeting to place a referendum question on the Primary Election ballot. For clarification purposes, Mr. Trimble wanted to emphasize that his suggested ballot question would read, "Should Cherry County allow development of commercial/industrial wind energy in the absence of a comprehensive analysis of environmental and economic consequences?" Mr. Trimble stated that voting on the question would be a measure of community support on the subject and could lead to some acceptable compromise and community harmony.

Commissioner Storer stated that she believes the process provided by the County's planning and zoning addresses the same concerns expressed by Mr. Trimble. She also stated that no conditional use permit applications have been submitted that would require the expenditure of taxpayer dollars by the County. Commissioner Storer indicated that she could not support this type of question being included on a County ballot. No formal Board action was taken.

Commissioner DeNaeyer moved to appoint Michael McLeod to the Cherry County Planning Commission to complete the remaining term vacated by Rob Lee, which will expire January 11, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storer. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-absent. The motion carried.

Commissioner DeNaeyer moved to appoint Rob Lee to the Cherry County Board of Adjustments to complete the remaining term vacated by Michael McLeod, which term will expire January 11, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storer. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-absent. The motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Board

to break for lunch from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

At the 1:00 public comment period, County Assessor Betty Daugherty introduced Heleyna Cuny to the Board as a new employee in her office.

Ann Warren inquired about the procedure used by Cherry County for counting ballots.

Carolyn Semin asked about fees charged for obtaining copies of records from County offices.

Commissioner Storer provided an update on the status of the Merriman ambulance.

County Surveyor Lloyd Smith informed the Board that a project requiring bridge object markers in the County was complete. All object markers were in place or properly identified in the County Road Department inventory.

Commissioner DeNaeyer moved to adopt Resolution #03-13-2018-1 acknowledging the completion of all Bridge and Culvert Object Marker installation on the projects program agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storer. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-absent. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter of resignation from Gina Breuklander. Commissioner DeNaeyer moved to accept the resignation of Gina Breuklander from the Sawyer Memorial Library Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storer. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-absent. The motion carried.

Emergency Manager Gary Weaver informed the Board that purchasing a battery backup system for the Courthouse was not necessary. It was the consensus of the Board to extend the existing maintenance agreement for the battery system.

It was the consensus of the Board to return to the motion made by Commissioner Van Winkle to approve claims. Commissioner DeNaeyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-absent. The motion carried.

Claims were presented in the amount of \$75,126.89 and disallowed in the amount of \$.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of \$75,126.89

### GENERAL

Ameritas Life Insurance, Withholdings, \$111.65; Andy's Glass Shop, Supplies, \$375.00; Black Hills Chemical, Supplies, \$222.07; Bob Barker Company, Supplies, \$131.13; Bomgaars, Supplies, \$25.98; Bowers Law Office, Attorney Fees, \$2,231.10; Buckles Fuel Service, Fuel, \$152.25; Buhl's Quality Laundry & Dry Clean, Services, \$6.60; CBM Managed Services, County Jail Food Service, \$5,123.10; CenturyLink, Telephone Service, \$1,455.22; Cherry County Clinic, County Jail Medical, \$405.00; Cherry County Court, Court Fees, \$723.00; Cherry County District Court, Court Fees, \$198.00; Cherry County Hospital, County Jail Medical, \$474.43; Cherry County Treasurer, Bank Fees, \$5.00; Clearfly Communications, Telephone Service, \$291.71; Cody Oil Company, Fuel, \$136.74; Country Pride Coop, Fuel, \$2,838.93; Cummins Central Power, Services, \$1,277.20; CVSOAN Treasurer, Tom Reimers, Dues, \$50.00; D/W Machine & Manufacturing, Supplies, \$240.00; DAS State Accounting, Services, \$448.00; DAS State Accounting, Services, \$515.40; Dept Correctional Services, Inmate Housing, \$5,148.56; Dowd, Howard & Corrigan, Attorney Fees, \$227.50; EFTPS (Federal Tax Payment), Withholdings, \$190.01; Encartele, County Jail Commissary, \$640.00; Equature, Services, \$3,022.88; Farmers Ranchers Coop, Supplies, \$2,949.92; Joshua Gallino, Gross Wages, \$2.40; Galls LLC, Uniform Allowance, \$329.59; Pat Greenough, Reimbursement, \$100.00; Timothy Hanson, Survey Party Chief, \$950.00; Heart City Drug, County Jail Medical, \$87.66; Heartland Paper Company, Supplies, \$260.96; Henderson's IGA, County Jail Commissary, \$248.52; Samantha Holman, Gross Wages, \$990.03; Holt County Treasurer, Probation Fees, \$2,499.97; Johnson Law Office, Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment, \$3,699.67; KBR Rural Public Power District, Utilities, \$75.42; William Marshall, Veteran Service, \$50.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Services, \$136.00; Midwest Connect, Supplies, \$195.00; Midwest Special Ser-

vices, Inmate Transport, \$465.00; Mips Inc, Services/Supplies, \$1,229.25; Monroe HVAC, Services, \$2,259.15; NACVSO, Registration, \$300.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue, Withholdings, \$16.12; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment, Services, \$275.00; Neofunds by Neopost, Postage, \$1,350.00; NK Waste Management, Services, \$368.00; Northern Safety Co Inc, Supplies, \$633.38; Office Products Center, Office Supplies, \$939.93; Krista Ostrowsky, Reimbursement, \$55.00; Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery, Supplies, \$81.95; Paper Tiger Shredding, Services, \$50.00; The Parts Company, Supplies, \$17.30; Pathology Medical Service of Siouxland, Services, \$2,135.92; Platte Valley Communications, Equipment/Services, \$95.00; Postmaster, Postage, \$4.20; PREMA, Utilities, \$471.92; Premier Parts & Paint, Supplies, \$390.00; Presto-X, Services, \$73.00; Quill Corporation, Office Supplies, \$296.99; Reese Inc, Supplies, \$696.48; Region \$ Behavioral Health System, Services, \$4,709.00; Repco Marketing Inc, Services, \$44.80; Ron's Quik Lube, Services, \$154.42; Sandhill Oil Company, Fuel, \$265.39; Cynthia Scott, Reimbursement, \$7.12; Eric Scott, Clerical Salary/Equipment Rent/Office Space, \$4,631.16; Security First Bank Visa, Travel Expenses, \$30.59; Benjamin Shelbourne, Mileage/Reimbursement, \$444.67; Jane Stolzenburg, Mileage/Reimbursement, \$453.76; Sundance Enterprises, Fuel, \$76.05; Tehrani Motor Co, Services/Supplies, \$1,514.67; Three River Telco, County Jail Subscription, \$34.65; True Value Hardware, Supplies, \$57.54; UNL ITS Communications Center, Telephone Service, \$10.70; UNL Panhandle Research & Extension, Vehicle Lease/Fuel, \$292.24; US Cellular, Telephone, Service, \$76.64; US Cellular, Telephone Service, \$49.45; Valentine Dental Clinic, County Jail Medical, \$539.00; Valentine Medical Clinic, County Jail Medical, \$165.00; Valentine Midland News, Publishing Services, \$1,456.48; Valentine Office Supply, Office Supplies, \$643.44; City of Valentine, Utilities, \$4,481.18; Viamo Wireless, Telephone Service, \$206.05; Gary Weaver, Reimbursement, \$55.00; Cindy Weller, Reimbursement, \$235.50; Michelle Wescott, Gross Wages, \$59.04; West Central District, Registration, \$140.00; Wex Fuel Bank, Fuel, \$1,106.30; Witness Fees, Fees, \$100.00; Witness Mileage, Mileage, \$1,607.21; Dr. Monte Zysset, County Jail Medical, \$205.00

Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings (\$170.35) TOTAL \$75,126.89

Claims were presented in the amount of \$86,054.17 and disallowed in the amount of \$.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$86,054.17

### ROAD

Andersen & Sons NAPA Auto Parts, Supplies, \$62.90; Ashby Lumber Company, Supplies, \$1,596.83; Bacon Repair, Services, \$941.87; Richard Bates, Supplies, \$1,175.00; Baum Hydraulics Corporation, Services, \$113.13; Beguin Propane, Supplies, \$864.11; Bluetarp Financial, Supplies, \$541.43; Bomgaars, Supplies, \$2,082.67; Buckle's Fuel Service, Fuel, \$7,479.99; Call's Garage, Supplies, \$105.74; Cherry County Implement, Supplies, \$6.49; Class C Solutions Group, Services, \$272.23; Village of Cody, Utilities, \$92.00; Consolidated Telephone, Telephone Service, \$208.87; Cornhusker International, Supplies, \$432.77; Croell, Supplies, \$626.96; Custer Public Power District, Utilities, \$275.86; D/W Machine & Manufacturing, Supplies, \$59.50; Daly Enterprises, Supplies, \$95.70; Danielski Farms Inc, Supplies, \$3,654.84; DAS State Accounting, Services, \$55.40; Emerson Equipment, Supplies, \$379.69; Farmers Ranchers Coop, Supplies, \$4.00; Great Plains Communications, Utilities, \$284.70; Handyman Hardware, Supplies, \$6.00; Heinert Ag Service, Supplies, \$457.86; Herbst Enterprises, Supplies, \$782.10; KBR Rural Public Power District, Utilities, \$917.77; Kimball Midwest, Supplies, \$486.70; Knapp Electric, Supplies, \$27.55; Lawson Products, Supplies, \$265.99; Martin Auto Parts II Inc, Supplies, \$118.15; Martin Marietta Materials, Supplies, \$3,426.42; Mathis Equipment, Supplies, \$458.78; Menards, Supplies, \$257.85; Village of Merriman, Utilities, \$47.00; Mid-America Diesel, Supplies, \$10,652.38; Mips Inc, Services, \$180.00; Mullen Auto & Diesel, Supplies, \$419.09; Neal Oil & Auto Center, Supplies, \$5,925.86; Nebraska Machinery Company, Equipment, \$8,137.26; Nebraska Public Power District, Utilities, \$256.67; Nebraska Truck

Center, Supplies, \$337.52; Neofunds by Neopost, Postage, \$150.00; NK Waste Management, Services, \$230.00; Northern Safety Co, Supplies, \$133.30; NT&T, Telephone Service, \$130.02; Office Products Center, Office Supplies, \$28.03; The Parts Company, Supplies, \$974.77; Perrett Construction, Supplies, \$1,271.17; Petty Cash, Title, \$10.00; Pit Stall Inc, Services, \$99.91; Powerplan, Supplies, \$69.59; PREMA, Utilities, \$138.77; Reese Inc, Supplies, \$1,277.50; Sandhill Oil Co, Fuel, \$3,888.98; Sandhill Ranch Supply, Supplies, \$808.67; Schneider Auto, Services, \$60.02; Security First Bank, Payment, \$3,109.31; Stec Electric, Services, \$437.10; Sundance Enterprises, Fuel, \$6.00; TNT Machinery Sales, Equipment, \$16,800.00; US Cellular, Telephone Service, \$76.63; City of Valentine, Utilities, \$1,780.77

TOTAL \$86,054.17

Claims were presented in the amount of \$1,695.64 and disallowed in the amount of \$.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of \$1,695.64

EMERGENCY BRIDGE

Niobrara Valley Consultants, Services, \$1,695.64

TOTAL \$1,695.64

Claims were presented in the amount of \$7,729.22 and disallowed in the amount of \$.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of \$7,729.22

VISITOR PROMOTION

Bob's Signs, Services, \$1,300.00; Cherry County Visitors Promo Board, Utilities/Mileage, \$2,833.18; The Daily Nonpareil, Advertising, \$395.00; Henderson's IGA, Supplies, \$19.47; Civil Air Patrol Magazine, Advertising, \$345.00; Ron Lower Construction, Services, \$50.00; Rotary District 5630, Advertising, \$200.00; True Value Hardware, Supplies, \$7.38; Valentine Chamber of Commerce, Salary/Wages/Insurance, \$2,433.00; Valentine Office Supply, Office Supplies, \$146.19

TOTAL \$7,729.22

Claims were presented in the amount of \$16,801.66 and disallowed in the amount of \$.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claim Fund in the amount of \$16,801.66

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM

Cherry County Clerk, Claims and Fees, \$16,801.66

TOTAL \$16,801.66

Claims were presented in the amount of \$8,056.58 and disallowed in the amount of \$.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of \$8,056.58

BOOKMOBILE

Valentine Public Library, Bookmobile, \$473.25; Valentine Public Library, Bookmobile, \$7,583.33

TOTAL \$8,056.58

Claims were presented in the amount of \$561.60 and disallowed in the amount of \$.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$561.60

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CenturyLink, Telephone Service, \$141.78; Platte Valley Communications, Services, \$319.95; Sundance Enterprises, Fuel, \$99.87

TOTAL \$561.60

Claims were presented in the amount of \$1,534.69 and disallowed in the amount of \$.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,534.69

INHERITANCE TAX

Knapp Electric, Battery Backup, \$1,534.69

TOTAL \$1,534.69

Claims were presented in the amount of \$7,027.00 and disallowed in the amount of \$.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of \$7,027.00

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Rock County Treasurer, KBRC, \$6,779.73; US Cellular, Telephone Services, \$247.27

TOTAL \$7,027.00

At 3:00 p.m., as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections.

At 4:45 p.m., the Board returned to regular session.

The Board reviewed an application for a liquor license for Sharp's Outfitters, LLC which was previously held by Wayne A. Sharp and Doris A. Sharp. It was a consensus of the Board to set a public hearing for 2:00 p.m. on March 27, 2018 to consider the application.

At 4:55 p.m., Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

16544-21 ZNEZ

## Notice of Limited Liability Company

The name of the Limited Liability Company is Sandhills Ultra-Sound Service, L.L.C.

The address of the registered office of the company is 89719 Two Rivers Lane, Crookston, Nebraska 69212.

The general nature of the busi-

ness conducted is any lawful business.

The company began on February 26, 2018, and is managed by Jolene M. Grunhaupt.

# Valentine Community Schools Board of Education

## regular meeting minutes

Board of Education  
Regular February Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

5:00 p.m. Central

Valentine High School

431 N Green St.

Valentine, Ne 69201

1. Roll Call Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Susan Beel, 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, Susan Beel, Shane Kime, Greg Gass and Clinton Assarsson. There were also 10 guests present.

2. Notice of Open Meetings Law

3. Review of Agenda

3.1. Publication of Notice

3.2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Greg Gass and seconded by Will Fischer, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.3. Notes Regarding Agenda

4. Public Comment

5. Action Items

5.1. Consent Agenda

Approval of consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Greg Gass and seconded by Shane Kime, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.1.1. Approval of Minutes from Regular Board of Education Meeting January 9, 2018

5.1.2. Treasurer's Report

5.1.3. Approval of Regular Claims from the General Fund

5.1.4. Approval of Manual Claims from the General Fund

5.1.5. Approval of Manual Claims from the Activity Fund

5.2. Reports

5.2.1. Special Education Coordinator's Report

5.2.2. Activity Director's Report

5.2.3. Counselors Reports

5.2.4. Principals Reports

5.2.5. Superintendent's Report

5.3. Accept resignation of Mark McLaughlin effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

The Village of Cody regular meeting was called to order March 13 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Richards who stated the time, place and posting of the Open Meeting Act. Present were Richards, Fish, Jones, Knapp, and Williams. Striegel, Hamilton and Ruggles were also present.

Agenda: A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Williams to approve the agenda. After discussion all voted in favor; motion passed.

Public Input: Cats being trapped and relocated is not a Village of Cody project. Cats cannot be trapped on property owned by the village. The trash truck cannot go out to properties outside of town to pick up trash due to regulations.

Communications: Knapp reported that we need an engineering report done. A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Fish to approve the appropriate minutes, treasurer's report, and disbursements. After discussion all voted in favor; motion passed. Reports can be viewed at the Cody post office and on-line at [www.villageofcody.com](http://www.villageofcody.com).

Old Business: A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Knapp to approve the street plan resolution. All voted in favor, motion passed. A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Jones to certify employment of Bonnie Ham-

## Notice

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners will conduct a Public Hearing on March 27, 2018 for the purpose of considering an application for a liquor license for Sharp's Outfitters, LLC. All persons desiring to give evidence before the County Board in support of or protest against the issuance of such license may do so at the time of the hearing. The hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Cherry County Courthouse.

Tom Elliott  
Cherry County Clerk  
16539-21 ZNEZ

## Notice of Sale

Pursuant to the City Council resolution from the March 8, 2018 regular council meeting, the City of Valentine is accepting sealed bids for ten pieces of Nautilus exercise equipment. Bids will be opened publicly at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2018 at City Hall located at 323 N Main St. The equipment is being sold as is without warranty or presentation as to condition or fitness for a particular or specific purpose. Call 402-376-2323 if you would like to make an appointment to view the equipment. Mail offers to the City of Valentine, P.O. Box 177, Valentine, NE 69201 or bring them to City Hall.

16541-21,28 ZNEZ

Accept resignation of Mark McLaughlin effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. This motion, made by Greg Gass and seconded by Will Fischer, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.4. Accept resignation of Marian Davenport as school nurse effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year

Accept resignation of Marian Davenport effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. This motion, made by Will Fischer and seconded by Greg Gass, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.5. Consideration and act on any action relating to rural attendance centers for 2018-2019 school year

Motion to open Simeon East building for 2018-2019 school year. This motion, made by Kent Lopez and seconded by Shane Kime, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.6. Consider contract with Rasmussen Mechanical Services for preventive maintenance

Approval of 3-year Rasmussen Mechanical Services contract for preventive maintenance as presented. This motion, made by Will Fischer and seconded by Shane Kime, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.7. Consider partnership agreement with Head Start for provision of preschool services beginning with the 2018-2019 school year

Approval to move forward and apply for grant from NDE for assistance with providing a preschool program beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. This motion, made by Kent Lopez and seconded by

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.8. Consider summer meals program beginning with summer 2018

Approval of beginning of summer meals program beginning with

by Will Fischer, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Approval of moving forward with staff preparation and advertising for preschool, with the understanding the overall expense to the district should be able to be revenue neutral. This motion, made by Will Fischer and seconded by Susan Beel, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.8. Consider summer meals program beginning with summer 2018

Approval of beginning of summer meals program beginning with

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.9. Consider school calendar for the 2018-2019 school year

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.10. Consider staffing for the 2018-2019 school year

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.11. Consider summer meals program beginning with summer 2018

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.12. Approve contract with Middle School Principal Jeff Sayer for 2018-2021

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.13. Approve contract with High School Principal Andy Cronin for 2018-2021

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.14. Approve amendment to contract of Activities Director Gus Brown for 2018-2019. Table until discussion completed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.15. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. This motion, made by Will Fischer and seconded by Shane Kime, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.16. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. This motion, made by Will Fischer and seconded by Shane Kime, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.17. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. This motion, made by Will Fischer and seconded by Shane Kime, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.18. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. This motion, made by Will Fischer and seconded by Shane Kime, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.19. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. This motion, made by Will Fischer and seconded by Shane Kime, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.20. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. This motion, made by Will Fischer and seconded by Shane Kime, Passed.

Clinton Assarsson: Yea, Susan Beel: Yea, Will Fischer: Yea, Greg Gass: Yea, Shane Kime: Yea, Kent Lopez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.21. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. Approve amendment to contract of Superintendent Jamie Isom for the 2018-2019 year. This motion, made by Will Fischer and seconded by Shane Kime, Passed.



# CLASSIFIEDS

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## MISCELLANEOUS

BEEN A member in the past? Join again, it's a blast! Valentine Civil Air Patrol, 605-828-0271. (10-13P)

FISH 'N Chips for Scholarships Fundraiser: Friday, March 23, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Bolo Beer Co., 420 E 1st Street, Valentine, NE. Free will donation. Bolo Beer Co., will donate \$1/beverage sold. Sandhills Area Foundation will match first \$1,000 raised. Funds will be used for youth academic & leadership scholarships. Sponsored by Valentine Rotary Club (11-12A)

## FOR RENT

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

4 BEDROOM house; 1 bedroom apartment; 2 bedroom duplex, no pets. Call 402-376-5344 or 402-376-3787. (20TF)

AVAILABLE: BUSINESS building, 109 S. Main St. Call 402-376-1455. (40TF)

SOUTH PARK storage for all your storage needs. Call Dan 402-389-1632. (42TF)

TWO BEDROOM, 1 bath apartment, washer, dryer hookups or basement laundry room, water included, rent + 1 month deposit. Available December 1, 402-322-0576. (46TF)

VERY NICE 1 bedroom apartment for one person all utilities paid except phone and TV. Coin washer and dryer for your convenience. Must have references, no pets, no smoking. Davenport Apartments, call 402-376-2758 or 402-376-6032. (52TF)

STORAGE UNITS: 10'x20' and 10'x40'. Contact TJC Storage 402-389-2087. Short and long term contracts. (6TF)

STORAGE FOR Rent 8x20 or 8x40 double door. Mouse proof. Call Roger 402-376-4444 or Cindy 402-376-5344. (6TF)

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED, fully furnished two bedroom apartment, all utilities included. 402-389-2177 (10A)

ONE BEDROOM basement apartment, first and last month rent plus a deposit. No pets and no smoking. 720-621-7803 ask for Jean. (10-12A)

## FOR SALE

TWO SEATER light spring wagon for sale, like new with brakes and rubber tires. Also available decorated leather double harness for like team. 402-389-1813. (11-12A)

CLOSEOUT MATTRESS sale: Limited quantities, when they're gone, they're gone! 4 Seasons Furniture, 210 N Main, Valentine (12A)

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## Remembering Marvin Vanderploeg

by James E. Ducey

The local wildbirds along the Niobrara River south of Valentine have lost a great friend. Marvin Vanderploeg appreciated many sorts of wild animals and acted with his family to establish a natural lands reserve. Marvin had a personal bird refuge to traverse and notably enjoy looking about a place filled with wildlife activities. When home, he kept a watch outside some windows where he could readily see and appreciate bird activity.

A favorite spot for Marvin to watch bird activity was from a comfortable chair in the sun-room on the south side of the house, where binoculars were always close-at-hand. Notable bird books were handy and there were other mementos of the years where various pursuits associated with wildbirds showcase his favorite endeavor. Outside the windows was a pond and bird feeder. He could watch the colorful wood ducks fly into the pond, something he said he especially appreciated. Other waterfowl were seen.

A local herd of white-tailed deer were regular visitors. Near another side of the house, grain was provided to the many wild turkey that roamed the valley. In the marsh near the river, a pair of trumpeter swans were a special breeding season resident.

Magnificent bald eagles have nested for years at the haven, and they are undoubtedly now actively protecting eggs nestled deep amidst the sticks of a well-known nest atop a pine tree.

It was a pleasure to visit with a bird enthusiast, especially someone that has traveled to places around the globe just to see some new avian species. During my first visit to the ranch in June 2006, he gave me a personal tour of a place where land was being managed for the benefit of many flora and fauna. Dollars were being spent to conserve land features, the removal of invasive cedar trees, and occasional controlled burns to improve prairie conditions. There is no known comparable oak-savanna forest anywhere in the central Niobrara Valley, other than at the floodplain terrace of the Niobrara River than at the Vanderploeg Ranch. That is undoubtedly why there is a NRCS conservation easement on a portion of the property.

The Vanderploeg Ranch is such a distinctly unique space. River, woods and prairie are essential habitats. Many people have recognized this and came to visit. In addition to the particular records of waterfowl at the pond as kept by Marvin written in his notebooks, there are details given in various reports about the ranch flora and

fauna because access was graciously provided. Many visitors have depicted significant finds. I have never heard anyone have any disparaging comments about their visit, instead they have enjoyed a distinctive visit, because Marvin was such a gracious host.

A most recent personal visit was in mid-February for the Great Backyard Bird Count. I am thankful to have had a "final" chat with Marvin as he sat comfortably, while individually battling health issues, but could still see a variety of wildbirds visiting the taken-care-of feeders, where birds actively appreciated the seed feed. The best two birds of the day were common redpoll, actively eating at the bird feeder.

Because of a sense of awareness this ranch grew to and became a special space. As a bird enthusiast and conservationist, Marvin Vanderploeg represents a legacy so notably unique in the Niobrara River Valley. This great American may be gone but he shall not be forgotten. I will miss the man because he so much appreciated the wildbirds. His thoughts, as personally heard, resonated to features that comprise an essential core of nature within Cherry County and the Niobrara River Valley.

## Sasse statement on Equifax Insider Trading

by Terri Licking

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Ben Sasse, a member of the Senate Banking Committee, issued the following statement regarding the news that a former chief information officer at Equifax has been charged with insider trading.

"Let's get this straight: Equifax put millions of Americans at risk, got a no-bid contract from the feds, and at least one employee turned a personal profit from trading on the misfortune of the victims. This isn't a one-and-done problem for the millions of families who are still at risk. This goes way beyond today's news cycle and beyond Mr. Ying's trial – years from now, there are going to be families who can't get home loans, families who have terrible credit scores, and families who are stuck fighting fraudulent charges because of Equifax. Someone has to answer for this."

### Background:

Last October, Senators Ben Sasse (R-Neb.) and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) raised concerns about the IRS' decision to award Equifax a \$7.2 million contract to handle sensitive taxpayer information, despite the company's data breach that exposed the personal information of millions of Americans. Following the criticism, the IRS suspended the contract.

As the sun set, this lone icicle, above, was highlighted by the setting sun.

**Top, Friday, March 16, 2018,** rain turned to ice and created an icicle lover's dream on every tree and surface there was to be found in the area. Later the rain turned to tiny snow balls - literally little teeny balls of ice fell, pictured at left.

Then, the big, wet, beautiful flakes began falling later in the afternoon. By 3:00 p.m., the snow was approximately 3.5 inches deep, and with the moisture, made driving difficult for some.

Saturday, March 17, most of snow was gone from trees, and shoveled or plowed surfaces.

As the sun set, this lone icicle, above, was highlighted by the setting sun.

## Byway is going to the birds

works with area landowners to bring visitors to see this amazing birding ritual. Those that have viewed the cranes settling on or rising from the Platte River, agree that the booming of the prairie chickens and the grouse ranks right up there in world class natural wonders.

The Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway with a grant from Nebraska Environmental Trust is proud to offer for the first time a three-day, 2 night 'Wings Over 2 Bird Viewing and Adventure Conference' on April 12-13. The cost, including meals, travel to the leks and other sites of interest to birders and presentations by renowned photographer Bill Frakes, UNL Professor Mary Bomberger Brown, and Wildlife biologist Greg Wright, USDA Forest Service.

For complete information go to: <http://sandhillsjourney.com/events/wings-over-2-birding-and-adventure-conference>

## Gov. Ricketts comments on February Revenue Report

LINCOLN – Governor Pete Ricketts issued a statement following news that state general fund tax receipts for February were \$5 million ahead of forecast, or 1.8 percent, ahead of projections.

"Tax receipts were close to projections for February. While some may see reason to be hopeful about

the revenue picture, we must continue to proceed with caution. Spending restraint will be critical to balancing the budget without raising taxes. It's important to remember that any revenue above the forecast is automatically directed towards the cash reserve at the end of the fiscal year."

## VALENTINE POLICE REPORT

03-04-18 TO 03-10-18

ARRESTS	2	
CALLS		
Alarm	1	Alarm activated...officers found it was a maintenance worker who forgot to disarm before working on the machines.
Assist Citizen	8	Numerous calls fielded involving family issues involving substance abuse, mental health and driving behavior. Complaint that business got their order of food wrong....gonna have to take that up with them.
Assist Officer On Call	6	
Assist Other Agency	2	Officers assisted the Cherry County Hospital this week.
Business Check	36	
Cherry County Court	1	
Civil Disturbance	1	
Complaint	6	Citizen called in a suspicious item covered in blood. HMMMM? Complaint handled regarding landlord not accurately tracking rent payments....again...gonna have to take that up with them. Subject called giving VPD heads up that their well-being had been threatened. Appreciate that. Report of driving too fast in a school zone called in. Well keep an eye open! Officers fielded a call regarding someone parking all over the place.
Follow Up Investigation	2	
Found Property	1	Dear poor sap that left their weed on the counter of a local business....please call VPD at 402-376-3055 to claim!
Fraud	2	
Harassment	1	
Public Relations	2	
Special Assignment	2	
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	2	Concerned citizen reporting a vehicle running unoccupied for over two hours. How to avoid having your parents called...don't spin cookies in the parking lot where there are lots of people watching.
Theft	1	Gas skip called in. Thanks to investigative work of Cherry County Dispatcher...subject located and paid!
Theft Shoplifting	1	
Traffic Stop	4	Traffic stop due to shoplifting results in a warrant arrest and seizure of meth.
Training	1	
Warrant Arrest	1	
Warrant Attempt to Serve	4	
Welfare Check	2	
Total Calls	87	



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## MPCC to offer series of suicide prevention trainings

Mid-Plains Community College is offering a series of workshops designed to help save lives.

MPCC received a grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska about a year ago enabling the college to provide free Suicide Prevention Training to its employees and communities within its 18-county service area.

That training is now being rolled out to the public. The schedule is as follows:

- March 21 - 11:00 a.m., Broken Bow Community Campus
- March 21 - 5:30 p.m., Valentine Community Campus

The Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training takes about 1.5 hours to complete. Its intent is to help participants understand how to talk about suicide, identify the

signs of suicidal thoughts and feel more comfortable engaging with someone who may be thinking about suicide.

"The stigma surrounding suicide is powerful, and therefore, suicidal people are often reluctant to ask for help," said Dr. Brian Obert, area dean of student life. "Most people who attempt suicide do not want to die. Often they want their lives to change, but do not know how to get help, or are afraid to ask for help. We want to prepare people to provide that assistance."

Although there is no cost to attend the trainings, pre-registration is required. Those interested can call the MPCC Business and Community Education department at 308-345-8122 to sign up.

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## From the Governor

**Cutting Regulation:** Over the past year, we've reviewed all of our regulations, and we are now working with Senators on LB 948 to reduce the number of restrictive regulations mandated by state law.

**International Trade:** International trade missions have supported investments from companies like Kawasaki of Japan, Agri-Plastics of Canada, and Novozymes of Denmark.

**Tax Relief:** Right now, I am working with Senators to lower the property tax burden on Nebraskans across the state with the Property Tax Cuts and Opportunities Act (LB 947). We must achieve major tax relief so we can continue to grow our state.

Once again, thank you for your help in growing Nebraska. The Governor's Cup is proof that Nebraska can achieve great things when our citizens work together. Let's keep investing in our people and our state, so we can continue to be the best place in the world to live, work, and raise a family. If you have ideas on how we can further promote growth and investment in our state, I want to hear them! Please call my office at 402-471-2244 or email me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov.

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