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### Voter registration

Anyone wishing to vote at the Primary Election on May 12, must be registered at the Knox County Clerk's Office by no later than Friday, May 1.

## BLOOMFIELD

### Spring Fling bingo

The Bloomfield VFW Auxiliary has cancelled its Spring Fling Bingo on Saturday, March 28. In addition, the auxiliary's April and May meetings have been cancelled.

### Summer ball

Boys and girls are invited to register for the 2019 Bloomfield summer youth ball program. Registration forms are available at the Bloomfield City offices and school.

## CREIGHTON

### Preschool registration

Creighton Public Preschool is currently taking registrations for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. Preschoolers must be 4 by July 31, 2020. To register please call Creighton Public Schools at 358-5001.

### St. Ludger

St. Ludger Elementary is currently taking registration for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. Preschoolers need to be 4 by July 31, 2021.

### Special hearing

The special hearing that was to be held March 26th at 5:30 p.m. has been postponed. The purpose of the meeting at the time of its posting was to hold a personnel policy workshop.

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## WHAT VIRUS IS REALLY LIKE



COURTESY PHOTO

Brooke and Cory Sonnichsen, and daughters Marrich and Dalee, on their trip to the Grand Canyon before Cory tested positive for COVID-19 last week.

## Bloomfield family shares their story of COVID-19

By JENNY HIGGINS  
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One Bloomfield family knows what the coronavirus feels like, but even they can't tell you exactly what symptoms to watch for.

Cory Sonnichsen, 30, who was the second positive test for COVID-19 in Knox County last Tuesday, just felt tired and achy. His wife Brooke had a runny nose, headache and congestion. Their daughters, Marrich and Dalee, are now showing signs of cold symptoms, including a dry, itchy throat and a stuffy nose.

"None of us had a fever throughout this," Brooke said. "I just really want to emphasize that someone who has this virus can show little to no symptoms, while someone else could get deathly ill from it. It's not a joking matter, it is very scary."

They think it all started a couple weeks ago as their family prepared for a vacation to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon. The night before they left, the Sonnichsens stayed overnight in Omaha. Unfortunately, Marrich broke her arm and had to be taken to the ER in Omaha that night.

"The waiting room was packed

full of people wearing masks and sick people," Brooke said. "They knew we weren't sick, so they took us back right away, not knowing that Cory was with us. So he ended up out in the waiting room while we were back getting her arm taken care of."

They were able to leave for their vacation on March 11; however, it got cut a little short.

"My sister had to hightail it back to Germany because of all the restrictions and borders being closed because of the virus," she said. "We got in on Saturday (March 14) around 6 p.m., and Cory said he was tired and achy, so he went to sleep."

Although Cory had no other symptoms, Brooke messaged Dr. Riley Eckmann.

"She advised us to social distance and try to avoid contact with other people just to be safe," she said. "We went to the grocery store on Sunday morning since everybody would be in church, and we wouldn't have to interact with a lot of people. Other than going to the grocery store for 20 minutes, he slept almost 36 hours straight, but then he woke up and was completely fine."

Although Cory is an LPN at Good Samaritan Center in Bloomfield, he didn't return to work Sunday night for precautionary reasons.

By Monday morning, he was feeling completely fine, but received a call asking him to go to Creighton to take a test for the coronavirus.

"There are not many tests available around here to give, so the only reason he was able to get one was because we traveled outside of the state," Brooke said. "He was 100 percent sure that he did not have the coronavirus. He received a call the next day saying the test came back positive. He was frustrated and confused because he felt fine."

The Sonnichsens received strict orders not to leave their home or have contact with anyone. Cory was supposed to isolate himself from the rest of his family. Unfortunately, by this time, it was too late.

"It started off with a runny nose, then I started getting a really bad headache and really congested," Brooke said. "My head felt like it was going to explode. I consulted with the

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PHOTO BY THELMA SCHROEDER

Payton Schroeder works on school activities while at home in Creighton during the COVID-19 closure.

## Teachers turn situation into 'amazing job'

By TAMMY SCHINDLER  
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In just one week, the traditional image of a school classroom changed drastically. Due to the potential threat of the coronavirus spreading, students in Creighton (and across the state) had to exit their buildings and go home to be "schooled."

Despite the uncertainties that loomed, Creighton teachers accepted the challenge. Consequently, the school's administrators have seen some bright lights amidst the dark cloud of COVID-19 that descended on communities.

Creighton's educators, according to both Principal Ryon Nilson and Superintendent Robby Thompson, have been doing "an amazing job" of communicating with students and providing enrichment activities for them.

"I think our teachers have been ingenious. They're so innovative in what they're doing to 'flip' these classrooms and present remarkable ideas and enrichment activities," Nilson said.

Most turned to technology to communicate with students, to conduct lab experiments, to read to students, to offer a relevant video to watch, suggest a journal prompt, to play a review game, or provide an abundance of other engaging activities.

"Our teachers have embraced that change for the betterment of our students. We take great pride in the fact that our students were only 'out' of school one day, and we began delivering e-Enrichment the next day. I think that speaks to the preparation that took place prior to our extended closure by everyone," Nilson said.

That preparation involved meetings with the administrative team and staff to discuss what the school day would look like outside of the classroom, but also started way before that.

"I really think our teachers were ahead of the game when it comes to using technology," said Thompson. "We have been using Google Classroom for awhile now, so they've already mastered digital learning. And our teachers and kids all knew how to use Zoom by the time they left the building, if not before," he said.

So, if terms like Zoom, TikTok, Kahoot, or SeeSaw weren't familiar to parents before, they probably

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## School hasn't stopped for Bees

By GARRIANN EDHOLM  
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Bloomfield was the first school in the area to close its doors for the rest of the year. But school has always been in session.

Superintendent Shane Alexander said Bloomfield has been using Zoom software to communicate with students and has a daily attendance of around 95 percent.

"It's working really well," Alexander said. "Our teachers can see our students, and our students can see each other. There's the social aspect."

Alexander said his staff began working on how they would deal with closure weeks ago. Although it was considered temporary when the announcement was made March 16, the Bees were ready to continue education with graded assignments, where as most schools could only utilize enrichment activities.

"Being one-to-one, all of our 7-12 grade students have a school-issued computer. About one week prior to the actual closure, an app called Zoom was installed on all computers," he said.

Alexander said on the first day of Zoom school —

March 17 — students were required to log into their account and continue their education.

"Teachers are still reporting to the building and teaching via the Zoom app. Attendance is being taken every period as a way to show accountability for everyone," he said.

Alexander admitted there have been a few issues, as one would expect with technology, but he had nothing but rave reviews for his students, faculty, staff and even parents.

A concern, he said, was having Internet access for all students. He's currently working with AT&T to help with some hot spots. However, most of the issues have been resolved quickly thanks to great service from Great Plains.

"I can't say enough about Great Plains," Alexander said. "They've been great to work with through this."

As for elementary, Alexander said things are a bit different but still very accommodating. Grades 3-6 were provided with paper educational packets for continuance of knowledge enrichment.

Those teachers also put together a list of many

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Bloomfield teachers, paras and lunch staff — including Debbie Nipp — are busy with lunches for Bloomfield Community students.

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# Class of 2020: It could be worse, but we get it

I've been using the phrase "it could be worse" a lot lately as we deal with COVID-19 changing the world.

Don't like the isolation of social distancing? Remember Anne Frank hid from the Nazis for 761 days in less than 500 square feet.

Don't like missing graduation? In the 1960s, many high school graduates immediately left for the military during the Vietnam War.

But we need to keep in mind that those two examples are extreme and really should not be compared to the coronavirus outbreak. While we need to keep in perspective that things could be worse, we can still have a heart through this, especially with the Class of 2020.

I was thinking back to my high school graduation. That was the last time I saw several of my classmates. I honestly have no idea what happened to a couple of them.

One, I spent just our senior year getting to know after her family moved to the district. Another, I spent four years seeing in class every day. The majority of my class started school together in kindergarten and walked across the stage together in May 1997.

We planned our homecoming skit together in Jim Schutt's classroom; we played Family Feud as a review game during Cathy Cooper's English class; we savored the cinnamon rolls baked by Cheri Schwager and Loretta Foote. And we sat on the metal folding chairs together listening to Al Schleuter as we received our high school diplomas.

Some cried and others counted down every second until they walked out of that gymnasium. That was our very last moment



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PUBLISHER

together, and we all knew it.

The Class of 2020 may not have that moment. If we are limited to 10 people or less in a room through the end of May, the seniors will not graduate together. Sure, the schools may have a ceremony together in the summer, but not all will be in attendance. Some have joined the military and will have left by then. Others simply won't return for a ceremony since they will have their piece of paper, not caring about the special moment.

The majority will be there, looking around that stage with empty chairs — unless something drastically changes in the next eight weeks. Our seniors likely will not have the moment we had and experience graduation.

I know it could be worse. These students could have experienced the death of a classmate and felt the loss of graduating without that individual. There's always going to be a worse situation to imagine, but let's not disregard this situation for what it is — very sad for the Class of 2020.

They will be fine. Not having this moment together will not scar them, but we can still feel sad for our seniors.

And I do.

## TEACHERS

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are now, as many get to witness first-hand how teachers use these tools and apps to interact with and instruct students.

Nilson also credits Kortney Sayers, the school's technology integrationist, with making this transition as smooth as possible, as she has been helping teachers use technology in their classrooms ever since she was hired.

"I can't imagine what this would have been like if this happened, say 5 or 6 years ago. I don't think we could have transitioned so quickly and been able to provide instruction at the level we are now if we hadn't already had these tools in place," Nilson said.

Before students were dismissed, Sayers reviewed with the teachers how to host and run Zoom meetings with students. ("Zoom" allows the teacher to talk directly—either through a video or audio broadcast—to all the students at once. Students can also see and communicate with one another.)

Administrators and staff also quickly established what the new school day would look like. They determined that grades Pre-K through 3rd grade would utilize a Facebook group and also receive printed materials. And every class at the 4th through 12th grade level

would meet a minimum of one time per week (via Zoom).

Because Nilson is also signed up as a co-instructor on every teacher's Zoom account, he can virtually "pop in" on any lesson. At first, he said he showed up online to just welcome students to the new platform. But by "hanging around a bit," in their virtual classroom, he says, allowed him to see some amazing interactions and lessons take place.

Nilson said that he also used Zoom to check in with teachers to see how everything is going and to hold a faculty meeting. Although teachers have embraced the challenges, he acknowledged that there are still a lot of feelings about not being in school, mostly because of all the uncertainties.

On the positive side, he noted that students are getting to see their teachers in a little different light. "Because their lessons are being taught remotely, students now see the teachers in their home setting, so maybe a family member or pet walks by in view of the camera. So they get to see the 'human' side of their teachers' lives. And they are also finding out just how much their teachers care for them, as they are going to great lengths to deliver lessons and activities, and to check in on them."

lunches to students, which are two ways Alexander is trying to help the community. Not only does it ensure healthy meals for the students, but it keeps the paras employed.

"The paras are busy, and our janitors are going to start painting and working on projects," he said. "Everyone is staying busy, and we're moving forward with education at Bloomfield."

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online learning resources and packets that are available on the website and Facebook page for students and parents to use.

Bloomfield is also providing meals to students. The school has a form for parents to fill out by noon the day before they want a meal. It can be delivered or picked up.

Paras are dropping off sack

## WEATHER REPORT

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Sunday, March 22	43	26	0
Monday, March 23	47	35	0



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# The war against the virus continues

It's hard to believe how quickly the coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed our lives in just a matter of weeks. I am grateful to Nebraskans for making sacrifices and taking precautions to help slow the spread of the virus and keep people healthy.



PETE RICKETTS  
GOVERNOR

our state.

Restaurants have adjusted how they serve customers, moving to takeout, drive-thru, or curbside services. Parents and educators are finding creative ways to continue studies through distance learning and homeschooling. Churches are live-streaming their worship services and making lessons available online for families. I especially want to thank our healthcare professionals, first responders, and law enforcement who have been working to keep Nebraska moving during this public health emergency.

The last week has proven that COVID-19 can spread rapidly. Positive cases have now been confirmed in Adams, Buffalo, Cass, Dawson, Douglas, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Madison, Nemaha, Sarpy, and Washington counties as of March 23rd. Social distancing and good hygiene are the best weapons against the virus, while we work to further ramp up

testing and develop a vaccine.

We have two levels of social distancing restrictions. Right now, the entire state must abide by guidance to limit social gatherings to 10 people. Outside of Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties, restaurants and bars can have up to 10 patrons—although they are encouraged to transition to takeout, curbside, or delivery services.

In the Omaha area, cases of "community transmission" have been confirmed. Community transmission cases are cases that our public health teams have not been able to trace to their origin. After discovering these community transmission cases, the State issued a Directed Health Measure (DHM) for Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties on March 19th. The DHM imposes an enforceable limit on public gatherings, restricting them to 10 people or less. Among other steps, the DHM requires restaurants and bars in these areas to close their dining areas and move to takeout, drive thru, delivery, and/or curbside service through April 30, 2020. Hospitals are also cancelling elective surgeries.

All Nebraskans, both rural and urban, should continue to take this virus with the utmost seriousness. If you show any symptoms, stay home and immediately contact your healthcare provider for an initial screening. All Nebraskans should wash their hands regularly, greet people verbally, and clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces. And keep a distance of six feet from people when out in public.

As our response continues, I am also working with the Legislature on an emergency package to provide \$83 million of funding

to combat COVID-19 in Nebraska. Here's a quick overview of the package:

- Assistance for Nebraska Communities: The largest portion will go towards purchasing much-needed personal protective equipment (PPE) to help our communities respond. It will also help Local Public Health Departments (LHD) to ramp up staffing and call center operations, and to make essential IT expenditures—like laptops and servers.

- State Public Health Division: From epidemiologists who advise LHDs to robust public information campaigns, our Public Health team has been overseeing the statewide response. These resources will help expand staffing to augment their team to give them the resources they need during this pandemic for missions like testing.

- State Agency Overtime: This part of the package will help cover costs for overtime and additional staff to maintain healthcare coverage needs at veterans' homes and state care facilities. These funds are calculated to cover a 50% spike in staffing needs to prepare for the possibility that some teammates may be temporarily unable to provide care due to quarantine requirements.

- University of Nebraska Medical Center: Additional funding for the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) would pay for equipment and systems at UNMC. Some of the funds would go toward the cost of the reagents, lab personnel, and equipment needed to expand COVID-19 testing.

- Additional Flexibility: The Legislature is also considering an additional \$25 million in flexibility for the Governor's Emergency Fund to ensure the State has the resources it needs as the scope of the pandemic unfolds.

## BLOOMFIELD COVID-19 CASE

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again, and was given some over-the-counter meds that were dropped off by the pharmacy."

Since Cory's positive test, the North Central District Health Department called the house every few hours the first couple of days to see how they were.

"When I started showing symptoms, they said they presumed I was positive, but they were not going to give me a test," she said. "It was really bad for a while, I was scared because it was hard to breathe and I was totally congested. My heart started racing randomly, my hand would go numb because of poor circulation, and I would just want to pass out from exhaustion."

Brooke said the health department called and monitored her very closely since she's labeled "high risk" due to heart and lung issues.

"We set up a plan about what I'm supposed to do if it gets really bad, and I need to call 911 just for my peace of mind, and so Cory knew what to do if it got to that point," she said. "I'm so thankful for Dr. Eckmann and Liz from the health department, they checked in on me and did everything they could to keep me out of the hospital. I'm starting to feel better, but still have some times where I'm really exhausted and congested, or a random pain throughout my neck and jaw, but I'm so lucky."

The girls are starting to show

cold-like symptoms now, but nothing more.

When Cory tested positive for COVID-19, there were a lot of questions. And the Sonnichsens decided it was time to provide some answers.

"We decided to put it on Facebook just to let everybody know it was him, that we are infected, to try to stop rumors and let people know it is us, and we are following strict orders not to leave the house," Brooke said.

They expected some backlash from the community; however, they received the exact opposite.

"We honestly love this town and that's why we call it home," she said. "We would have never gone to the grocery store or anywhere,

knowing he was positive. We are so completely humbled and totally grateful for all the support we have had bestowed upon us."

Brooke said they are thankful for every prayer, thoughtful action and each person who stood up for them.

"There are no words I can possibly say that would express how deeply touched we are," she said. "I am completely overwhelmed by all of it. I just want to say that this community is amazing. And we are lucky to have a fantastic medical clinic with people who genuinely care about their patients. Our doctor is a blessing to this town and everyone she knows."

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# After Coronavirus case, Country Market is determined to serve customers’ needs

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With all the recent events, the staff at Country Market in Bloomfield has been going nonstop. When they received a call last Tuesday evening saying there was a confirmed positive case of the coronavirus,, they knew they had to immediately shut down and figure out a game plan on how they were going to proceed from here on out. Wednesday morning owners Jody and Krystal, along with a few other employees

showed up before dawn to clean and sanitize the entire store. Their plan was to open back up at 12 noon Wednesday. “It’s the new business as usual,” says owner Kyrstal Mackeprang. “We’re fortunate that we’re one of those businesses that are in need.” They know how important it is for them to be open as much as possible. With everyone home and schools closed, there are a lot of people relying on them for supplies. They are being limited on some of the most sought after supplies; eggs, flour, toilet paper, potatoes, lettuce, ground beef.

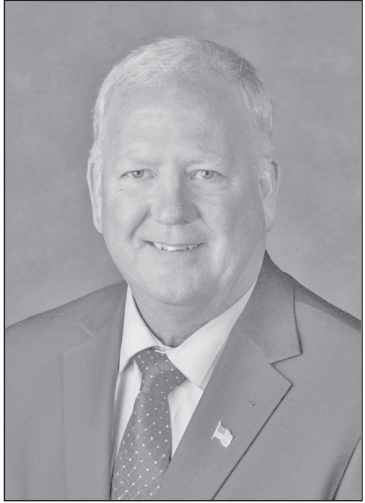
They’ve unfortunately seen prices rise on these items, as well as hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes are unheard of. Curbside deliveries and home deliveries are the majority of traffic these days and they are really encouraging customers to do more of them and to also be sure to wash your hands before and after handling their groceries. They are just trying to keep everyone as safe as possible in the community.

# Senator discusses issues raised by COVID-19

By Senator Tim Gragert

Many unprecedented events have taken place over this past week. In my March 13 newsletter, I wrote about the Legislature giving first-round approval to the budget bills. Since then, COVID-19 has completely overshadowed everything else. Terms such as “community spread” and “social distancing” have become part of our daily language. The Legislature postponed its session beginning March 17 until it is safe and necessary to call members back into session. However, the speaker may call us back in soon to approve COVID-19 emergency funding. The Governor has requested \$58.6 million for public health, testing, staffing, equipment, and programming needs to fight the spread of COVID-19.

On Monday, March 16, the Governor announced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 10 people for the next 8 weeks. Since these are guidelines issued by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, they can’t be enforced by law enforcement officers. However, the Governor strongly urged compliance by Nebraskans. At the time of this writing, the Chief Medical Officer with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has ordered Directed Health Measures (DHM) for Douglas, Cass, Sarpy, and Washington



Counties through April 30, 2020. These DHMs contain the prohibition on gatherings of more than 10 people and further restrict bars and restaurants from serving customers on site. The prohibition of more than 10 people includes churches, schools, daycare facilities, fitness centers, libraries, theaters, sporting events, concerts, weddings, and funerals. It does not apply to such places as airports, bus stations, healthcare facilities, offices, shopping malls, grocery stores, retail stores, and courts. Any person violating a DHM ordered by DHHS is guilty of a Class V misdemeanor for each offense. Also on Monday, the Nebraska Education Commissioner announced that state education officials recommended that all

244 school districts in the state transition to remote learning by Monday, March 23. The state Education Department received approval from the federal government for schools to get waivers so they can continue to serve breakfasts and lunches to students. Education leaders are working to determine if legislation is needed due to the suspension of state rules regarding testing, attendance, and the required number of school days. The Department of Labor announced resources available to Nebraskans who are unable to work or are working reduced hours due to this health crisis. Employers can apply for the Short-Time Compensation program, which allows employers to uniformly reduce affected employees’ hours by 10-60% while permitting the employees to receive a prorated unemployment benefit. Beginning March 22, through May 2, the waiting week for benefits and the work search requirements have been waived. Furthermore, benefits will not be charged against individual employers’ accounts. Money will be paid out of the general trust fund as the job losses are not the fault of individual employers. Callers to the department may want to leave a call back number, as wait times could be rather lengthy. At a Governor’s press conference, the grocery

industry assured Nebraskans that there is no food shortage. Some items may not be available because people purchased more than needed. The Governor issued an executive order last week to waive the weight restrictions on food delivery trucks and the restrictions on hours worked by drivers, to help with the shortage of drivers in the grocery industry. Although the vast majority of cases are from the Omaha area, two cases have been reported from Knox County. The number for the North Central District Health Department covering Boyd, Holt, Knox and Rock Counties is (402) 336-2406 and the number for the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department covering Cedar and Dixon Counties is (402) 375-2200. Another number residents can call is 2-1-1. Calls will be answered 24/7 and staff will assist callers with questions about the virus, current recommendations, or resources available in the community. During this time, my staff will be in and out of the office, as it has been suggested that they work from home as much as possible. However, my staff and I are monitoring emails and answering telephone calls. My contact information is tgragert@leg.ne.gov, my telephone number is (402) 471-2801 and my mailing address is District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

## SHERIFF’S REPORT

On March 7, 2020, the Knox County Sheriff’s Office took a report of a stolen ATV from Warren VonSeggern of rural Orchard, Knox County, near 514 Avenue and 871 Road. The ATV is an orange 2016 Honda TRX500 with a seat on the back. Anyone with any information on this ATV, or who sees a similar ATV, is asked to contact the Knox County Sheriff’s Office at 402-288-4261. On March 9, 2020, the Knox County Sheriff’s Office received a call from Lewis and Clark Mini Mart in Crofton, reporting someone had tried to use a fake \$50 bill. A female suspect attempted to purchase a few items, but the employee caught her by using the marker on the bill before the transaction took place. On March 10, 2020, the Knox County Sheriff’s Office took a

report that the Country Market in Bloomfield also found a fake \$50 bill was used in their business. Both cases were done by the same female. Both places have video coverage of the incident and both cases are being investigated. On March 10, 2020, the Knox County Sheriff’s Office was called to an accident at 9:30 P.M., 2 miles north of 897 Road on 545 Avenue. Jaden Jordan of Crofton was driving a 2007 Chevy Equinox, owned by Michelle Weidner Jordan, South on 545 Avenue, when she hit a steer owned by 2 Bar Ranch. The vehicle went into the ditch on the East side of the road. Jaden along with 2 of her siblings were not hurt and seatbelts were in use. The side and front airbags did deploy. The steer ran off and could not be found.

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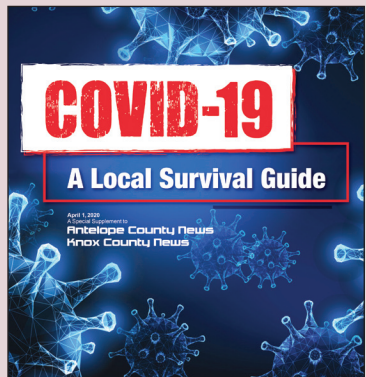
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A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Bloomfield will be held Monday, April 6, 2020 at 7 p.m. attendance will be limited to 10 attendees. Comments to the mayor can be submitted by email at blfdadam@gpcom.net or fax (402) 373-2820.

## CREIGHTON

### City council meeting

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Creighton will be held Thursday, April 9th, 2020 in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices. This meeting will be limited to 10 people. The meeting will be streamed live on the City of Creighton Facebook page. You can call in with your concerns (402) 358-3557.

### Drive-By Parade

Creighton Community School are doing a drive by parade! Teachers and staff will be starting in front of the school on Redick Ave., Monday, April 6, from 5:30-6 p.m.

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# Community delivers on kindness

## Care Centre residents receive flowers

By TAMMY SCHINDLER  
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On Monday afternoon, every single resident, as well as staff members, at Avera Care Centre received a colorful surprise — a large, lovely carnation in a vase, accented with baby's breath, greenery, and a pastel-colored ribbon.

Naoma Borgmann, whose own mother is a resident there, decided that the residents would likely appreciate the breath of spring to brighten their day, especially since the facility is not currently allowing any visitors.

So Borgmann reached out to the community to see if anyone would

be interested in having a fresh flower delivered to a resident, and she said the response was "absolutely overwhelming."

"Not only did family members want to make sure their loved one received a flower, many people purchased a flower, even though they have no family members there. They just wanted to make sure everyone received one," Naoma said.

Because of those efforts, Borgmann said that there were enough flowers for every single resident to receive at least one, and in some cases, even a few more.

Borgmann said it's no surprise to her that people in town also

wanted to make sure every nurse and staff member at the Care Centre received one as well, as they are so appreciated — not just through this crisis, but always.

"The care the residents receive there is exceptional," Borgmann commented. "I can't say enough good things about the staff there."

Borgmann and her husband, Hubert, as well as her granddaughter, Jordyn, worked diligently in the back room of her business, The Special Place, (where all her floral arrangements are made) to prepare the flowers and vases in a decorative way. However, they were also very

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PHOTO BY THELMA SCHROEDER

Hubert Borgmann delivers flowers to Avera Care Centre. All residents — and staff — received flowers from the community.

## Sewing Their Part



# Sewing masks is way to feel 'less helpless'

By GARRIANN EDHOLM  
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All over the country Americans are crafting thousands of face masks to help shield our doctors and nurses from COVID-19.

They are pulling together to help on the shortage of protective gear, especially masks, that our healthcare workers are going through at an alarming rate.

Instead of waiting for new personal protective equipment (PPE) to be made, Bloomfield's Kathy Olson has stepped up, or rather sat down and pulled up a chair to her sewing machine. After watching a couple YouTube tutorials she was on her way.

"It makes me feel a little less helpless," she said.

Olson went to school to be a nurse so she is fully aware of what our healthcare workers need. It all started a little over a week ago when she saw a Facebook post from a friend saying people were in desperate need of face masks.

Her first thought was, "Wow, I can make some of those."

Dr. Riley Eckmann also commented on the post and Olson told her she could absolutely make some masks for the Bloomfield Medical Clinic, but she didn't stop there.

Her daughter-in-law, Brittany, is a nurse in Parkston, So. Dak., so she called her and told her what she was doing and if her hospital was in need.

She called back the next morning saying they would take as many as they can get. Being a smaller hospital, all of the available N95 masks were being sent to the larger hospitals in Sioux Falls, leaving them with no PPEs.

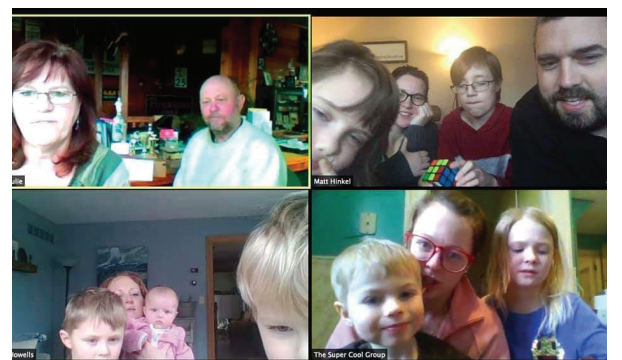
Olson then put a post on Facebook letting friends know

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Kathy Olson went to school to be a nurse. Now she's helping those in the healthcare industry in the fight against COVID-19 by sewing masks.



## More social media helps families with social distancing

By TAMMY SCHINDLER  
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When Toby Hughes of Crofton turned the big "6-0," there wasn't going to be any big celebration; the coronavirus made sure of that.

Instead, family members were forced to keep their distance. So his day and evening went on without any birthday hoopla. Around 8 p.m., his wife called him over to the computer.

"I told him, 'Come see what your daughter, Jessie posted on Facebook,'" said Julie Hughes. And when he leaned in to look at the screen, there he saw the smiling faces and heard the laughter of all three of his adult daughters, Jessie, Kirbi, and Halie, who live in Grand Island, Hartington, and Elgin, Illinois, respectively. From their own homes, the girls happily belted out the "happy birthday" song together.

The Hughes' certainly aren't alone in enduring the impact that social-distancing has had on families. The coronavirus has caused many families to rely more heavily on technology for their live "get-togethers" to

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## Bloomfield 3D printer to assist COVID effort

By JENNY HIGGINS  
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Bloomfield Community Schools is doing its part in trying help with the shortage of protective gear during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Lee Ann Runyon, Bloomfield's business and technology teacher, is putting the two 3D printers in her classroom to good use, printing the visor parts for face shields.

Runyon said it all started after she read an article about Nucor gathering all of the 3D printers they helped secure for area schools. The article said Nucor representatives brought all of the printers back to their Norfolk plant to print face shields.

"I contacted them and asked if they would share the file so we could print them here as well, since some of the medical professionals in our area were asking if this was possible for us to do," she said.

Runyon said representatives from Nucor shared the file with the Bloomfield school, so she could help meet this need. Work on the face shields started earlier this week.

"We are trying to print these shields, and if it all works, we will provide these if there is a need in our area," she said.



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what she was doing and messages started flying in. She has friends and family who are immuno-compromised and high risk that wanted some. She's made batches for ambulance squads, assisted living centers, and a nursing home out in Broken Bow. Kathy is not only making them for medical workers and essential workers, but also farmers, who use N95 masks in the farming business, but are no longer available for them. As of now, she has made over 600 masks.

Now that she has her routine down, she's making around 25 masks per hour. She's tried a few different mask types, one-time use and reusable. She's made some out of HEPA vacuum cleaner bags, and found a piece of a Filtrete furnace filter makes a great replaceable filter within the mask, accessible through a pocket on the back side. She's tried plastic covered twist ties and pipe cleaners to give the top edge the ability to be conformed to your nose, but soon found out they rust when washed, so she's found that keeping it simple with no wire is the best.

"These are by no means

suitable, but for many instances, they're better than nothing," she said.

Kathy started out using her own stash of fabric, but soon remembered about these rolls of fabric she had from her late mother-in-law Shirley's rug weaving stash.

"She would be so happy to know her long ago purchases are being used for an amazing cause," she said. "It is the perfect width to snip & rip for quick mask making!"

The elastic she uses for the ears has been an issue. Friends have been sending any elastic they find.

"I may go to making some with ties if need be, so we can keep them going," Kathy said.

She's had many people ask what they can do to help. People have been sending money to help pay for supplies and shipping, as Kathy has been sending them as far east as Chicago, to The University of Chicago doctors, and to her husband Dave's great aunt out in California. Before she sends a batch on their way, she says a quick prayer over them.

"I hope they're not needed," Kathy said. "I really hope they're not needed, but if they do I hope they help protect somebody. I'm just doing what I can."

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careful, taking every precaution to make sure each vase was sanitized before they were delivered.

"The back of my vehicle smelled more like I was delivering Clorox wipes than I was fresh flowers," she joked. "But I trust when the residents get them, they will smell like fresh flowers."

Once the floral vases were loaded up, Hubert delivered them to the outside entrance, where someone from the Avera Care Centre staff met him and took the flowers inside the facility to deliver

to each individual.

"Obviously, we can't go in, so I'm hoping the staff will take and share some pictures of all the smiles inside," Naoma said. "That place means a lot to me; it always has. I enjoy going out there, decorating their tree at Christmas, and volunteering in other ways."

But as Borgmann wanted to emphasize, "This isn't about me. This is about them. And even all the others who have been affected by this pandemic — like the people who work in the floral warehouses. They, too, have been laid off. Everyone is impacted by this."

### WEATHER REPORT

Date	High Temp	Low Temp	Precip
Tuesday, March 24	61	38	0
Wednesday, March 25	58	38	0
Thursday, March 26	45	32	0
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take place. For Gary Hughes' virtual birthday party, the girls wanted to plan some type of personal interaction, but knew that "Facetime" wouldn't work because not everyone had iPhones, (and that's an Apple app). So the girls decided to use Facebook Live to plot the surprise and get them all to join in simultaneously. However, they discovered that there were a few glitches in that platform.

"We used the video function in Facebook Messenger, but it was really lagging so it made for some awkward conversation," said Jessie Hinkel, Gary and Julie's oldest daughter.

So they decided for their next "family gathering," they would find a better alternative. Jessie's husband, Matt, is a digital media specialist in one of the Grand Island schools. So he introduced them to the popular app that many teachers and businesses are now using: Zoom. This platform allows everyone who is present to be seen on the monitor's screen at the same time, and to see and talk with everyone there.

"We have a group family chat that we usually use to stay in touch...sharing messages, photos, videos...with us all living apart. But video chats are new for us. Zoom is also easier for the whole family to gather around a computer/laptop than it is a phone," Jessie said.

According to Jessie, it is easy as long as one

person is techy to set it up; others can easily join without having too much prior know-how. So with that in mind, they planned their next social gathering to help the younger kids not feel isolated "and give us all something other than coronavirus to talk about."

Julie added: "We knew that it wouldn't be as fun if the adults just got together and chatted; we needed something to engage the children, too." (The Hughes' have 7 grandchildren, ranging in age from 4 months to 11 years.) So they planned a simple "show and tell" event, via Zoom.

When everyone was logged in, their screen looked a little like the opening scene of the Brady Bunch, with each person in their own box.

The rules were simple — one person at a time got to present whatever they brought along to the event, and talk briefly about it.

"The kids were excited about it. They said, 'Papa, you have to go first. You're the oldest!'"

So he did, Julie said. "Toby brought a trophy — an old one that he had won in an ice-fishing tournament once."

Jessie said from there, they took turns, with each house having one person go and then just circle around.

"It's neat to be able to connect with each other. We ask questions, we share, and we laugh. It gives us something to put on the schedule and

look forward to," Jessie commented.

Although the video conferencing was new to them, keeping in touch via texting and group chats is not. The Hughes' use an app called "Viber," to stay in touch, as it allows each of their phones — whether iPhones or Androids — yo easily share and view videos.

So, even if they aren't going live through Zoom, they are trying to use technology to stay in touch in creative ways during this pandemic.

"The other day, Jessie had the kids make an obstacle course on their front driveway (with sidewalk chalk) and around some trees, etc. in their yard. She posted a video of the kids running around, following its path. She shared the video with us through Viber, then challenged us each to come up with a better one and share it," Julie said.

Julie said she didn't create an obstacle course, but she did record a video of "Papa" feeding the neighbor's longhorn cattle, "and watching him run when the cattle decided they wanted the grain in his bucket — immediately — and chased him over the fence."

Not all of their future videos will involve adventure (or risk). For the immediate future, they hope to expand on the idea that they started with the Show and Tell via Zoom.

"We talked about doing a theme for coming weeks, like maybe a color, or starts with, or something you've made," said Jessie.

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8. Slang for microwave
11. Time distortion
12. One with biggest share?
13. Like a case of appendicitis, possibly
15. Decanter
16. Knowing about
17. Mister in Madrid
18. "Usually served on ice, 2 words
20. Barber's sound
21. Accepted truth
22. Took a load off
23. Artist's office
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30. Comic book cry of horror

31. Rude or sarcastic
34. Chips, perhaps
35. Roleplay
37. Chinese "way"
38. Ice floaters
39. 100 centavos
40. Merry
42. Table scrap
43. Breastbone
45. "Double shot of espresso
47. Feather's partner
48. Not here
50. Nickname for Putin?
52. "Revolutionary event
55. "Tea is the only simple pleasure left to us," he wrote
56. Research facil.

57. Typically used in the fairway

59. Goodbye to amiga
60. Plenty
61. Why not
62. "Black tea, in China
63. Bard's "before"
64. Pay close attention

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2. Crows' cousins
3. Actress Barrymore
4. More like rumors
5. '70s Ford model
6. Native American emblem
7. Dwarf buffalo
8. Pueblo tribesman
9. On top

40. Hudson's Bay Company original ware

41. Experts
44. Nose channels
46. Kick the bucket
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49. Make this, not waste
50. Affected by the moon
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54. Bygone era
55. "The Revolutionary one followed
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# Creighton teacher explores new ways to keep students engaged while home

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When Creighton teachers left the school building on March 17th, they didn't know if or when they would be returning to their classrooms. It has now been two weeks, and teachers continue to deliver lessons to their students, but they only get to see them via a computer screen.

However, after just one day of not having students in her English and reading classroom, Hannah Zimmerer decided to let her 57 fourth through sixth grade students know how much she missed them. But she didn't just text them a message or email them--she made a video using "TikTok," a popular app that allows the creator to make, edit, and share a 1-minute video.

The app has emerged as the most popular platform in the country with over 500 million users, so the self-created videos have the potential to go viral and be seen by thousands, if not millions, of people. However, Zimmerer didn't use TikTok to try and go viral; she simply wanted to reach her kids in a way she knew they would relate to. Nevertheless, KTIV television in Sioux City did see her video, and shared it on their nightly news segment to highlight what some teachers in the area were doing to connect with students while classes were suspended.

That particular clip of Zimmerer featured her in her classroom, alone and bored. With the help of her friend and colleague, Jessica Gragert (who filmed the shots), Zimmerer is shown filling up her water bottle multiple times, propping her feet up on her desk, looking dejected, and even doing a somersault across the floor in an attempt to entertain herself.

Zimmerer said she knew the app was popular among her students, but before this, she didn't know much about it, and even wondered why anyone would want to watch all the dance videos

that people post on there.

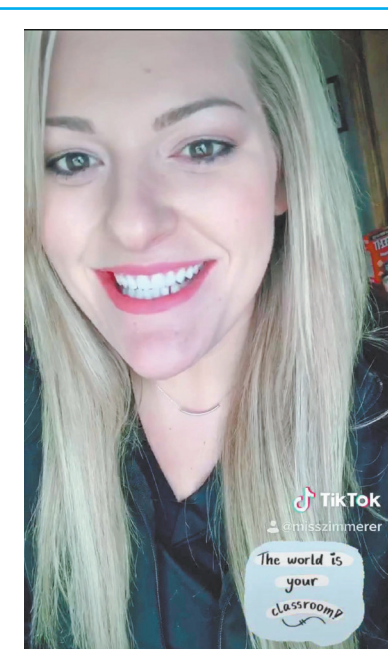
"The kids had been begging me all year to join TikTok and follow their videos. So when I found out we were going to be out of school, I told them I'd try it." Besides her "boredom scenario," she does tell the kids that by making the video, she is demonstrating her willingness to learn something new during this time, and encourages them to do the same.

Since that first one, Zimmerer has posted a TikTok video every day for the kids. For those who don't have or don't want to use TikTok, she posts the videos to her Facebook page and Google classroom as well. And in each one, she tries to incorporate something from the students' regular classroom routine --whether it's a particular line, a daily activity, or even an inside joke--to help keep them feeling connected... and amused.

For instance, in one video, she

*"The world is your classroom; now get out there and play."*

HANNAH ZIMMERER



background music is an excerpt from the song "Can't Stop the



Above, Hannah Zimmerer, 4th-6th grade teacher at Creighton Elementary School, is 'out in the wild,' getting ready to shoot a creative video for her students about stalking and finding grammar errors.

Feeling," (by Justin Timberlake). The original lyrics say, "I got this feelin' inside my bones; It goes electric, wavy when I turn it on." Zimmerer says the kids will "get it," because she makes it a ritual every day to play that song in her regular classroom at some point, but she changes up the lyrics to remix it for whatever she wants. For instance, lunch time might evoke her to play the song, then start singing: "I got this feelin'; it's time for lunch..." and then she dances around to the tune.

"So they're used to seeing me like this. I like to have fun with them in class, so this is just another way for me to be there with them in the same way. I think they like it. They like to ask embarrassed--the way they might be of a parent who is acting silly."

One of Zimmerer's TikTok videos shows her foraging in the woods, in full camo gear with face paint and all, searching for and correcting grammar errors on signs. In another, she is making deer jerky with her dad, using clean preg-testing gloves ("Use your resources!" she says), and in another, she explains the laws

of inertia and gravity and then demonstrates by sledding down a snow-covered hill.

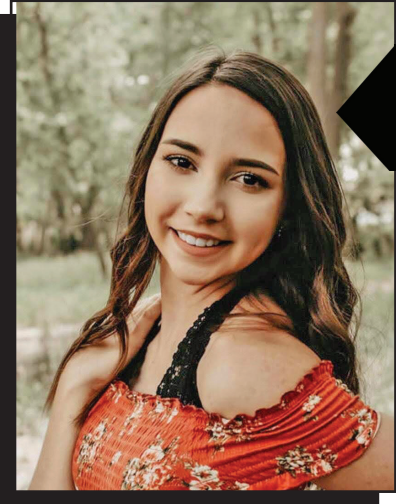
However, these videos are not her main instructional segments. For the English and reading lessons, she actually meets with her students for approximately two hours every day.

"I have office hours from 9-9:30 a.m., so during that time, we take care of normal business like checking in, taking attendance, talking about things. Then I teach a daily lesson from 9:30-11:00 a.m."

"But the TikTok videos, I want those to be fun, to kind of give them a reason to check in and want to be there. I actually write the scripts for those. There's quite a bit of work that goes into making a one-minute video," she said.

Zimmerer says her teaching philosophy revolves around making connections to real life. So the videos help her not only to stay connected to the kids, but to reinforce the theme she teaches all year: "The world is your classroom; now get out there and play."

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**Plans After Graduation:** Attend University of Nebraska at Omaha and major in nursing

**Goals for the future:** Work at a children's hospital and then start a family

**Best Memory in High School:** all the fun times cooking with the seniors in Mrs. Nelson's class



Thad Hazen

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**School Activities:** Football, Wrestling, FFA, Track, and Youth Group

**Hobbies/Interests:** Hunting, Fishing, Trapping

**Greatest Challenge:** Not having a senior year

**Plans After Graduation:** Attend Northeast Community College for Utility Line

**Goals for the future:** Get a college degree, get married and build a house

**Best Memory in High School:** Winning state football

# Freshman proves he possesses knowledge of medical laws

by TAMMY SCHINDLER  
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At a time when medical personnel are on the front lines waging the battles with covid-19, it may be reassuring to know that Creighton's students who are interested in pursuing careers in the medical field have not let this crisis deter their aspirations.

One of those, Matthew Johnson, a freshman at CHS, recently earned 1st place in a competition sponsored by HOSA, which stands for Health Occupations Students of America. His first place finish was in medical law and ethics, which also qualifies him for the International Leadership Conference competition.

Samantha Crockett, a junior, also placed in the top five, earning 4th place in pharmacology. She qualified as an alternate for the International Leadership Conference competition.

Johnson, Crockett, and several other students from Creighton belong to the national HOSA organization, which hosts a convention every year where students get the chance to compete in different medical career-related areas.

Unfortunately, this year, the coronavirus pandemic made it impossible to hold the convention, according to sponsor Janice Nelson.

She added that students have missed out on other opportunities as well. Last year, the flood in March kept contestants home, and throughout this year, some blizzards kept them from participating in other events.

So this year, the state advisor decided to try something different to determine the state and international winners for some of the competitions which would have taken place at the UNMC campus in Omaha.

"We were very grateful that the state adviser was able to utilize the online testing scores to honor some of our students," said Janice Nelson, Creighton's HOSA advisor.

She acknowledged that not every student's score could be measured in that way though.

"We also had a HOSA knowledge bowl team that was preparing to compete, a public speaker, and a Community Health presentation," Nelson said.

The others who earned a place included Jace Hoferer, a junior, who



ended up 7th in behavioral health; Katharina Rice, a junior, earned 7th in dental terminology; and Kendyll Tiedtke, a junior earned 9th place in pathophysiology.

"I am so proud of all 13 students who chose to participate and were preparing to compete," said Janice Nelson, Creighton's HOSA advisor.

Others who tested or were preparing for state competition were:

Cyndee Coutts, Jessica Stevens, Maycee Zimmerer, Averi Diedrichsen, Grace Van Metre, Bryna Fanta, Anna Tyler, and Olivia Dartman

According to Nelson, Creighton High School also offers academic courses that pair well with HOSA's mission -- to give students an opportunity to explore Health Careers.

One of those classes includes Intro to Health Careers, taught by Nelson; and CNA, taught by Mrs. Kim Vogt. Students earn 3 hours college credit through NECC for this course. At the end of the class, those students can also take the test to become certified nursing assistants.

Students interested in pursuing medical careers are also encouraged to take the Medical Terminology course, taught by Mr. Chase Maier, and any of the higher-level math and science classes.

Creighton HOSA also teams up with Creighton FCCLA to help sponsor the Red Cross blood drive every December, helping to call donors, provide escorts, greeting and enrolling donors, and serve food and beverages.

"The last few years we have also helped Avera Creighton Care Center staff clean out and ready Elizabeth's Garden for the spring and summer season for our community service project," Nelson said.

## SAYERS PRAISES TEACHERS

by TAMMY SCHINDLER  
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Kortey Sayers, the technology integrationist at Creighton Schools, has had an active role in preparing both the teachers and the students for the e-learning that is now taking place.

"Our teachers have taken a tough situation and are successfully educating their students! I am so proud of each of them," Sayers said. "Some of them are in completely new territory and they are excelling."

Two weeks prior to the school's closure, Sayers said Mr. Nilson instructed teachers to keep their lesson plans not only up-to-date, but a week ahead.

Before anyone left the building, she helped provide instruction to all on using the technology to provide lessons as needed.

"Zoom (software that connects individuals face-to-face through video) was probably our biggest hurdle, but fortunately, we were able to meet one week prior to the closure to determine how to use this tool from the host perspective," Sayers said.

Sayers said she is seeing so many great assignments. "We are working to show some of the amazing projects students are doing. All of this is possible because our parents believe in Creighton Community Public Schools and desire for their children to continue to be educated," she said.

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**Greatest Challenge:** Having fun without getting in trouble

**Plans After Graduation:** Wayne State College to get a Masters Degree in Accounting

**Goals for the future:** Graduate college and get a good job

**Best Memory in High School:** Mrs. Borgmann's Advanced Comp. Class

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# Clergy finding ways to stay connected



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While the pews may be empty, the congregation at First Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomfield is still finding ways to stay connected.

by GARRIANN EDHOLM  
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Unprecedented, uncharted, unknown, anxious, fearful, scared, crisis, disaster, catastrophe.  
“These are just a few words I’ve heard over and over again these past two weeks,” says Pastor Bobby of First Trinity Lutheran Church.  
“It’s a situation that we’ve never experienced before.”  
The pastors of Bloomfield are going through uncharted waters like the rest of the world and are trying their best to be available for their congregations and our community. It’s made for some creative thinking and more than likely will continue to change as we wait this crazy, unsure time out. Social distancing is tricky when it comes to church services. Thanks to technology and social media our pastors and priests are able to stay connected. For First Trinity, vespers services and Sunday services are available to watch live on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. The Facebook Live videos will also be available on the church website. Pastor Bobby is also

offering drive-through communion every third Sunday, weather permitting. Since tithing keeps the work of the church to be able to carry on, First Trinity is still taking offering through the mail or drop off. They are also working on online giving as another option. While both Pastor Bobby and Pastor Terry are not allowed, they are still keeping in contact with the residents of Good Samaritan Center and Assisted Living with daily phone calls, and prayers, and mailing out sermons and devotions. Confirmation has also continued with the youth of Bloomfield through Zoom meetings, emails and homework.  
“I think that one of the blessings of it all is that it gives an opportunity for each member of First Trinity, especially parents, to worship at home with their families.” “God has always intended that the parents are the first pastors to their children, and this is a great time to reestablish that order by leading prayers and devotions and doing catechesis at home.”

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**Hobbies/Interests:** Work  
**Greatest Challenge:** Losing weight and better grades

**Plans After Graduation:** Online classes at Northeast Community College  
**Goals for the future:** Baby, building a family and moving away from here and starting new  
**Best Memory in High School:** Prom



PHOTO BY GARRIANN EDHOLM  
Laura and Carolyn Nagengast and Renae Cauth now utilize The Hive in Bloomfield to access their online classes.

## College students adapt to ‘new normal’ at home

by GARRIANN EDHOLM  
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The Hive in Bloomfield, a once buzzing coffee shop selling hand-crafted espresso drinks, unique gifts, antiques and home decor, has since become a gathering place for the Nagengast girls, Laura and Carolyn, and a family friend, Renae Kauth to continue college life as they know it.  
Carolyn, a freshman at Notre Dame; and Renae, a junior at Creighton University, both said their schools announced they were closing while both girls were on spring break. They encouraged students to go directly home instead of returning to campus.  
“My flight from Washington, DC to Omaha was less than half full and many passengers were wearing masks and gloves, and sanitizing everything, which is something I’ve never experienced before,” says Carolyn.

Since Renae didn’t bring much back with her, she knew she needed to drive back to Omaha to grab her belongings. It was a quick trip and while she was there she could already tell things were changing.  
“To be honest, I felt like the air was disgusting when I was there, and I was only there for a total of 3 hours.”  
At that time, Creighton University announced they’d only be closed until after Easter, but a couple weeks later, when things started to become more serious, they closed for the remainder of the year. Most of Renae’s college friends decided to stay in Omaha.

Laura Nagengast, a senior at The University of Michigan, said she heard rumors that her school may be closing before the official email came out.  
“I was shocked, and like many, felt everyone was overreacting.”  
As a senior she wanted to spend the last few months with her friends. At first she planned on staying in Ann Arbor, but as the days progressed the college was encouraging students to head back to their home states, she decided it

was safest to be at home with her family.  
“Everyone started packing up and leaving, and in a matter of days Ann Arbor’s lively energy had completely disappeared.”  
With all the girls now back in Bloomfield they needed a place with good Wi-Fi to complete their college courses, and that’s where the Hive came in. Their mother, Sunny Nagengast, owns the Hive.  
Since COVID-19 has hit she decided it would be best to close the doors. “I’ve really been torn whether or not to open up to the public or not as we still need to keep our social distancing right,” says Sunny. With not so good Wi-Fi at their farm, the Hive made perfect sense for the girls.  
“Moving from face-to-face lecture to online classes was an adjustment,” says Renae. “I have been struggling on how to decide on how much time I should focus on each class since Creighton doesn’t do the Zoom classes.”  
Carolyn also said “It’s been difficult adjusting to online classes, but I am grateful that I only live one time zone away from my school. Some of my classmates have a 12 hour difference, and I can’t imagine how difficult it must be for them to attend live streamed classes and maintain a somewhat normal schedule.”  
With Laura being a senior, the entire transition of online classes, living at home, and being away from her friends has been quite difficult. She worries what the job market will be like when Coronavi-

rus is all over.  
“This really scares me and I’m nervous that it will be difficult to find a job.”  
“Mostly, I am thankful that I had somewhere relatively safe like Bloomfield to come home to because many of my friends live in urban areas where the situation is very dangerous,” says Carolyn.  
Since being home Carolyn has taken advantage of quality time with her family and animals, reading many books and FaceTiming her friends from school. It’s been a difficult transition for Renae with both her parents now working from home and her brother Dylan, who is also home from college.  
“In the end, I’m just grateful to have a safe and secure home.”  
The girls are thankful they are able to gather at the Hive, even if it is a small group for now and while they may not be able to get your coffee fix every day, the Hive is open every Saturday morning for curbside service.  
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Regardless of all of the negatives, the girls all have one thing in common. They all feel extremely fortunate they get to come home to a community full of support.  
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Alan will always mean the world to us! So strong he was to endure such harassment and take his own life in the hopes it would end for us as well. His carefree smile is now a painful reminder of the injustice and why harassment should be taken seriously. I would hope much needed improvements will be made in the Knox Co. 911 system and responsiveness of officers despite the lack of leadership. Alan enjoyed the simple things in life like paragliding on calm evenings, watching deer play on the meadow, and picking sweetcorn with the kids. These things were taken from him. Now we can only remember his gentle nature and witty humor. If only the greed of others had not sought to destroy him!

There is no doubt that Alan is still looking out for us. Heaven has the best angel keeping tabs on the “Donkeys.” His blue eyes surely see the Morning Doves from above and the young pups playing in his yard. We love and miss you so much Alan! Angela E. Pinkelman



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## BLOOMFIELD

### Water payments

The City of Bloomfield has installed a locked drop box located right outside the city offices for water payments etc.

### Board of Education

The Bloomfield Board of Education will be held in room 203 at Bloomfield High School on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public via STRIV TV. A link will be posted on the school website.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Legals in this issue

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## Signs honor local healthcare heroes



PHOTO BY THELMA SCHROEDER

Joy Nelson of Creighton is joined by her daughter, Lindsay, who had a unique idea for honoring the people in her life she considered "healthcare heroes."

By CARRIE PITZER  
news@myknoxconews.com

Pink speckled signs have been popping up all over social media and in lawns as people have declared friends and loved ones their healthcare heroes.

While most people know Blackburn Manufacturing in Neligh pushed the initiative in Antelope County, the idea actually stemmed from Creighton City Administrator Lindsay Nelson, who contacted Blackburn about making a sign for her niece, Erin Shuck, and mother, Joy Nelson.

Nelson contacted her sister-in-law, Stephanie Keetle, who works at Blackburn Manufacturing.

"I saw another state doing the signs and thought this would be really great for our community," she said. "I reached out to Steph, and she rolled with it even further, which is awesome," Nelson.

Keetle said she instantly wanted to be part of the signs.

"I thought it was a great idea," Keetle said. "I mentioned it to a couple of people at work, and then they wanted signs, too. They had family in healthcare who they wanted to recognize."

It didn't take long until word spread to Blackburn Marketing Director Krista Schindler, who not only loved the concept, but wanted to take the idea to the next level and give signs to 100 healthcare heroes throughout nearby Antelope County.

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## Lonestar to headline county fair

By THELMA SCHROEDER  
news@myknoxconews.com

Knox County will bring the award-winning band, Lonestar; the high-energy modern country duo, Eastern Heights; and popular 80's tribute-band, Hairball to the fair this summer.

The artists are slated to take the stage on August 14, 2020 with Lonestar playing in the grandstand and Eastern Heights in the beer garden after the show.

Lonestar has numerous well-known number one hits such as "Amazed," "I'm Already There," and "My Front Porch Looking In."

Fair organizers recently announced other entertainment as well. Bull-A-Roma will take place on Thursday, August 13, with Sounds Unlimited in the beer garden. 80's tribute band Hairball will perform in the grandstand Saturday, August 15, with Eastern Heights to follow in the beer garden after the show.

Among the other entertainment events are Monster Trucks on Sunday, August 16 and back by popular demand, the DC Lynch will be there all four days on the Midway.

The 137th Knox County Fair will kick off on Thursday, August 13 and run through Sunday, August 16.

## Creighton seeks new ED director

By CARRIE PITZER  
news@myknoxconews.com

The City of Creighton is now accepting applications for a part-time economic development director.

Susan Norris submitted her resignation last Thursday. It was not listed on the agenda, so the City Council has not acted on the item at this time.

The Creighton Economic Development Board is seeking a dynamic individual to promote the City of Creighton and its rural area. The individual will be responsible for attracting new businesses, encouraging current business retention and expansion, promoting youth retention and attraction, maintaining collaborative working relationships with, among and between various community organizations, and provide leadership to an eager volunteer group.

Experience in economic development or related areas is preferred. The position is based upon 30 hours per week.

To apply, send a cover letter and resume to Creighton Economic Development Board, PO Box 188, Creighton, NE 68729 or email ccreigh@gpcom.net.

Norris, who had been the director since January 2019, will serve as the director through next week.

## COMMUNITY STRONG



PHOTOS BY GARRIANN EDHOLM

Michael Foods is donating food boxes to nearly a dozen communities this week and kicked off the donations on Tuesday afternoon in Bloomfield and Wakefield, where they have operations.

## 'No questions asked' as Michael Foods donates food boxes to local families

By CARRIE PITZER  
news@myknoxconews.com

A line of vehicles wound through the Knox County Fairgrounds on Tuesday afternoon, stretching through the gates and further east past the Central Valley Ag entrance.

Hundreds of families waited patiently for an unprecedented act of kindness from one of the area's largest employers as Michael Foods gave away boxes of foods – no questions asked.

"I want people to know that this is for everybody. There are no income requirements," said Pat Melena, vice president of farm operations at Michaels Foods. "If you live in a community in which we operate, we want to help you, and we have the food available to do it."

With the state's Directed Health Measure, it's been difficult for families to secure various food items. Melena said Michael Foods distributed food boxes to employees about two weeks ago and has given to food banks as well.

"We did it because we heard from our employees that it was difficult to find eggs in the grocery store, so we put this together quickly," he said. "It was so well received that we wanted to do this for the community."

Bloomfield and Wakefield were the first communities on the distribution list, but Melena said it was important to include other communities as well.

"This is an opportunity to give back to the community in which we

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Michael Foods will be donating boxes of food to all families in the community. Please remember social distancing. Drive up and we will give you a box.



### April 15

Plainview, Methodist Church, 7:00-9:00 a.m.  
Hartington, Fire Hall, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Creighton, Northeast Community Action Lot, 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Emerson, High School, 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Allen, High School, 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Wayne, Journey, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

### April 16

Osmond, Methodist Church Lot, 7:00-9:00 a.m.  
Crofton, High School, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Wausa, City Auditorium, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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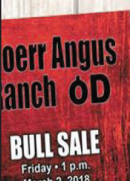
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Food

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operate," he said. "When we decided to do this for Bloomfield and Wakefield — the two communities we operate in — I requested we spread it out to cover the towns around Bloomfield because the community people live in is the area, not just the town."

On Wednesday, Creighton, Plainview, Hartington, Emerson, Allen and Wayne will have sites for distribution. On Thursday, more sites will be at Crofton, Wausa and Osmond.

Looking at the towns receiving food, Melena said it's not a coincidence that many of those communities sent firefighters to Bloomfield just weeks ago as mutual aid when Michael Foods battled a historic fire.

"Many of the towns we're distributing in are also the towns that helped us in our time of need when they sent their fire departments about 45 days ago," he said. "This is a way to give back to those communities. I think it tells people a lot about the company we work

for. We're very, very pleased to be able to do this."

Melena said the food boxes contain about 40 pounds of food and contain items that normally go to a restaurant, which means the quantity will go toward several meals. He said it contains a 2 pound carton of pasteurized liquid eggs; hard cooked, peeled eggs; a container of refrigerated mashed potatoes; shredded potatoes; and diced potatoes.

Melena said with plants and farms all over the U.S., similar food distributions are occurring in multiple states, including Texas, Iowa, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Minnesota. He said about 15,000 families will receive the food boxes.

"This is our appreciation for all that these communities do for us. It's a way to give back," he said. "Some of these are family members and friends of our employees and others are farmers who we buy corn from. This is our appreciation of them."

SBA needs to expand receipts

In the last two weeks, it feels in some ways as though nothing has really changed, but in some ways, things seem to be changing by the minute.



**TOM BRIESE**  
STATE SENATOR

I reached out to some friends in the agribusiness and small business communities, and compiled some information for small business owners relating to resources available to you. Businesses, including farms, with less than 500 employees qualify for Paycheck Protection Program Loans (to keep employees on payroll) under the \$349 billion Small Business Administration (SBA) loan program. However, most farms would be excluded from Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL), according to analysis by the American Farm Bureau Federation, if SBA doesn't expand annual receipts. But lawmakers and farm groups stress Congress intended to make the 3% loans available to farmers. Any change to EIDL eligibility could be part of a Phase 4 aid package, though that will take time to be enacted.

Furthermore, the Paycheck Protection Program appears to also apply to the wages or income of an owner-operator, including the self-employed.

While I serve you in the Nebraska Legislature, my office and I are keeping up with news about the economic recovery actions at the federal level, but details are still coming out about some of the aspects of the act. I will keep you updated as I learn more, but your local banker may be the best resource to start with. Don't hesitate to reach out to my office with questions on any topic.

We also should focus on the good things we're hearing from the hard-hit areas. In Washington state, efforts to practice social distancing and reduce the

spread meant that an "overflow" hospital set up by the Army to handle patients was not needed, because hospitals in the area were able to handle the patient flow.

Hopefully, by the time this column goes to print, the news of a slowing curve in New York will also continue. These are good reminders that, by following the recommendations of medical professionals, we can get through this sooner, as infection rates stabilize. By staying home, we are reducing hospital admissions by reducing car accidents and other traumatic injuries, and not catching or spreading other conditions like the cold and flu, which would otherwise require hospitalization for some. The sooner Nebraska is free of new COVID-19 cases, the sooner we can begin to return to the Good Life as we all know and love it.

I want to recognize the sacrifices everyone is making, and to thank you all. This time is hard on everyone, but few more so than those who are still out there working to keep things moving.

We owe a lot to our first responders, doctors, nurses, and other medical staff, truck drivers, warehouse workers, grocery store employees, roads maintenance crews, utility workers, bankers, farmers and ranchers, and many more. Some things cannot be stopped or slowed no matter what, and we owe the deepest gratitude to those risking their health and that of their loved ones to keep us all safe, fed, and healthy.

Lastly, there is still unfinished business in the Legislature, although we do not yet know when we will reconvene. As soon as it is prudent to do so, the Speaker plans to call the Legislature to meet once more, and I very much look forward to again fighting for the interests of each and every one of you.

As always, you can reach me at tbriese@leg.ne.gov or by leaving a message at (402)471-2631.

Sign

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"I thought it would be fun to have people nominate their healthcare heroes," Schindler said. "I told them to make up 100 signs, and then I'd get with the ACN to get the word out. That's when it kind of exploded and was even bigger

than I could have imagined."

Nelson said it was fun to watch signs pop up online, though she's most excited to see them in Creighton and Knox County.

"I wanted to acknowledge the community of Creighton and our great healthcare workers, so I

wanted on in the driveway of the nursing home and hospital," she said. "It makes my heart smile to know I was just a little part in brightening a few communities. Hopefully, these healthcare workers know how thankful we are for them on the front lines."



PHOTO BY TAMMY SCHINDLER

The bridge on the east end of Creighton is under construction, and it's the first part of a project that is expected to last until September. Road crews will work their way east out to the Midland Corner on Highway 59, as well as up Creighton's main street to the Brockhaus corner. Although they will still be at work through June, the Knife River crew is working closely with the City to ensure they will not interfere with any plans for BerryPepper Days.

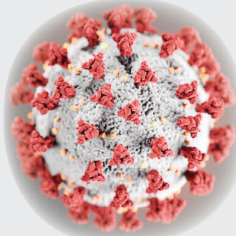
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## BLOOMFIELD

### New drop box

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### Public meeting

Mayor and City Council of Bloomfield will hold a public hearing at the City Council Chambers on Monday, May 11, at 7 p.m. The hearing will be held during the regular city council meeting.

## CREIGHTON

### Public meeting

North Central Public Power District board of directors will be held on Monday, April 27. At 6:30 p.m. at the district office in Creighton.

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# No positives reported at Bloomfield testing



PHOTOS BY GARRIANN EDHOLM

The Nebraska National Guard assisted the North Central District Health Department last week with COVID-19 tests in Bloomfield.

There were no positive COVID-19 tests last week during the health department's event in Bloomfield.

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) with assistance from the Nebraska National Guard conducted COVID-19 sample testing in O'Neill and Bloomfield for the NCDHD district on Friday.

"Because of all the hard work and diligence our community members are exercising with social distancing practices and following the Directed Health Measures, we are pleased to report zero confirmed COVID-19 results from the testing event," the release stated.

NCDHD said there is an increased number of positive cases in neighboring district communities in areas such as Norfolk, Dakota City, and Grand Island. NCDHD is encouraging our district community members to continue to practice social distancing, follow the directed health measures, shop local, wear face coverings in public, remain with your nuclear family and we will continue to flatten the curve.

NCDHD said the testing that was completed during the event was a snapshot sample. This doesn't

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# Spotlighting THE CLASS OF 2020



Seniors, in particular, found themselves missing out on some of the traditional end-of-the-year events, including their final season in athletics or activities. But amidst it all, communities and schools have shown their support for students, and some area schools decided to honor their seniors in a unique way--by "being the light."

On April 20th at 8:20 p.m., schools turned on the lights at the football field and encouraged people to drive past the field and honk to acknowledge the seniors. In both Creighton and Bloomfield, the schools

lit up their scoreboards to read 20-20, and 3rd down with 1 to go.

This event, intended to remind seniors that people do care, also provided the opportunity for seniors to reflect on the events of 2020. The following were willing to share their thoughts about what has transpired.

Braden Eisenhauer, senior at Bloomfield High School, said that when he first found out that they wouldn't be returning to school, he felt depressed. "I had a bad

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## Senior year not what anyone expected

By TAMMY SCHINDLER  
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When schools first shut their doors in March, due to the COVID-19 circumstances, students, teachers, and parents all speculated about what would become of the remainder of the school year.

Almost immediately, the only contact that students had with classmates or instructors was virtually; and day by day, new restrictions were announced--extracurricular activities were suspended, prom was cancelled, and hopes of returning to normalcy were diminished.



**ALEX HOMAN, CREIGHTON**  
"With video chat meetings, the teachers can do pretty much everything they were doing in the classroom."



**THAD HAZEN, CREIGHTON**  
"When I first heard it, I thought, 'great!' Now, I'm not sure how I'll feel, when looking back on this in the future."



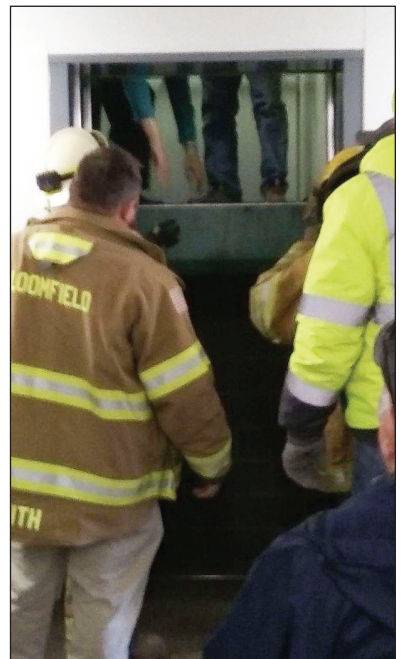
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COURTESY PHOTO

Bloomfield rescue personnel assisted with helping a resident stuck in an elevator last week at Mainview Apartments.

## Resident gets stuck in elevator

By GARRIANN EDHOLM  
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Mainview Apartment residents in Bloomfield were receiving food boxes from the Michaels Food giveaway when some noticed a terrible noise coming from inside the elevator last week.

Gerre Campbell, the manager at Mainview, said the elevator was serviced earlier in the day, but with a thirty-nine year old elevator, "you just never know."

Campbell said the elevator was working great until later that afternoon. She turned off the power while checking it and then heard banging on the wall, realizing someone was stuck inside the dark elevator.

Campbell said her husband, Jack, grabbed the elevator key and headed up to the second floor to try and unlock it. When he opened the doors, he saw the elevator car was stuck between the second and third floors. The tenant had about a four foot drop to stable ground.

"I then decided it was time to call the fire department and get a couple guys to help us out," Gerre said.

Within five minutes, two fire trucks, the ambulance, along with nearly a dozen fire and rescue volunteers arrived to assist. Two firemen climbed a ladder to the tenant and helped her out of the elevator.

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This is hard on kids and hard on us, too

I've often said I'm glad I'm not a teenager in current times — and that was long before COVID-19.

I did my share of stupid things that I'm relieved weren't shared with the world on social media. I'm also glad the girl drama in school was limited to, well, school. It didn't follow me home with texts, messages and online posts. We didn't have cyber bullies.

My daily routine has changed dramatically since the Directed Health Measure was implemented, but I sometimes forget how much it's changed for our daughters. Izzy is 12 and busy with school enrichment activities, and Shelby is 17 and a full-time college student — 100 percent online.

For Izzy, her school work can only improve her grade. There's really no penalty for not completing her "assignments," but we're the type of parents making her do her homework. Maybe it's being a girl, maybe it's being 12 — but she's actually doing it. She does however forget to upload assignments or email them to her teachers occasionally.

But she's moody. It's likely easier to keep her distanced from her friends because we live in the country, but Izzy is definitely going through social withdrawal. She can FaceTime, SnapChat and text friends, but it's not the same as face-to-face contact or being in school. She does go into the office with us occasionally, but life is completely different for her.

For Shelby, she finished her senior year at mid-term and had always planned to be a full-time college student this semester — thank God. She also planned to attend prom and walk at a traditional graduation, and we're hoping the latter is still an option.

She, too, is limited to where she can go and who she can see. Remember the months after you finished high school and the freedoms you enjoyed? Life has changed for Shelby — and all other seniors — thanks to COVID-19.

More than that, the uncertainty is affecting youth. As parents, grandparents, teachers and mentors, we don't have the answers. We don't know when this



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will end, if summer jobs will be possible, if a traditional graduation will occur, how far the cattle market will fall, if restaurants will be open next month, if school will open like normal in the fall, etc.

We simply do not know.

As difficult as the uncertainty is for adults — and it is frustrating — imagine looking to adults who normally have answers to discover they have none. Adults not only have no answers, but are prohibiting their children from seeing friends face to face. That's why our children are moody, maybe a little or maybe a lot. Every child is different, just like every adult is handling this differently as well. But people are moody.

When you're frustrated with another adult or with a child, remind yourself how difficult this situation is for all of us. Also remind yourself that we will get through it, and the isolation will end.

I studied the Great Depression. I remember the hardship of the 1980s and the early 1990s. Not every business survived. Not every farm or ranch survived. Homes and land were foreclosed. There were horrific casualties, and I pray you will not fall victim.

But I also know we made it through then, and we will make it through now. It is now and will continue to be hard, but I believe in you. I believe you will pull through.

I am reminding myself to understand when others are irritable and moody. I will try to understand, and I hope you will as well. Because together, we will get through this.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vote Matt Innes

Dear Editor:

How many millions of dollars does it take to buy a U.S. Senator? How many millions did Ben Sasse get when he partnered with the New York Hedge Funds that closed down and moved Cabela's headquarters away from Sidney, NE? In 2015, how many millions did Ben get from the Beef Packers when he and Barack Obama sponsored the repeal of Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling for USA beef? The repeal of MCOOL is a main reason why live cattle prices have fallen and yet the beef prices in the grocery stores have risen! I have called Ben's DC office several times since 2015 demanding that MCOOL be reinstated and his only personal response to me was, "farmers and ranchers are less than 1% of the population, YOU DON'T MATTER." By the way, 97% of Sasse's campaign contributions have come from out-of-state and foreign corporations.

It's time to drain the swamp and a good place to start is right

here in Nebraska by voting Ben Sasse OUT! My good friend and true Nebraskan, Matt Innis, is running for senate. Matt Innis is Pro-Life, Pro-Gun, Pro-Ag and small business. To me, that is what a true Nebraska Senator is all about! Whereas Ben Sasse has stated on two different liberal TV shows that he wakes up every morning and thinks about leaving the Republican party! Matt Innes is a Christian, a Marine and a small business owner.

When you get ready to cast your vote, ask yourself if you can afford another 6 years of corrupt and complete nonsense that is now in Washington DC. I'm going to do my part o insure a better future for my kids and grandkids! I'm voting to DRAIN THE SWAMP!

I'm voting for MATT INNIS for US Senate, and I hop you will also! Jamie D. Curtis, Royal

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Editor's Note: April 29 is the final newspaper to publish an election-related letter.

Elevator

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While the fire and rescue squad were there, they then began distributing the food boxes from Michaels Food to all tenants on all three floors.

"We are so very appreciative of

all of their help," Campbell said.

The residents and staff thanked the firefighters and rescue personnel for their assistance.

"It's a great feeling knowing you're always in good hands with our volunteer first responders," Campbell said.

WEATHER REPORT

Date	High Temp	Low Temp	Precip
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Saturday, April 11	59	40	.14 P
Sunday, April 12	32	24	.20 P 1.5 S
Monday, April 13	35	14	0

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that day. Nobody could make me feel better." Having to miss out on his final season of his athletic career was especially disappointing. However, Eisenhauer said he has adjusted to spending his days doing classes online and working out when those are over. "I'm happy that I can still interact with my teachers and classmates," he said. He also has learned to appreciate the sense of responsibility it instills, of having to complete work independently and ignore all the distractions. "I have learned that some things in life are not always going to go the way I want them to, but I have to make the best of the opportunity that is in front of me. Adversity happens in life, but how I overcome it will determine how I live my life. Good things can come out of bad circumstances," he said.

BRIAN JOHNSON, senior at Creighton High School, acknowledges that this situation has been very unique. "Adjusting was hard to begin with, but I have really learned a lot." Johnson said that having a little more time and fewer places to be, he's had more time to put some serious thought into what's important to him.

"Because of this, I now appreciate my family, friends, teachers, coaches, church, community, activities and little blessings in a much truer

way." He admits that there have been some sad times and disappointments, but overall, "the love of God and gratitude outweigh the negatives. He added: "I know that I will never again catch myself saying, 'I don't want to go to school tomorrow.'"

ALEX HOMAN, senior at Creighton High School, said that he is adjusting well to the online classes. "With video chat meetings, the teachers can do pretty much everything they were doing in the classroom. Plus, the teachers are available, and they are doing a great job," Homan said. He added that he was looking forward to some special events, especially their senior trip, prom, FFA State convention and annual banquet, and of course, having a traditional graduation. If there's anything that has made him sad about how this year has ended, Homan said "it's not getting to see my classmates as often, or to say, 'good-bye.'"

He tries not to dwell on it, as he spends his time now completing his homework, working for people, and completing track workouts. (Homan signed his letter of intent to pole vault for the University of Nebraska-Kearney.)

THAD HAZEN, senior at CHS, recalls when he first found out from Principal Ryon Nilson that school had been dismissed. "When

I first heard it, I thought, 'great!'" Now, he says, "I'm not sure how I'll feel, when looking back on this in the future."

He said that what disappointed him the most was not getting to participate in his final season of track. "I had some goals set," he said.

Hazen said he is adjusting to the virtual classes, and spends his time either working on homework, or working full time spreading fertilizer. He still hopes that some type of graduation gets scheduled, which he says seems like a possibility since no decisions have been made otherwise.

TERANCE BURRELL-SCHROEDER,

a senior at CHS, recalls getting notified about shutting down their senior year through a group chat with his classmates. "We keep each other updated on what's going on in these hard times," he said.

Like others Terance has been finding additional ways to occupy his time. "I've been spending most of my time at work at Dollar General, or at home playing video games, or watching tv, and working out."

As far as his final athletic season getting cut short, he said, "I was really looking forward to track. At first I didn't know if I wanted to, but when I decided I did, I was excited to start."

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ACROSS

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6. Eureka!
9. Schools of thought
13. Sound of artillery
14. Car nut
15. Without illumination
16. Nosey one
17. Kind of trip?

18. Lasso loop
19. \*Little Women's mom
21. \*Tracee Ellis Ross on TV
23. \_\_\_\_\_ o' shanter
24. Quitter's word
25. Like a fiddle?
28. Like Charles Dickens' Tim
30. Quarantine state
35. \*Egyptian goddess of fertility
37. Insane, in Spain
39. Mother or daughter, in Italy
40. \*Biblical Rebecca's son
41. Online reviews

43. Research facil.
44. Fisherman's decoys
46. Daytime entertainment
47. Furniture wood
48. End of the road, pl.
50. Blatant promotion
52. Swedish shag rug
53. Yours and mine
55. Little squirt
57. \*Mother's mom
61. \*She fought for Mother's Day, then against it
64. In advance

65. \*Bambi's mom
67. Fancy tie
69. Less than fernier
70. I have
71. "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" host
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73. Galley equipment
74. Feed the fire

DOWN

1. Kitchen meas.
2. Stay out of its way!

3. Pelvic parts
4. Tennis great Chris \_\_\_\_\_
5. Particular arrangement
6. Away from wind
7. \*Mother's favorite gift?
8. Ancient marketplace
9. Part of a scheme
10. No neatnik
11. Sushi restaurant soup
12. One-pot meal
15. Like the States
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# Local vocalist finds new venue for his singing talent

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It all started in Mrs. Stroh's grade school music class when Rod Eisenhauer found his love for music, and throughout grade school and into high school, Mrs. Stroh would accompany Rod in providing entertainment to local community clubs, banquets for school functions, and also competing in music competitions. After high school, Rod enlisted in the service and headed off to Thailand. While stationed in Bangkok, he would hit up local bars and clubs where he would ask the band if he could join them on stage.

"It was always very entertaining and a lot of fun," said Rod.

After his time in the service, Rod and wife Juleen headed back to northeast Nebraska and started working for the railroad. In 1971 a family friend, Al Ermels (around the age of 65 at the time), asked Rod if he would step in and fill in at a funeral. When Rod gladly accepted, Al told Rod he was ready to retire his singing voice and Rod could take over.

Now, over three hundred weddings and funerals later, Rod can still be found giving the gift of his voice as a cherished memory. With the improvement of technology, the requests for weddings and funerals have slowed down, but he's still keeping busy entertaining seniors at nursing homes and assisted livings around the area. He began at the local nursing home singing for special events, and eventually, he asked if they'd be interested in having him sing once a month. Ten years later, he now sings for four area nursing homes and assisted livings.

"It's just unbelievable how much these residents enjoy it. When I start

singing, you can see their eyes light up and the memories start to flow. It sure gives them a lot of pleasure. Feet start tapping and everyone starts singing along."

With COVID-19 in the air, all of Rod's appearances have stopped.

"I've always sang at home. There's nothing better sitting back and relaxing and singing to yourself. It's a great way to relax and enjoy one's company."

While sitting around the house one day he was talking with Juleen, and said, "Lets record a song and put it on Facebook for some friends and family."

After watching his first video recording, his daughter-in-law Kandi asked Rod if he'd make it "public" so they could share it with their friends. From that point on, the requests and comments started pouring in. Twenty four days later and close to five hundred views on some songs, Rod has become daily entertainment in many families' homes. He's had a lot of comments from people saying, 'thank you, I really needed that today, to look forward to tomorrow's song.'

"As much as I enjoy singing, that's all it took for me to continue doing it."

He started out singing country gospels in light of the Holy Week and now you can find him singing anything from "Johnny Cash" to "Sweet Caroline."

"If I can lift one person's spirit up then I feel accomplished."

Rod plans to continue his daily Facebook concerts as long as COVID-19 hangs around, so if you're in need of a daily uplift or just love music be sure to check him out.



PHOTO BY GARRIANN EDHOLM  
Rod Eisenhauer now sings from home, where he records his performance for people to enjoy via Facebook.



## Rolling Hills Country Club keeps 'rolling' on as it follows guidelines

**by LUKE JACOBSEN**  
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The Rolling Hills Country Club is adhering to new guidelines, while working hard to make sure people can once again get out on the course.

"We've had to make some changes due to the recent COVID-19 deal," according to Mathew Nelson, the course manager.

The changes may be minor, but they are to help insure that everyone that goes out to play golf will be as safe as possible.

"We have had to take the rakes out of the bunkers because we don't want players to have to touch them," Nelson said. "We also have taken all of the water coolers off the course so no one will be drinking out of the same cooler."

Not only have the water coolers and rakes had to be pulled off the course, but they have limited the amount of people that can enter the clubhouse at one time.

"We are only letting 10 people in the clubhouse at a time due to the limitations put on gatherings here in Nebraska," Nelson said. "We just want to make sure there

aren't too many people in here at one time to keep the risk down."

Keeping the equipment as sanitary as possible is also of their priorities.

"We are disinfecting carts after each time someone uses them," Nelson said. "We are trying to keep it to one person per cart, but after it comes back to the clubhouse, we make sure the cart gets cleaned."

Although there are precautions being taken to help ensure that the members and players are as safe as possible, the Rolling Hills Country Club is still taking takeout orders for food.

"We are still taking takeout orders here," Nelson said. "We are still making food out here so if anyone needs something to eat, they can call us and we will make it for takeout only."

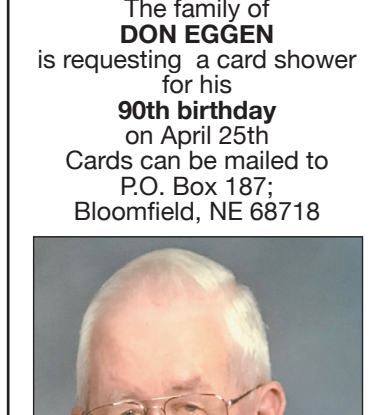
At times like this, it is important to take these measures to make sure everyone that goes out to Rolling Hills stays safe.

"We just want to make sure every that comes out here stays safe and still has a good time," Nelson said. "It's important to have something to do to help you have fun in times like these."

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## BLEACHERS FOR BEES



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The Bloomfield Gym bleacher replacement project is underway. Removal of the old bleachers has begun and are for sale. Contact Bloomfield Schools if interested.

## COMMUNION OFFERED



PHOTO BY GARRIANN EDHOLM  
Parishioners of First Trinity Lutheran Church received Holy Communion a little different this past Sunday. Pastor Bobby made sure to keep social distancing in practice as Communion was given through a drive-through distribution. Pastor plans to continue offering Communion every third Sunday until COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.

## MEET THE BLOOMFIELD CLASS OF 2020



*Logan Johnson*

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**Age:** 17  
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**Family:** Devin and Brena  
**School Activities:** Football, Basketball, Track, FFA  
**Hobbies/Interests:** Racing, Farming, Sports

**Greatest Challenge:** Trig  
**Plans After Graduation:** Northeast Community College  
**Goals for the future:** Graduate from college get a job close to home  
**Best Memory in High School:** Spanish 2

# Camp Glad Tidings still offering outdoor events for families

**SUBMITTED ARTICLE**

"The 2020 Easter Egg Hunt has been canceled." How many times have you seen those words this year? For a few families, they were not true. Glad Tidings Bible Camp has been working to find activities families could do one at a time, while still complying with regulations and recommendations on physical gatherings.

So, they hosted three GPS Easter Egg Hunts. One family at a time would come, scan the QR Code posted to the door of the cafagymatorium and then use the map to go find the first of 12 giant eggs hidden on camp. Each egg contained one part of the Resurrection Eggs story by Melody Carlson and an object representing that part of the story. Half of the eggs also contained candy the children could enjoy.

The children romped all over the camp – climbing Mt. Ann, running around to the other side of Lake Bob, climbing inside the GIG Ball Fence, walking past the crosses on the hill. Jamie Kimmons, carefully following groups at a safe distance, says the highlight for her was when a group of kids opened the egg containing the thorns. One child said, "That looks like it would HURT!"

"We want kids to have a ton of



PHOTO BY GARRIANN EDHOLM  
Greer Gannon and Tatum Edholm read what's inside the giant egg they found at Glad Tidings Bible Camp.

fun here, but we also wanted them to learn and understand the significance of the story."

With uncertainties about what might be shut down due to the virus, Camp Glad Tidings is committed to doing all we can to support the community. One thing is for sure – the entrance to the camp is not closed!

Currently, there are 12 teddy bears hidden in windows around the camp and a list of pictures for a photo scavenger hunt taped to the window of the cafagymatorium.

Families are welcome to schedule a time to come out and use the camp's grounds, as long as it is one family at a time so we can keep our kids as safe as possible!

Restrooms are available and are kept sanitized.

It's all the outdoors that we are opening up to families.

To schedule a time for your family to come out, message Glad Tidings Bi-ble Camp on facebook, email the camp at gladtidingscamp@gmail.com or call Gil, the director, at 402-882-0002.

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# Request for surgical caps results in unique designs

By TAMMY SCHINDLER  
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Nancy Condon has been a seamstress most of her adult life, whether it was sewing clothes for her daughter when she was elementary-aged, quilts for friends and family members, or other crafty projects over the years. So when a local nurse posted on Facebook that the staff at Avera Creighton Hospital could use some surgical caps, Nancy saw it as a great opportunity.

Bev Nelson, a nurse at Avera Creighton, said that she and fellow nurses became interested in wearing surgical caps during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Since we're wearing the protective masks and the plastic shields, the caps allow us to tuck our hair up and out of the way," Nelson said.

Not only do the caps add an additional layer of protection for patients and staff, they make it easier to wear the other protective devices, as the elastic or plastic bands can easily become entangled or damage a person's hair.

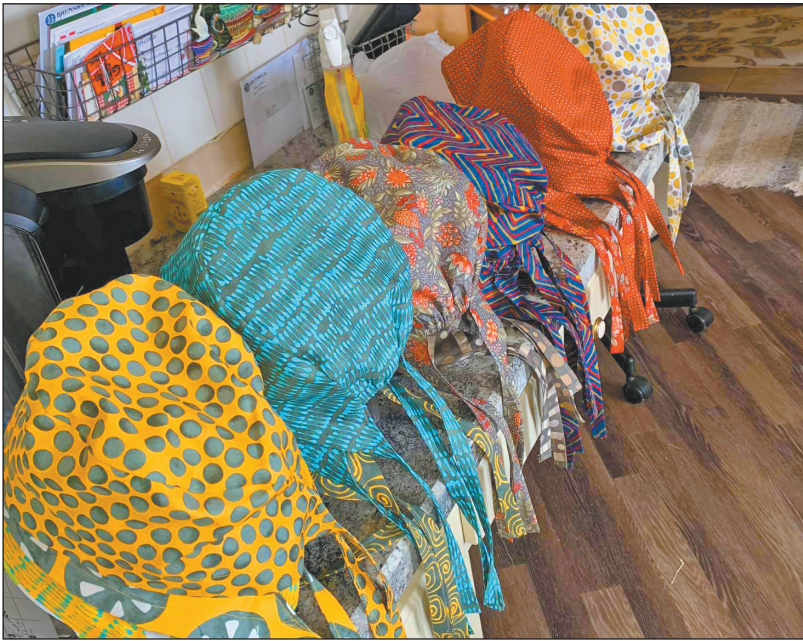
Nelson said she first attempted to order them online, "but those were going to take several weeks to be delivered, so I decided to just put out a request online and see if anyone could make them. And Nancy was one of the first who generously volunteered," Nelson said.

"I wouldn't dream of asking for money for these. I was more than happy to do it. John and I are staying at home doing our part to stay healthy in this crisis, but these folks are on the front lines every day. And I have all the time in the world," she said.

Since Nancy and her husband, John, have been strictly obeying the COVID-19 guidelines for keeping their distance from others, they have been finding ways to stay busy at home, which for Nancy, has meant keeping her 1963 sewing machine humming.

"I don't have a new, fancy machine. I still use the heavy-duty one my mother-in-law gave me. Years ago, not long after we were married, when Helen needed a new machine, she bought two sewing machines--one for herself and one for me, and I've been using it ever since."

And because she's been making quilts and other projects for years, Nancy had an abundance of leftover fabric she could use.



COURTESY PHOTO  
These surgical caps--donated to nurses and staff at Avera Creighton Hospital--were fashioned from Nancy's Condon's fabric and talent..

"After I got the pattern, I made the first one and thought, that's too small. Anyone with long hair would not be able to fit it all under that cap." So she tweaked the pattern as needed, and went to work using the fabric she had on hand to sew 30 more caps to donate.

Nelson said she and her colleagues were very appreciative to receive them. Each received a personal cap, which they can easily wash, sanitize, and wear again.



## Golf course is open; adhering to guidelines

By LUKE JACOBSEN  
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Desperate times call for desperate measures.

The Creighton Country Club is making some changes due to the COVID-19 situation. Due to the limitations of gatherings and special precautions being made, the course has some measures that have been put into place.

One of the first changes that have been made to accommodate the new recommendations is the amount of people allowed in the clubhouse at one time.

"We are only letting people to come pick up their food because right now we are only doing carry out orders and for their beverages are the same," Gary Hammer said.

As of now, league has not started, but that doesn't put a downer on the staff out at the country club.

"Hopefully we can get some leeway here in the beginning of May so we can start league play," said Hammer.

Although league is not going on currently, the course is still

open and ready for the golfers to come and play.

"The course is open, so if you want to come out and play a round or two, we would be happy to see you," said Hammer.

Some other courses have been putting pool noodles or foam in their cups on the green, and Creighton is considering that option as well to protect its golfers..

"We haven't done it yet, but that doesn't mean we won't," said Hammer. "If we get some more people to come out and play, we will be happy to do so."

The country club is still taking measures to make sure that their customers and everyone else stays safe during these times.

"We aren't using the golf ball washers right now just to keep everyone safe," Hammer said. "We don't want people spreading germs to each other so this is just another precaution that we are taking."

"We want to see everyone come out and play and just have a good time," Hammer said. "Just be smart about it."

## Music students miss district contest again; still resilient

"Our kids have had a lot of great moments in music this year, and had so much more to come." Those were the sentiments of Deb VanMetre, Creighton's vocal instructor, as she reflected on what would-have-been their annual District Music Contest (which was scheduled for this Friday, April 24th).

Although the coronavirus led to the shutdown of this activity, it wasn't the first time the musicians experienced disappointment over being canceled. VanMetre shared what it has been like for her students this year, and last, as well as the valuable lesson they've all learned about the power of music.

"If you remember last year at this time we had a pretty big snow storm that canceled District Music contest last year. What made last year so heartbreaking is that we were just a couple of days

*"That is what we need right now. To lift the human spirit."*

DEB VANMETRE

We just sat there in silence because there were no words to describe our disappointment. We did get the opportunity to perform our music for parents and the community later on in the week, but it was still not the same."

Fast forward to this year, and the Varsity Choir students were well on their way preparing for this year's District Music contest, but were taken out of the game yet again.

"This time it was something equally out of our control, but much bigger. There is no question that my students are where they need to be. Safe in their homes. But this is what I thought, what I know. We would have crushed it at District Music Contest this year."

VanMetre said her students learned all new solos, large group and small group songs this year. "They were motivated, and we



were at a point in our rehearsals where we were on track for some great moments in music--that kind of moment when you walk off the stage, and you know that you have done your best, and your heart just feels full. That is the sadness that I feel for all of my students.

For the freshmen and sophomores, who have never gotten a chance to experience it at all. And to the juniors, and especially the seniors, who know what it is like, but won't get that chance again. For the seniors, for that one last time."

Van Metre says her students right now are continuing to work on the song for graduation: "I Will Sing You The Stars."

"I hope we get to sing it together one day in person. I hope we get to sing it for the seniors' graduation. I hope a lot of things. One thing I do know. The setbacks that my students have faced in performance opportunities have not dampened their spirit or their love for music.

Throughout these days of virtual choir class, we have been listening to some great music, and have had some wonderful discussions about what music does for the human spirit. That is what we need right now. To lift the human spirit. And we will continue to work hard to do that. My hope is that you will hear us."

## NEW TEACHER

On Monday, April 13, the Creighton School Board approved the hiring of a new 4th grade teacher to replace Hannah Zimmerer (who had resigned to pursue a new position in Omaha).

The Board unanimously approved hiring Jessica Horstmann, a native of Creighton, for the role.

"I am excited to be teaching in my hometown," she said.

"I have so many great memories of attending school myself at Creighton. It will also be great to be at the same school my kids attend and having the same schedule."

Horstmann has taught 4th through 6th grade Language Arts in Plainview for the past 15 years. Now, she says, she is looking forward to getting to know all of the students and staff in Creighton.

Jessica's husband owns a



construction business in town (Corey Horstmann Construction), and they have three children, all in the Creighton School system: Coen, a 5th grader; Colt, a 1st grader; and Lanie, a kindergartener.

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**Family:** Candace

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**Hobbies/Interests:** Shooting hoops with friends

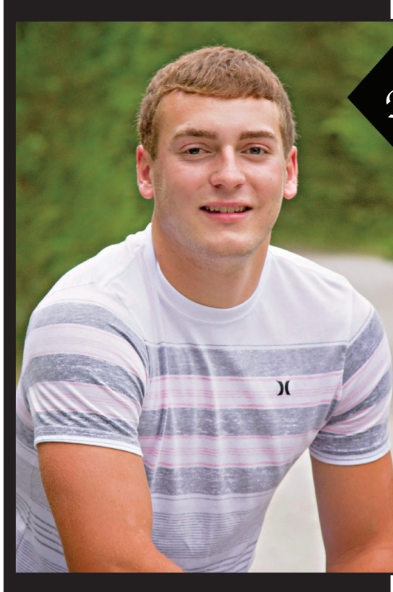
**Greatest Challenge:** maintaining

4.0 GPA

**Plans After Graduation:** Attend University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO)

**Goals for the future:** Become an accountant

**Best Memory in High School:** Playing sports with friends



Brayden Zimmerer

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**School:** Creighton High School  
**Age:** 18

**Parents:** Brian and Mandy Zimmerer

**Family:** Alec

**School Activities:** Football and Track

**Hobbies/Interests:** Hanging with friends, watching sports, enjoying the outdoors, being active

**Greatest Challenge:** Passing college algebra

**Plans After Graduation:** Attend University of Omaha (UNO) for criminology

**Goals for the future:** Have a nice family in a nice place and enjoy life

**Best Memory in High School:** Beating Conner in our series of pig and rubbing it in hardcore to make him upset.

## CARD SHOWER

Gary and Linda (Witt) Hamilton will be celebrating their **40th wedding anniversary** with a card shower. They were married April 26, 1980 at Christ Lutheran Church in Creighton, NE.

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*We wish Dad and Mom many more years of happiness! With love from Brandon, Shane, Caitlin and families.*

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# City Council to allow opening of pool, parks

by TAMMY SCHINDLER  
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Soon, kids in Creighton who want to take a dip in the swimming pool will be able to make their first splash. Once all the necessary preparations are complete--some painting, acquiring the necessary chemicals, and getting all the new lifeguards certified--the pool will be open, provided that strict guidelines will be followed.

On Thursday, June 11, Creighton's City Council voted to approve the opening of the pool, the city park, and the public restrooms. Pool Manager Michele Knuth was present during the council meeting to explain many of the guidelines that will be enforced.

For starters, a maximum of 50 people will be allowed at one time. No reservations will be made; it will be on a first come-first served basis. To help keep the area sanitized, the pool will be open for three 90-minute sessions.

Patrons will have to evacuate for a half-an-hour break after each session so that the staff can sanitize the area. Patrons can attend more than one session in a day (for no extra cost); however, they will not be allowed to loiter outside the pool area in groups.

**Other restrictions** (due to COVID-19) call for eliminating chairs and loungers. The slide will not be in use, nor will the baby pool. Any patrons who arrive in a small group must stay within that group while at the pool. Also, all guests' foreheads will be scanned for a temperature and will be required to sign in and provide a parents' or guardian's phone number.

Knuth said they will likely hire an extra lifeguard just to

monitor and enforce the rules regarding social distancing.

She expressed optimism about having the pool open, but acknowledged it will take a lot of cooperation on everyone's part. "It's a privilege this year to go swimming," she said.

**The Council also approved** more immediately opening the city bathrooms and park. Councilman Mark Ripp encouraged the council to consider opening both as soon as possible, "like tomorrow," he said. Since there won't be anyone overseeing the use of the park, signs will be posted to remind patrons to use at their own risk.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Steve Morrill commented that in order to keep the parks and pool open, everyone will need to use common sense. If people don't abide by the rules, everything will have to be closed back up, he said.

**In other Council business,** City Administrator Lindsay Nelson explained that the city of Creighton, by partnering with Great Plains Communication, is eligible for a Rural Access grant that would provide Broadband Internet to all households. The Council voted to approve that partnership.

The Council also approved the hiring of additional baseball and softball coaches, and accepted the resignation of council member Brandi Dimmitt, who has taken a different job and will be moving. The Council authorized City Administrator Nelson to advertise the position. The mayor will need to make a recommendation before someone is selected.

# New twist on a road-trip theme

by TAMMY SCHINDLER  
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On Wednesday, Seth Varner and Austin Schneider, a couple of college kids from Wahoo, Ne, were in Creighton for the first time. They enjoyed an off-season tour of the Gingerbread House in Creighton's Santaland, posed for a picture with the BerryPepper statue outside the baseball field, and tasted their first-ever BerryPepper (once Brandon Gragert instructed them how to properly eat one, by turning the frozen concoction upside down in the cup and eating it like a snow cone).

But their "firsts" for the day weren't limited to just Creighton; they also admired a scenic view near St. Helena, overlooking the winding Missouri river; visited the "Klown" Museum in Plainview; paid tribute to the Veterans Memorial in Wausa; and sat on the steps of the church in Bazile Mills--just to name a few.

The two were road-tripping for the day. And before they buckled their seatbelts in Austin's 2004 Mazda 6 that morning, Seth had chartered their course, using an "old school" road map to determine which towns they could reach in a day's time. Included in their itinerary was time to stop and meet a few folks and take some photographs.

For the past few months, Seth and Austin have been traveling around Nebraska, with the goal of visiting all 531 towns in the state. To date, they've reached about half of them. On Wednesday, they added 17 more towns to their list.

In Knox County, this included Bloomfield, Center, Crofton, Bazile Milles, Winnetoon, and Wausa.

Their road-trip plans emerged soon after the COVID-19 pandemic sent them home from the University of Omaha campus, where both were students. The two (who have grown up together since kindergarten) moved back home to Wahoo, but quickly found themselves bored with passing the time by playing basketball, video games, or working.

"So I just said to Austin, 'what would you think about visiting every single town in the state?'"

And Austin was quick to respond: "I'm never going to pass up a road-tripping opportunity. I love an adventure!"

Seth said the idea stemmed from an experience he had growing up that left him wanting to do more traveling in the state.

"When I was about 10 years old, my dad and I tried doing something similar. We had family buried in nearby towns, so we would go visit the cemeteries. And we'd check out all the neighboring towns as well. Back then, we only went to towns in Saunders and Butler counties because that's all we had time for."

But 10-year old Seth really enjoyed the road trips, so he pro-



PHOTO BY TAMMY SCHINDLER  
Seth Varner and Austin Schneider of Wahoo took some time for photo op in front of a few of Creighton's "landmarks" -- the BerryPepper statue and at Creighton's SantaLand.

posed the idea to his dad that maybe they could try and get to all 531 towns in Nebraska.

"And his response was like, 'yeah, maybe!' But he knew it wasn't realistic for us at the time," Seth said.

Fast forward to March, 2020 when he proposed the idea to his lifelong friend--and the trip seemed more viable--so they immediately began plotting their first trip. Originally, their only intentions were to show up in a town, get a selfie in front of the town's sign, and move on.

In fact, the first 60 towns or so, Austin said, they didn't really meet anyone.

"I figured we'd just put together a scrapbook or something when we were done. But then a friend suggested that we start a Facebook page, so people could track us, and we could post pictures," Austin said.

Once they created their page (titled *Visit 531 Nebraska*) and shared their images, they started getting followers. They also posted their photographs on other sites for more exposure.

One particular photo that they shared on the "Nebraska through the lens" site got 5000 'likes,' and according to Seth, "that's when it blew up for us."

"Overnight, our page went from having 1500 to 9000 followers. My phone was dead--I had to shut it down from all the notifications," Seth said.

Now, almost every leg of their daily road-trip involves stopping to meet people, many who have been tracking their tour and consequently, welcome them to town.

They also utilize apps like "Roadside America" to seek out and find some of the unique features of each community.



Occasionally, they invite an extra friend to tag along for the day. On Wednesday, Brooklyn Eckley--who also has been friends with the two since elementary school--was their travel-mate.

Their journey isn't a contin-

uous one. At the end of the day (which is typically 10-14 hours) they return home to Wahoo, where they all live. They also return to work at the Wahoo Dairy Queen for a few days, before heading out on their next adventure,

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# Three earn promotions at Midwest Bank in Creighton



Deb Sukup, Vice President



Karla Kuhlman, Vice President, Manager of Mortgage Lending

## courtesy article

Midwest Bank recently announced the promotions of Deb Sukup, Karla Kuhlman and Aaron Williamson.

Deb Sukup has been named Vice President. Deb's career at Midwest Bank has spanned over 42 years. Over the years, Deb has worked in every aspect of the retail department of the bank, including customer service, new accounts, & deposit operations. Currently, Deb manages retail area of the branch and loves working with clients daily.

Karla Kuhlman has been named Vice President, Manager of Mortgage Lending. Karla has been instrumental in managing the centralization of all mortgage loan processing to our Creighton location, as well as continuing to handle all mortgage lending responsibilities in the Creighton market. This summer, Karla will be celebrating 25 years with Midwest Bank.

Aaron Williamson has been named Vice President. For the



Aaron Williamson, Vice President

entirety of his 8-year career with Midwest Bank, Aaron has been a loan officer and licensed crop insurance agent.

Moving forward, Aaron will continue to build relationships with clients and prospects in the Creighton area.

# Scholarships announced for 2020 CHS graduates

Chris Baldwin, Creighton's guidance counselor, provided the following information about the graduates' post-secondary intentions and scholarships they received:

**Terance Burrell-Schroeder**, Criminal Justice, Dakota Wesleyan; DW Football Athletic Scholarship, M. Kenneth Drobny Memorial Scholarship, CHS Booster Club Scholarship, Erwin McDowell Trust Loan  
**Christopher Cauthon**, Graphic Design, Northeast Community College  
**Clay Curtis**, Diesel Technology, Northeast Community College; NECC Board of Governors Scholarship, NECC Fred & Louise Kienow Scholarship, Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship, Thomas Morlan Scholarship, Creighton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Richard Bartos Memorial Scholarship, Creighton FFA Scholarship

**Jacob Dartman**, Agronomy, South Dakota State University; Subway Team Scholarship  
**Madyln Dimmitt**, Pre-Medicine; Creighton University, Creighton University Founders Award, Labaj, Fr. Joseph Award, Creighton University Award, John Moore Jackson Scholarship, Erwin McDowell Trust Loan  
**Logan Eggers**, Agronomy, Northeast Community College, NECC Fred & Louise Kienow Scholarship, Creighton FFA Scholarship, Subway Team Scholarship

**Conner Hammer**, Business Administration/Finance, Wayne State College; WSC President's Commitment Scholarship, Mel Moerer Scholarship, Norfolk Mutual Scholarship, Joe & Betty Radosti Scholarship  
**Cody Hanvey**, Pre-Medicine, Wayne State College; WSC President's Commitment Scholarship, RHOP Scholarship, Creighton FFA Scholarship

**Thad Hazen**, Utility Line, Northeast Community College; Peter E. Thomassen Scholarship  
**Nisa Hinzmann**, Employment  
**Alex Homan**, Business Finance, University of Nebraska-Kearney; Maggie Schwartz Memorial Schol-

arship, Bill Harder Memorial Scholarship, Creighton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, CHS Booster Club Scholarship, Dan Brozek Memorial Scholarship, Creighton FFA Scholarship, Erwin McDowell Trust Loan  
**Lexi Huigens**, Business Real Estate, Southeast Community College - Lincoln  
**Brian Johnson**, Mathematics & Secondary Education, University of Nebraska-Omaha; UNO Regents Scholarship, UNO Scott Scholar, Susan Thompson-Buffer Scholarship, Elks Lodge #653 Most Valuable Student Scholarship, American Legion Riders, Post #249 Scholarship, Creighton Ministerial Assoc.

Scholarship, Lorrie Kliment Memorial Scholarship, CHS Makes Me Smile Scholarship, Russell Baldwin Memorial Scholarship, Dan Brozek Memorial Scholarship, St. Ludger Parish Council of Catholic Women Scholarship, Creighton FFA Scholarship, Creighton National Honor Society Scholarship, Erwin McDowell Trust Loan

**Amanda Juracek**, Special Education, Wayne State College; WSC Leadership Waiver, State of Nebraska Waiver, Jim B. & Lillian F. Cooper & Midwest Bank Scholarship, P.E.O. Chapter EJ Scholarship, Allen Memorial Scholarship, Creighton Teachers' Association Scholarship,

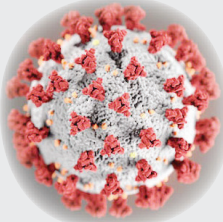
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### BLOOMFIELD

#### Baseball game

The Bloomfield men's baseball team will host its first game on Friday night against Randolph. The doubleheaders begins at 8 p.m.

### CREIGHTON

#### Movie night planned

The Faith, Hope, and Love Fellowship in Creighton is hosting a movie night Friday night at 7 p.m. at 504 Oak Street. The fellowship will be showing the Case For Christ, the true inspirational story of Lee Stob. It will be open to the public.

### CROFTON

#### Dam Race is a go

Crofton's Dam Race committee encourages athletes to keep training for the July 25 triathlon, half marathon and bike race at the Lewis & Clark State Recreation Area in Nebraska.

As of June 15, the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission (NGPC) has yet to approve outside entities hosting events in the State Recreation Areas. "We will continue to work with public officials, the local health department, and NGPC leadership in the coming weeks before making a final decision," says Tyler Wulf, superintendent at Lewis & Clark State Recreation Area. "The decision will also be dependent on Directed Health Measures. The health and safety of park staff and users continues to be our main priority. We appreciate everyone's understanding and patience as we continue to open park facilities and activities."

The race committee continues to work with the Commission, has designated a Safety Officer and created a Safety Plan to meet their needs and ensure the safety of the public.

### WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High: 79 Low: 62 Precip: 0%	High: 81 Low: 62 Precip: 40%	High: 85 Low: 63 Precip: 30%

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## Verdigre woman celebrates 108th birthday

By CARRIE PITZER  
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Looking out the window from Alpine Village, Lottie Randa smile and waved – unless the parade of cars stopped too long. Then the Verdigre woman gestured for them to keep moving. After all, it was her birthday parade.

Sunday marked Lottie's 108th birthday. She's the third oldest person in Nebraska and the oldest living female.

"It's pretty amazing to be that age and still have a good mind," said her daughter-in-law Carolyn.

Don and Carolyn Randa, along with several dozen family members and lots of community members, treated Lottie to a birthday parade. Due to the COVID-19 situation, Lottie stayed inside Alpine Village in Verdigre. She watched the parade from the window near a 10-foot cardboard birthday cake, waving to family and friends and blowing kisses to her great-great-grandchildren.

"This is a family tradition," said Lindy Sandos of Wayne, one of Lottie's great-granddaughters. "We get as many people as we can to come up. This year has been so much different, but we're

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PHOTO BY HANNAH SCHMECKPEPER PENA

Lindy Sandos of Wayne holds up a sign for her great-grandma Lottie Randa to see. In the photo at left, Don Randa waves to his mother inside Alpine Village on Sunday, which was her 108th birthday.

## CLASS OF 2020



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JENNY HIGGINS  
Valedictorian Brian  
Johnson (middle)  
and co-salutatorians  
Maddie York and  
Connor Hammer  
were recognized at  
graduation. In the  
photo at right, Thad  
Hazen hugs his  
brother during the  
ceremony.



## Creighton hosts graduation

By TAMMY SCHINDLER  
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For the senior class of 2020, graduation looked different than any held in previous years. Thanks to the restrictions enforced due to COVID-19, each student was allowed 13 guests, all who were required to have a ticket to attend the outdoor ceremony, and had to be seated in groups far enough apart to respect the social distancing guidelines.

Brian Johnson, the valedictorian of the class of 2020, put it best: "Welcome to Creighton's first-ever, ultra-exclusive, invitation-only, outdoor graduation ceremony."

The 27 graduates were seated on the 50-yard line of the football field, where a low-level platform was the center stage. To begin, Superintendent Robby Thompson welcomed guests to the ceremony. Then each of the academic leaders of the class delivered their speeches – dwelling less on the hardships they'd endured by missing out on their last quarter of

school together, but focusing more on a message of optimism about going forward from here.

With a strong wind whipping their graduation caps and tassels, each took turns addressing the guests – some who were seated in folding chairs, others who were in the bleachers, and some along the outer edge who brought their own lawn chairs.

Co-salutatorian Conner Hammer used his turn at the podium to encourage his classmates to pursue a path where they feel like they can make a difference in the world.

In addition to the academic lessons, Hammer acknowledged that school offered many other priceless lessons, like "recognizing the value of succeeding, and trying your best. Having the correct mindset makes all the difference," he said.

Hammer challenged his classmates to take all that they have learned so far and make a positive

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## Virtual torch run a hit in county

By JENNY HIGGINS  
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The Cornhusker State Games Virtual Torch Run, which began in Nebraska on June 1, made its way into Knox County last Tuesday.

According to organizers, the goal was to have at least one runner represent every county. Knox County easily eclipsed that with more than 10 participants on their assigned day.

Runners, who participate free of charge, were asked to run a minimum of one mile in a safe location in their home county and encouraged to post or email a photo or short video of themselves.

The Torch Run, typically run on a physical route through dozens of communities across Nebraska, is the precursor to the Cornhusker State Games, which offers competition in more than 60 sports at some 70 venues in Lincoln, Omaha and surrounding communities. The virtual format was created in response to directed health measures and will continue through Thursday, June 25, crossing three to six counties daily.



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Jackie Freeman of Bloomfield tackled a 10K during her part of the torch run for Knox County.

## BLOOMFIELD POOL OPENS



PHOTO BY HANNAH SCHMECKPEPER PENA

The Bloomfield lifeguards all say they are excited to be back in business for the summer. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, they are following pool procedures to make sure everyone is keeping safe. Pictured from left to right are Lauren Pinkelman, Hudson Barger, Brooklyn Eisenhauer, and Pool manager Bree Eisenhauer.

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# HOBY Conference provides leadership training

By HANNAH SCHMECKPEPER PENA  
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Selma Pena got selected as a candidate for the HOBY Seminar. HOBY stands for Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership.

Hoby was founded by Hugh O'Brian in 1958 as a nonprofit organization to inspire the global community of youth.

This showed them how to dedicate themselves through leadership, service, and innovation. This leadership was originally supposed to happen May 29th- May 31st in Seward at Concordia.

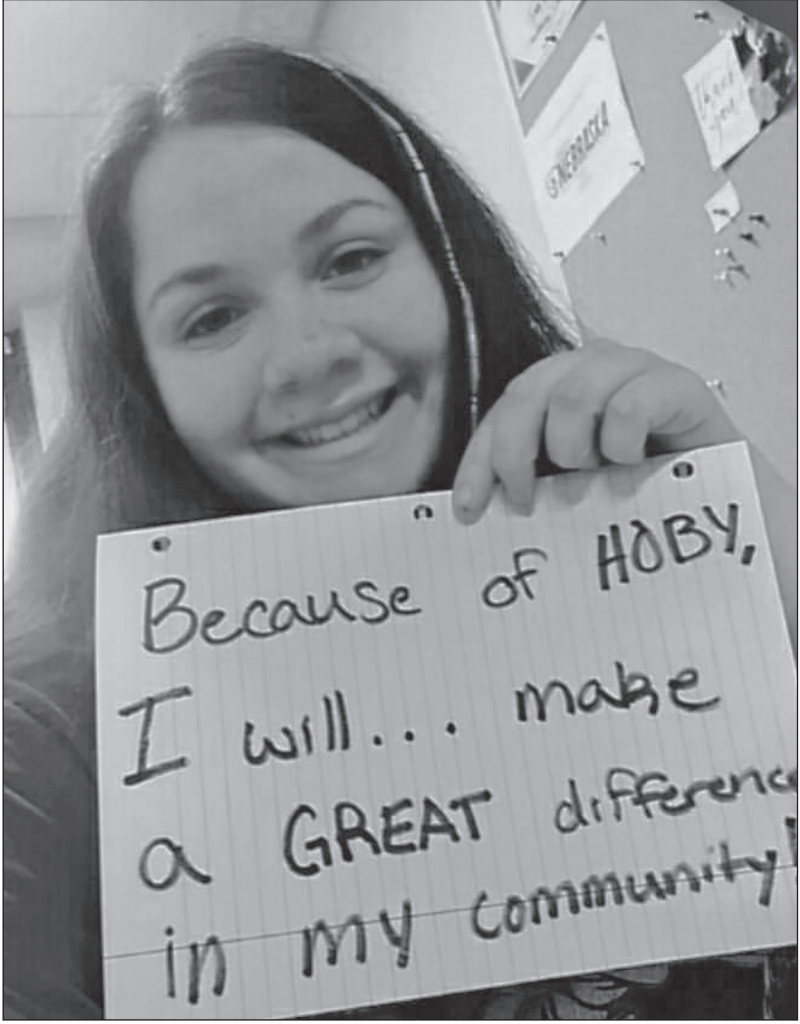
Due to Covid-19 it got cancelled, but that didn't stop them. They still continued but over a Zoom conference.

The director of HOBY sent an email to the Bloomfield counselor wanting her to talk to the sophomores about it and just give them more information on it.

Selma stepped forward saying she was interested in this conference, and the school chose Selma to represent them.

Due to it being cancelled, they chose to reschedule this for June 11th- June 12th. She had to go to school those two days and be on a Zoom conference from 8 a.m to 3 p.m.

"When I first got into the Zoom session, they sent out links to us to figure out what type of leader we are. The questions they were asking were 'What would you do in your community? What type of



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activities would you do? What do you want to do during this time during Covid-19?" said Pena.

Her results indicated she was a

'Common Purpose Leader,' which means that Selma is a leader who loves to have everyone involved in the activity that they are doing. She wants to know everyone's

input, and doesn't just wait for certain people's thoughts, but treats everyone with equality.

Over her Zoom sessions, she was grouped with ten people, and that was her group for next two days. There were 150 students during this leadership conference. There were three different leaders, two adults and one senior in highschool.

"Our leaders asked us what we would want to do during this time while Covid and riots are going on.

My group thought we should make an instagram account and post motivational quotes and advice during Covid-19. My whole group wanted to share the account," said Pena.

During this conference they were supposed to have a lot of motivational speakers but due covid-19 the motivational speakers just recorded themselves. They students would watch the videos in their groups.

"I enjoyed this conference a lot! I was pretty energized and happy during this conference. I love being social and getting to know people. I met a lot of new people." Said Pena.

"Even though it wasn't the same I still had a lot of fun! I would definitely recommend this for next year's class of sophomores because it shows you how to be involved in your community and teaches you leadership skills for now and the future," said Pena.

## WINNING ARTIST



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Kiersten Hans displays her painting of a Channel catfish, which won her first place in an art contest.

Kiersten Hans of Bloomfield won first place in the K-3 division of a "Fish Art" contest sponsored by Wildlife Forever and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

To enter, she had to submit an original 9x12 horizontal piece of artwork featuring a fish from the Official Species List.

For Nebraska entries, the "chosen" species was a Channel catfish. To view the other winning entries (including Kiersten's), from all the states, go to <https://statefishart.org>.

According to the Game and Parks website, the contest was inspired in 1997 by a fifth grader's homework assignment, after she discovered there was little information on all the different state-fish in the U.S.

"The annual international contest has been around for over 20 years educating kids, teachers and parents on aquatic resources, conservation and fish."

In addition to winning first place in this contest, Kiersten's artistic talent has earned awards in various other contests as well. She earned first place in district, state, and national for the Natural Resources District Poster contest, as well as honorable mention (4th) for the Catholic Voice Christmas contest; third place for the Nebraska Aviation Art contest; first place for the Nebraska State Weather Awareness Poster contest, and first place in the Nebraska State Art Competition contest.

## COLLEGE NOTES

Northeast Community College in Norfolk released its President's Honor List and Deans' Honor List for both full and part-time students for the Spring 2020 semester.

**President's Honor List.** These students earned a 4.0 grade point for at least 12 credit hours: Ashley Guenther, Bloomfield; John Crockett, Creighton; Kylee Kracht, Wausa.

**Dean's Honor List.** These students attained a grade point average of 3.75 for the semester while being enrolled for at least 12 credit hours:

Michael Castaneda, Mitchell Mackeprang, Robert Poppe from Bloomfield; Hannah Lemke, Brody Vrooman from Creighton; Noah McFarland from Crofton; and Joseph (J.D.) Kuhlman from Wausa.

**President's Honor List for part-time students.** These students attained a grade point average of 4.0 for the semester while being enrolled for at least six credit hours: Braxton Brockhaus, Cydnee Coutts, Haley Novacek, Madeline York, all from Creighton.

## FIRST DAY AT THE POOL



PHOTOS BY HANNAH SCHMECKPEPER PENA

Swimmers keep their social distance while enjoying their first dip into the Bloomfield swimming pool. Below, Luke Fehringer and Evan Haverkamp are on duty watching the swimmers and making sure everyone is safe.



The Bloomfield pool has opened up for business for the summer and will be open seven days a week.

The pool prices will stay the same: individual season passes will be \$50, family season passes will be \$100, child daily passes (18 and under) \$2.00, and an adult pass will be \$5.00.

With the new rules, the swimming pool will open for two sessions daily. The first session of 25 swimmers will be from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The pool will then be closed for 30

minutes for the staff to sanitize the whole area and they will open for 25 swimmers from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

This will be 'first come-first served' for the first 25 swimmers.

Season and daily passes must be purchased at the City office in the community center; no passes will be available at the pool. The city office hours to purchase a pass and sign the waiver will be Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

For further questions, call the city office at 402-373-2272.

## TAKE 'EM FISHING

For a second year, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission challenges residents to introduce someone to fishing.

Doing so will earn people the chance to enter in a contest titled, "Take 'em fishing."

Entries require people to snap a photo, submit it, and tell a little about the trip. The entry form is available on the Game and Parks website.

Prizes include a kayak, a \$500 gift

card to Scheels, a weekend stay at a Nebraska state park, and more.

Prize winners will be contacted by Nebraska Game and Parks and announced on social media. All are reminded to buy a Nebraska fishing permit online (although youth 15 years old and younger do not need a permit.)

"It doesn't matter if they've never fished before, or have just fallen out of the habit. Take 'em fishing. You'll be glad you did."

# Sertoma cancels All-Star game

By JENNY HIGGINS  
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The Nebraska 8-Man Football Coaches Association decided to cancel this year's Sertoma 8-Man Football All-Star game. The decision was announced on Monday.

The game was originally scheduled for this month, and then was rescheduled for July 16 in Hastings.

Bloomfield's

Braden

Eisenhower was picked to play and Matt Kuchar was picked as a coach for the all-star game.



Matt Kuchar



Braden Eisenhauer

# The GREEN PIG SCAVENGER HUNT is back!

The Bank of Hartington Bloomfield Loan Production Office **little green pig** is back for another summer of fun, starting **June 15th** (and running for the next **6 weeks**)! **Due to COVID-19, some of our rules have changed.** Instead of getting a second clue from a participating business (due to proper social distancing regulations), our **clues will only be found in the Bank of Hartington Bloomfield Loan Production Office front window or on our website.** The first clue can only be found on our website, while the second clue can be found on both the website **OR** posted in our Bank of Hartington Bloomfield Loan Production Office front window. Five of the **little green pigs** will be worth **\$50 in Bloomfield Bucks** and one will be worth **\$120 in Bloomfield Bucks.** We still believe it is very important to shop locally and hope we can go back to having our local businesses host clues for us next year. Good Luck! Let's start hunting that **little green pig!**

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# ROAD TRIP

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The traveling trio from Wahoo got a personal tour of Creighton’s Gingerbread House, where they enjoyed their first-ever BerryPepper.

their next adventure, which may take them a different direction in the state. They aren’t committed to covering areas in any particular order. They like the experience to feel more random and “road-trippish.”

Yet each place they visit seems to share something in common, according to both of them.

“Hospitality is definitely a common theme,” Seth said.

Austin concurred, adding that it’s amazing how friendly everyone is along the way. They even travel light because “people have generously provided us with food along the way. We don’t expect anything, but towns with restaurants often serve us meals for free,” he said.

Others have even given them shirts, koozies, pens,

and other souvenirs “to show off their hometown pride.”

So what started out as just a way to beat boredom has transformed into a meet-and-greet opportunity across the state. Now when Seth estimates their time on the road, he has to factor in time they will likely spend in each community.

The two also do a little background research on each community, which they add to their posts. Seth says he hopes to turn this all into a book someday, more like a “travel journal,” he said.

Whether or not the BerryPepper experience will be worth a chapter or not is yet to be determined, but Austin recommends it.

“It’s fruity, and I like it,” he said.

Current Towns Visited:  
320 out of 531  
Total Miles Traveled:  
5749

On Wednesday, June 17th, they will be visiting the following towns:

Petersburg  
Elgin  
Chambers  
Atkinson  
Emmet  
O’Neill (Holt County Seat)  
Inman  
Page  
Orchard  
Brunswick  
Royal  
Ewing  
Clearwater  
Neligh (Antelope County Seat)  
Oakdale  
Tilden  
Meadow Grove  
Battle Creek

# SCHOLARSHIPS

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**Amanda Juracek**, (CONTINUED) American Red Cross Scholarship, CHS Makes Me Smile Scholarship, Erwin McDowell Trust Loan  
**Kaleigh Krueger**, Employment  
**Carson Lilly**, Plumbing, Northeast Community College; Volkman Plumbing & Heating Scholarship, Erwin McDowell Trust Loan  
**Conner Lucas**, Agronomy, Northeast Community College  
**Sierra Nielsen**, Dental Hygiene, University of South Dakota; D.A. VanDeveer & Joe Radosti Scholarship, Creighton FFA Scholarship, Erwin McDowell Trust Loan  
**Haley Novacek**, Nursing; Northeast Community College NECC Deans Scholarship, NECC President’s Early Entry Scholarship, NECC Jagmahan Desai and Family Scholarship, Wendell & Leta Morrill Scholarship, Eastern Star #84 Scholarship, Ed Altamore Memorial Scholarship, Creighton FFA Scholarship, Erwin McDowell Trust Loan  
**Kayla Pieper**, Nursing, University of Nebraska-Omaha; Erwin McDowell Trust Loan

**Brennan Pint**, Accounting, University of Nebraska-Omaha; UNO Regents Scholarship, Susan Thompson-Buffet Scholarship, Charlie Schneider Memorial Scholarship, Creighton FFA Scholarship  
**Julius Tauber**, Service, U.S. Marine Corps  
**Sam Van Metre**, Service, U. S. Marine Corps  
**Charlize Wilmes**, Pre-Veterinary Medicine, Wayne State College; Tim Knuth Memorial Scholarship, Ed Wagner Memorial, St. Ludger Parish Council of Catholic Women Scholarship, Creighton FFA Scholarship, Erwin McDowell Trust Loan  
**Caden Wortman**, Business, Wayne State College  
**Madeline York**, Elementary Education, Wayne State College; WSC Dean’s Excellence scholarship, Albrecht Family Scholarship, CHS Makes Me Smile Scholarship, Creighton National Honor Society Scholarship, Erwin McDowell Trust Loan  
**Brayden Zimmerer**, Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska-Omaha; Pauline & Sanford Saunders Scholarship, Adolph Jacobs & Harriett Jacobs Memorial Scholarship

## RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Arbor Care Center in Hartington, NE has chosen Richard “Moose” Trenhaile as the Resident of the Month for June 2020.

Richard or better known as “Moose” was the oldest of nine children of Harold and Evelyn Trenhaile.

He was born in Bloomfield, Nebraska on December 29, 1933. He attended country school for his elementary years, and then attended and graduated from Bloomfield High School.

Moose married Darlene Kastrup March 5, 1953, had 6 children; 3 sons; 2 of whom passed away early in life, and 3 daughters. He has 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Moose & Darlene moved to Chula Vista, CA in 1955 where he worked in an aircraft manufacturing plant, retiring July 1, 1991. He and Darlene



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traveled a great deal, and at one time put over 18,000 miles on their vehicle in 5 months.

In 1993 they moved back to Bloomfield to be closer to their parents. During this time they wintered in Yuma, AZ for 27 years.

His hobbies include: playing

cards, golfing, fishing, camping and riding motorcycles.

Moose has been a welcome addition to our facility since October 16, 2019. We always look forward to his travel adventure stories as well as his laughter and smiles.

# Crofton School awards students for achievements

Crofton Schools recently announced the following achievement awards for students 9-12:

### Band

Outstanding Musician, Rachel Rath; Most Improved, Megan Tramp; Junior High Outstanding Musician, Emma Bilka; Junior High Most Improved, Grant Schieffer.

### Chorus

Outstanding Soprano, Quinn Schieffer; Most Improved Soprano, Kelsey Schieffer; Outstanding Alto, Karley Schieffer; Most Improved Alto, Rachel Rath; Outstanding Tenor, Gavin Potts; Most Improved Tenor, Roy Knapp; Outstanding Bass, Gabriel Potts; Most Improved Bass: Wayne Bilka.

### Junior High Music

Outstanding Female Musician, Emma Bilka; Outstanding Male Musician, Nolan Babcock; Most Improved Female Musician, Ava Backer; Most Improved Male Musician, Grant Schieffer.

### Skilled & Technical Science Awards

Top Carpenter, Ethan Tramp; Best Welder, Jared Janssen; Top Shop Foreman, Justin Potts; Best Tech, Rebecca Leader; Best Mechanic, Riley Sprakel; Best Equipment Repairman, Ryan Poppe; Best Designer: Tyler Potts

### Art Awards

“Best of Show” at Wayne State College Art Day, Anastacia Suing/Acrylics; “Runner-Up” for Best of Show at Wayne State College Art Day, Sarah Kleinschmit/Colored Pencil. “Honorable Mention” at Wayne State College Art Day, Karmen Koch/Pencil; “Honorable Mention” at Wayne State College Art Day, Taylor Haberman/Pencil

### Social Studies Awards

12th Government Ronald Reagan “Great Communicator” Award, Jason Zavadii; “Honest Abe” Lincoln Award, Paul Burbach; 11th American History Buff Award, Kelsey Schroeder; Psychology, Howard Gardner Multiple Intelligences Award, Karmen Koch; Cultural Geography, Where’s Waldo Award, Jimmy Allen.

10th grade World History, Debate: What Really Happened Award, William Poppe; 10th World History Expert, Ella Wragge.

8th American History Expert, Kaylee Mauch; 7th Social Studies Globe Trotter, Liam Mosher.

### Physical Education/Strength & Fitness Awards

9th Phys. Ed, Blair Jordan; junior high Phys. Ed., Nolan Babcock; Most Improved lifter, Izaac Sukovaty; Outstanding Lifter, Hunter Hegge.

### Guidance Awards

Helping Hand Award, Ramsey Einrem (JH); Extra Mile Award-Taylor Schieffer (HS).

### English Awards

Argumentative Writing, Rachel Rath; 8th Grade, Kaylee Mauch; 7th Grade, Grant Schieffer; English 12, Kaylee Koch; English 10, Ella Wragge, William Poppe; CHS 2020 Outstanding Writers, Makenzie Mellem, Percy Dalton; Pictorial Journalist, Andy Knapp; English 9, 1st semester Outstanding Student, Rebeca Leader; English 9, 2nd semester Outstanding Student, Piper Dather.

### Spanish Awards

Spanish 1, 1st Semester outstanding students, Kiera Altwine, Austin Guenther, Brooklyn Fiscus, William Poppe; 2nd Semester Cassie Altwine, Araya Nielsen, Rori Schmidt

Spanish 2 Outstanding Student 1st Semester, Kelsey Schroeder, Quinn Schieffer; 2nd Semester Justin Potts

### Math Awards

College Math, Depth of Knowledge, Connor Arens; College Math, Desmos Wizard, Kelsey Schieffer. Algebra II Self Motivated Online Learner, Kiera Altwine.

College Math / Calculus / Teach Academy - CHS Math-Saver, Karmen Koch. Geometry Depth of Knowledge, Austin Guenther.

7th-grade math Self-Motivated online learner, Tyler Barnes; 8th-grade math Self Motivated Online Learner, Caden Michael. Algebra Self-Motivated Online Learner, Madisen Petersen; Most Determined Learner, Sabrina Kaiser.

### Science Awards

Survivor Award, Zach Berger; Charles Darwin Biology Buff Award, Austin Guenther; Mitochondria Powerhouse Award, Rowdy Hegge; Human Heart Hard Worker Award, Rayvin Strivens.

Top Chemistry Student, Justin Potts; Top Physical Science Student, Rebecca Leader; Top Earth Science Student, Claire Steffen.

### Family & Consumer Science Awards

Most Adventurous Che, Brianna Berger; Outstanding Sous Chef, Sean Segovia; JH FCS Award, Edison Sudbeck; Learn, Play, Grow Award., Erica Tindle’ Leadership Award, Cheynne Anderson; Quilting Challenge Awardm, Abrianna Eilers; Interior Design Award, Sabrina Kaiser; Master Chef Award, Matt Dohrman

### Business

Top Personal Finance Student, Madilyn Lange; Top Introduction to Business Student, MaKenzie Mellem; Digital Media, Most outstanding DM Person, Abby Steffen; Most Outstanding Advanced Software person, Connor Arens

### Agriculture Education Awards

Commodity Marketing Champion, Justin Potts; Most Relevant Class-related Demonstration, Mayson Ostermeyer; Most Informative Class-related Project, Connor Arens; Outstanding Senior Agricultural Education Student, Tyler Potts; Outstanding Freshman Agricultural Education Student, Megan Tramp

**Warrior Way News Awards** (Journalism, Computer, & Classroom contributions)

Photography, Rowdy Hegge; Not So Camera Shy, Lacey Sprakel; Bright Ideas, Allie Dahl.

**Mid State Conference Academic All-Conference Awards** (Score a 26 or higher on the ACT)

Thomas Honeywell, Karmen Koch, Kaylee Koch, MaKenzie Mellem, Gabriel Potts, Justin Potts (tied for top honors in the Mid State Conference), Conner Arens, Rachel Rath

**Academic All-State Awards** (NCPA with the NSAA Requirements: varsity player or organizational leader who has played a significant role in their activity; cumulative GPA of 3.7 or above; nominated by coach or sponsor of their activity)

Piper Dather and Francine Zulueta, Girls Golf; Kiera Altwine and Kelsey Schieffer, Girls Cross Country; Gabriel Potts and Conner Arens, Boys Cross Country; Taylor Schieffer and Alexis Arens , Volleyball; Justin Potts and Zach Weber, Football; Kaylee Koch and Gabriel Potts, Play Production; William Poppe, Wrestling; Alexis Arens and Ryah Ostermeyer, Girls Basketball; Justin Potts and Tyler Potts, Boys Basketball; Taylor Schieffer and Gabriel Potts, Speech; Gabriel Potts, Vocal Music and Instrumental Music; Ryah Ostermeyer and Alexis Arens, Girls Track & Field; Justin Potts and Connor Arens, Boys Track & Field ; Tyler Potts and Zach Weber, Boys Golf.

**Heart of a Warrior Award:** Gabriel Potts

**Student of the term certificates**

Term 1: Megan Tramp & Grant Schieffer

Term 2: Mayson Ostermeyer & Ramsey Einrem

Term 3: Araya Nielsen & Edison Sudbeck

Term 4: Ryah Ostermeyer & Ava Backer

## Department of Economic Development

## NEWS RELEASE

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced a brief pause on the application process for Small Business Stabilization Grants for Livestock Producers. Applications will be accepted once again starting Monday, June 22, at 8:00 a.m. CST. To account for the scheduled delay, the application deadline has been extended from June 26 to July 1, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. CST.

Potential applicants are encouraged to review the application guidelines and eligibility requirements, which are also available online [www.getnebraskagrowing.nebraska.gov](http://www.getnebraskagrowing.nebraska.gov) prior to applying.

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