

Keya Paha Co. Alumni Association 60th Banquet

The volunteer members on the Keya Paha County Alumni Association held a meeting last week to discuss further planning for the annual banquet.

Address changes from alumni are still being requested to keep records up to date. But as the 60th Annual Alumni Banquet draws nearer, the association is hesitant to confirm too many plans. "With our alumni and their guests at the forefront of our concerns, it was agreed to temporarily halt plans for this year's alumni banquet," shared Amy Johnson with the KP Alumni Association.

The event has not yet been cancelled, rather plans simply put on hold until the concern and threat of the coronavirus has lessened. Postcard invitations will be sent out later than most years and will require a quicker response time for reservations.

The annual banquet is typically held on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, which this year is May 23, 2020. The Keya Paha County Alumni Association will continue to monitor the coronavirus pandemic and plan accordingly, following recommendations and guidelines from government officials.

Drivers license examiner scheduled for April pending

The drivers license examiner scheduled to be in Springview on Thursday, April 2nd is pending. The commissioner's decided on the topic at their regular meeting yesterday, March 24th, but the decision was made after print time.

If the courthouse remains closed, the drivers license examiner will not be there on April 2nd.

More information will be posted in next week's Springview Herald. You can also check the courthouse's Facebook page or call the treasurer's office.

Practice Healthy Habits

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Changes of hours and operations for local businesses

All headlines recently have circulated around the new coronavirus, COVID-19. Reports suggest that the epicenter of this virus outbreak was Wuhan, China, and has now made its way around the world. It was classified as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11, as it has been detected in most countries worldwide.

Amidst the pandemic of the new coronavirus, some businesses must continue to keep doors open to help serve communities, whether it's food, household essentials, fuel.

Locally, most businesses in Springview are still in operation - some with minor changes, and others stricter guidelines.

TURBINE MART

Turbine Mart has recently changed how they are making food by doing takeout food service only. They ask

that you call ahead if you'd like something specific made. They will have some sandwiches available immediately: roast beef, BBQ pulled pork, brisket, and hamburgers.

The booths are closed and effective Monday, March 23rd, they changed their hours from 7:00 AM to 7:30 PM, with the oven off at 6:30 PM. These changes are to allow additional time to disinfect and clean, and will remain in effect until further notice.

If available by their supplier, Turbine Mart will order half gallons of milk. If in stock, their truck delivers on Wednesdays and should be available on the shelf by Wednesday afternoon.

They will also be ordering in loaves of bread when available, and will have bread this week, which will be in on Wednesday.

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Photo by Springview Herald

The shelf that normally houses toilet paper at Town and Country Market sits empty, as stores struggle to keep up with essential needs during the COVID-19 pandemic as people have been stocking up in case they are quarantined.

National Ag Week, Flooding impacts on soil health

By **Brittany Bolte with Yield Plus Agronomics**

Water can make or break our world. Water is the lifeblood for everything and quantity and quality is something that is almost always on our minds.

2019 brought everyone some firsts when it comes to water. We saw water in places we've never seen it, moving and shifting so many things in our lives that everyone has a new found respect for its awesome power, especially around the quantity side of things.

The amount of water we've dealt with the past 12 months might be of concern for many

about what to plan for or expect with our hay meadows, pastureland and row crop fields in our area.

There are a lot of factors to consider when thinking about and planning for future crops off our lands.

Excess water can 'flush', or leach precious nutrients through the soil profile, especially in more coarse soils like our sands and gravels. Nutrients such as nitrogen, sulfur, potassium, and magnesium all play important roles in plant health and growth, and a deficiency in those nutrients can impact

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Keya Paha County Schools remain closed for duration of school year

In a release sent to parents and guardians on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Keya Paha County Schools announced that they have made the difficult decision to extend the time they will remain closed.

The release states, 'after consultation with the North Central Health Department and the Nebraska Dept. of Education, Keya Paha County Schools will remain closed through Friday, April 17. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 virus pandemic treat to determine when or if school will reopen to finish the 2019-20 school year.'

This decision has not come lightly, and was made

with the best interest of the students, the staff, and the community in mind.

Administrators and teachers at KPCS have already implemented e-learning that they began last Thursday, March 19th after just two days of closing. Teachers remain connected with their students through technology and continue to adapt their classroom for a new way of learning.

Prom is postponed and an alternative date is being discussed.

The decision for the school to remain closed or to re-open will be made on or before April 17th.