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Crete students show their support from the stands



The Crete High School student section goes wild after a play during the boys basketball game against Seward High School on Jan. 19.

PHOTOS BY CAITLYN NELSON | THE CRETE NEWS



The Crete pep band joined the stands again to perform music for the athletes and crowds at home basketball games.

Commissioners honor veteran, talk COVID vaccine

BY HOPE MOURAL
for The Crete News

The Saline County Board of Commissioners heard an update from emergency manager John McKee and Public Health Solutions director Kim Showalter about vaccine distributions for COVID-19 throughout the county during its Jan. 19 meeting.

According to Showalter, the health district is still working through its "1A" tier of vaccines, but was optimistic to begin the "1B" phase this week or the next.

She also said currently, PHS is given 100 doses a week and the ultimate goal is to not waste a single one.

McKee told the board that the Saline County Fairgrounds in Crete are being considered as a potential vaccine site once the vaccine becomes available to the general public, but nothing official has been set.

Also during the meeting, the board:

- discussed the county employee wellness program and heard frustrations on how the program operates. Some employees said it's hard to keep track of their time or the fitness activity they are doing does not register with the Fitbit device they are given. Board chairman Russ Karpisek said the subject is to be revisited at a later date and more input from employees is welcome.
- approved Karpisek as a signatory for the county's Imprest Bank account.
- named Glen Hoffman as the January county veteran. He served in Vietnam as a mechanic from 1968-

1969.

- approved county clerk fees for December at \$29,763, district court fees at \$8,753.27 and sheriff fees at \$3,829.25.
- heard an annual weed report for weed/zoning administrator Lyle Weber.
- declared various electronic objects in the county clerk's office as surplus property including desktop keyboards, towers and printers.
- heard from Saline County Tourism Committee member Sheryl Kastanek about numerous grants given throughout 2020 and what each went toward, including everything from gutters to Christmas decorations to downtown benches.
- approved a change order amount from Cheevers regarding hardware for a corridor door being altered.
- scheduled the afternoon of Feb. 2 as interview time for possible applicants to the planning and zoning board.
- awarded a bid for a concrete culvert project that was opened at the board's Jan. 5 meeting to VanKirk Bros. in Sutton for \$210,068.25.
- approved a number of resolutions to transfer funds including: \$3,400 from the inheritance fund to the juvenile services aid program, \$45 from inheritance to the employee wellness program, \$110,000 from inheritance to the general fund and \$120.03 from one drug court fund to another.

The next Saline County Board of Commissioners meeting will be Feb. 2 beginning at 9:30 a.m. They are open to the public.

Council awards Housing and Development Corp. funds, begins annex of airport

BY CAITLYN NELSON
for The Crete News

During the Jan. 19 meeting of the Crete City Council, \$250,000 in LB840 funds were granted to the Crete Housing and Development Corporation for workforce housing matching funds.

This corporation is the city's nonprofit, registered with the state.

The economic development funds could be matched with a grant approved by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. This is intended to create a revolving fund for housing development in Crete.

Council members brought up the concern of accountability of the corporation with the city and how to access information to make sure it is operating like it should.

City Administrator Tom Ourada told the council all boards of directors are governed by the by-laws. The mayor and members of the council can't be on the board because they vote on matters this company may participate in. He told the council the funds requested cannot be used for anything other than economic development. The corporation's accounts will be audited to en-

sure accountability, and reports will be sent to the council to ensure communication.

The council also read for the last time and finalized the ordinance related to annexation of land along South Boswell Avenue. The council also began annexation of the Crete Municipal Airport.

Ourada said the Crete Municipal Airport annexation had been talked about for a couple of years and will create a bigger footprint for the city. This would benefit redevelopment districts which are necessary for tax increment financing. The city owns the ground, which is managed by the airport authority, and the annexation would provide advantages with the upcoming comprehensive plan. The annexation would not include other property along East 13th Street, but instead run through property south of 13th Street that is currently in city limits.

In other business, the council: Added six new firefighters to the insurance rolls. Fire Chief Tod Allen said several have connections to Crete and the surrounding area and/or relevant experience. New firefighters include Nadiyah Stonewall, Claire Holling, Sara Aguayo,

Sean Hummel, Landon Chao and Tyler Hooper.

Entered into an annual contract with the Lincoln Airport facilities for police department training.

Vacated the subdivision plat for Cardinal Lane Commercial second addition.

Approved an ordinance related to signs and outdoor advertising for businesses to address issues with sign placements downtown and inability to place billboards in C-3 highway commercial zones. This ordinance will be reviewed during the comprehensive plan rewrite occurs this year.

Voted to participate in the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska solar farm request for proposal. Ourada proposed this to the council and said this requires no commitment to the city besides being a participant. Details will come back to each participating MEAN community and information will be presented to the council.

Approved the Keno Operator request for proposals and an opening date of 10 a.m. on Feb. 28, along with accepting the Keno audit report for the fiscal year

SEE COUNCIL, 3

Preparing for more snow



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Crews work to tidy up the several inches of snow that fell on downtown Crete Monday morning. The area was expected to receive upwards of a foot or more of snow into Tuesday morning.



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Crete FFA's parliamentary procedure team that won second place at the district competition, earning a trip to the state convention, includes, from left, Alexa Kraus, Alyssa Henkel, Cassidy Skillett, Cassidy Meinke, Kylie Meinke and Victoria Vondra.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Crete FFA's conduct of chapter meetings team that earned a red ribbon at the district competition includes, from left, Jaqueline Melendez Crus, Caraline Higgins, Karson Cowan, Kenner Svitak, Colton Homolka, Maddix Fye and Barrett Eggerline.

Crete FFA competes at leadership development contest

On Jan. 20, 17 Crete FFA members competed in-person at the district five Leadership Development Events at the Holthus Convention Center in York.

Crete's senior parliamentary procedure team earned second place and qualified for the state competition at the virtual convention held April 7-9. This team consists of Alexa

Kraus, Alyssa Henkel, Cassidy Skillett, Cassidy Meinke, Kylie Meinke and Victoria Vondra.

Other results include:

Kathryn Holling, purple ribbon in job interview;

Caraline Higgins, blue ribbon in Creed speaking;

Austin Lorenz, Jason Uden and Travis Chrastil, blue ribbon in agriculture demon-



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Homolka, Maddix Fye and Barrett Eggerline, red ribbon in conduct of chapter meetings.



From left, Austin Lorenz, Jason Uden and Travis Chrastil earn a blue ribbon in the agriculture demonstration leadership development event at the district competition.

JAN. 22 CPS FRIDAY UPDATE

Keep staying safe this winter

BY JOSHUA MCDOWELL
Crete Public Schools Superintendent

I hope this update finds you and those you care about, doing well.

It is encouraging that the Public Health Solutions COVID-19 risk dial remains in the "orange." However, as we all know, now is not the time to ease up on our mitigation strategies.

It is exciting to see our students participating in extracurricular events, having the band back at events and a student section cheering on their peers.

Most importantly, we want to keep it that way. Thank you for continuing to wear a face-mask, practicing social distancing and using good hand hygiene. As of today, we have eight positive cases and 91 individuals in isolation/quarantine. Those numbers represent both staff and students.

A professional goal I have for this school year is to increase communication and engagement with all of you. I hope you have noticed the new look to our social media accounts, website and messages going out. CPS has been and always will be the Cardinals. Our new look and feel brings a professional, caring and inviting look. As we continue to improve how we communicate with you, there will be some additions and changes in how we do that.

For example, Crete High is now on Twitter - @CreteHS. Be sure to like and follow Crete High on their very own Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CreteHighSchool. Social media is a critical way for us to communicate and engage with you. Now that each school has its social media accounts, the messages and information you need will be easily found by the school.

The district social media pages will continue to provide information and engagement opportunities important for all CPS stakeholders. Also, if you haven't subscribed to our text messaging service please send "Yes" in a text message to 67587. Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve our communication and communication platforms.

The Nebraska Legislature convened on Jan. 6. I am excited that our very own Sen. Tom Brandt is serving on the legislative education committee. I look forward to a continued positive working relationship with Sen. Brandt. When the legislature is in session, we work diligently to stay informed about any legislative bill that impacts public education.

Today, I am closely monitoring 39 bills related to education. Depending on the bill, CPS may choose to support, oppose or take a neutral stance. Please know that as we decide what bills to support or oppose, our students always come first! As we monitor school finance bills, we are always on the lookout for bills that allow us to continue providing kids exceptional opportunities - at the same time, still being good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

As always, if you have questions, comments or concerns, you can always reach out to us via our website, social media or completing a Connect with Dr. McDowell form. Thank you for your continued support as we continue to rock the second semester.

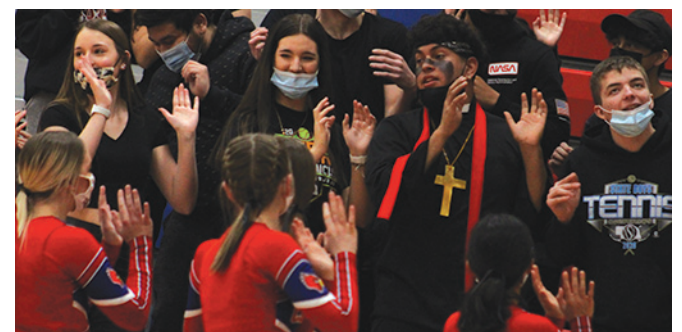


Joshua McDowell

CRETE CHEERLEADERS



LEFT: The Crete cheerleaders lead chants encouraging the Crete basketball teams on Jan. 23. RIGHT: The Crete High School cheerleaders lead the student section in an interactive cheer during a time-out of the Crete boys basketball game against Elkhorn High School.



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PHS readies for "1B" vaccine distribution

BY HOPE MOURAL
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Although the Public Health Solutions district is currently working through its vaccine distribution, cases continue to rise in all its coverage counties except Thayer this past week.

The district, which covers Saline, Thayer, Gage, Jefferson and Fillmore counties, expects to roll out its "1B" phase this week or next. PHS will work with local city officials, hospitals and clinics to get word out about vaccine distribution as it becomes available.

Updates will also be listed on the PHS website, phsneb.org and its Facebook page as well.

Numbers in each county for the week of Jan. 13-20 are as follows:
Saline: from 31 to 39
Thayer: from 26 to 25
Gage: from 46 to 53
Jefferson: from 18 to 18

Fillmore: from 16 to 16
The Public Health Solutions district remains in the "orange" category for this week. The risk dial is updated every Friday and can be found at phsneb.org.



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Ear, Nose, Throat	Dr. T. Tegt	Feb. 2, 16
Eyes, Cataracts	Dr. M. Rixen	Feb. 5
General Surgery	Dr. S. Nagengast	Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25
Neuro & Spine Surgery	Dr. B. Bixenmann	Feb. 5
Orthopedics	Dr. B. Seifert	Feb. 3, 17
	M. Koebernick, PA-C	Feb. 17
	Chuck Scholtes, PA-C	Feb. 3, 10, 24
	Dr. M. Williamson	Feb. 2, 16
Podiatry	Dr. T. Maguson	TeleMed Appts
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Psychology - Adult	A. Lovell, LIMHP	Feb. - Mon., Wed., & Thurs.
Psychology - Youth	T. Lange, LIMHP	Feb. - Fridays
Pulmonology	Dr. R. Martin	Feb. 15
	Dr. R. Neamu	Feb. 4
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Fette family celebrates five generations



Members of the Fette family gathered recently for a five generation photo. Pictured are, from left: Nicole (Fette) Petersen, Dave Fette, Harold Fette and Alex Petersen holding Paisley Petersen. COURTESY PHOTO

STUDENTS

Iowa State University

More than 11,000 Iowa State University (Ames) students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2020 Dean's List. Students from this area on the list include Michaela Swiatek of Denton in Veterinary Medicine. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Buena Vista University Clayton Van Horn of Crete was named to the fall 2020 Dean's List at Buena Vista University (Storm Lake, Iowa). The Dean's List recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

University of Nebraska – Omaha

More than 5,000 students are being recognized for their academic achievements during the Fall 2020 semester at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) with inclusion on the Chancellor's and/or Dean's List.

From this area, Elizabeth Eltze and Haylee Faltin of Crete qualified for the Chancellor's List. Students who qualified for the Chancellor's List earned a grade point average of 4.0 for courses taken at UNO during the Fall 2020 semester, provided 12 or more quality hours were completed.

Amy Lopez Hernandez and Guadalupe Lopez Ortiz of Crete, Kyra Creamer and Abigail Plouzek of Dorchester and Olivia Ozenbaugh of Hallam qualified for the Dean's List. Students who qualified for the Dean's List earned a GPA of 3.5 or better for courses taken at UNO during the Fall 2020 semester, provided 12 or more quality hours were completed.

Southeast Community College

Southeast Community College in Nebraska has released its Dean's List for the semester recently completed on the Beatrice, Lincoln and Milford campuses. From Crete, Odalia Ramos-Reynoso, Medical Assisting, and Zachary Skala, Business Administration, along with Melissa

Borgman of Denton were named to the list.

To be recognized on SCC's Dean's List, a student must complete at least six semester credit hours of the term with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5. Classes with a grade of "P" (Pass) do not count toward the six-hour minimum.

Wayne State College

Wayne State College included more than 1,300 students on the dean's list for exemplary academic achievement during the past semester. Students listed on the dean's list are full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for the semester. An asterisk denotes a 4.0 grade average.

Students on the list from this area include:
 Crete—Ruthann Badousek, Kayla Fitzgerald, Hayley Long and Aubreanna Miller*
 Denton—Paris TeBrink and Paytra TeBrink*
 Dorchester—Daisha Hoffman and Jacee Weber*

Wayne State releases dean's list

A number of Saline and surrounding county students were named in Wayne State College's dean's list for exemplary academic achievement during the past semester. Students listed on the dean's list are full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for the semester. An asterisk (*) denotes a 4.0 GPA for the term. Area students recognized are:

Clatonia: Ethan Willis
 Crete: Ruthann Badousek, Kayla Fitzgerald, Hayley Long and Aubreanna Miller
 Dorchester: Daisha Hoffman and Jacee Weber
 Exeter: Janey Erdkamp, Seth Maxson, Tara Mueller and Kaitlyn Vavra
 Wilber: Katelyn Schroeder and Bridget Tranmer

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Renewed employee health and dental insurance plans. The only change made to plans was eliminating the middle of three health plans, which has four people enrolled. A representative will come to reenroll employees and move them to one of the other plans.

Officers' reports included:

Councilmember Ryan Hinz told the council about the Lincoln food bank distribution that serves the community twice a month in a drive-through system on Doane University's campus through February and will reevaluate the need and system at that time. Hinz said Crete currently has a 22% poverty rate compared to a 14% rate in

Saline County and 11% rate in Nebraska. He told the council there is opportunity in Crete, but also a significant portion of the community in poverty to think about.

Ourada said he went to the Crete Area Improvement Development Corporation meeting to discuss new downtown Christmas lights and reported that the board discussed a desire to eventually contribute \$10,000 towards this project.

Ourada also had a conversation with Doane University employees about a possibility of a student job shadow opportunity for multiple positions at the city.

The next regular council meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 2 in the Library Community Room.

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Thankful for this community

BY CAITLYN NELSON
for The Crete News

Ever since I started reporting for The Crete News in May of 2020 I have been faced with numerous challenges, both professional and personal. But more importantly, I have received amazing support from community members. Crete is truly a place like no other. When I first started this position, I was answering angry phone



Caitlyn Nelson

calls once a week. I was dealing with people frustrated with me and what I reported on. I truly had to learn as I went. I got critiqued from not only my editors, but community members. I took everything I heard into consideration and tried to grow from it. But what I really grew from was the support that I was given. As a young person coming into this community, I didn't know everyone I was "supported" to know as a journalist. I didn't know how to find feature stories and was kind of given what

I was given to report on. But because of the people who sent me stories, gave me names of people to keep in contact with, gave me leads of what might be happening in the future, I was able to pick up quickly and (hopefully) produce relevant content for you, the reader. As stressful as this job may be, I truly do love it because I hear from readers about the things I have written. Whether it be my columns or people talking about my articles, I enjoy hearing feedback about my articles.

The support surpasses my job though. When I was struggling with my dad in the hospital I had numerous community members show support whether it was commenting on my updates on Facebook or talking to me in person. I knew the Atkinson friends I had on social media would appreciate the updates, but I was so taken aback that so many Crete people would too. I cannot say thank you enough to the support I have received in the community. I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

LINES BY LEANNE

"I'm so mad!" Helping children deal with anger

BY LEANNE MANNING
Saline County Extension educator

It's normal for children and adults to have angry feelings at times. Karen may get angry at Lydia for coloring on her paper. Joel becomes angry when Kyle takes the blocks away. It isn't much fun to be around an angry person. Many adults have learned to ignore their angry feelings, and some, unfortunately, may let them out in a hurtful way by hitting or yelling at others. Adults often tell children to stop being angry or they move them away from other children, hoping the angry child will learn to behave better. These actions don't help children learn how to handle their anger. Children need to learn that everyone feels angry at times, but hitting, kicking or biting someone when they



Leanne Manning

are angry is not OK. **Ways to help angry children** There are a number of ways to work out anger. Give children several choices so they can pick the ones that will work best for them. Talk with children about how they feel. You can say to a child, "You seem angry to me. What's going on?" Or "It really makes you mad when someone takes your toys."

Set a good example for children Children will be able to tell when you're angry. Use this time to talk about your feelings. Explain to them why you're feeling angry. "I don't like hitting because hitting hurts." Make sure the children understand that you are angry at what's happening or at their behavior, not at them. Avoid saying things like, "I don't like you because you hit children" or "I don't like children who hit." Let the child know it's OK to be angry, but it isn't OK to hurt someone. Tell

the child, "Sam, I understand you're angry right now, but I can't let you hurt yourself or other children." **Help children say what they are feeling** Children often need help with what words to say. You can help by saying, "Jacob, tell Angela you don't like it when she colors on your paper," or "Cameron, tell Olivia you are playing with that car. She may not take it from you."

Try some calming activities Physical activities can help work out angry feelings to calm a child. Suggest the child try these: dancing (do a "mad dance"); exercising; stomping feet; playing with clay or dough that can be pounded, twisted and pulled; playing with water or sand; finger painting; going outside for a walk or run; and scribbling as hard as possible on a piece of paper that can be thrown away along with the anger.

SEEK THE LORD

God loves A cheerful giver

BY PASTOR DAN SAFARIK
St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Lincoln

There's an old story about a man who wanted to take his money to heaven when he died. His plan was to leave his money in the attic so he could grab it on the way up to heaven. He died and after the funeral his wife went to the attic to see if her husband got the money. The money was still there. His wife said, "I knew we should have put it in the basement." I don't think money is very useful in heaven anyhow, so we'd better figure out how to use it while we are here. We have many opportunities to help others lately by giving away our money. The thing I've



Dan Safarik

found over the years is that it's fun and a good feeling to be generous. Whether we have a lot or a little, we can find ways to be generous to others. I'm fortunate to have a long line of examples of people I have learned generosity from. I'll never forget sitting in the home of Pastor Richard Atherton when someone stopped to ask for food. Richard went into his pantry and filled several sacks of groceries. He even gave away a canned ham his wife had been saving. He was always a very generous person. Another pastor I knew wanted to thank his garbage collectors. He taped a big package of Three Musketeers bars to the top of his garbage can with a thank you note. He watched from inside as the men discovered the candy

bars. They opened it up and gave one to the driver and each other. Just in case he was watching they waved at him. It just goes to show there are lots of ways to be generous and many of us have benefited from this. The Bible has hundreds of verses about this subject. One of my favorites is 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Another great verse is Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." I was thinking about how I could help others in a creative new way. I was going through McDonald's drive thru. One lady I often see knows I'm a pastor and she always calls me "Father"

and tells me to have a blessed day. I love it. I always say, "Blessings on you too!" It suddenly occurred to me to give everyone working there a \$10 tip. I went out and got a bunch of \$10 bills. I asked the manager how many were working that day. I wanted to give each one a \$10 tip. She counted them up and there were 12 so I left an envelope with \$150 in case someone came in later. I could hear the group around the manager was excited and happy. Sometimes I think the most good we do with our gifts is to lift the spirits of others.

Prayer: Our Lord, help us to recall all the many gifts you have given to us. May we find ways to be a cheerful giver. Amen.

Planning for calving season

BY CONNOR BIEHLER
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Beef Systems Extension educator

Winter is here, fall breeding is completed, spring calving cows are in their third trimester and the next big event on the farm (with exception of the winter chores everybody loves) is spring calving. This is arguably the most crucial time of year for most operations, so it is pertinent to be prepared to have calves hitting the ground at least a month prior to your first calving date. The subsequent practices should be considered when preparing for the upcoming calving season.



Connor Biehler

One of the first things to consider is getting together all the supplies you will need for calving, otherwise known as a calving kit. This kit should include things such as mild liquid soap, paper towels, at least two clean buckets to be later filled with warm water, obstetrical sleeves, lubricant, iodine, a notepad to record calf details and any possible dystocia issues and calving assist tools (such as chains, handles or head snare). Hopefully, the last one will not be needed and should only be used by experienced professionals. Calving facilities should also be prepared well in advance of calving season. If these are single use areas that have not been used in months, make sure to inspect all

alleys, gates and head catches. For a multi-purpose area, ensure that the space is ready for calving. Have good lighting and have replacement bulbs on hand. These facilities should also have clean, dry bedding and be in good working order. Dirty and muddy bedding is a breeding ground for bacteria and, as a result, can be detrimental to the health of newborn calves. The final trimester is a great time to vaccinate cows with a killed-virus vaccine to promote immune health. This boost of immunity from the vaccination creates antibodies that pass from the cow to the calf through colostrum. This brings me to my final point of ensuring that each calf consumes at least one quart of colostrum within 6-12 hours of birth. Absorption of immunoglobulin found in colostrum drastically decreases after this window, making it critical to insure adequate consumption during this time. If there are any issues with the quality or quantity of colostrum other sources, such as colostrum replacements, can be utilized. If outside sources of colostrum are being introduced in the herd, it can promote disease transfer, so it is best to use colostrum from within your own herd. For more information on planning for calving season, reach me at my office (402) 624-8007 or my cell (402) 413-8557 or follow my twitter page @BigRed-BeefTalk for more information on Nebraska Beef Extension.

POLL RESULTS

Have you taken down your Christmas decorations yet?



POLL QUESTION

What do you think: Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow this Groundhog's Day (Feb. 2)?

Yes
No

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OBITUARIES

Robert W. Mach

Jan. 21, 1948 – Jan. 15, 2021

Robert W. Mach, 72, of rural Pleasant Dale, passed away Jan. 15, 2021. He was born Jan. 21, 1948, in Santa Monica, California, to Henry and Melva (Spinar) Mach. He was preceded in death by his father, Henry, and niece, Melissa. Robert is survived by his mother, Melva; sister, Janet (John) of El Paso, Texas; and cousins. Cremation has occurred, no services are scheduled at this time. Condolences may be left for the family at www.kunclfh.com.

Patricia J. Butt

May 9, 1938 – Jan. 9, 2021

Patricia Jean (Erickson) Butt passed away Jan. 9, 2021, at the Crete Area Medical Center.

She was born to Kermit and Florence (Forney) Erickson in Loup City on May 9, 1938. She graduated from Arcadia Public School in 1956, and then received her bachelor of music degree from UNL in 1960. She married Merlin Butt in Lincoln on May 27, 1961. Pat taught instrumental music in the Saline County area for 38 years. She formed thousands of special relationships with her students. Pecan rolls and wedding cakes were her specialty. She served as the organist for the UCC in Crete for decades and taught many private lessons at her home. She also played the organ for countless funeral services at Kuncl Funeral Home throughout the years. Patricia was a well-loved person in part due to her sincere and caring nature toward other people.



Patricia Jean is survived by her daughter, Melodee Ann; grandsons, Jarrett and Kyle, all of Leadville, Colorado; brother, Kermit Erickson of North Carolina; and cousins, Peggy and Connie Erickson. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Merlin; uncle, Dr. Forney and his wife Della; uncles, John Erickson of Lincoln and Gene Erickson of Arcadia; and aunt, Ruth Erickson Frost of Ansley.

A Celebration of Life will be in May 2021 and will be announced at that time. Condolences may be left for the family at www.kunclfh.com.

REAL ESTATE

Information taken from records filed with the Saline County clerk.

Jan. 15 – 20

Paixao Baptista and Esperanca M. Soares to Jordan Pedersen and Melissa Pedersen, the S 11 feet of Lot 34 and all of Lots 35-36 in L.E. Southwick's First Addition to Friend. DS \$609.75

Natalya Paulissian and Forrest Paulissian to Tanya Strikivsky, SW1/4 SW1/4 27-8-4. DS \$69.75

Harrison Vicente and Everardo Vicente Vasquez and Jacinta Vicente to Sandra Reyes Montenegro, Lot 6, Block 85, Crete. DS \$135

June M. Winkler and Carly L. Winkler to Felix A. Cortes, Lots 586-587 in the original town of Wilber. DS \$123.75

Fairway Development, LLC, to Ronald D. Sack and Deborah L. Sack, Lot 11, Block 1, Fairway Development in Crete. DS exempt

TRAFFIC

Information taken from Saline County court records.

Jan. 15-22

Delvin Omar Cruz Herrera, 31, Crete, driving without a license, \$124 fine.

Javier Sanchez Sanchez, 28, Lincoln, driving without a license, \$124 fine.

Angie Adame Ortiz, 16, Crete, driving without a license, \$124 fine.

Jesse Dawes, 35, Dorchester, driving without a license, \$124 fine.

Jose Martinez, 34, Kansas City, Kansas, speeding 80/65 mph zone and driving without a license, \$199 fine.

Pedro Paiva Caldiera Da Silva, 25, Crete, driving without a license, \$124 fine.

Sonia Leyva-Sigala, 34, Crete, following too close, \$99 fine.

Joshua Kramer, 28, Geneva, driving without a license, \$124 fine.

Christopher Wehrbein, 32, Beatrice, no valid registration, \$74 fine.

Angel Garcia Perez, 31, Crete, driving without headlights on and without a license, \$134 fine.

Jose Juarez Trejo Jr., 14, Crete, driving without a license and without headlights on, \$134 fine.

Anabel Alarcon, 53, Crete, driving without a license, \$124 fine.

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Information provided by the Crete Police Department.

Jan. 8

3:14 p.m.—A report was taken involving a driving while intoxicated case in the 400 block of East 13th.

3:20 p.m.—An adult abuse case was reported.

Jan. 9

3:06 a.m.—A driver in the 1000 block of Boswell was cited for no valid operator's license.

7:09 p.m.—Following a vehicle stop in the 1300 block of Code, a driver was cited for no valid operator's license.

Jan. 10

1:14 p.m.—A citation for driving while intoxicated was given to a driver in the 1200 block of Norman.

10:57 a.m.—A theft was reported.

Jan. 11

3:19 p.m.—A report involving a theft was reported in the 2300 block of Ivy.

POLICE

6:41 p.m.—A report of a death in Crete was taken.

10:33 p.m.—A report of theft/shoplifting was taken in the 300 block of West 13th.

Jan. 12

9:11 a.m.—An accident was reported in the 400 block of East 13th.

12:43 p.m.—A child abuse/neglect case was reported in Crete.

Jan. 14

1:10 p.m.—A citation for registration required was written to a driver in the 1400 block of Boswell.

4:05 p.m.—A report of a sexual assault was taken.

6:06 p.m.—A person with a warrant was located in the 200 block of West 12th and placed under arrest.

7:50 p.m.—A person with a warrant was located in the 400 block of Grove and placed under arrest.

Pine trees or evergreens?

BY SARAH BROWNING
 Lancaster County Extension educator

All pine trees have needles, but all needled evergreens aren't pine trees any more than all dogs are dachshunds.

Telling pines, firs and spruces apart isn't any harder than distinguishing beagles, Bassett hounds or bloodhounds - you just need to know how each one is distinctively different from the others.

Step one: Look at the needles. Are they arranged singling on the branch or in groups?

Pine trees

If the needles are clustered in groups, you're looking at a pine tree. Pine needles are usually in groups of two, three or five and may be long, short or somewhere in between, but if you find needles in bundles, you have a pine tree. Here are a few more details about common pines found in Nebraska.

- Eastern white pine - needle bundles of 5, 2-4 inches long, soft and pliable

- Scotch pine - needle bundles of 2, 1-3 inches long and twisted along their length

- Austrian pine - needle bundles of 2, 3-5 inches long, sharp point

- Ponderosa pine - needle bundles of 3, 5-10 inches long, sharp point

Step two: If the needles are not in bundles, but are produced singly, then you have either a fir, spruce or yew. Take a closer look at the shape of the needles. Cut one across, is it square in cross section

or flat?

Spruce

If the needles are square or four-sided, you are looking at a spruce needle. The color may range from dark green to quite blue, but if the needle rolls between your fingers as smoothly as a square wheel, it's a spruce. If you pull a needle away from the branch, you'll find a tiny woody peg left behind. This is another unique characteristic of spruce, not found in pine, fir or yew. The two most common spruces grown in Nebraska are below.

- Colorado spruce - dense pyramidal tree, stiff upright branches, ¾-1 inch-long sharp needles

- Norway spruce - pyramidal tree, secondary branches are pendulous (hanging down) as the tree ages, ½-1 inch-long sharp needles

Step three: If you try rolling the needle between your fingers and it won't roll at all because it's flat, then the tree is a fir or yew.

Fir

Firs are large landscape trees, typically 40-50 feet in height at maturity, which distinguishes them from our next plant. Two firs commonly grown in Nebraska are concolor and balsam fir.

- Concolor or white fir - looks very similar to Colorado spruce, with a dense pyramidal shape. Needles are bluish or gray green, 1.5-2.5 inches long and rounded at

the tip, giving them a soft texture when touched, compared to the sharp bristly needles of spruce.

- Balsam fir - less common than concolor fir, although often grown on tree farms for Christmas trees. Very dark green 5/8-1 inch needles.

Yew

Is the plant you're identifying a dark green shrub or small evergreen tree with shiny, flat needles that remind you of fir needles but aren't stiff or prickly? Then it's a yew, *Taxus* spp. Yews are another versatile group of landscape evergreens. Their soft foliage is a popular trait.

Step Four: Are the leaves on your evergreen not needles, but instead many small leaf sections attached end-to-end? Then it's likely either a juniper or arborvitae.

Juniper

These plants many be tall trees, smaller shrubs or flat creeping groundcover specimens. But no matter the shape of the plant, if the needles are lapped over one another like the shingles on a roof, it's a juniper. Foliage may be anywhere in texture from soft to prickly, but all junipers share the

trait of overlapping leaf scales. One of the most common juniper species found in windbreaks is eastern red cedar, *Juniperus virginiana*, commonly called "cedar." Although it's not a member of the true cedar genus, this unfortunately makes it easy to confuse with our next plant.

Arborvitae

If your plant has soft branches of flat vertical foliage, consisting of bright green overlapping scales then it's an arborvitae. The most common species found in Nebraska is eastern arborvitae or white cedar.

Evergreen identification is more than just an intellectual exercise or a chance to show off to your friends and neighbors - it helps you track down information on plants you might want to know more about. Maybe you have a problem and want advice from a nursery or garden center.

Or perhaps you found a plant in a friend's landscape you like and want to add a similar plant to your home grounds. Being able to narrow down the plant type to pine, spruce, fir, yew, juniper or arborvitae is a big help when you go to the garden center.

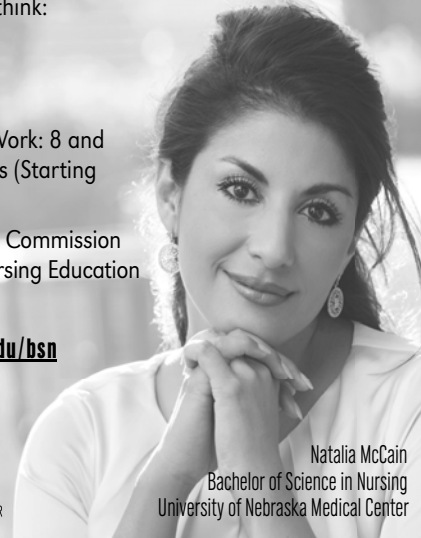
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UNL Extension holds odor footprint webinar

BY HOPE MOURAL
for The Crete News

Members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension held a webinar via Zoom on Jan. 21, featuring a recent livestock nuisance litigation in Lancaster County and a tool developed by faculty to assess odor footprints.

Dave Aiken, an agricultural law and water specialist, reviewed the case that was presented in the Nebraska Supreme Court, known as Egan vs. Lancaster County, regarding an application for a few chicken barns to be built on a producer's land as contracted with Lincoln Premium Poultry in an agricultural district.

A neighbor living just

over half a mile away appealed to the action, claiming the odor would "damage her property," among other reasons like hurting property value.

The resident used statements from surrounding neighbors that were quickly contradicted via testimony from Lancaster County Department officials.

According to a press release, "The Nebraska Supreme Court affirmed the rulings of lower courts that a county zoning permit for three poultry barns was justified, in part, because neighbors of the facility would be free of odor 94% of the time."

The odor footprint tool was expanded upon by Rick Stowell, an

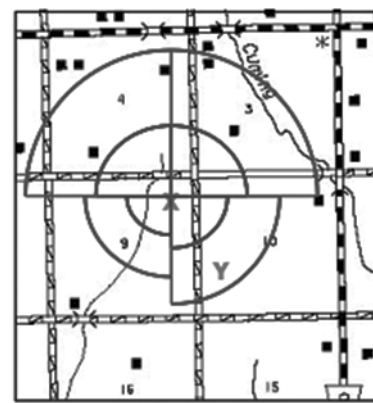
animal environmental specialist of the university, and came into play during this particular court case.

"The Odor Footprint Tool was developed by UNL's Biological Systems Engineering Department to increase the use of objective, science-based information in decision-making related to livestock odor and setback distances," a press release said.

Stowell defined odor risk, what the tool measures, as a "projected percentage of hours over an extended period of time that an odor may exist at annoying levels."

Aiken then took back over to sum up the court case, which ruled 7-0 that Lancaster County

Common Use for Setback Distances: Improved Siting of Livestock Facilities



No residences within 94% annoyance-free setbacks
Four or five within 98% annoyance-free setbacks
Seems site Y may have advantage.

COURTESY PHOTO

Shown above is one part of the footprint odor tool that maps out a radius of fragrances at different setback distances.

had considered public welfare and health and the permit was granted.

"Until we had something like the footprint tool, most of the info

was very subjective," Aiken said. "The big advantage (of the tool) is that it does provide some merit/indication on odor annoyances

(percentage-wise). It gives judges and court something more than a ballpark estimate."

Brandt proposes bill to establish Statewide farm-to-school program

Nebraska Sen. Tom Brandt of Beatrice introduced a bill in the Nebraska Legislature on Jan. 14 that would establish farm-to-school programs statewide as part of the Nebraska Department of Education.

The Nebraska Farm-to-School Program Act would connect local farms to schools to provide the children with fresh and minimally processed foods. The bill would also present a new opportunity for local farmers to sell their products.

"It opens up another sales point at the largest restaurant in the state of Nebraska, our school cafeterias," Brandt said.

Most of the schools, especially in rural areas, are fully supported by local property tax, Brandt said. A portion of

the money is used to buy food from other states.

The farm-to-school programs would support local farms by having the money stay within the local economy. It's an economic development initiative for rural Nebraska, Brandt said.

He said another benefit of the program might be that farmers can diversify what they produce. Schools would also have access to locally grown high-quality food to improve children's nutrition.

Nebraska is a leader in meats, dry beans, corn and soybeans. However, farmers in Nebraska also grow a variety of fruits, vegetables and other produce, Brandt said.

A farm-to-school program coordinator would establish

a database of all local farmers involved in the program and their products available to schools. The coordinator would also be responsible for informing all 244 public school districts and the state's private schools about the opportunity to buy healthy food from local farmers.

Alex McKiernan, owner of Robinette Farm in Martell, has been involved with planning the Farm-to-School Program Act since the early stages of its development. He said a program coordinator would help foster relationships between farmers and schools.

"We've tried to reach out to schools and get more involvement from schools with small local farms, but it is a chal-

lenge to make that relationship work," McKiernan said.

Brandt said that the cost of establishing the position would be many times paid back.

Farm-to-school programs already exist in Nebraska. The Nebraska Farm Bureau has a program called Ag in the Classroom that connects urban elementary students with penpals who are adults in agriculture. Another example is the Greenhouse-to-Cafeteria Program through the Center for Rural Affairs. Many schools also have Future Farmers of America chapters. However, many schools do not have any form of agricultural education.

Half of the state's goods produced come from agriculture, yet there is very little

education in schools associated with agriculture, McKiernan said.

The bill's second component is intended to promote agricultural education in primary, secondary and private schools.

The program would include learning opportunities such as farm visits, cooking demonstrations, school gardening and composting programs, and activities that integrate nutrition and agricultural education into the school curriculum.

"We need to create a passion in our young people for agriculture. We desperately need workers out here. There are so many opportunities in agriculture, in the state of Nebraska," Brandt said.

Local farm administrator sheds light on organic crop insurance options in new guide

Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for many farmers and ranchers. Organic operations, like the one Dorchester farm administrator Logan Sheets works on, have their own unique risks and crop insurance options to consider.

Sheets is the farm administrator for a 100% organic operation, producing food- and feed-grade corn and soybeans, along with yellow peas and alfalfa. Among his duties is managing the crop insurance, and Sheets recently attended a multi-day training on federal Multi-Peril Crop Insurance alongside a number of agents to better understand the options available.

"It's a lot to handle because you walk in once a year and try to understand what's going on, so we said, 'This needs to change. We need to have a better idea of how we're actually going to



Logan Sheets

look at our risk management," Sheets said.

Sheets is among a group of farmers and insurance agents featured in a new educational guide developed by the Center for Rural Affairs. "Conversations from the Field: Crop Insurance for Organic Operations" sheds light on the crop insurance process and options available for organic production.

While crop insurance options for organic have expanded considerably in the past decade, a sizable percentage of organic crops still go

uninsured, and beneficial options underused. Topics covered include insuring the higher value of organic crops using contract prices, the claims process, prevented planting, the crop insurance timeline over a given year and advice for finding an agent.

"Today, more than 80 certified organic crops can be insured, and there are a number of unique options and considerations for organic policies," said Kate Hansen, a Center policy assistant who worked with the insurance agents and farmers to develop the resource guide. "We believe this resource will provide the information farmers need as they consider their insurance options for the coming crop year."

Prior to his current role, Sheets was employed by a small farm service company. Now, he works with the

"For us, (crop insurance is) all about risk management. It's nice to know that what we've worked hard for all year is covered."

-Logan Sheets

operation's field data, accounts, finances, crop plan and organic certification, and also helps with planting, cultivating and harvesting, when needed.

"For us, (crop insurance is) all about risk

management. It's nice to know that what we've worked hard for all year is covered," Sheets said.

"Conversations from the Field" is available at cfra.org/publications.

"This guide would be a valuable read for

many," Hansen said. "From beginning organic farmers, to experienced organic producers looking to purchase crop insurance, to agents trying to better understand the perspective of their organic customers."

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Days Gone By.... More than 300 enjoy annual coon feed

100 YEARS AGO - 1921
The quarantine on the home of R. Jacobsen has been raised. They were shut in on account of diphtheria. All the affected have recovered now.
R.L. Coulter opened an auto repair shop in the Wolensky garage. Mr. Coulter is a good workman in his line and should do a good business.

90 YEARS AGO - 1931
D.H. Wilson of the Crete Mills was elected president of the Nebraska Millers Association last Thursday. The election was a feature of the one-day convention of the association.

Appointment of Capt. Rodney K. Johnson of Friend as a commanding officer of the 166th hospital company, 110th Medical Regiment, Nebraska National Guard, was announced Saturday by Attorney General Paul.

Once again we record the death of one of the oldest pioneers of Saline County, when we record the passing of Mrs. Anna Kupka Kolarik, for this worthy settler came to the county before Crete became either a town or a city. Her former home was at Minnetowauk, in the state of Wisconsin. When she was a girl of nine years of age, she came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kupka, from Wisconsin and settled on a homestead where the city of Crete now stands.

80 YEARS AGO - 1941
On Tuesday evening at St. James Hall, the local post of the American Legion put on its annual coon feed. This is known far and wide as one of the most enjoyable events of the year. The feed this year was no exception, with more than 300 Legionnaires

and friends enjoying the fine dinner and excellent program which followed.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has invited all the men from Crete who have been placed in Class 1A in the selective service draft to the monthly dinner meeting at Hotel Crete tonight.

Dr. M.J. Blue, local chiropractor, who has practiced in Crete for the past 17 years, has enlarged his office quarters in the Crete State Bank building and added modern therapeutic equipment.

70 YEARS AGO - 1951
Twelve men living in Crete will be affected by the recent mobilization order calling the state's Air National Guard units to active duty by April 1. Included were Eddie Hlavaty, Franklin Gardner, Joe Pospichal, Richard Prasek, Wilbur Barber, Keith Rietfors, Jack Aasen, Boyd Gwin and Don Goosic.

Sen. C.C. Lillibrige of Crete has teamed with Sen. Petersen in introducing a bill into the Nebraska legislature hopper, which in effect will outlaw firecrackers.

60 YEARS AGO - 1961
The Nebraska State Highway Commission has approved the new location of Highway 82, according to word received Wednesday from Edwin J. Finnigan, secretary of the commission.

Ray Best, two-time All-NCC conference tackle from Doane College, has signed a pro contract as a free agent with the St. Louis Cardinals of the National Football League.

Crete High School has received permission from Rodgers and Hammerstein productions to produce their hit musical "Oklahoma."

50 YEARS AGO - 1971
Several churches in Crete will furnish volunteer transportation for the senior citizens of Crete who find it difficult to get downtown to do grocery shopping, attend to business or see a doctor.

Leonard Hoskins, former advertising manager and sports writer of The Crete News, was named Nebraska City's Outstanding Young Man at a Jaycee recognition banquet held last week.

Doane played one of its best home games since moving to Fuhrer Fieldhouse and knocked off the University of Nebraska Omaha 104-101 Monday night.

40 YEARS AGO - 1981
Crete will have a new full time park and recreation director beginning in mid-February. The city council approved the hiring of Victoria Allgood, 24, of York, to fill the position. She is a graduate of Geneva High School and Kearney State College.

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Roger Malone, 37, superintendent of the Crete Public Schools. He died Jan. 23, after complications of

lymphoma.
Commercial solar heating made its debut in Crete last week when Sack Lumber installed two solar heating units on top of their building at 1048 Main.

A new record temperature was reached Jan. 24 in Crete with a high of 68 degrees.

30 YEARS AGO - 1991
North School District 88, along with teacher Ruth Horsky, found themselves on television this past week, part of a CBS representation of the nation's response to the war. Students in the school are Brenda and Jesse Chrastil, Joshua and Jennifer Mohlman, Justin and Matthew Kuhn, Jessica and Dan Underwood, Tiffany and Matthew Hunt, Jeremy and Joe Nerud, and Jeffrey and Brady Papik.

The Crete Millers conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony last week for Po's Repair at 1239 Quince. The business is owned by Larry, Arlin and Brad Pomajzl.

Playing at home for the first time since late November, the Doane men recorded a pair of wins last week 82-71 against Peru and 101-85

against Midland.
20 YEARS AGO - 2001
Post office operations manager Brent Ahrens presented a pin commemorating 30 years of federal service to Don Pecka. Don has worked in Crete and several other locations during his career. He served as officer-in-charge at the Wilber office and has been at the front window in Crete for the last several years.

Megan Rains, a 2000 graduate of Dorchester, currently a freshman at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, has been named to the Dean's List with a 4.0 grade point average. She is the daughter of Chuck and Sandy Rains.

Students of the quarter at Crete High are freshman Casey Fahrbruch, sophomore Kirby Landstrom, junior Andrew Stastny and senior Jason Pavlish.

10 YEARS AGO - 2011
Nearly 12 hours after the initial call came in to the Crete Police Department, a 23-year-old Lincoln man is being charged this afternoon in the early morning robbery of Stop and Shop in Crete. Christopher

D. Young of Lincoln is being charged in Saline County Court on one count of robbery and one count of use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony.

Crete Sertoma Club will be holding the 40th annual Las Vegas Night on Saturday Feb. 12. The grand prize is a voucher for a trip for two to Las Vegas.

The Crete Planning Commission reviewed the city's annual reckoning of one and six-year street improvement plans at its monthly meeting Monday night at City Hall. Public Works Director Tom Ourada appeared before the commission to give an overview of the plans.

The Crete City Council and Public Works Committee agreed in tandem to work with a group from the Men's Sokol organization, who are planning a Halloween festival this year. Members were present last Tuesday to ask the council's blessings in closing off a couple of city streets for several days next October in what they hope will be an extension of the fundraising capabilities for a Sokol Hall renovation.

PUBLIC NOTICES

GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, NEBRASKA Guardianship of ROSE ALLEY An Adult Guardianship No. PR 20-62
Notice is hereby given that on December 16, 2020, in the County Court of Saline County, Nebraska, an Order and Letters Appointing a Temporary Guardian were signed appointing Rose Alley's daughter Becky May as her Temporary Guardian.
On January 5, 2021 the Courts set the hearing for the Appointment of Becky May as Permanent Guardian to be held on February 16, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., in the County Courtroom of the Saline County Courthouse, Wilber, Nebraska.
/s/ Joshua K. McDougall Clerk of the County Court County Court of Saline County 215 South High Street Wilber, NE 68465 (402) 372-6003 Charles J. Bentjen (I.D. # 18283) Bentjen Law 819 N 19th St Beatrice, NE 68310 Tel: 402-413-7812 Fax: 402-347-0030 Email: chuck@nejjustice.com CR — January 20, 27, February 03, 2021 ZNEZ

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CONNER'S RENTALS, L.L.C.
Notice is hereby given that Conner's Rentals, L.L.C., a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial Designated Office at 1112 Grove Ave., Crete, NE 68333. The company is member-managed. The nature of the Company is to engage in the ownership and the management of a real estate rental company and to do all other business purposes for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The Registered Agent for service of process is Shaylene M. Smith and the Registered Office is 1240 Ivy Ave., P.O. Box 272, Crete, NE 68333.
CR — January 13, 20, 27, 2021

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF GOLDEN EAGLE PROPERTIES LLC
Notice is hereby given of the organization of Golden Eagle Properties LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 688 County Road 2350, PO Box 543, Crete, NE 68333. The name and mailing address of the registered agent for service of process is Steven Delaney, 688 County Road 2350, PO Box 543, Crete, NE 68333.
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(Hanson, Hroch & Kuntz) Crete, Nebraska
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that Laura C. Kersten, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its registered office at 1107 Grove, Crete, Nebraska 68333, and its registered agent being Laura C. Kersten. The Designated Office Address for the Company is 1107 Grove, Crete, Nebraska 68333. The general nature of its business to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska; including all purposes authorized by law, to the same extent as natural persons might or could do. A limited liability company was formed on December 10, 2020 and will continue in perpetuity. Its affairs shall be conducted by the Members pursuant to an Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company.
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management of a cable burying and installation company and all other business purposes for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The registered agent for service of process is Shawn Morales at 1239 Main Ave., Crete, NE 68333.
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NERUD CONSTRUCTION, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its registered office at 934 County Road 2400, Crete, Nebraska 68333.
The general nature of its business is to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska; including all purposes authorized by law, to the same extent as natural persons might or could do. A limited liability company was formed on November 25, 2020, and will continue in perpetuity. Its affairs shall be conducted by the Members pursuant to an Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company. The initial Manager and registered agent is Joseph R. Nerud. The initial designated office and initial agent's address is: Joseph R. Nerud 934 County Road 2400 Crete, NE 68333
CR — January 27, February 03, 10, 2021

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CONNER'S ANTIQUES AND SALVAGE, L.L.C.
Notice is hereby given that Conner's Antiques and Salvage, L.L.C., a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State on Nebraska, with its initial Designated Office at 1624 South 17th Street, Lincoln, NE 68502-2601. The company is member-managed. The nature of the Company is to engage in the ownership and the management of a business that will complete historical demolition and salvage, buy and sell architectural antiques and collectibles, and do all other business purposes for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The Registered Agent for service of process is Shaylene M. Smith and the Registered Office is 1240 Ivy Ave., P.O. Box 272, Crete, NE 68333.
CR — January 13, 20, 27, 2021

Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices LLC
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF PALO BLANCO UNDERGROUND, L.L.C.
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NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF CHARLES E. PLIVA Estate# PR19-53
Notice is hereby given that the Personal Representative has filed a Final Accounting and a Formal Closing Petition seeking complete settlement, formal probate of the Will of said deceased, for determination of heirs, and for determination of inheritance tax, which have been set for hearing in the County Court of Saline County, Nebraska on the 16th day of February, 2021, at 9:15 o'clock a.m.
/s/ Joshua K. McDougall
Clerk of the County Court
CR — January 27, February 03, 10, 2021

NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, NEBRASKA Estate of DARLENE SHRADER, Deceased.
Estate No. PR 21-5
Notice is hereby given that on January 14, 2021, in the County Court of Saline County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Melvin E. Fuller, whose address is 723 Sheridan St., St. Paul, NE 68873, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before March 27, 2021 or be forever barred.
/s/ Joshua K. McDougall Clerk of the County Court 215 S. High P.O. Box 865 Wilber, NE 68465

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The general nature of its business is to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska; including all purposes authorized by law, to the same extent as natural persons might or could do. A limited liability company was formed on November 17, 2020, and will continue in perpetuity. Its affairs shall be conducted by the Members pursuant to an Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company. The initial Manager and registered agent is Brent Fulton. The initial designated office and initial agent's address is: Brent Fulton 1576 County Road 2400 Wilber, NE 68465
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MINUTES

This is a synopsis of the Saline County Board of Commissioners' January 19th, 2021, regular meeting proceedings. A complete set of the proceedings is on file in the Board of Commissioners' Journal, is of public record in the Saline County Clerk's office and on our website: www.co.saline.ne.us

SALINE COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, by Chairperson Russ Karpisek. Present were Karpisek, Marvin A. Kohout, Janet J. Henning, Philip Hardenburger and Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, County Clerk Anita K. Bartels, Deputy County Clerk Jennifer Hermsmeier and Administrative Assistant Tim McDermott. Deputy County Attorney Steve Reisdorff was present between court commitments.

Notice of said meeting was posted in the County Clerk's Office, on the Saline County Website, and published in all three county newspapers prior to the meeting, in compliance with State Statutes; Let the record show that all proceedings are electronically recorded; Approved the agenda as presented; Approved the minutes of the January 5, 2021, regular meeting; Under correspondence it was reported receiving from the City of Crete their January 19th agendas for the City Council, Public Works Committee, Legislative/Economic Development meeting and Public Safety Committee; reports of receiving phone calls regarding the open Planning & Zoning positions and placement of 911 signs at Blue River Lodge;

Under Report of Officials heard reports of meetings with Public Health Solutions, Seward County Solid Waste Management, Planning & Zoning, NACO meetings, communication meeting with the Fire Departments, Wellness Committee, Employee Recognition Committee, Tourism Committee, Ag Society, Saline County Aging Services, Veterans Service Committee, Saline County Area Transit, Unite Private Networks (UPN) and webinars with Pam Bourne and Continuum; It was reported the Saline County Seal has been installed in the Courthouse entrance; Approved the Treasurer's semi-annual report; Presented Saline County Veteran Glen Kronhofman with a Certificate of Appreciation for his military service;

Approved the December 2020 Clerk Fees in the amount of \$29,763.00; Approved the December 2020 District Court Fees in the amount of \$8,753.27; Approved the December 2020 Sheriff Fees in the amount of \$3,829.25; Approved the County Weed Control annual report; Approved the Declaration of Surplus Property and removal of items from the County Clerk's Inventory; Approved the Tourism Committee's recommendations for Promotion and Improvement Grants; Discussion was held on the new changes to the Employee Wellness Program; Heard updates on the COVID vaccine status and availability. Notification was received for the approval of CARES Act monies, for the reimbursement of Law Enforcement and Dispatch salaries; Accepted the bid submitted by Van Kirk Bros., for the Concrete Box Culvert Project, Structure #C007613125;

Approved Change Order No. 2 for the Crete East Overlay Project, which will decrease the cost by \$25,358.16; Approved Resolution 2021-013 Certifying the Completion of County Bridge Match Project, structure #C007603425; Heard reports of another Jefferson/Saline County Bridge Project, the continuation of clearing tress and ditches in preparation of summer bridge and culvert projects; Confirmed any new 911 signs

requested for private property, will be provided by the County for a fee of \$50.00. The owner of the property is responsible for installing the sign; Roads Department will check to ensure the Livestock Friendly signage is in place at the highway entrances to the County; Due to the Board reorganization, approval was given to remove Kohout and add Karpisek to the Imprest Bank account; Approved Cheever Construction Change Order #16, for a Fire Marshall requirement for a secure corridor door replacement; Determined Planning & Zoning Board members are appointed by the Saline County Board of Commissioners according to State Statute 23-114.01. The Commissioners will be starting the necessary steps to fill the four open seats;

Approved Resolution #2021-009 transferring \$123.03 from the Drug Court Fund 2380 to Drug Court Fund 2390; Approved Resolution #2021-010 transferring \$110,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available; Approved Resolution #2021-011 transferring \$45,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the Employee Wellness Fund, to be reimbursed when funds become available; Approved Resolution #2021-012 transferring \$3,400 from the Inheritance Fund to the Juvenile Services Aid Program, to be reimbursed when funds become available; Approved claims as presented with the addition of payment of \$3,925.00 to Cheever Construction;

GENERAL FUND

General Fund Payroll, Salaries, 124,567.01; A&F, Maint, 165.00; Rebecca Anderson, Atty Fees, 1,620.00; Anytime Plumbing, Bldg Maint, 366.00; Richard Bartels, Reimb, 72.70; Black Hills, Util, 3,588.17; Bob Barker Co, Spis, 316.64; City of Wilber, Util, 7,169.26; Clrk of The Dist Crt Assn, Dues, 50.00; Controltemp, Bldg Maint, 403.32; CAMC, Hlth, 774.36; Culligan, Spis, 145.00; Dugan, Off Spis, 284.47; Eakes, Off Spis, 643.64; Ecolab, Spis, 88.35; Farm & Home Pub, Spis, 1,200.00; Farmers Coop, Fuel, 300.74; FBI National Academy Assoc, Dues, 125.00; First Concord, Ins, 30,423.07; Friend Comm Healthcare, Hlth, 480.00; Jefferson Co Em Mgmt, Cntrct, 3,700.00; Matthew Kosmicki, Atty Fees, 5,108.75; Language Line Services, Cntrct, 14.96; Lee's Refrigeration, Bldg Maint, 144.08; Mallory Safety, Unif, 170.49; Tim McDermott, Mlg, 23.00; Microfilm Imaging Sys, Cntrct, 150.00; MIPS, Cntrct, 4,066.56; NACO, Dues, 375.00; Officenet, Off Spis, 152.82; Pell Reporting, Crt Csts, 232.72; Region V Services, Cntrct, 6,319.00; Region V Systems, Cntrct, 8,510.25; Norma Ripa, Ret, 36.00; Sack Lumber, Spis, 174.99; Saline Co Atty, Reimb, 63.82; Saline Co Dist Crt, Crt Fees, 180.00; Saline Co Sheriff, Crt Fees, 366.25; Sapp Bros, Fuel, 2,344.08; Secretary of State Rules & Regs, Crt Csts, 20.00; Seward Co Independent, P&P, 1,275.94; Shop Qwik, Fuel, 91.03; Sparq Data, Cntrct, 3,000.00; Stanard Appraisal Services, Cntrct, 1,339.00; State of NE Das Acctg, Cntrct, 147.60; Summit, Spis, 8,626.63; Thomson Reuters, Cntrct, 287.70; UBT, Bond, 600.00; Extension Saline Co, Reimb, 707.13; Visa, Off Spis, 131.90; Visa, Off Spis, 14.38; Visa, Spis, 107.49; Visa, Off Spis, 88.64; Visa, Misc, 74.88; Visa, Unif, 337.62; Visa, Off Equip, 289.25; Visa, Spis, 57.55; Vogt Electric, Bldg Maint, 85.00; Walker, Spis, 33.08; Walker, Spis, 49.08; Wilber Plumbing, Bldg Maint, 84.07; Windstream, Comm, 6,892.28; Lila Witt, Ret, 60.00; 41 Auto, Equip Spis, 357.83

ROAD FUND

Road Fund Payroll, Salaries, 30,307.46; Advanced Auto, Equip Rpr, 250.00; AKRS Equip, Equip Spis, 416.43; Beatrice Concrete, Gravel, 1,196.44; Beaver Hardware, Spis, 58.62; Black Hills, Util, 917.48; City of Crete, Util, 501.87; City of Friend, Util, 358.67; City of Wilber, Util, 73.85; Constructors, Cntrct, 22,255.20; Cornhusker Int'l Trucks, Equip Spis, 208.04; Crete Ace Hardware,

Spis, 12.90; CAMC, Spis, 355.00; Crete Auto Supply Inc, Equip Maint, 342.06; Crete Lumber, Spis, 260.27; Farmers Coop, Fuel, 14,849.33; Farmers Union Coop, Spis, 449.90; Food Mesto, Spis, 7.25; Fred's Auto, Equip Rpr, 95.00; Horky's Shop, Spis, 190.00; Kriha Fluid Power, Spis, 42.39; Matheson Tri-Gas, Spis, 192.50; Medical Enterprises, Cntrct, 70.00; Momar, Spis, 480.03; Murphy Tractor, Spis, 525.43; Nebraskaland Tire, Equip Rpr, 42.80; NMC, Spis, 1,447.35; NPPD, Util, 389.19; O'Reilly Auto, Spis, 85.87; Praxair, Spis, 72.49; RDO Truck Center, Equip Rpr, 203.74; Saline Co Register of Deeds, Fees, 20.00; Sapp Bros, Fuel, 2,236.80; Seward Co Independent, P&P, 247.22; Bill Slezak, Reimb, 63.50; Speece-Lewis, Eng, 2,372.60; Village of Swanton, Util, 64.32; Visa, Off Spis, 170.92; Walker, Unif, 47.87; Waste Connections, Util, 217.26; Weldon Parts, Spis, 494.24; Young's Welding, Spis, 32.43

BAILIFF FUND

Bailiff Fund Payroll, Salaries, 1,576.60

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND

Dorchester Legion Post 264, Reimb, 1,000.00

WELLNESS FUND

Visa, Equip, 81.48

AGING SERVICES FUND

Aging Services Fund Payroll, Salaries, 3,130.92; Aging Partners, 485.21; Samantha Cosaert, Prgm, 150.00; Farmers Coop, Fuel, 30.02; Food Mesto, Spis, 600.00; Tia Kreshel, Prgm, 360.00; Meals on Wheels, Prgm, 58.33; Miller Mailing, Pstg, 242.45; Purfoods, Prgm, 1,021.70; Visa, Prgm, 531.70; Visa, Prgm, 270.63; Visa, Pstg, 337.45; Wilber Care Center, Prgm, 842.42; Wilber Klondike, Rent, 1,000.00

DRUG COURT FUND

Verizon, Comm, 120.03

JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT FUND

Family Service Assoc, Prgm, 2,642.50; Ana Perez Mendez, Prgm, 24.00; Anita Stougard, Prgm, 1,020.00; Visa, Spis, 105.40

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Windstream, Comm, 229.97

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND

Windstream, Comm, 1,231.90

CRIME PREVENTION FUND

Visa, Spis, 72.98; Visa, Prgm, 1,609.52

COMMISSARY FUND

Bob Barker Co, Spis, 645.14; Summit, Spis, 4,462.64; Visa, Spis, 109.40

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Cheever Const, Bldg Maint, 3,925.00

ALL FUNDS

First State Bank, Fed Tax, 17,654.67; NE Dept of Rev, State Tax, 7,998.61; First State Bank, Soc Sec, 32,748.72; Ameritas Life, Retire, 24,199.66; MassMutal, Def Comp, 2,228.00; AZ Child Support, Garnish, 86.06; General Collection, Garnish, 186.04; Prof Choice Recovery, Garnish, 163.42 There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on February 2, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber, NE.

ATTEST:

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk Janet J. Henning Marvin A. Kohout Stephanie A. Krivohlavek Phil Hardenburger, Vice-Chairperson Russ Karpisek, Chairperson I, Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of the January 5, 2021, meeting were presented and approved as presented. Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk Janet J. Henning Marvin A. Kohout Stephanie A. Krivohlavek Phil Hardenburger, Vice-Chairperson Russ Karpisek, Chairperson WR/FS/CR — January 27, 2021

This is a synopsis of the Saline County Board of Equalization's January 19, 2021, regular meeting proceedings. A complete set of the proceedings is on file in the Board of Equalizations' Journal, is of

public record in the Saline County Clerk's office and on our website: www.co.saline.ne.us

SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Equalization opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, by Chairperson Russ Karpisek. Present were Karpisek, Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Marvin A. Kohout, Janet J. Henning and Phillip Hardenburger Commissioners, County Clerk Anita K. Bartels, Deputy County Clerk Jennifer Hermsmeier and Administrative Assistant Tim McDermott.

Notice of said meeting was posted in the County Clerk's office, on the Saline County Website, and published in all three county newspapers prior to the meeting, in compliance with State Statutes. Let the record show that all proceedings are electronically recorded.

Karpisek advised those present of the open meetings act posted at the back of the room.

The Board: Approved the agenda as presented;

Approved the minutes of the January 5, 2021, meeting as presented;

Approved the Assessor's recommendation for a 2021 Permissive Exemption Application for the United Methodist Church in Dorchester;

Tax List Correction 2021-06 for Parcel: 760013470;

Approved Tax List Corrections 2021-07, 2021-08 and 2021-09 all for Parcel: 760144971;

Approved an application for vehicle exemptions for the Doane University fleet;

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m. The next regular meeting will be on February 2, 2021, at 9:15 a.m., in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber, NE.

ATTEST:

Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk Janet J. Henning Russ Karpisek, Chairperson Stephanie A. Krivohlavek Philip Hardenburger, Vice-Chairperson Marvin A. Kohout I, Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk in and for Saline County, do hereby certify that the minutes of January 5, 2021, meeting were presented and approved as presented. Anita K. Bartels, County Clerk Janet J. Henning Russ Karpisek, Chairperson Stephanie A. Krivohlavek Philip Hardenburger, Vice-Chairperson Marvin A. Kohout WR/FS/CR — January 27, 2021

HEARINGS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE ON LAND WITHIN SALINE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 16th, 2021, at about 7:30 P.M. in the Assembly Room of the County Courthouse, in Wilber, the Saline County Planning and Zoning Board shall hold a public hearing to consider a conditional use application authorized under the Saline County Zoning Regulations to permit the land at part of N ½ of NE ¼ of section 25-township 5 range 4E. DeWitt PRCT) for the purpose of constructing a confined animal feeding operation. Said conditional use request has been filed by Jeff Rahe.

All interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to be heard regarding this proposed amendment. Written testimony shall also be accepted at the Office of the Saline County Zoning Administrator up to and including the public hearing.

Lyle Weber 402-821-3326: 402-641-2754 Saline County Zoning Administrator WR/FS/CR — January 27, February 03, 2021

MEETINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Saline County Agricultural Society will meet in regular session on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Exhibition Building at the Saline County Fairgrounds, Tuxedo Park, Crete, Nebraska. An agenda for said meeting is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Saline County Extension Office in Wilber.
Bryce Horak Secretary CR — January 27, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Library Advisory Board of the City of Crete will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 1:00pm at the Library, 1515 Forest Ave., Crete, Nebraska. The agenda for the meeting is kept current and available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. Said meeting is open to the public. The City of Crete assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, disability, handicap or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the City receiving Federal financial assistance. To report discrimination, contact the City Clerk's office.
Judi Meyer City Clerk CR — January 27, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Saline County Board of Equalization will meet on February 2, 2021, at 9:15 a.m. in the County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Wilber, NE. Agenda items for said meetings are kept current and can be reviewed in the County Clerk's office during regular office hours. Agenda item requests must be in the County Clerk's office 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.
The Board of Equalization will hold a Public Hearing to consider motor vehicle exemption requests at 9:25 a.m. A list of organizations seeking an exemption is available in the office of the Saline County Treasurer.
Anita K. Bartels Saline County Clerk WR/FS/CR — January 27, 2021

NOTICE

The Saline County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be in the assembly room of the Saline County Courthouse in Wilber, Nebraska. A current copy of the agenda is available for review at the County Courthouse in Wilber.
Lyle Weber Zoning Administrator WR/FS/CR — January 27, February 03, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Membership Meeting for Olive Branch Assessment Insurance Society of Sprague, NE, will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the office located at 18930 Market St., Sprague, NE.
Marilyn Palmer Secretary SCI/WR/CR — January 27, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The next regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners will be held on February 2, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Wilber, NE. Agenda items for said meetings are kept current and can be reviewed in the County Clerk's office during regular office hours. Agenda item requests must be in the County Clerk's office 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.
Anita K. Bartels Saline County Clerk WR/FS/CR — January 27, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Housing Authority of the City of Crete will hold its regular meeting Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Centennial Terrace Community Room located at 1600 Grove Avenue. The meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for this meeting may be reviewed at the office of the Housing Authority.
Dwayne Bennett Secretary CR — January 27, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Airport Authority of the City of Crete, Nebraska, will meet on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 8:15 a.m. at the Library Community Room, 1515 Forest Avenue, Crete, Nebraska, until further notice due to Covid. The agenda for the meeting is kept current and available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. Said meeting is open to the public. The City of Crete assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, disability, handicap or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the City receiving Federal financial assistance. To report discrimination, contact the City Clerk's office.
Judi Meyer City Clerk CR — January 27, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Crete Board of Education will meet in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, located at 920 Linden Ave. The agenda, kept current and available for inspection at the Administration Office, is subject to emergency modifications at the meeting.
Justin Kuntz, President Crete Board of Education CR — January 27, 2021

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Brooke Deisley dribbles around the Elkhorn defense during Jan. 23's win over the Antlers.

CHS sweeps three, enters tournament as top seed

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
for The Crete News

The Crete girls' basketball team swept its competition last week, beating Seward 60-40, Nebraska City 63-35 and Elkhorn 46-29.

Against Seward Jan. 19, the Cardinals played a good all-around game, Coach John Larsen said. "We executed on offense, played good fundamental defense and we had several players contribute," he said.

Leah Jurgens led the offense with 16 points and was 4-7 from three-point range, and Hannah Newton scored 15.

Nebraska City Jan. 21 was more of a struggle for CHS. Larsen said the Cardinals didn't play up to their potential in the first half and only led 26-23 at halftime.

The second half was better, with CHS outscoring the Pioneers 37-12.

"We passed the ball better, and we only had five turnovers for the game," Larsen said.

Marin Rasgorshak scored 10 to lead the CHS offense and finished a double double with 10 rebounds.

The week ended Jan. 23 at home against Elkhorn. Larsen said three quarters were good, but the second quarter was not. CHS managed just two points in the second period.

On the other hand, the coach said, the team's defense played well and overall CHS was competitive.

Hannah Newton and Brooke Deisley hit big shots and made free throws in the fourth quarter to help the Cardinals seal the win, Larsen said.

Newton finished with 16 points and Deisley added 13.

Crete (13-2) is the No. 1 seed in the Central Conference basketball tournament. The Cardinals are scheduled to host the winner of Lexington/Seward

Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m. Because of weather, the opening two rounds were moved back a day.

CRETE 60, SEWARD 40

SHS 5 11 8 16 40
CHS 16 15 20 9 60

CHS—Hannah Newton 5-9 2-2 15, Ashlyn Adam 0-3 0-0 0, Jenna Andindi 0-0 2-2 2, Leah Jurgens 5-9 2-3 16, Mackenzie Steuer 3-8 0-1 8, Karlee Henning 1-4 0-0 2, Kaitlyn Wendt 1-4 0-0 3, Marlin Stones 2-2 1-2 5, Marin Rasgorshak 3-6 0-0 6, Lexi Mach 1-5 1-2 3. Totals 21-50 8-12 60.

Three-point goals—CHS 10-27 (Newton 3-5, Adam 0-2, Jurgens 4-7, Steuer 2-6, Henning 0-3, Wendt 1-2, Mach 0-2).

Rebounds—CHS 37 (Stones 6). Assists—CHS 19 (Stones 5). Steals—CHS 8 (Mach 4). Blocked shots—CHS 4 (Rasgorshak 3). Turnovers—CHS 12.

CRETE 63, NEBRASKA CITY 35

CHS 13 13 12 25 63
NCHS 7 16 8 4 35

CHS—Newton 3-11 0-1 8, Adam 3-4 0-0 8, Alexa Kraus 0-1 0-0 0, Steuer 2-6 2-2 7, Henning 0-2 1-2 1, Wendt 1-1 0-0 3, Stones 1-2 0-0 2, Rasgorshak 4-7 2-6 10, Brooke Deisley 3-7 0-0 9, Mach 2-4 1-5 5. Totals 19-45 6-16 53.

Three-point goals—CHS 9-23 (Newton 2-7, Adam 2-3, Steuer 1-6, Henning 0-1, Wendt 1-1, Deisley 3-5, Mach 0-1). Rebounds—CHS 41 (Rasgorshak 10). Assists—CHS 16 (Mach 5). Steals—CHS 7 (Stones 3). Blocked shots—CHS 2 (Stones, Rasgorshak 1). Turnovers—CHS 4.

CRETE 46, ELKHORN 39

EHS 8 10 10 11 39
CHS 16 2 10 18 46

CHS—Newton 5-11 3-3 16, Jurgens 2-6 3-4 9, Steuer 0-1 0-0 0, Stones 2-4 2-3 6, Rasgorshak 1-3 0-0 2, Deisley 4-4 2-2 13, Mach 0-4 0-1 0. Totals 14-33 10-13 46.

Three-point goals—CHS 8-18 (Newton 3-5, Jurgens 2-5, Steuer 0-1, Rasgorshak 0-1, Deisley 3-3, Mach 0-3). Rebounds—CHS 23 (Stones 6). Assists—CHS 13 (Stones 5). Steals—CHS 9 (Stones 4). Blocked shots—CHS 3 (Rasgorshak 2). Turnovers—CHS 11.

Two silvers highlight Cardinal tournament

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
for The Crete News

Crete's wrestlers found themselves in a tournament setting Jan. 23 when they wrestled at David City.

The majority of the season has been duals, so a bracketed tournament feel was new to the Cardinals, Coach Nicco Salvador said. He was glad the Cardinals could experience that before conference, subdistricts, districts and state.

With six teams competing, the bracket was a round-robin so everyone wrestled four to five matches.

"We brought everyone and wrestled who was there," Salvador said.

Jaime Ramos led the team with a second-place finish at 106 pounds. He was 4-1 on the day with two pins.

"He wrestled better than the last couple weeks," Salvador said. "He's improved on his feet and is tough on top. He uses all of his 106 pounds."

Jason Uden took the mat for the first time at 285 pounds and finished second, losing only to a returning state finalist.

Salvador said the senior ended football at 380 pounds and came to him two weeks into the season with a request to wrestle. He hadn't wrestled since his freshman year. He's been exercising and on a meal plan and was excited to compete, the coach said.

His loss to Jake Ingwersen of David City was in the first round and by a score of 8-5. Salvador said Uden had chances to win, but "two years of rust really showed."

"Everything he's gone through to get to this point is incredible," Salvador said. "I'm excited to see what he can do the last four weeks of the season."

Wyatt Clarke (113), Cesar Linares (132), Conner Lomax (138) Emmanuel Valdovinos (145), Pedro Vargas (195) and Kennedy Vicente Vasquez (220) each finished fourth.

The Cardinals are scheduled end the regular season Thursday, Jan. 28, with a dual at Wilber-Clatonia. The Central Conference tournament is set for Saturday, Jan. 30, at Adams Central.

The girls' state tournament is Friday and Saturday, Jan. 29 and 30, at York.

DAVID CITY INVITATIONAL

Team scores—David City 203.5, Norris 196.5, Millard West 192, Mount Michael Benedictine 115, Crete 98

Crete Individual Results

106—Jaime Ramos (CRT) pin Brodie Hoover (NOR) 1:35; def. Benjamin Stanley (NOR) 6-4; pin Kendall Schindler (DC) 3:56; won by medical forfeit over Keaton Kloke (DC); pinned by Enrique Haynes (MW) 3:47, second

113—Wyatt Clarke (CRT) def. by Zach Bongers (DC) 17-0; pin Nick Hanson (NOR) 1:46; def. by Avery Russell (MW) 9-1; pinned by Taggart Crouse (MMB) 5:56, fourth

126—Jeffrey Kuncel (CRT) pinned by Jake Harris (MMB) 2:49; def. by Ethan Zegers (DC) 12-6; pinned by Chase Eggleston (NOR) 1:28; pinned by Harrell Jackson (MW) 1:07; pinned by Brayden Johnson (DC) 1:38

132—Cesar Linares (CRT) pin Logan Gutierrez (MW) 4:25; pinned by Josh Spatz (DC) 2:43; pinned by Aiden Schollmeyer (MW) 1:21; won by medical forfeit over Justin Morales Cerrato (CRT); pinned by Caden Eggleston (NOR) 0:26, fourth

132—Justin Morales Cerrato (CRT) pinned by Aiden Schollmeyer (MW) 2:39; pinned by Caden Eggleston (NOR) 1:53; medical forfeit to Josh Spatz (DC); medical forfeit to Cesar Linares (CRT); medical forfeit to Logan Gutierrez (MW)

138—Conner Lomax (CRT) def. by Ethan Underwood (DC) 7-4; pin Ethan Guthard (NOR) 3:17; pinned by Aidan Adams (NOR) 4:34; pinned by Jackson Jeanette (MW) 0:31; pin Trenton Jones (NOR) 0:55, fourth

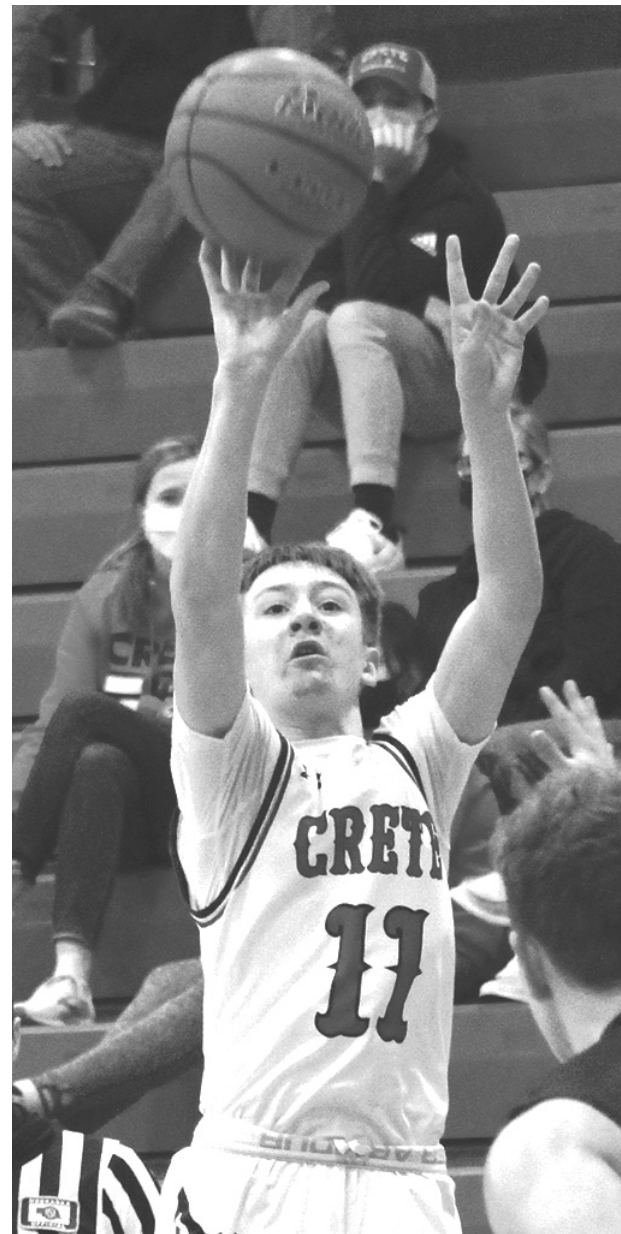
145—Emmanuel Valdovinos (CRT) pinned by Harley Eickmeier (DC) 0:29; pin Christian Townsend (NOR) 1:49; def. by Cameron Detwiler (MMB) 14-1; def. by Cooper Bice (NOR) 18-3, fourth

152—Barrett Eggerling (CRT) pinned by Conner Walkinshaw (NOR) 1:41; pinned by Clayton Harris (DC) 1:11; pinned by Kaden Williams (MW) 0:54; pinned by Cooper Spaulding (NOR) 0:24; pinned by Chris Angel (MMB) 1:23

195—Pedro Vargas (CRT) pinned by Charlie Nosal (MW) 1:35; pinned by August James Glinsmann (NOR) 3:19; pinned by Sam Gustafson (MMB) 0:51, fourth

220—Kennedy Vicente Vasquez (CRT) pinned by James Escamilla (DC) 4:40; pin Colton McGahan (MW) 0:53; pinned by Dylan Meyer (NOR) 2:43; injury default to Raoul Djidjoho (MMB), fourth

285—Jason Uden (CRT) def. by Jake Ingwersen (DC) 8-5; pin Dane Van Cleave (NOR) 2:13; pin John Balch (MMB) 1:03; pin Jayden Bladt (MW) 1:39, second



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Aidan McDowell puts up a jump shot for the Cardinals against Seward Jan. 19.

CHS boys battle in three on hardwood

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
for The Crete News

An up-and-down week for Crete ended in a trio of losses for the boys' basketball team.

The Cardinals came up short against Seward 51-43, Nebraska City 61-53 and Elkhorn 50-45 in overtime.

Coach Tony Siske said Seward shot well early Jan. 19 and put the Cardinals in a hole. "A lot was them," he said. "They definitely made it tough on us."

Crete didn't play badly, he said, adding that the CHS defense was better in the second half.

"But it was not quite enough," he said. Mason Crumbliss led the way with 15 points and made five three-pointers. Jabin Gardiner scored 12 for CHS.

The Cardinals got off to a good start against Nebraska City Jan. 21 but couldn't keep the momentum. CHS led 10-0 to start the game and 30-28 at halftime.

"Nebraska City continued to chip away," Siske said.

Crete's offense sputtered in the third quarter, putting up just seven points, and the Pioneers took a 43-37 lead into the fourth quarter.

"We weren't as aggressive on offense. We were passive on both ends," Siske said.

Crumbliss led the offense with 14 points, and Gardiner added 13. Aidan McDowell scored 10, as well. Braden Schmeckpeper had a good game on the boards, Siske said.

The week ended at home against Elkhorn Jan. 23. Crete trailed by 12 at halftime but fought back to force overtime. Siske said Crete had a shot at the end to win in regulation but it didn't fall.

"I thought we played

well. The guys were great teammates to each other," he said.

Crumbliss paced the Cardinals with 15 points, and McDowell added 11. Siske said Isaac Kracl and Tadd TeBrink, the team's primary ball handlers, did a good job controlling the ball.

The Cardinals (3-12) are the No. 4 seed in the Central Conference tournament and are scheduled to host York Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. Because of weather, the first two rounds of the tournament were moved back a day.

SEWARD 51, CRETE 43

SHS 17 16 7 11 51
CHS 11 9 9 14 43

SHS—Totals 16 12-15 51.
CHS—Isaac Kracl 1 0-0 3, Aidan McDowell 3 2-3 9, Braden Schmeckpeper 1 0-0 2, Tadd TeBrink 1 0-0 2, Mason Crumbliss 5 0-2 15, Jabin Gardiner 5 2-3 12. Totals 16 4-8 43.

Three-point goals—CHS 7 (Kracl 1, McDowell 1, Crumbliss 5). Fouls—CHS 19. Fouled out—Kracl.

NEBRASKA CITY 61, CRETE 53

CHS 15 15 7 16 53
NCHS 9 19 15 18 61

CHS—Kracl 2 0-1 4, McDowell 3 1-2 10, Schmeckpeper 2 3-4 8, TeBrink 2 0-0 4, Crumbliss 4-4-5 14, Rodrigo Martinez 0 0-2 0, Gardiner 6 0-0 13. Totals 19 8-14 53.

Three-point goals—CHS 7 (McDowell 3, Schmeckpeper 1, Crumbliss 2, Gardiner 1), NCHS 7. Fouls—CHS 13, NCHS 13.

ELKHORN 50, CRETE 45 (OT)

EHS 17 10 10 4 9 50
CHS 8 7 12 14 4 45

EHS—Totals 18 8-14 50.
CHS—Kracl 1 0-1 2, McDowell 3 2-4 11, Schmeckpeper 2 0-0 6, TeBrink 1 1-3 3, Crumbliss 5 2-3 15, Logan Beitz 1 1-2 3, Gardiner 2 1-2 5. Totals 15 7-15 45.

Three-point goals—EHS 6, CHS 8 (McDowell 3, Schmeckpeper 2, Crumbliss 3). Fouls—EHS 15, CHS 14.

DORCHESTER WRAP-UP



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Addi Lehr of Dorchester looks for an open teammate during Jan. 19's game against Cross County. The Cougars defeated Dorchester 36-25. On Jan. 21, the Longhorns (8-7) beat Shelby-Rising City 36-33 but then lost to SRC 50-33 Jan. 23 in the opening round of the Crossroads Conference tournament.



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Blake Hansen of Dorchester corraling a rebound against Cross County Jan. 19. The Cougars defeated Dorchester 74-25. On Jan. 21, DHS came up short against Shelby-Rising City 61-29 and lost to Nebraska Lutheran 63-29 Jan. 23 in the opening round of the Crossroads Conference tournament.

FRIEND WRAP-UP

Wrestling

Three wrestlers represented Friend at Thayer Central Jan. 22. Jesse Duba earned third place at 120 pounds and was the only medalist for FHS.

"He wrestled really good as the four seed," Coach Nathan Baber said.

Jacob Weber was 0-4 at 126 pounds but is giving up about 10 pounds to his opponents, Baber said. Semler was 0-3 at 145 pounds.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to wrestle at Raymond Central Saturday, Jan. 30. Subdistricts are the following weekend.



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Christian Weber of Friend puts the ball in play during a home game Jan. 22 against Johnson-Brock.

Boys' basketball

The Friend boys' basketball team dropped both games last week, falling to Thayer Central 57-55 and to Johnson-Brock 64-39.

Coach Brian Arp said the Bulldogs battled back from a 15-point deficit against Thayer Central. The game against Johnson-Brock was just a bad night for the Bulldogs, he said.

FHS (7-8) is scheduled to visit Heartland Thursday, Jan. 28, and Pawnee City Friday, Jan. 29.



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Avery Kraus of Friend looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to during a home game Jan. 22 against Johnson-Brock.

Girls' basketball

The Friend girls' basketball team lost to Thayer Central 60-8 and to Johnson-Brock 47-21.

The Bulldogs (0-15) are scheduled to visit Heartland Thursday, Jan. 28, and Pawnee City Friday, Jan. 29.

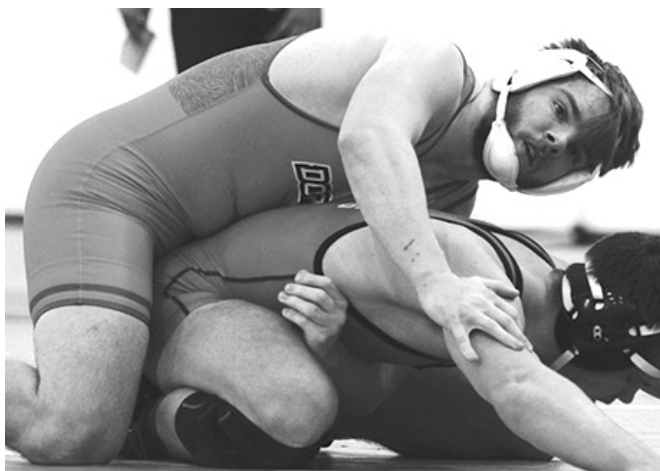
Doane wrestling ends season unbeaten at home

Doane wrestling hosted Northwestern in a conference dual Jan. 23 inside Fuhrer Field House.

The Tigers capped their final home dual of the season with a 34-7 victory over the Red Raiders for their first undefeated season at home, going 5-0. The Tigers are 10-2 on the season.

The Tigers picked up a forfeit win at 125 to start the action. Daniel Vargas (JR/San Diego, Calif.) picked up a 12-4 major decision at 133 to give Doane a 10-0 lead.

Baagii Boldmaa (JR/Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia) needed 74 seconds to dispatch his opponent at 141, picking up the pin.



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Crete graduate Dylan White holds his opponent down during the Doane dual against Northwestern on Jan. 23 at Doane.

Tristan Zamilpa (SO/Madera, Calif.) claimed a 5-2 decision at 149 as the Tigers jumped out to a 19-0 lead.

Northwestern collect-

ed their first win at 157 as Blake Pomajzl won by major decision, 10-2.

Doane came back with a 13-10 decision victory by Benjamin Dobler

(FR/Torokszentmiklos, Hungary) at 165.

Michael Scarponi (SO/Temecula, Calif.) won by pin in 1:52 at 174 to extend the Doane lead to 28-4.

Luke Jenness collected a 6-3 decision at 184 for the Red Raiders' final victory. Bradley Antesberger (SO/North Pole, Alaska) won 4-2 at 197 and Brandon Antesberger (SO/North Pole, Alaska) won 6-2 at 285 to close out the Tigers' victory.

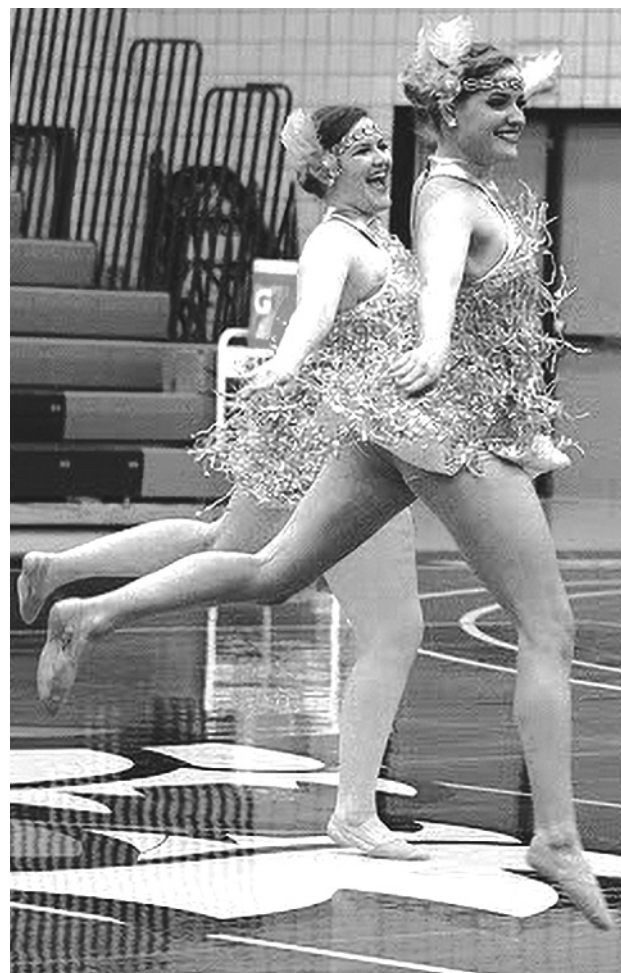
Next up for the Tigers is the GPAC Duals in Jamestown, North Dakota, on Jan. 30. The Tigers will face Briar Cliff, Concordia, Hastings, and Jamestown during the day.

DOANE CHEER AND DANCE



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The Doane cheer team competes against Hastings during the home competition on Jan. 22. Doane took second place at the competition.



Renee Lukowicz, front, and Olivia DeFord perform for the Doane dance team during the competition at Doane on Jan. 22.



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WILBER-CLATONIA WRAP-UP

Wrestling

Wilber-Clatonia had a pretty good week on the mat, Coach James Bates said. The Wolverines defeated Tri County 45-36 in a dual Jan. 21 and then were second at the Thayer Central Invitational Jan. 22.

Thomas Lokken was the 138-pound champion, beating Tri County's Drew Garrison for the second time in two days for the gold medal.

Zander Baker won his first tournament at 152 pounds, going 5-0 with four pins. Sawyer Kunc was the 182-pound champion with a 5-0 record.

Pedro Hernandez (106), Colby Homolka (145) and Hugo Pomajzl (195) finished second.

Wilber-Clatonia is scheduled to host Crete Thursday, Jan. 28, for a dual and then host the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament Saturday, Jan. 30.

Boys' basketball

The Wilber-Clatonia boys split their games



Mason Combs of Wilber-Clatonia drives the ball around Malcolm's defense Jan. 22.

last week, falling to Freeman 40-27 Jan. 21 and beating Malcolm 46-41 Jan. 22.

The Wolverines (9-6)

are scheduled to travel to Palmyra Jan. 26 and host Milford Friday, Jan. 29, with tip-off at 7:45 p.m.



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Thomas Lokken of Wilber-Clatonia works to secure a takedown against Drew Garrison of Tri County during their 138-pound match Thursday at Tri County. Lokken was awarded a takedown in the closing seconds of the match to win 8-6.

Girls' basketball

The Wolverine girls' basketball team battled but came up short in its three games last week, losing to Centennial 48-23 Jan. 19, to

Freeman 39-31 Jan. 21 and to Malcolm 42-13 Jan. 22.

Coach Matt McElfresh said the first half against Centennial was one of the best halves of basketball

for Wilber-Clatonia in some time.

The Wolverines (5-11) are scheduled to travel to Palmyra Jan. 26 and host Milford Friday, Jan. 29, with tip-off at 6 p.m.

Tigers drop two on hardwood

The Doane women's basketball team ran into an inspired Saint Mary squad Jan. 20 as the Flames posted several season-highs in collecting an 81-44 win over the Tigers.

The Flames had a season-high in points, field goals made, 3-point baskets made, assists, and rebounds. For the night, they shot 53% from the floor (32-of-60) and 48% from 3-point range (12-of-25). Doane was limited to 24% shooting (16-of-67), hitting 27% from behind the arc (3-of-11). CSM committed 29 turnovers while Doane had 20 for the game.

Haylee Heits (SR/Rulo) led Doane with 12 points and five rebounds. Taylor Perry (JR/Gretna) posted eight points, hitting a pair of 3-point baskets, and Halle Konz (SO/Genoa) added seven points and a team-high six rebounds. Olivia Nall (FR/Tilden) had three assists and three steals.

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Dordt 71, Doane 58

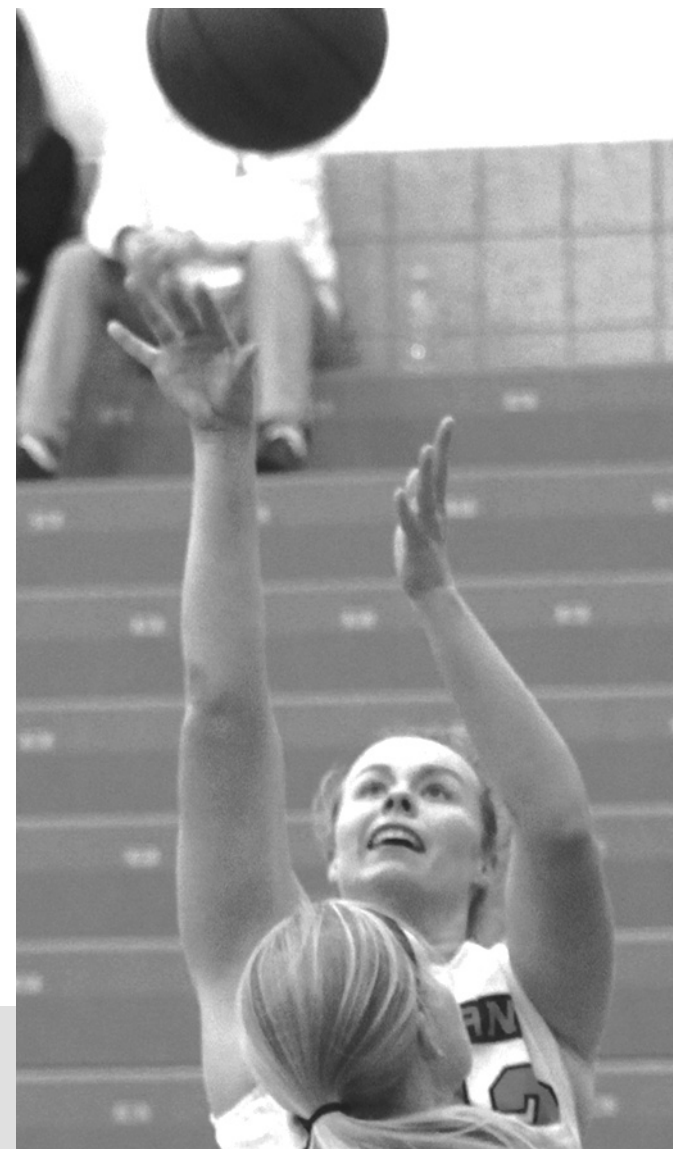
On Saturday afternoon, Doane hosted Dordt in the Haddix Center. In a physical battle on the hardwood, the Defenders were able to hold off the Tigers, 71-58.

The Tigers were led by Heits, Sydney Roth (SO/Deshler) and Ashley Teten (SO/Auburn), who recorded 13 points apiece. Heits also added a team-high seven rebounds and three blocks. Teten picked up three steals to lead the team. Kyla Miller (FR/Tacoma, Wash.) was 2-of-3 from 3-point range, finishing with 11 points on

the afternoon. Doane held a 21-7 advantage in points off turnovers.

Dordt was led by Karly Gustafson's career-high 25 points and eight rebounds. Ashtyn Veerbeek finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds. The Defenders were 17-of-21 from the free throw line while the Tigers made 9-of-14. Dordt's huge advantage on the boards played a key in the outcome as they out-scored the Tigers in second chance points, 18-2.

The Tigers (4-16) are scheduled to take on the Jamestown Jimmies on Jan. 31 with tip-off is set for 11 a.m. in North Dakota.



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In the last home game of her senior season, Haylee Heits of Doane puts up a shot for the Tigers. Heits scored 13 points for the Tigers during the game.

TRI COUNTY WRAP-UP

Boys' basketball

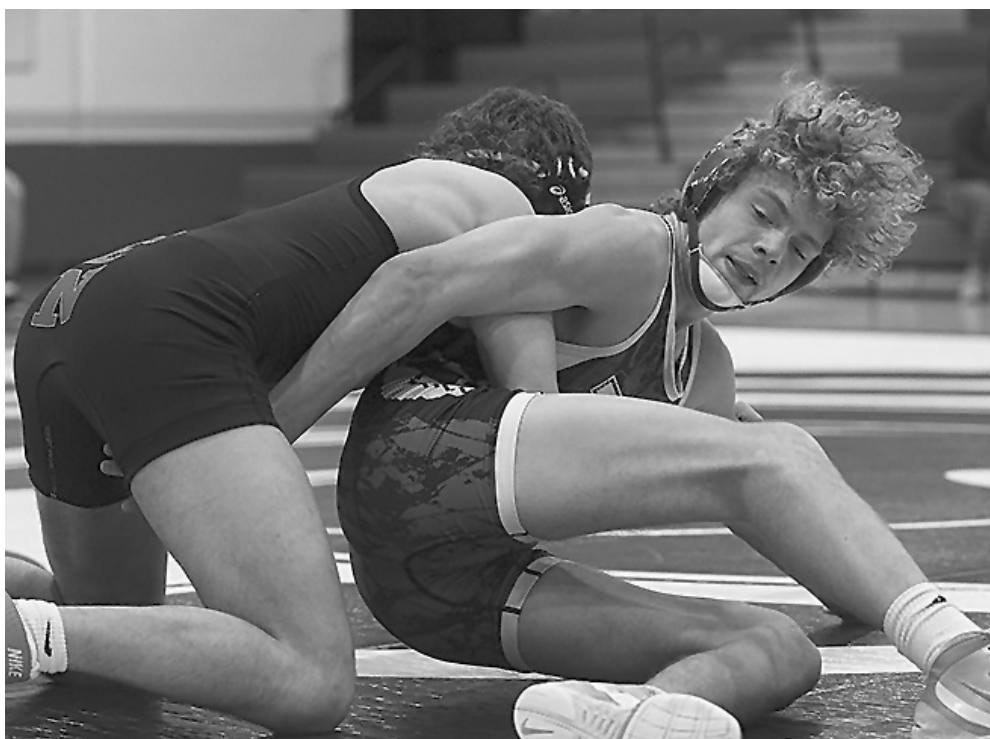
The Tri County boys' basketball team picked up a 51-34 win over Fillmore Central Jan. 22.

Up next for the Trojans (13-3) was Thayer central Jan. 26 and a trip to Lourdes Central Catholic in Nebraska City Friday, Jan. 29.

Girls' basketball

The Tri County girls' basketball team lost to Fillmore Central 59-27 Jan. 22.

The Trojans (1-14) are scheduled to host Thayer Central Jan. 26 and travel to Lourdes Central Catholic in Nebraska City Friday, Jan. 29.



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Drew Garrison of Tri County tries for a reversal against Thomas Lokken of Wilber-Clatonia during their 138-pound match Jan. 21 at Tri County. Lokken was awarded a takedown in the closing seconds of the match to win 8-6.

Baker (182) finish atop the standings. Lucas Lewandowski (106) and Brandon Beeson (195) were second.

TC dualled Wilber-Clatonia Jan. 21 and didn't match up well weight-wise with the

Wolverines, Coach Jerod Spahr said.

On Jan. 22, the team competed at Thayer Central and was not at full strength. Beeson won his weight class, and Martinez, Garrison and Grant Lewandowski

were second.

Tri County is scheduled to host Beatrice Thursday, Jan. 28, and travel to Central Valley Friday, Jan. 29, and to Doniphan-Trumbull Saturday, Jan. 30. Subdistricts are set for next weekend.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Marli Stones of Crete helped the Cardinals to three more victories last week. She had five points, six rebounds and five assists against Seward, two points and three steals against Nebraska City and six points, six rebounds, five assists and four steals against Elkhorn.

Honorable Mention

- Addi Lehr - Dorchester
- Avery Kraus - Friend
- Hannah Holtmeier - Tri County
- Abby Rezny - Wilber-Clatonia

Mason Crumbliss of Crete led the Cardinals in their three games last week. He scored 15 points on five three-pointers against Seward, 14 points with two threes against Nebraska City and 15 points with three threes against Elkhorn.



Honorable Mention

- TJ Belcher - Dorchester
- Christian Weber - Friend
- Colton Jantzen - Tri County
- Zander Baker - Wilber-Clatonia

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Doane upsets Defenders in home finale

Doane men's basketball gave its postseason hopes a huge breath of life Jan. 23 with an 83-69 upset win over Dordt in the final home game of the season. The win pulled the Tigers (6-15) within a game of the final spot for the GPAC tournament with four games to play.

Doane used an 8-0 run midway through the opening half behind back-to-back 3-point baskets from Max Masin (JR/Ponca) and Trey Winkler (JR/Gering) to break a 19-all tie. The Defenders came back with a 14-2 run to regain the lead and posted a 42-37 advantage at the break.

In the second half, an 11-0 run turned a six-point deficit into a five-point lead as Joe Burt (JR/Lincoln) scored eight points in the run. A 14-1 run late in the half allowed the Tigers to extend the lead to their largest advantage of 16 points, 79-63.

Jaxon Harre (SR/Omaha) paced Doane with 19 points on 8-of-10 shooting. He was joined for team-high honors in rebounds with seven by Tyler Sullivan (JR/Gretna) and Anthony Laravie (SR/Omaha). Laravie finished with 14 points and Burt added 13 points. The Tigers held a 27-14 advantage in points off the bench, getting a well-balanced attack in the victory. Sullivan and Laravie led the team



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Doane's Anthony Laravie puts up a shot against Dordt during the last home game of his senior season.

with four assists apiece and Laravie snagged a game-high three steals.

Dordt received 14 points from Jesse Jansma and Jacob Vis. Garrett Franken added 13 points and game-high nine rebounds.

Doane will hit the road for the rest of the season with a trip to Jamestown, North Dakota, next on the schedule. The Tigers and Jimmies will face off on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 1 p.m.

Doane track sets high marks at Concordia meet

Doane track and field competed at the Polar Dog Invite Jan. 22 in Seward, bringing home some new or improved season marks on the NAIA charts as well as a couple of meet records. Doane athletes also won 12 events.

On the track for the Tiger women, Mackenzie Brandl (SR/Stanton) won the 200m dash with a time of 26.31, the eighth-fastest time in the NAIA. Annika Pingel (JR/Pella, Iowa) took second in the 1000m run as she was clocked in 3:08.18. With her track converted time of 3:06.15, she moved into ninth place on the NAIA charts.

In the field events, Sarah Theiler (FR/Arlington) won the high jump with a mark of 4-11.5. Alyssa Downs (SR/Columbus) took third in the pole vault (based on clearance attempts) with a mark of 11-7.75 and is now tied for third on the NAIA charts.

The Doane men received a victory in the 60m dash from Christopher Vincent as he was

clocked in 7.11 seconds. Kalen Dockwiler set a meet record in the 1,000m run with a time of 2:33.06. His track converted time of 2:30.98 moved him into third in the NAIA.

Alec Wick (SR/Blair) won the 5,000m run with a meet record time of 15:27.87. His converted time of 15:18.04 moved him into 13th nationally. The 60m hurdles were won by Zach Turner (FR/Crete) in a meet record time of 8.1 seconds and he defeated the reigning NAIA Track Athlete of the Week in the process. His time ranks second nationally.

The 4x400m relay team of Logan Hammond (SR/Ogallala), Turner, Carter Reckling (FR/Crete) and Jordan Tasler (SO/Atkinson) posted a winning time of 3:27.65. Their converted time of 3:24.39 moves them into eighth in the NAIA.

The men's field events featured another win for Reckling as he claimed the high jump title with a mark of 6-2.75. Connor Floyd (FR/Sutherland) won the

pole vault (based on clearance attempts) with a mark of 15-8.25 and sits in a tie for second in the NAIA standings. Riley Wehrer (JR/Firth) moved into 10th on the NAIA charts with a clearance of 14-4.5.

Sergio Arcos (JR/Columbus) won the long jump with a mark of 21-10.75 while Tanner Sand won the triple jump with a mark of 46-1.5 to move into sixth in the NAIA. Matthew Campbell (SR/Ainsworth) won the shot put with a top throw of 51-1.5. Richard Dover (SR/Norfolk) moved up in the weight throw standings with a mark of 58-5.25 and sits seventh nationally.

The Tigers return to action for the final indoor home meet of the season on Friday, Jan. 29, to kickoff the Fred Beile Classic. Day One will feature the combined events (women's pentathlon/men's heptathlon) with Day Two (Jan. 30) featuring the running and field events along with the conclusion of the heptathlon.

State park camping reservation booking window begins Feb. 1

Beginning Feb. 1, guests can make camping reservations up to 180 days in advance of arrival for stays at Nebraska state park and recreation areas.

Guests will be able to book stays for a maximum of 14 days and will have the ability to make multiple reservations for eligible sites and dates. There is no change to the cabin and lodge room reservation booking window. It remains at a year to date.

In addition to reservable campsites,

first-come, first-served campsites are available year-round at all park locations.

The 180-day booking window was determined based on current public health conditions and takes into account statewide and nationwide reservation trends and public input. This new reservation window will be evaluated throughout 2021 and may be adjusted in the future.

Adjustments because of COVID-19 previously had limited the reserva-

tion booking window in an effort to increase camping opportunities and satisfy the increased demand for outdoor recreation that resulted from the novel disease.

"We appreciate the public's understanding of that action, and we feel rewarded in knowing that the parks are recognized as important and favored destinations," said Parks Division Administrator Jim Swenson.

Reservations are accepted online at

nebraskastateparks.reserveamerica.com and by phone at (402) 471-1414, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Park entry permits are required and can be purchased online.

Guests looking to make reservations are reminded that Nebraska state park areas will be celebrating their 100th year in 2021, and should look for events and activities that may be scheduled in conjunction with their scheduled visit.

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Preserve your car and your wallets

During the global COVID-19 pandemic, many people looked for ways to save money. One way to live a frugal life is to take on more projects. In addition to lawn and garden upkeep and minor home improvements, a number of people may be able to tackle some auto repair and maintenance jobs themselves. Performing routine vehicle maintenance tasks on one's own is an ideal way to reduce automotive expenditures. The following are several vehicle maintenance jobs skilled DIYers may be able to handle on their own. • Replace the air filter. An air filter should be changed annually or more frequently if you reside in a dry, dusty climate. A clogged filter can stress the vehicle's air conditioning system and reduce heat capacity in the winter. Check the location of the air filter in the owner's manual; pay attention to how it is placed before removing. Then replace it with a clean filter that can be purchased for around \$15. • Replace the wiper blades. When wiper blades are worn out, visibility in rainy or snowy weather is reduced. Choose a quality wiper blade, as they usually are made with high-quality rubber, clean better and have more UV protection than manufacturer-provided blades. Follow the installation instructions on the package, and be sure to refer to the particular manufacturer's buying guide to get the right size for your make and model of vehicle. • Replace spark plugs. The money management site Money Crashers says spark plugs need to be replaced after around 30,000 miles or as indicated by your owner's manual. Vehicles will have four, six or

eight plugs, depending on how many cylinders the car has. The plugs need to be changed in a certain order, so only remove the first wire and spark plug. Remove and replace plugs one by one with a spark plug socket, wrench or ratchet. • Change the oil and oil filter. Because changing the oil in a vehicle requires jacking up the car or truck and getting a little dirty, some people prefer to leave it to an oil change center. However, at an estimated cost of \$20 versus nearly double or more what you'll spend elsewhere, it can save money to do it yourself. Never change the oil while the engine is hot. And remember to lubricate the rubber gasket on the new oil fil-

ter and allocate enough oil to fill the filter with about 2/3 of new oil in addition to what is put in the engine. • Replace headlight bulbs. Replacing headlight bulbs is a fairly easy project and will only take around 10 minutes to do after you purchase the right bulbs for your vehicle. Each vehicle is different, but many bulbs are housed inside of a bulb holder, which is shaped like a trapezoid with three wires coming out of it, advises U.S. News & World Report. Remove the old bulb and put in the new. Plug the wires back in and test to see if the headlight works. The above automotive tasks are just some that people can try themselves to save time and money.

Simple tips for safer vehicles

Savvy drivers recognize that maintenance is essential to keeping their vehicles running strong for years on end. Such maintenance ensures vehicles are safe to take out on the road, and basic upkeep also protects drivers' financial investments in their cars and trucks. Drivers who are not mechanically inclined tend to put their vehicles in the hands of a trusted mechanic to perform routine maintenance like oil changes. But there's a host of simpler vehicle maintenance tasks that drivers don't want to overlook, some of which can be performed without visiting the auto body shop.

• **Brake inspections:** Brake inspections are best left to the professionals, who can check the thickness of brake pads and look for other indicators of excessive wear. The automotive resource Cars.com recommends having brakes inspected during

routine tire rotations, which many automotive professionals suggest should be done every six months.

• **Car wash:** Car washes might not be the first task drivers associate with vehicle maintenance, but they can prevent long-term damage to cars and trucks. Damage from bird droppings and road salt and ice melt products in the winter can damage a vehicle's paint job and its undercarriage. Wash the car on your own at home or visit a professional car wash to perform this simple yet vital maintenance at regular intervals and whenever you notice significant buildup of dirt and grime on the car's exterior.

• **Air filter:** The air filter on a car or truck prevents debris, dirt and other contaminants from getting into the engine. The auto insurance experts at Allstate® advise drivers to inspect their vehicle air filters

once a year. Air filters in need of replacement may appear dirty, and reduced fuel economy, unusual engine sounds and reduced horsepower are some other potential indicators that an air filter needs to be replaced.

• **Windshield wipers:** Windshield wiper blades are easily overlooked, but various automotive experts recommend replacing wiper blades every six to 12 months. Old wiper blades won't perform at peak capacity, dramatically reducing visibility during heavy rain and snowstorms. Anyone can replace their own windshield wiper blades in a matter of minutes, and new blades won't break the bank. Vehicle maintenance is not exclusive to tending to what's under the hood. Keeping a car running smoothly for years involves routine tasks that many drivers can perform without professional assistance.



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STEIN'S BLOG

A time when noise was welcomed

BY GENE STEINMEYER
for The Crete News

Last March, I was hosting a college soccer team in Honolulu as part of my sports travel business. The Doane women's golf team was getting ready to take a trip to play a couple of rounds of golf with Hawaii Pacific University.



Gene Steinmeyer

Word came out that this strange, flu-like disease had hit China. I heard people say that it would never become a factor here in America. Sure, more than 20 people had died in a Seattle nursing home, but how bad could it be?

As I walked the streets of Waikiki, it was hard to ignore the fact how few tourists were with me. Honolulu is a hot spot for Japanese tourists. Japan had just shut down their borders. Too bad for Japan, but it couldn't happen here, right?

I made it back to Crete

without much problem, but then things began to happen. Someone caught the Coronavirus at the Nebraska Girls' State Basketball Tournament. Then the boys limited their state tournament crowds. Doane's golf team made it back, but had to collect their belongings and head for home. The college had shut down for the semester.

While I was having lunch one Saturday, watching Creighton men's basketball team play in the Big East Tournament, the game was halted at half. That was it. Selection Sunday and the great NCAA basketball tournaments of all divisions were halted.

Then the unimaginable happened. Spring training was shut down. I heard a rumor it would be up and running by July. What I didn't know is there wouldn't be anyone in the stands to enjoy the hotdogs, Cracker Jacks and luke-warm beer.

That about did it for me. I actually caught the Coronavirus in

July. Boredom almost killed me as I isolated for 10 days. As I began my new job at Doane as the women's basketball assistant, I had to beg my way into high school events. Most athletic directors snuck me into the volleyball and now basketball games.

I would hide on the top row of bleachers. I would try to sneak a short visit with the player and her parents. It wasn't easy but the recruiting has really paid off. As of this minute, at least nine players have committed to the women's basketball program.

I had a serious case of pandemic fatigue. Almost empty gyms, rigid rules and cautious parents made life tough for someone as excited about recruiting as me.

Suddenly, there was the light, not at the end of the tunnel but right in front of me. It wasn't a vaccine or proclamation by some politician. It was a high school basketball game.

I went to see one of Doane's commits, Boston Boucher, and her Class C-third ranked

Wood River team play undefeated Grand Island Central Catholic, the No. 1 ranked C-1 school.

I had almost forgotten how much I missed when high schoolers all gather in a group to harass their opponents. Every air ball was amplified and every questionable officials' call vilified.

Maybe it wasn't good sportsmanship and it sure wasn't social distancing but I loved it. Noise at a game was really welcomed.

GICC had a pep band. Holy cow, I didn't even mind an off-key trumpet during the National Anthem. This was a basketball game with a real atmosphere.

The game with the two ranked teams was close all the way. GICC overcame a fourth quarter deficit to win, but even Boston and her parents were excited about the atmosphere.

You really don't know how much you'll miss something until it's taken away. I hope the next pandemics don't take away desserts.

Avoid falling prey to professional scammers

Scams happen every day and impact people from all walks of life.

People often wonder why someone would fall victim to seemingly ridiculous schemes. The answer lies in the techniques used by scammers to play on a victim's emotions by invoking a sense of immediacy, according to Sgt. Chad Menaugh of the Crete Police Department. He said when a reasonably intelligent person thinks with emotion rather than logic, they become more susceptible to demands that stress a negative consequence.

Menaugh said one recent scam involves a pop-up window appearing on a person's computer claiming to be from Microsoft and displaying a phone number to call. The caller then speaks with a "tech support" person who informs them that there has been some embarrassing activity on their account.

The "Microsoft" employee connects the victim with their "credit card company." The scammers then use various psychological techniques to manipulate the victim, isolate them from support and persuade them to

pay money to avoid a negative consequence. These types of scammers are nearly impossible to catch and in most cases the money is irreversibly lost.

Menaugh offered these tips to help people avoid falling prey to these professional scammers.

Stop and think if:

- Payment is requested in gift cards.
- There is a sense of immediacy with a penalty if you fail to act.
- You find yourself feeling scared if you ignore the perceived problem.

- Anyone tells you not to talk to friends, family, trusted professionals or law enforcement.

Verify information:

- Call the business in question directly to verify any claims. (Note: Do not use phone numbers or web addresses provided by the scammer.)
- Recognize that no legitimate source will request payment in gift cards.
- Discuss the situation with a friend, family member, trusted professional or law enforcement.
- Do a web search for scams involving similar tactics.

Nebraska soldier of World War II is "Rambo" of the war

BY GERALD D. "JERRY" MEYER
NENG Historian

When John Rambo picked up a machine gun and ammo and fired from the hip advancing on his opponents in the 1982 movie "Rambo: First Blood," many people knew this as Hollywood storytelling.

But in September 1944 on a hill outside of Nancy, France, a Nebraska soldier of the 134th Infantry Regiment pulled a "Rambo" against the Germans. His is one of the many stories of heroics that are part of the 75th anniversary celebration of the end of World War II at the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward.

Technical Sgt. George L. Hansen was born on Feb. 20, 1919, in Hampton. He joined the Nebraska National Guard's Company D (North Platte), 134th Infantry Regiment and worked his way up to platoon sergeant when he became a legend in the war. He received his accolades on the same battlefield that took the life of his friend in the unit - Sgt. Ralph Greeley.

Sugar Loaf Hill was located outside of the city of Nancy, France (liberated by the regiment on Sept. 15, 1944). On the evening and morning of Sept. 18-19, 1944, the regiment was locked in a battle for the



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The "Rambo" of Sugar Loaf Hill outside of Nancy, France, Technical Sgt. George L. Hansen of Hampton was a platoon sergeant with Company D (North Platte), 134th Infantry Regiment during World War II. His heroics on Sept. 19, 1944, allowed the unit to take the hill. He was awarded the Silver Star for his heroics.

hill overlooking the village of Agincourt.

Greeley held up a massive German assault on the hill that pushed the Americans back to an alternate position. Greeley maintained his machine gun position and allowed the Americans to fall back to a better position before being mortally wounded (later awarded the Distinguished Service Cross - posthumously for this bravery). Greeley rests in the Lorraine American Cemetery at St. Avold today.

On the morning of Sept. 19, 1944, the Germans opened fire on the Company D positions near the hill. One of the M1917 Machine Gun

(water-cooled, 30 caliber) positions was hit by a direct shot, killing the crew. Hansen ran over to the position and grabbed the weapon from the destroyed tripod, wrapped ammo about his shoulder and advanced on the German positions while firing from the hip.

His soldiers in the unit jumped up and rushed forward with him to more advantageous cover. Once he moved his soldiers forward, he set up positions for a follow-up assault to take the hill. While running around and leading his men, he was wounded. He ignored his wounds until the assault on Sugar Loaf Hill was over and the Americans dominated the heights. Hansen was awarded the Silver Star for his actions on that hilltop in France in 1944.

After the war, he returned to Nebraska and then moved to California to start his own plumbing business. The "Rambo" of Sugar Loaf Hill passed away on Feb. 22, 1996, at the age of 77 in Carpinteria, California. He is buried in the local Carpinteria Cemetery under a simple black stone.

His is one of many stories of World War II that are at the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward. If you

have a story of service in World War II with the Nebraska National Guard, we want to hear from you. Please call (402) 309-8763.

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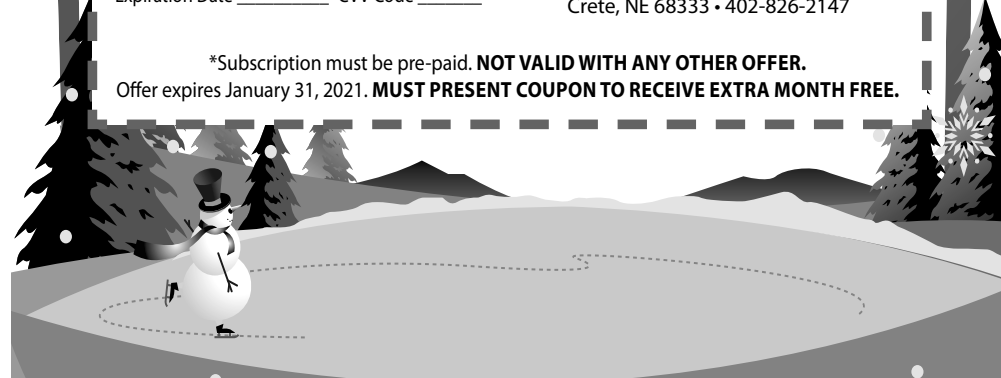
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GADGETS FOR IMPROVING PERSONAL HEALTH

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Looking for a few helpful tools to keep your fitness level in check? Read along for five pieces of equipment that can help keep track of fitness goals and improve your workouts.

• Fitbit Aria Air

A smart scale that connects to the Fitbit app by Bluetooth to show a person's weight, body mass index and overall health progress. Once connected to the Fitbit app, users can track their health graph, which can also be seen through an Apple Watch or other smart watch. The scale can allow also for multiple users to measure their weights.

• Apple Watch Series 3 or higher

Apple sold over 30 million watches in 2019, more than what the entire Swiss watch industry sold in the same year. They're clearly popular, and for good reason. Apple Watch Series 3 and higher offer many advanced features, such as their ability to monitor a user's resting heart rate, pulse, heart beats per minute and workout ranges. The watch also has GPS tracking for distance training, can connect to Bluetooth to play music, while also offering daily activity summaries.

• Smart Rope Rookie

What looks to be a jump rope is actually something far more advanced with the capability of connecting to a user's smart phone to track fitness levels. The rope works by automatically recording exercise data which is synced to the SmartRope app, where users can see their jump counts, calories, duration and goal achievements. Use the app to see a history of workouts, compete with friends, and perform interval training.

• Bowflex SelectTech 552 Adjustable Dumbbells

If you're looking to improve your at-home workouts, the Bowflex Dumbbells can offer multiple weight settings on one pair of dumbbells by simply adjusting the weight dial. Their weight ranges from 5 – 52.5 pounds, with weight increments of 2.5 pounds to gradually increase a user's strength. The dumbbells can also connect to the Bowflex SelectTech app which allows the user to journal their strength training.



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