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Health

-Flu Shot Available in Shot Form Only

It's time to roll up the sleeve and get a flu shot. Cindy Ruma is with the Visiting Nurse Association in Nebraska and says there are a few changes to be aware of this year. The flu mist is not available. Ruma says the mist last year was not effective at all so they took it off the market. Scientists are working to figure out what went wrong as three years ago it was more effective than the vaccine in children. The vaccine is only available through shot form this year.

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-Detection of Pancreatic Cancer Could Double Survival Rate

A game changing new tool could help Nebraskans beat a cancer killer known for its aggressiveness. Melinda Thach, a volunteer with the Pancreatic Cancer Network says the survival rate for pancreatic cancer is only about eight percent, and there's no test of early detection method. Precision Promise is the first large-scale medical trial of its kind and it aims to revolutionize treatment for pancreatic cancer patients. One goal is to double survival rates by twenty-twenty. The two closest participating medical centers are in St. Louis and Chicago. The partnership aims to create a culture of cooperation and learning among clinicians, researchers and drug developers. Last year two hundred and forty Nebraskans died from pancreatic cancer, the states number three cancer killer behind lung cancer and colon cancer.

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Holiday Eating Habits

Easing habits during the holidays can be a challenge for many Nebraskans, but your mindset can determine your success. Dietitian April Fuegen says to focus on family and friends, not just food, and set realistic goals. Before indulging at the office party or family gathering show suggests you survey the buffet. Choose items you are most excited about, healthier items to keep you on track of your healthy eating routine. When going to a potluck make an effort to bring a healthy food to share, consider volunteering as another way to focus on activities other than eating.

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Education

-Local Colleges Rank High on Master Programs

Wayne State College, Chadron State College, and Bellevue University all made the GetEducated.com ranking for most online Master of Business Administration programs. Wayne State landed in third place, while Chadron State also broke the top ten at number eight., and Bellevue was ranked thirty-fifth. According to the Website, a Best Buy ranking indicates an online degree program has been

independently reviewed and falls below the national average cost of similar programs. The survey included one hundred sixty four schools offering four hundred sixty two regionally accredited online MBA programs, the average cost of regionally accredited online MBA is near twenty six thousand dollars.

-Daily News Break; 10-18-2016; 7:00A, 8:00A, :15

-Nebraska Splits Research Responsibilities

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Center on Children, Families and the Law is leading a new fifteen million dollar research project. The goal is to strengthen the nations child welfare agency workforce to better support children. Michelle Graef, research associate professor at the Center says the team will be testing different strategies. Shei says a revolving door of workers strains the bond of a family. This project is an effort to shine some light and attention on that and do some rigorous research to find what works to improve agency workforce challenges. This massive project includes three national child welfare consultants and researchers at the University of Colorado, Denver, University of Louisville, and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

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-University Computer Breach

The University of Nebraska officials have alerted students of a computer breach affecting the Lincoln campus, which exposed ID numbers as well as grades to an outside source, but didn't leave other vital information such as social security numbers exposed. A letter has been sent to around thirty thousand UNL students, both current and former, informing them of the breach, which came sometime in the past couple of years. UNL has asked students to go to MyRed system and change their passwords. Students are encouraged to monitor their accounts for any suspicious activity.

--Daily News Break; 12-22-2016; 7:00A, 8:00A, :30

Government

-Senator Seeks Answers for Injection Drug Money

State Senator Burke Harr of Omaha wants an audit of Governor Pete Ricketts' administration's unsuccessful effort to buy lethal injection drugs from India. Apparently Harris Pharma offered something, Harr says the state paid for it. State auditor Charlie Janssen says another senator already requested an audit on the lethal injection drugs transaction. His office has posed some initial questions to the department of Corrections and Harris Pharma, among others, and is waiting responses.

-Daily New Break; 10-10-2016, 7:00A, 8:00A; :30

-Commissioner Asks for Public Safety Funding

Sheridan County Commissioner James Krotz, says he wants to see some type of funding for public safety in Whiteclay The Unicameral General Affairs Committee is charged with examining whether law enforcement in the area. Examining whether law enforcement efforts to enforce the Nebraska Liquor Control Act and other state and federal statutes are effective.

Daily News Break; 10-12-2016, 7:00A, 8:00A, :30

Agriculture

-Ag Representatives Prepare for Next Farm Bill

Members of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture are preparing for the next Farm Bill debate. NASDA president Greg Ibach Director of Nebraska's Department of Agriculture, says they want to work with farmers and ranchers on their wish lists. Farm bills typically remain in place for five years. The latest one, the Agriculture Act of two thousand fourteen, authorizes nutrition and agriculture programs across the United States for the years of two thousand fourteen through two thousand eighteen .

Daily News break; 10-6-2016, 7:00A, 8:00A; :30

-Low Commodity Prices Cause Call for Tax Relief

Nebraska farmers say low commodity prices have placed agriculture under financial stress, bringing them near a breaking point on property taxes. Agriculture, riding high only a few years ago, is experiencing tough times now. Commodity prices have dropped, both crop and livestock. Farm income is down. The drop in farm income has caused farms groups to intensify their call for tax relief. Dick Hollman of Hallam with the Nebraska Cattleman Board of Directors says the Unicameral needs to tackle property tax reform.

Daily News break; 10-13-2016, 7:00A, 8:00A; :30

Finance

-Governor Calls for Balanced Budget

Governor Pete Ricketts says he will propose a balanced budget for the two thousand seventeen, through the two thousand nineteen biennium. The governor and

lawmakers are facing state revenue projections that are lower than current spending levels. Still Governor Pete Ricketts says he will try to reduce taxes. Agencies under the governor's office are already dealing with a revenue shortfall in the current budget. The University of Nebraska system also has a hiring freeze on most hiring and travel. Governor Ricketts did not dismiss the idea of using the state's Cash Reserve, or Rainy Day Fund. That fund has a balance of a little more than six hundred and eighty million dollars as of December fifth, two thousand sixteen. Lawmakers begin work in January on a new two year spending plan.

Daily News Break; 12-8-16, 7:00A, 8:00A, :30

-Should Voters or Local Elected Officials Decide Projects

A legislative committee is considering how much leeway local governments should have in financing projects. The issue is taking on debt without bond and without a direct vote on the taxpayers. One work-around is to use Certificates of Participation for lease/purchase financing, that allow an investor to purchase a share of lease revenues. Tim Hruza, Lincoln Independent Business Association legal counsel, says those are being used too frequently. The League of Nebraska Municipalities believes elected officials are given authority to finance projects without another vote of the people. Lynn Rex, league executive director, says voters already ensure a system of checks and balances on elected officials, Hruza points to Nebraska's long tradition of putting bond issues to a vote of the people.

Daily News Break; 12-14-2016, 7:00A, 8:00A, :15

Community Activities

-Fundraiser For Kason FLorom

Sunday a spaghetti fundraiser and auction at Swedes dancehall in Paxton, from eleven in the morning to three in the afternoon. This will help with expenses for little Kason Florom who is fighting for his life.

Daily News Break; 10-21-2016, 7:00A, 8:00A, :15

-Candidates Answer Questions from Chamber

Monday evenings candidate forum hosted by the North Platte area Chamber of Development Corporation, government affairs committee, showcased candidates for Mayor, city council, county commissioners, and the Mid-Plains Community College board of Governors. Several candidates for the school board could not attend due to the school board meeting. Matt Peterson, a candidate for Ward 3 school board is a North Platte high school graduate, and a general attorney spoke of his reason to run for a position on the school board. Ernie Mehl, a candidate for the Board of Governors said he is encouraged by the addition of more services to the students. Joe Hewgley, the candidate for county commissioner, felt property tax assessment is the biggest problem the commissioners will face. Jerry Stoll candidate for ward 1, says the public needs to be informed on the use of Tax Increment Financing to build

multi-family housing. Glenn Peterson, councilman for Ward 2 agreed, T.I.F. should be used to build housing. When asked about Iron Eagle golf course Fiona Libsack candidate for city council of Ward 2 says the golf course should not be on the tax rolls, Brook Baker councilman for Ward 1, also said the Iron Eagle golf course should not be on the city tax rolls. When asked what the city can do to stimulate development, Andrew Lee councilman for Ward 3 said, utilizing second and third floors of downtown and installing restaurants and entertainment venues. When asked what the biggest problem facing North Platte Lawrence Ostendorf, said housing for all income levels. Others said we need to stimulate economic development.

Daily News Break: 10-11-2016, 7:00A, 8:00A, :45

-Nebraska Ranks High In Volunteerism

Nebraska is again ranked in the top ten states for volunteerism in a report from the government agency that oversees Americorps and Senior Corps. Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, says more than four hundred, sixty-six thousand Nebraskans donated their time last year, far more than the national average. Spencer adds there's another big plus for volunteers: Networking.

Daily New Break; 11-18-2016; 7:00A, 8:00A; :15

Industrial Development

-Governor Sees Opportunity

Governor Pete Ricketts sees opportunity, not chaos, in Great Britain's decision to leave the European Union. Ricketts acknowledged the vote by the United Kingdom to leave the European Union has sparked controversy, even chaos in some corners. Great Britain is Nebraska's nineteenth largest trade partner and Ricketts sees opportunity in its coming split with the EU. The controversial vote drew nearly seventy two percent of the United Kingdom's voters to the polls. Voters in England gave the decision to leave the EU the biggest vote, helping push the final total to fifty-two percent in favor of leaving to forty-eight percent in favor of staying. The process of leaving the EU will take a bit of time as Parliament acts on the outcome of the referendum.

Daily News break, 10-19-2016, 7:00A, 8:00A, :30

-Consumer Confidence Stays Even, Despite Market Prices

The EPA has agreed to set the ethanol target for next year at fifteen billion gallons. The decision should help stabilize the ethanol industry. The Nebraska Corn Board hopes to increase the use of E-15. The vast majority of ethanol blended fuel is E-10 or ten percent ethanol mixed with the gasoline. Newer vehicles are designed to handle a higher percentage of ethanol. Yet, the EPA restricts E-15 to winter months. The Corn Board wants the higher blend to be available year round. The EPA set the conventional renewable fuel standard (ethanol) at fifteen billion gallons for next year. The EPA increased the standards for cellulosic biofuel by thirty five percent and the advanced biofuel standard by nineteen percent.

Daily News Break; 12-9-2016 7:00A, 8:00A; :25

Crime/Law Enforcement

-County Sheriff to Trade Used Vehicles for New

The county commissioners approved a bid for three new vehicles for the Lincoln County Sheriffs Office. The office will trade in two, two-thousand thirteen pickups and a two-thousand and a two-thousand fourteen pick-up, Janssen will provide the Dodge trucks sheriffs Kramer has worked with the car dealer in the past.

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-State Patrol to Increase Sobriety Checks

Nebraska State Patrol Sergeant John Olsen says starting December fifteenth, the Nebraska State Patrol is taking part in the National "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose" campaign in an effort to remove impaired drivers from our roadways. He says the State Patrol is asking those celebrating the holidays to play it smart and have a plan in place if you drink alcohol at a party.

Daily News Break; 12-15-2016, 7:00A, 8:00A; :15

Social Services

-Reduce Stress During the Holidays

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has suggestions to reduce holiday stress. Judy Martin, DHHS Deputy Director of Community and Environment Health, says one person cooking the entire Thanksgiving meal is unrealistic. You should try to keep your commitments in check and don't over extend yourself. Martin says the holidays are really about quality time with your family, not spending so much time on the cooking and cleaning of the house. When it comes time to break bread, have moderation on your mind, not overindulgence. Keeping the same sleep schedule and exercise routine will help fight off stress as well. It is recommended that adults have thirty minutes of strenuous activity each day, while kids need about an hour. Martin says Thanksgiving hosts need to watch how much alcohol their guests have also

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-Vote to Expand Veterans Administration

Congress is expected to vote soon on a bill that would move forward, the expansion at the V.A. Medical Center in Omaha. Second District Congresssman Brad Ashford is the bill's sponsor and says they were hoping for a vote in the Senate last Tuesday

night but was delayed. Senator Ashford says private donors have stepped forward to answer the charge. They include Walter Scott, Mike Yanney and Mike McCarthy.

The Building will be constructed locally by a non-profit board and will donate it back to the V.A. There has been some confusion as to what this new building will be.

Senator Ashford says this is not a traditional hospital building. He says this will be a smaller medical facility that will be able to handle outpatient health and mental health needs. He says this is the direction of healthcare today.

Daily News Break; 12-8-2016, 7:00A, 8:00A, :25

-Local Blood Banks Need Re-Supplied

Amanda Koubek from the local American Red Cross is asking for blood and platelet donations this time of year as hospitals and emergency rooms fill up all around the country. Local supplies are running low we need to re-supply our stock to meet the needs of Lincoln County.

Daily News Break; 12-03-2016, 7:00A, 8:00A, 15