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Health

-Adrian Smith Loves Donald Trump's Choice for Health and Human Services Secretary.
A Nebraska congressman applauds President-elect Donald Trump's choice for Health and Human Service Secretary. Congressman Adrian Smith has served with Congressman Tom Price of Georgia on the House Ways and Means Committee. Smith says Price is the right man to tackle dismantling and replacing the Affordable Care Act. Smith calls Price an advocate for patient-based health care reform. Price is a physician. A harsh critic of the Affordable Care Act. Price has proposed an alternative in Congress. Smith says he's confident Price is committed to strengthening Medicare and Medicaid. Smith says while he doesn't know how Price will approach change, he trusts his instincts and experience.
Daily News Break; 1-2-17; 7A, 8A, 12P, 5P; :30

-Nebraska Medical Center Part of Team to Map Heart Nerves
The University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha is part of a seven university consortium that will focus on mapping the heart's nervous system. More than eight hundred thousand people in the U.S. die each year from heart failure, arrhythmia and hypertension. An eight point six million dollar grant from the National Institutes of Health will be used to map the heart's nervous system. Their goal is to conduct research that leads to new ways to treat cardiovascular disease by targeting the nerves in the heart. Understanding the nervous system's control of the heart is a complex problem and many experts will be coming together for this study. UNMC's specific role is map the locations of all these nerve endings and how they participate in acute and chronic cardiovascular disease. Principle investigator Dr. Irving Zucker says a lot of this is laborious, pick and shovel work and will take many years to work out.
Daily News Break; 1-4-2017, 7A, 8A, 12P, 5P, :30

-Study Of Rural Breast Cancer Looks to Improve Program
A study launched at the University of Nebraska Medical Center is asking rural breast cancer survivors for feedback on an Internet-based support program that provides early and easy access to psychological and social support group. Through the Breast Cancer Survivors' Focus Group Study, researchers look to gain feedback and insight to improve the program. The study is open to women diagnosed with early stages of breast cancer from one month to ten years ago, and who live in rural areas of Nebraska. The program ultimately will be expanded to more rural, newly diagnosed women in other states. Women will be asked to explore an Internet based program called Caring Guidance after Breast Cancer Diagnosis, they will also participate in a one-hour focus group with other women. Several dates and times will be available .
-Daily News Break; 1-11-2017, 7A, 8A, 12P, 5P, :30

Education

-Cut In State Aid Could Affect Small College Tuition

Community College presidents contend a three percent cut will hurt their skilled workforce in Nebraska. Governor Pete Ricketts has proposed cutting higher education, with community colleges suffering the biggest cuts. Southeast Community college President Paul Illich says community officials worrying the cuts will adversely affect the classroom. Illich says the cut could hurt the ability of community colleges to train the skilled workforce Nebraska businesses need, such as welders, health science workers and computer technicians among others. He continues to say the biggest expense each community college has in Nebraska is personnel. He says cuts in state aid could force community colleges to raise tuition.

-Daily News Break, 1-18-2017; 7A, 8A, 12P, 5P, :30

-Chancellors Tour Nebraska To Connect With the People

Leaders with the University of Nebraska Lincoln begin a statewide tour today, both talking about the university and hearing from Nebraskans. UNL Chancellor Ronnie Green, vice chancellor Donde Plowman and Mike Boehm, Harlan Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Nebraskam, plan to visit eleven cities in three days. Plowman says it's a chance for a relatively new leadership team to connect with Nebraskans. He continues to say the team will talk about the good things happening on campus, their potential impact on the state, nation and even the world. They will listen to any feedback state residents want to give them. Plowman came to Nebraska six years ago to become dean of College of Business Administration. She says she enjoyed getting out and meeting residents. UNL Chancellor Ronnie Green will visit North Platte today at five thirty, he will be at the West Central Research and Extension Center.

-Daily News Break; 1-24-2017; 7A, 8A, 12P, 5P, :30

-Senator Fischer Defends Education Nominatio

United States Senator Deb Fischer says she takes into account constituent input makes a decision on the nominees of President Trump. Fischer took incredible hear for her key vote to confirm Betsy DeVos as Education Secretary both in Washington and in Nebraska. She says she heard the critics and reviewed the comments that came to her office. Fischer says she voted for DeVos after gaining assurances from the nominee that she respected local control of education. Fischer acknowledges she received a lot of calls and e-mails about DeVos, though she declines to reveal how the input tilted.

-Daily News Break; 2-16-2017, 7A, 8A, 12P, 5P, :15

Government

-Legislators Put Budget Shortfall at Top of List

When Nebraska legislators start their ninety day session today, one priority will be passage of a new two-year state budget that addresses the expected nine hundred million dollar revenue shortfall. Senator Roy Baker of Lincoln says dissatisfaction over taxes is another key issue before the Unicameral. Baker expects few bills proposing significant spending will make it through this coming years session, though he admits the state will need to spend significant money on statee prison issues. Public school officials will be watching to see how budget discussions may impact aid to education. The new legislative session will begin with seventeen new faces in the forty nine member Unicameral.

-Daily New Break; 1-4-2017, 7A, 8A, 12P, 5P :15

-Governor Pushes for Tax Relief Despite Budget Shortfall

Governor Pete Ricketts will continue to press for tax relief, even in the face of a looming budget shortfall. State lawmakers return to the Capitol this morning as a new legislative session begins. This is the longer, ninety day session in which legislators craft a state budget for the next two fiscal years. Ricketts insists Nebraskans deserve a cut in the taxes they pay, even if the state faces the possibility of a nine hundred million dollar shortfall over the next biennium. Ricketts must first deal with the current budget, which has experienced a revenue shortfall. He has already ordered his administration to tighten its belt. The governor declines to discuss budget proposals, either for the current fiscal year or the next two year budget. That will come in his state-of-the-state address to the Unicameral later this month. A drastic downturn in farm income has cut state revenue leading to a current budget shortfall as will as the projected one. Lawmakers have been wary to cut taxes in light of projected revenue declines. The Unicameral watered down two proposals by Governor Ricketts last year, one to provide incentives for school districts to not raise property taxes and the other to provide twenty million dollars in property taxes relief. Ricketts claims he has not been frustrated by the changes legislators made.

-Daily News Break; 1-5-2017, 7A, 8A, 12P, 5P, :30

Agriculture

-Senator Fischer Looks to Be Cordial To New Secretary of Agriculture

United State Senator Deb Fischer says sho looks forward to getting to know President Donald Trumps choice to be the next secretary of Agriculture. Fischer says she doesn't know a lot about former Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue. Congress will begin working on a new farm bill this year. Fischer says Perdue seems to be a good fit as Agriculture Secretary. Fischer says she doesn't believe it makes much difference that Perdue is from a southern state. Fischer says quote "what we're looking at is getting a Farm Bill that is going to bring certainty,

bring assurances to ag producers, each section is different, I'm going to continue advocating for the needs that our Midwest farmers have" enquote.

-Daily News break; 1-23-2017, 7A, 8A, 12P, 5PM :30

-Anti-Biotic Resistant Bacteria Found Naturally On Prairie

Governor Pete Ricketts defends his proposal to shift how agricultural property is assessed for property tax purposes, even in the face of criticism coming from some of his natural allies. Ricketts wants valuations of farmland to be income based, rather than the current market-based assessment. That approach, though, suggestions adopting this will end chances for further property tax reform.

-Daily News break; 2-22-2017, 7A, 8A, 12P, 5P, 30

Finance

-Producers in Ag On Good Financial Footing

An official with a Midwestern financial services program for farmers says while the agricultural economy is still struggling, the majority of producers across the region are on good financial footing. Doug Stark is the president and CEO of Omaha based Farm Credit Services of America. He testified last week at a U.S. House Agriculture Committee hearing, reviewing the farm credit system. Farm Credit Services of America serves Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming.

Daily News Break; 3-28-2017, 7A, 8A. 12P, 5P, :30

Industrial Development

-Nebraska Business Needs Workers

A new product, a new revenue stream, and a fifty million dollar investment for a Nebraska ethanol plant could be a look into the future for the ethanol industry. Flint Hills Resources will make the fifty million dollar upgrade in technology to its Fairmont ethanol plant to produce high protein animal and fish feed from its distiller grains, a by product of ethanol production. Fluid Quip Process has put the patented technology to the test in two other locations, but never at this scale. It has been tested on a smaller scale in Wisconsin and Brazil. It separates the protein from distiller grains into two groups; one with higher protein. It will take a new two story building to process this new product, creating an estimated one hundred construction jobs at its peak. It should take a year to build. Plant Manager Kevin Karasiak says he's excited, because this investment could have gone elsewhere. Karasiak says such products can increase the profitability of ethanol plants without having to increase capacity.

News break, 1-23-2017, 7A, 8A, 12P, 5P, :30

-Japan Show Interest In Trade with The Beef Industry

Japan's prime minister says he's open to creating a trade agreement with the United States. National Cattlemen's Beef Association president Craig Uden who

ranches near Elwood says it's encouraging news, especially in light of the Trump administration abandoning the Trans Pacific Partnership. The fourth generation cattleman says it's important to have a free trade agreement with Japan, in order to bring tariffs down that have been hurting the U.S. cattle industry. Uden says the costs of not having a free trade agreement with Japan is astronomical. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe made his trade comments after visiting the U.S. and meeting with President Donald Trump. The two leaders agreed to launch high level economic talks including discussing a bilateral trade framework. Daily News Break: 2-23-2017, 7A, 8A, 12P, 5P, :30

Crime/Law Enforcement

-Police Warn of Phone Scams in Our Area

The North Platte Police Department is reminding our listeners of a scam taking place aimed at citizens and local businesses. Phjone calls from individuals pretending to be from Municipal Light and Water or the Nebraska Public Power District claim that the citizen is behind on their bill. The caller requests payment usually by prepaid credit card, wire transfer or gift cards or their utilities will be shut off. The callers use a recording of the Municipal Light and Water greeting, to fool the citizen into calling back the one-eight hundred number or an out of state area code number. Municipal Light and Water does not call to threaten shut off of utilities for late payment of services. Contact the Municipal Light and Water if you receive a call to make immediate payments, the calls seem to originate from a foreign country.

-Daily New break; 1-12-2017, 7A, 8A, 12P, 5P, :30

-Carbon Monoxide Claims One

One person is dead of apparent carbon monoxide poisoning in a Grand Island house. Eight others are being treated. Police report firefighters went to the home on a medical call Tuesday. They found the man and a woman in the basement. Both were taken to the hospital. The man was pronounced dead. There was no immediate report on the woman's condition. Six emergency responders took readings for carbon monoxide. The readings indicated a high level of carbon monoxide built up. Fire officials say it appears unvented gas-powered space heaters caused the build up.

-Daily News Break; 1-19-2017: 7A, 8A, 12P, 5P, :30

-Suspect in Murder Case Turns Himself In To Authorities

The subject of a massive manhunt in western Nebraska and Northeastern Colorado has turned himself in to authorities. The Nebraska State Patrol says fifteen year old Amedeus Leroux of Denver turned himself in to Colorado authorities in Denver yesterday afternoon. Leroux will be charged with first degree murder in the stabbing death of twenty five year old John Fratis of

Ogallala Tuesday. The Keith County Attorneys office has begun extradition proceedings to have Leroux returned to Nebraska to face charges.
-Daily News Break; 3-31-2017; 7A

Social Services

-Radio Interview-Amanda Koubek, American Red Cross; Topic: Reminder to give blood.
The Morning Remedy; 4-5-17, 8:15A; :10 minute interview