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PUBLIC SAFETY

-Planting Season Underway

Planting season is underway and drivers will be sharing the road with tractors and other farm implements now as farmers travel to and from their fields.

Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Kevin Chase says all drivers need to use extra caution this time of year and be ready for what may be on the other side of the hill. However, operators of farm implements also need to use extra care on the road as well.

Daily News Break; 4-19-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :15

-I-80 Slows Due to Snowstorm

Snow blanketed I-80 between Grand Island and Maxwell Sunday afternoon.

Travel east on the Interstate slowed to a crawl as blowing snow and sleet covered the road. Several vehicles slid off the interstate, there were jack knifed semi trucks and campers overturned. Five inches of snow was expected to fall between Brady and Beaver City, Sunday afternoon, Cambridge reported seven inches of snow, near blizzard conditions were reported in southwestern Nebraska including McCook. Portions of Interstate eighty were shut down due to the accidents caused by severe weather.

Daily News Break; 5-1-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :15

-Triple A Launches New Service

Triple A Nebraska has announced bicyclist will have the option of a tow truck should they need this type of mechanical assistance. The service technicians won't change your bike tire for you if you have a flat, but they will give you and your bike a lift back to your car, home, or if, necessary, to a bike repair shop.

Triple A does not have off road tow trucks so cyclist needs to be accessible.

Daily News Break; 5-2-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :15

-Click It or Ticket Campaign Begins

Beginning today the click it or ticket campaign is in effect. Last year 118 people died on Nebraska roadways. Fred Zwonachek, administrator with Nebraska Highway Safety says, law enforcement officers, deputies and troopers see firsthand the loss of life when people refuse to buckle up. He says quote "If this enforcement crackdown wakes people up to the dangers of unrestrained driving and gets them to buckle up, we'll consider it a success."

Daily News Break; 5-22-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :20

-Lightning Awareness Week

The odds of you getting hit by a lightning bolt are better than winning the lottery.

This is lightning awareness Week and meteorologists Kelsey Angle, at the National Weather Service, says be aware of your situation, as the weather in Nebraska can change quickly, and be mindful of the forecast. She says to have a plan of where you would seek shelter if the thunderstorm continues to approach.

Nationwide, strikes claimed thirty- eight lives last year, the average is forty-seven people struck per year nationally. Remember the phrase “When lightning roars go indoors.”

Daily News Break; 6-20-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :20

EDUCATION

-MID-PLAINS Asks for Public’s Input

Mid Plains Community College will accept suggestions from the public on what the campuses should look like over the next decade. Monday, April twenty-fourth at five-thirty in the evening, the public is invited to the student lounge of the W.W. Wood Building on the college’s north campus in North Platte. Ideas will be compiled into a list and given consideration to future plans of the college.

Daily News Break; 4-20-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :15

-MID-PLAINS Asks for Public’s Input

Nebraska’s latest revenue estimate shows a drop in state tax collections by another 55 million dollars, which may translate to more spending costs. Earlier cuts are trickling down, according to Michael Chipps, President of Northeast Community College in Norfolk. He says they’ve already had to adjust with a four percent mid-year budget cut. Chipps says they can adapt to budget cuts, but there could be consequences later. Chipps says community colleges play an important role in economic development in Nebraska and he posed a scenario to legislators during his recent visit to the Unicameral. Nebraska lawmakers are debating cuts to make up a near one billion dollar hole in the next two-year budget.

Daily News Break; 5-4-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :30

-Bidding Ends Today for NPCC Auction House

Today is the last day bids will be accepted on the North Platte Community College Foundation Auction House. Go online to offer your bids at www.mpcc.edu Bidders must use an official form (available at the website or pick one up at the college’s business office).

Daily News Break; 5-5-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :15

-Study Planned for Possible Merger

A study is planned to determine the benefits of merging the University of Nebraska, Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Millard-Ralston State Senator Merv Riepe introduced that legislative resolution last week. Last month it was announced that UNMC Chancellor Dr. Jeffrey Gold would also serve as the new chancellor for UNO. Senator Riepe says both campuses work on projects together so this could be the next logical step in the progression of both campuses. Senator Riepe says it has been fifty years that

the University of Omaha joined the N.U. system and now is a good time to pause and take a look at the future of both campuses.

Daily News Break; 5-16-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :25

-Bridge Grant Program Begins

Applications are now being accepted for the Bridge Grant Program at North Platte Community College. The program targets non-traditional students, low income individuals and GED recipients. Eligible participants may receive financial assistance with tuition, fees and books. This is a smart way to earn a Medical Office Technology certificate in less than ten months. The deadline to apply for the Bridge Grant Program is July 15th.

Daily News Break; 6-2-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :15

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

-Measure to Send Aid to Rural Districts Stalls

An attempt to funnel more state aid to rural districts in order to ease tax burden on rural property owners has stalled in the legislature. Senator Roy Baker of Lincoln claimed the measure won't even help all rural property owners. Baker told colleagues he is not against providing more state aid to all school districts so they can lower their levies. But, Baker said, that isn't what the bill does. LB six forty would move two-hundred, twenty-four million dollars from the Property Tax Credit Fund to the school districts which rely heavily on property taxes. An influx of state money would allow the local school districts to lower their tax levies, providing property tax relief, especially on agricultural property. Urban school districts would not benefit from the plan and most urban property owners would lose tax credits. Rural senators say such a shift is justified, because farmers and ranchers have been shouldering a disproportionate property tax burden. LB six forty, is likely unable to get the thirty-three votes needed to move forward

Daily News Break; 4-20-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :45

-Nebraska Senators Debate Marijuana Bill

State lawmakers again are debating whether medical marijuana should be legalized in Nebraska. The Unicameral debated Legislative Bill, six twenty-two for a couple of hours without taking a vote on the measure. Medical marijuana bills have failed in previous legislative sessions. Senator Anna Wishart of Lincoln, a sponsor of the latest medical marijuana bill, tells colleagues her bill has tighter restrictions than past measures in an effort to address worries about legalizing marijuana as a drug. Supporters of the Medical Cannabis Act argue those who suffer debilitating, long-term pain deserve the relief granted in other states which have legalized various forms of cannabis for medical purposes. They cite studies which suggest marijuana can be helpful to ease chronic suffering. Yet, other studies conflict with those rosy scenarios, a point made by Senator Mike Hilgers of Lincoln, who tells colleagues there simply isn't enough known about the effects of using marijuana as a drug. Supporters counter the legislature might not have

the final say on the issue. They suggest that if the Unicameral doesn't approve medical marijuana, an initiative petition might form to place the issue on the ballot. No vote has been taken on LB six, twenty-two. Wishart has to convince Speaker Jim Scheer that she has the thirty three votes necessary to end debate and go to a first-round vote on the bill.

Daily News Break; 4-21-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :45

-Nebraska Senators Debate Marijuana Bill

State lawmakers debated whether the source of the lethal injection drugs needed to carry out executions should be kept secret without reaching a conclusion. Senator John Kuehn of Heartwell, the sponsor of Legislative Bill 6-61, argues there is no real reason to know who supplies the drugs. His bill would keep that person or company secret in the same manner that members of the execution team are kept secret. Yet Senator Ernie Chambers of Omaha accuses Kuehn of working to deprive the public of information it has a right know. There ten inmates on Nebraska's death row. The state has not carried out an execution since 1997.

Daily News Break; 4-24-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :30

-Craft Brewers Win Battle in Legislature

Craft brewers win a battle in the Unicameral, but whether they win the war remains to be seen. State legislators have rejected an attempt to require craft brewers ship their beer to a distributor's warehouse before it goes to a bar, restaurant or store. Senator John Lowe of Kearney tells colleagues during legislative floor debate such a requirement would harm the quality of craft beers. Larson warns that if the exemption for local crafter brewers stands, national beer distributors will file a lawsuit against the state.

Daily News Break; 5-11-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :30

-3rd Public Meeting for Pipeline

Nebraska residents again pack a room and Nebraska residents again offer drastically different views of the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline. Hundreds attended the third public meeting held by the Nebraska Public Service Commission on TransCanada's application to cross the state and complete the eight billion dollar Keystone XL pipeline. This time the setting was the Divots Conference Center in Norfolk. Opponents emphasized environmental concerns along with property rights, while supporters touted economic benefits.

Daily News Break; 6-30-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :30

LAW ENFORCEMENT

-12 Arrested in Drug Sting

12 people were arrested in a drug sweep in Central Nebraska and Eastern Colorado, Tuesday morning. Members of the CODE drug task force, Western Nebraska Intelligence and Narcotics Group, with assistance from federal, state

and local law enforcement agencies executed warrants in Nebraska and Colorado from North Platte to Wray Colorado. Weapons, ammunition, cash and methamphetamine were seized. Last year the CODE drug task force and WING task force were involved in the largest drug sweep in Nebraska history.

Daily News Break; 4-26-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :25

-Mother's Day Fire

The mother's day house fire on West 4th Street in North Platte has been determined to have been caused by a candle in the kitchen, thought to have been put out. Firefighters responded to the fire after two calls from citizens alerted the department.

Daily News Break; 5-16-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :15

-Mother's Day Fire

Police seized 22 pounds of marijuana Wednesday morning. Information given to Crimestoppers from an anonymous tip led police to a residence on West Sixth Street, where they found 22 pounds of marijuana, oxycodone and twenty-thousand dollars in cash. The resident was arrested on suspicion of possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, possession of oxycodone and tampering with evidence. The CODE task force assisted in the investigation.

Daily News Break; 6-22-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :15

ENVIRONMENT

-Lake McConaughy Rising

Civil engineer Cory Steinke reported that Lake McConaughy has been steadily rising with increasing inflows and is at elevation three thousand, two-hundred, fifty-four point nine feet, about ten feet below capacity. The reservoir is currently about eighty three percent full with about one point four million acre feet in storage. Given current projections it is looking likely that excess water will have to be released from the reservoir.

Daily News Break; 5-9-17; 6:30A,7:30A,8:30A; :15

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

-Stamp Out Hunger Initiative Begins

The U.S. Postal Service reports that thousands of our neighbors are considered food insecure and don't often know where their next meal will come from. Stamp Out Hunger is the nations largest one day food drive, on Saturday please leave non-perishable food items in a bag near your mail box, donations will go to local food pantries. School will be out soon and children will no longer be eating meals there. Products like peanut butter, macaroni and cheese are items food pantries need most.

Daily News Break; 5-12-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :15

-Radio Guest: Bob Mayber, Salvation Army; Topic: Salvation Army Golf Fundraiser; Waking Up on the Sunny Side: 5-16-17, 8:25A; 4 Minute Interview

-Radio Guest: Karen Tallmon, Miss NE Pageant; Topic: Upcoming Miss NE Scholarship Pageant; Waking Up on the Sunny Side; 5-19-17, 8:25A; 4 Minute Interview

-Fox Begins Showing Movies

The Fox Theater will begin showing movies Friday May 26th at 7 PM. According to Executive Director Scott Carlson, shows will begin Friday at seven in the evening, and Saturday four o'clock, with an evening showing at seven o'clock. And a Sunday matinee! The animated movie "Sing" will be the inaugural feature. With generous help from Nebraskaland National Bank, a screen will hang from a "fly", a dolby sound system was installed and the concession stand will be stocked with popcorn, pop and candy. All tickets are only five dollars, and the ticket booth opens one hour before show time. A website is being set up will allow ticket purchases from home.

Daily News Break; 5-19-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :25

-Miss NE Scholarship Pageant

The Miss Nebraska Scholarship Pageant preliminaries are tomorrow and Thursday at the North Platte High School performing arts theater. Tickets for each night of preliminaries are \$20, tickets for Saturdays finals are \$30. Purchase a three night package for \$60, go to missnebraska.org.

Daily News Break; 6-6-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :15

AGRICULTURE

-USDA Announces Investment Pool

The United States Department of Agriculture has announced there is an investment pool for small and startup rural businesses. For a fund to receive USDA certification, its managers must demonstrate that they have venture capital experience and that they successfully worked with community development organizations. The USDA provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. Visit: www.rd.usda.gov for more information.

Daily News Break; 5-19-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :20

-Farmers Struggle to Get Fields Planted

Nebraska's had a lot of rain lately and it's been a struggle for some farmers to get into their fields to plant. One expert says the rainy weather could become more common. Meteorologist Dennis Todey, director of the USDA's Midwest Climate Hub, says the long range forecasts are pointing to wetter conditions for the entire region in the months ahead. The forecast through the end of May calls for rains to gradually decrease across the region, while the wet weather may return in June.

Daily News Break; 5-25-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :20

-Nebraska Beef Producers Seek Injunction

The Nebraska Beef Producers Committee is seeking a preliminary injunction in a civil case against the Nebraska Brand Committee and Executive Director William Bunce. Katy Spohn, an attorney for the beef producers, says the Nebraska Livestock Brand Act should not be enforced as it violates the U.S. Constitution. She says feedlot operators are bearing a huge expense, paid to the Brand committee, and they get little or nothing in return. Spohn says their best argument centers around the Interstate Commerce Act. The civil case was filed in federal court last week.

Daily News Break; 6-8-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :30

HEALTH

-UNMC to Host Dental Day

Dozens of kids in Western Nebraska will get free dental care this Friday and Saturday through the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Annual Children's Panhandle Dental Day. Dr David Brown, Executive Associate Dean at the UNMC College of Dentistry, says they'll be setting up shop in Alliance, Gordon, and Sidney. They are set up to do screening, cleanings, fluoride treatments, and sealants. Most of the children range from 6-18 and many come back year after year for the free service. The event runs from 8 AM to 5 PM on Friday and from 8 AM to noon on Saturday.

Daily News Break; 6-2-17; 7:00A, 8:00A; :20

-Radio Guest: Amanda Koubek, American Red Cross. Topic: Upcoming Blood Drive; Waking Up on the Sunny Side; 8:15A: 3-5-17, 6-14-17; 3 Minute Interview

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

-Radio Guest: Brandon McCook, 308 BMX; Topic: Fundraising for 308 BMX, local BMX track; Waking Up on the Sunny Side; 6-20-17, 8:20A; 3 Minute Interview