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Homegrown. Homemade. Hometown!

Local entrepreneur looks at civic agriculture

“Civic agriculture focuses on local production and distribution of fresh and processed foods that can compete with national distributors. This reduces the hemorrhage of revenues from communities, and creates local venues, products and jobs. It is one of the most valuable and useful concepts for economic development in rural communities.”

Harold Stone

By Jacque Rocole
Hebron Journal-Register

If it seems that farmer's markets are on the rise, rest assured, your assessment is correct. In the last decade alone, these food meccas featuring locally grown and prepared food have increased from 2,863 in 2000 to 7,175 today.

Growers selling directly to consumers through farm stores, stands, markets and community cooperatives increased by 58 percent from 1992 to 2007 and in just a three-year period, 2004-2007, direct sales from the farm to schools increased from 400 to 2,350, a trend that continues to increase today.

Harold Stone, who is a transplant to the area through his wife, Barbara (Voigt), a native of Davenport, sees this trend as an opportunity to retain rural America's hard working grower. “What if we could locally grow and process all of the food we need to supply all of the grocery stores, restaurants, schools, and hospitals with all the fresh, canned and frozen food in our area,” he asks. “In the city it would be impossible, but in a rural community, this is not only possible, it is a tool for creating jobs and keeping our money close to home.”

Stone, who recently formed a grassroots group of growers

to begin the process of creating a community based sustainable food system, feels the local area has the potential to supply healthy locally grown fruits and vegetables for thousands of people.

“There are approximately 5,000 school students in Thayer, Clay, Fillmore and Nuckolls counties eating one meal a day,” Stone said. “Farm to school agreements are on the increase, as well as farm to hospitals and farm to grocery stores. I have been told that if we grow it, they'll buy it.”

Janet Voss says yes. She puts together 150 Meals on Wheels meals for Hebron, Deshler, Chester, Alexandria and Davenport every day. “I spend \$1,500 on groceries every week,” she says while standing in the kitchen at the Davenport Community building next to a heaping pile of potatoes. “I already have permission to purchase produce from local growers. I would use a variety of fresh, frozen and canned vegetables and fruit if they were available to me.”

Stone said Voss asked him for 180 quarts of tomatoes and zucchini canned together, a unique request that she'd have trouble finding in a grocery store. But it's such a popular food item among the seniors she prepares dinners for, that having the product

on her shelves would save her time and money because she wouldn't have to prepare it herself. “She also wanted frozen corn,” Stone said. “Lots and lots of frozen corn.”

And speaking of corn, Stone says there are people who live in urban areas who would drive here to pick, shuck, blanch, and freeze corn and enjoy a nice lunch, much like pick-it-yourself orchards and berry farms.

“We need to use the resources we have available to retain our population,” he adds. “Jobs are what keep people here.”

Stone has spent the last year devising a plan to create a community USDA approved kitchen where people can produce, prepare and market food items. He has also brought together farmers and gardeners as potential business partners in the food venture.

The Southeast Regional Food Cooperative is a cooperative between Thayer, Fillmore, Clay and Nuckolls counties to share expenses, enhance distribution, and provide broader support to produce growers in the area, Stone voices in a brochure about the food-based business. The cooperative is supported by the Center for Rural Affairs, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Stones Thoreau-Farm to Market Inc., Frontier Bank and the Davenport Community Foundation.

In a series of recent workshops backed by the Nebraska Rural Development Commission, Stone brought together local growers and other interested individuals to explain how the cooperative works and the potential of such an initiative.

“Local families and businesses growing, preparing and distributing local produce and prepared foods to other local businesses, institutions and families,” he explains in a circle-of-life definition. “This creates food based jobs and training skills to revitalize our rural communities. And it keeps the profits in our com-

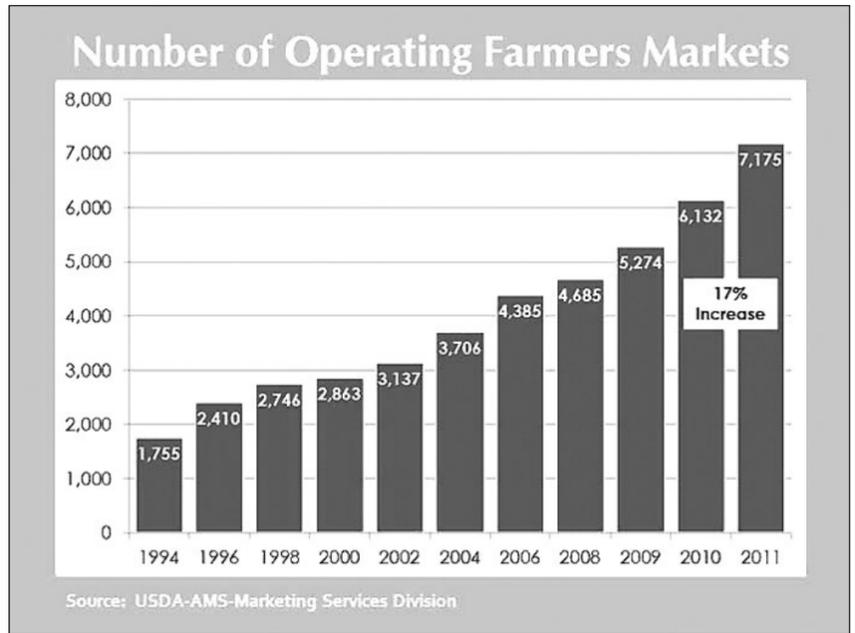


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There has been a massive move toward farmer's markets in the last 19 years as growers bring fresh produce and fruit and other prepared food products directly to consumers.



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Harold Stone, of Davenport, speaks at the first “Homegrown. Homemade. Hometown!” workshop last month at the Davenport Community Center. During the months of February and March, three workshops were held.

munities to benefit our businesses and residents.”

Stone sees civic agriculture as a foundation for economic development through agriculture, specifically “civic” agriculture. “Civic agriculture is a local agriculture enterprise that has community, social and economic development as its primary purpose,” he says. “When a business model focuses on the well-being of the local community, the quality of life for that community

improves with the growth of the business.”

Stone's concept can be found online at <http://stonesthoreau.wordpress.com>. In it he describes civic agriculture, sustainable food systems, and community based food systems. There he also explains the role of his supporters in the development of the Southeast Regional Food

Cooperative.

“Our desire is to work with farmers, gardeners, grocers, restaurant owners, canners, school cafeteria managers and residents within the four counties who are interested in profiting from local sustainable food systems,” Stone says. “Collectively, we can grow, prepare and sell food, and turn the tide of rural decline.”

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Help Baby Calves Start Breathing

All baby calves are born with some degree of respiratory acidosis. Respiratory acidosis is the buildup of by-products of carbon dioxide and a deficiency of oxygen. As the calf passes through the birth canal, it undergoes this buildup of carbon dioxide and its metabolites, and a deficiency of oxygen.

When any baby calf is first born, it will gasp for air and pant for a few minutes in an effort to correct the carbon dioxide/oxygen imbalance in the circulatory system.

Therefore, when a calf is completely delivered, primary attention is directed toward establishing respiration. Mucus and fetal fluids should be removed from the nose and mouth by cleaning these air pathways with your fingers and thumbs. These actions are important for any calf that is assisted during the "calving" process, but they are critical for those calves that come backwards.

The common practice of suspending the calf for an extended time by its hindlegs to "clear the lungs", must be questioned. Most of the fluids that drain from the mouth of these calves probably come from the stomach, and the weight of the intestines on the diaphragm makes expansion of the lungs difficult, if not impossible.

Respiration is stimulated by many factors, but only ventilation of the lungs, allow us to render help immediately. The phrenic nerve can be stimulated with a sharp tap on the chest slightly above and behind where the heartbeat can be felt. Brisk rubbing of the skin (if the calf has not had frost bite) can be helpful in stimulating circulation and breathing activity.

Perhaps the most effective

and simple approach to stimulating the first breathing activity is by tickling inside of the nostril with a stiff piece of straw. The vigorous tickling stimulation of the nostrils will cause the diaphragm of the calf to have a noticeable reflex.

As the calf snorts and coughs in reaction to the straw stimulation, the lungs expand and air is taken in. Many ranchers report that this is a very effective way to get a baby calf started on the necessary process of rapid breathing.

Always know your own limitations. If you find a calving situation that you cannot solve yourself in a short time, contact a large animal veterinarian as soon as possible.

Source: Dr. Glenn Selk, Animal Reproduction Specialist, Oklahoma State University

Coming Events:
 February 23-24: Women in Agriculture Conference, Holiday Inn Kearney, http://wia.unl.edu.

February 29: Cornhusker Economics Management and Outlook Conference, Activities building, Clay Center.

March 15: Farmers/Ranchers College: Discuss the Undiscussabull, 6 p.m., Pour House, Friend, Brandy VanDeWalle, 402-759-3712.

For further information on these or other topics contact Darci McGee, UNL Extension Educator for Nuckolls/Thayer counties in Nelson, (402) 225-2381; Hebron, (402) 768-7212 or email to: dmcgee5@unl.edu.

Corn Growers Sought for On-Farm Research

Corn growers can take an active role in a new on-farm research project sponsored by University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in partnership with the Nebraska Corn Growers Association.

The goal of the Nebraska On-Farm Research Network (NOFRN) is to implement a statewide on-farm research program addressing critical farmer production, profitability and natural resources questions.

The project includes three research comparison topics that growers can choose from one or more. They are: irrigation-water application management in corn production; nitrogen management in both irrigated and dryland corn production; and corn population study in irrigated and dryland fields. Replicated treatment comparisons will be done in growers' fields, using their equipment.

UNL Extension educators, Keith Glewen and Gary Zoubek are leading the NOFRN with project partners Scott Merritt and Mat Habrock of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association.

Growers wanting to learn more about the Nebraska On-Farm Research Network and how to participate should contact Glewen at 402-624-8030 or kglewen1@unl.edu, Zoubek at 402-362-5508 or gzoubek1@unl.edu, or the Nebraska Corn Growers Association at 888-267-6479, 402-438-6459 or info@necga.org. Information available on the web at: ardc.unl.edu/on-farmresearch.shtml.

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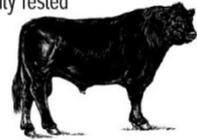
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Gov. Dave Heineman has declared March 4-10 Nebraska Agriculture Week. Nebraska Agriculture Week coincides with National Agriculture Week.

"Nebraska Agriculture Week offers a time to acknowledge our appreciation for the hard working farmers and ranchers in our state," said Gov. Heineman. "Agriculture plays an essential role in our daily lives. Nebraskans greatly appreciate our farmers and ranchers, and I encourage all to recognize the significance the agricultural industry plays in our state."

To celebrate, Gov. Heineman will be joined by representatives of Nebraska Farm Bureau and Greg Ibach, Director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture for an agriculture tour on Friday, March 16. The tour stops are open to the public and will start at 9 a.m. CT in Ainsworth at Ainsworth High School. At 10 a.m. MT there will be an event in Alliance at the Performing Arts Center. The final event will be 1:30 p.m. CT in Grand Island at Northwest High School.

"In Nebraska, our farmers and ranchers provide us with a safe and wholesome food supply each and every day. Their commitment to their animals and the land is greatly appreciated," said Dir. Ibach. "I encourage everyone to learn more about how Nebraska producers are feeding the world, and take the time to say thank you."

Farm Bureau President Steve Nelson said, "We very much appreciate the Governor taking the time to celebrate and recognize agriculture week. Although we work in agriculture every day

of the year, we enjoy this week long celebration as it gives us an opportunity to recognize agriculture and the important role it plays in our lives and in the Nebraska economy."

Nebraska's largest industry is agriculture. Each year, cash receipts from farm marketing contribute over \$17 billion dollars to Nebraska's economy. Nebraska is first in the nation for red meat, Great Northern bean and popcorn production. Nebraska consistently ranks in the nation's top five producers of corn, soybeans, hay, and dry edible beans, and top 10 for production of hogs, grain sorghum, winter wheat and table egg layers. Additionally, Nebraska consistently ranks in the top four states in the nation in agricultural exports.

According to Nebraska Farm Bureau, one of every three jobs in Nebraska exists because of Nebraska agriculture - in farming and ranching, food and fuel processing, marketing, distribution, research, and regulation.

As part of Nebraska's celebration of National Ag Week, Governor Dave Heineman and Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) Director Greg Ibach announced the winners of the 2012 NDA poster contest.

In its ninth year, the contest generated 1,400 entries from first through sixth grade students from across Nebraska. This year's theme was: "Nebraska Agriculture: Feeding My Family."

The winning posters can be viewed at the NDA web site at www.agr.ne.gov.

Bruning Farms, Priefert Angus Listed In Report

Bruning Farms & Cattle Co., Bruning, own one bull and Priefert Angus of Belvidere owns one bull that are listed in the Spring 2012 Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo. National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) expected progeny differences (EPDs) are now generated on a weekly basis; however a biannual report is still printed.

Issued in both the spring and fall, the Sire Evaluation Report features the latest performance information available on 4,800 sires, and is currently accessible at www.angus.org.

"This report provides both Angus breeders and commercial cattle producers using Angus genetics with accurate, predictable selection tools for improving their herd," says Bill Bowman, American Angus Association chief operating officer (COO) and director

of performance programs. EPDs are generated from the performance database of the American Angus Association, which includes information submitted by more 8,000 Angus breeders this past year through the Association's Beef Improvement Records (BIR) program.

EPDs are listed for growth and maternal traits, as well as residual average daily gain (RADG), docility and carcass traits that integrate DNA information in addition to performance records. Decision-making tools also include \$Values in the suite of bio-economic indexes designed to assist commercial producers in simplifying the genetic selection process.

The biannual Sire Evaluation Report utilizes nearly 21 million measures used to generate more than 60 million EPDs for the Angus breed.

New FSA Help for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) is working harder than ever to assist new farmers and ranchers to succeed. FSA Executive Director Dan Steinkruger recently unveiled a new Land Contract Guaranteed Program and several other tools designed to help farmers and ranchers build the foundation for a successful career in agriculture.

"New farmers face many challenges, like obtaining land for example," said Steinkruger. "FSA is going to provide new options to help them to work through this challenging start-up issue." Peak land values, tight commercial credit, minimal credit history and less collateral make it difficult for new and smaller farmers in Nebraska to get a commercial business loan right now.

The Land Contract Guarantee Program provides a new approach for landowners willing to sell and finance a land purchase to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer. The national program offers two options, one that guarantees up to three annual installment payments on the contract and another that guarantees 90% of the unpaid principal of the contract. Guarantees can be used in the purchase of land for up to \$500,000.

"Nebraska farmers represent all walks of life, a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds, and all different ages," notes Steinkruger. "This new program will work well for beginning and minority growers in our state and we encourage producers to visit with us to see if they qualify and how it could fit their needs," he said. Find FSA loan information, disaster assistance programs and other helpful programs at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Another new change to the agency's lending rules for new producers is to allow more flexibility in the minimum experience requirement. Under the new rule, FSA loan officers are now allowed to consider all prior farming experience, including on-the-job training and formal education when determining eligibility for FSA Farm Operating and Ownership Loans. To qualify for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Loan Program, applicants must have a minimum level of agricultural

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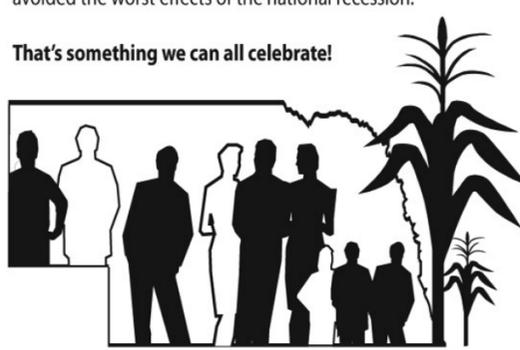
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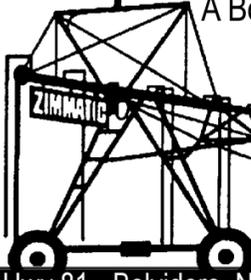
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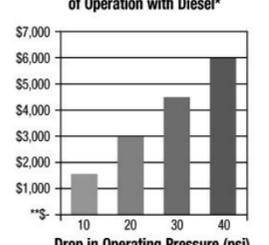
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GAED Championship Team...

The Shickley fifth and sixth grade boys had a great basketball season. They finished their season being undefeated. They won the GAED Championship game by defeating Fillmore Central Sixth. Team members are back row from left, coach Russ Reinsch, Holden Stengel, Anthony Beavers, Kellen Reinsch, coach Bill Grote, coach Jon Swartzendruber and front from left, Caleb Hendrickson, Jacob Swartzendruber, Thomas Mick, Jackson Grote, Isaac Kamler and Josiah Kamler. Not pictured: Wyatt Deepe.



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Feed The Groove...

Bruning-Davenport's choir sings "Lean on Me" during the fifth annual "Feed the Groove" concert. Ted Degner, Jaycie Hoins, Nathan Pavelka, Brenna Meyer, and Joel Prince performed the OI "Don't Touch That Dial" as part of fine arts night at Bruning-Davenport.



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Classic Championship Team...

The BDS third and fourth grade girls participated in the Cougar Classic Basketball Tournament in Sandy Creek on February 26-27. The Lady Eagles brought home the championship medals in the Gold Division of the tournament. They defeated Doniphan-Trumbull in the championship game on Sunday 14-8. To reach the championship game they faced undefeated Blue Hill and defeated them with a score of 13-8. Players and coaches are back row from left, coach Kari Jo Alfs, Macy Kamler, Jennifer Holtzen, Regan Alfs, Kaylee Noel, coach Doug Holtzen and front row from left, Jordyn Bolte, Olivia Escalara, Bryn Kadel and Raegan Fiala. Not pictured: Angie Ullrich.



Bruning-Davenport Unified School

ACTIVITIES

Friday, March 9: No school; boys' state basketball tournament.
Saturday, March 10: Boys' state basketball tournament.
Monday, March 12: MAP testing; school board meeting at Bruning, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 13: CRC Honor Band and Choir at York; MAP testing.
Wednesday, March 14: District speech at Meridian; MAP testing.
Thursday, March 15: MAP testing.

BRUNING MENU

Friday, March 9: No school.
Monday, March 12: Meatball sub, baked beans, grapes, Rice Krispie bar, salad bar.
Tuesday, March 13: Hot

ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli, apple slices, chocolate pudding dessert, cheeseburger soup.

Wednesday, March 14: Seniors' choice, salad bar.

Thursday, March 15: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll, butter, beef noodle soup.

Salad bar served daily. Milk served with all meals. Menu subject to change.

DAVENPORT MENU

Friday, March 9: No school.
Monday, March 12: Hamburger, French fries, cheesy broccoli.
Tuesday, March 13: Taco haystacks, corn, cornbread muffin.
Wednesday, March 14: Spaghetti with meat sauce, breadstick, green beans.
Thursday, March 15: Chicken patty on bun, carrots, banana.
Milk served with all meals. Menu subject to change.

Bruning

By Lola Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bruning spent Friday night with Frank and Shirley Sibert of Kearney. They all went to Valentine on Saturday to a dinner for their Foundation. They raised \$30,000 from the auction.

Strang Sewing Club met on Tuesday afternoon as guests of Pat Rippe at the Blue Valley Nursing Home in Hebron. Those attending were Alberta Bruning of the Home, Ruth Hobbs of Hebron, Edna Lichti of Shickley, Lola Kennel, Elaine Ebbeka and Eleanor Dittmer of Strang, Pat Headrick and Janet Lentfer of Geneva, Lorraine Heinrichs, Cheryl Houser and Joan Langhorst of Bruning. Assistant hostesses were Cheryl and Joan.

On Saturday Lola Johnson went to Deanna Dirks for the weekend. On Saturday afternoon Dr. Robert and Nancy Swanson of Waconia, Minn.; Dave, Ronda, Caleb, Sophia, Abigail and Livia Swanson and Bill and Shirley Arnold of Lincoln joined her at Deanna's home. Also LaDonna Heider of Hastings visited there. The Swansons, Arnolds, Deanna and Lola went to the basketball game where the Lincoln Eagles played a Hastings team. Caleb Swanson plays on the Eagles team and he is Dave and Ronda's son. His teammates are all home-schooled boys. It was a great game (which they won) and a very enjoyable day for all. Bob and Nancy were staying at Dave's in Lincoln and also visiting with Roger and Linda Wilkening that weekend.

Baptism

Emerie Lauren Perez was baptized Feb. 26 at the United Methodist Church in Bruning. She is the daughter of Bryan and Ashley (Schoenholz) Perez of Lincoln.

Emie's sponsors are her aunt, Alissa Schoenholz and uncle, Jordon Perez of Lincoln.

Joining them for a dinner were Victor and Laurie Perez of North Platte, Jay and Barbara Schoenholz, Francis and Beth Garrison, Mike and Lynne, Patrick and Mitchell Houser of Bruning, Jeff, Ami, Jayse, Jordan, and Brody Koehler of Johnson, Brad Bankson of Holdrege, and Pastor Mike and Cheryl Anderson of Davenport.

Bruning Alumni Banquet Date Set

The 2012 alumni banquet will be held on Saturday, May 26. The committee would like to have anyone who knows of address changes for your family, classmates, etc., please let them know now. You can send them to Bruning Alumni Association, P.O. Box 169, Bruning, NE 68322 or call Jan Bentley at 402-984-1747.

Other information will be in the paper sometime in the next few weeks.

Davenport Senior Diners

Exercise Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, March 12: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots, chunky fruit. *Cards.*

Tuesday, March 13: Boneless pork chop, potatoes O'Brien, green beans with bacon, ice cream. *Qwirkle.*

Wednesday, March 14: Hamburger vegetable soup, crescent roll, cheese stick, sliced peaches. *Exercise 9:30 a.m.*

Thursday, March 15: Smothered chicken bistro bakers, corn, fruit cup. *Card games.*

Friday, March 16: Cod strips, cheesy potato bake, peas and carrots, Danish petite. *Senior bowling. Meals served with bread, butter and milk.*

For reservations, call 364-2449 by 1:30 p.m., the day before.

Weather expert, weather spotting class to highlight Regional Severe Weather seminar

A record 14 weather and climate disasters in 2011 each caused \$1 billion dollars in damage and resulted in over 300 deaths throughout the U.S. in 2011, and 2012 is already promising to be a banner year for severe weather.

The more prepared area residents are to handle severe weather, the more likely they can survive unscathed. Helping them prepare is the main objective of the 19th annual Saline Regional Weather Seminar this Sunday (March 11) at Saline Center Hall, County Road M and Highway 15 northwest of Wilber.

John Utech from Weather Lab, Blackwell, Okla.; Brian Smith, National Weather Service Omaha/Valley warning coordination meteorologist; Dr. Ken Dewey, longtime UNL Applied Climate Sciences educator and storm-chaser; and B.J. Fictum, Saline County Emergency Management coordinator will help educate the public on severe weather formations and safety.

"Being prepared is the key to surviving severe weather no matter what the threat," noted Fictum, "and if people fail to plan ahead and they ignore the warnings, the best warning and protection systems will not function properly."

"When we experience the first tornadoes in Nebraska history to occur in February, it proves the weather cycle is changing and we must be prepared."

Area television meteorologists Brad Anderson, 10/11 Weather Center; and Travis Klanecky, KHAS-TV, Hastings, will also be on hand.

The event is also the official weather spotter training and anyone is welcome to

attend.

Among the emergency management and preparedness displays scheduled include Crete Fire and Rescue Family Safety Trailer, Norris Public Power District, Lincoln/Lancaster County Mobile Operations Center, Richardson County Emergency Management decontamination trailer, American Red Cross Disaster Services Unit, National Weather Service Omaha/Valley, Public Health Solutions District Health Department, Blue Valley REACT, Nebraska State Patrol Mobile Command Post and Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.

The Weather Seminar begins at 1 p.m. and ends about 4:30 p.m. with a free lunch.

Saline Center Hall is located three miles west and nine miles south of Dorchester, or 11 miles west and three miles north of Wilber on Nebraska Highway 15.

Scheduled presenters include:

John Utech, Weather Lab, Blackwell, Okla. — Utech is the Severe Weather Operations Director in Blackwell, Okla., located about 50 miles south of Wichita in the heart of 'Tornado Alley.' He is set to deliver a humorous and educational presentation with video clips and stories, including an analysis of the Joplin, Mo., tornado event and answers to the hard-to-answer questions that spotters and the public have.

Dr. Ken Dewey, UNL Applied Climate Sciences, Lincoln — Dr. Dewey is a frequent participant in the Saline Regional Severe Weather Seminar and chases storms throughout the spring and summer. The founder of the Central Plains Severe Weather

Symposium will review the extreme weather events which have impacted the nation and the Midwest during 2011.

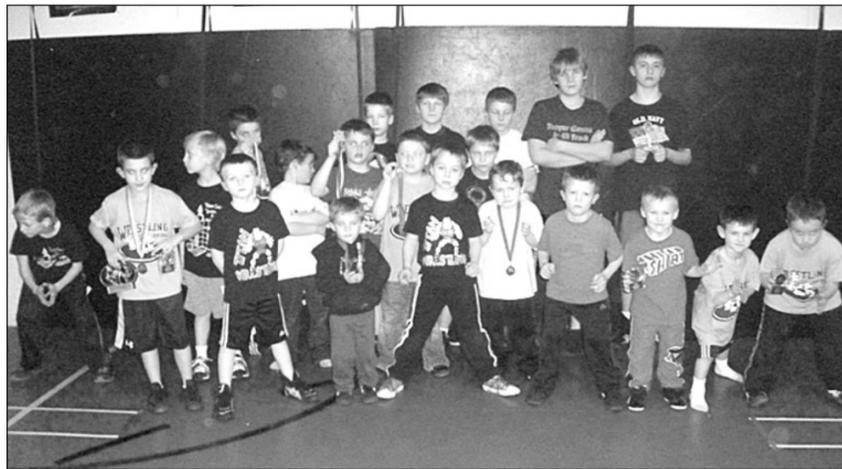
Brian Smith, NWS Omaha/Valley Warning Coordination Meteorologist — Smith's presentation entitled "Severe Weather 2012: Building A Spotter Ready Nation" and will include spotter training, severe weather preparedness and safety. Smith, who studied with the legendary Dr. Theodore Fujita (developer of the tornado intensity 'F' scale), has traveled nationwide as an expert in tornado damage analysis.

B.J. Fictum, Saline County Emergency Management Coordinator — Fictum, who has been the coordinator of Saline County EMA since the late 1990s, began his emergency management career in 1992 following the Dorchester tornado. He will review the weather spotter system in Saline County, including positions, procedures and communications.

Saline County Emergency Management, in cooperation with the National Weather Service and other local businesses, is sponsoring the free afternoon event.

There is no admission to attend the public seminar, which will also include door prizes and a free lunch. NOAA weather radios, rain gauges and other weather-related memorabilia will be among the door prizes.

More information on the severe weather seminar is available by contacting Fictum at (402) 821-3010 or 821-2412; or via email at scema@diodecom.net or scema_jake@diodecom.net anytime.



Young wrestlers compete at Superior...

Eighteen Titan youth wrestlers participated in the Superior wrestling tournament. Colter Sinn and Jayden Hissong placed first and Carson McLaughlin placed fourth in the preschool/kindergarten division. In the first and second grade division, Brenner McLaughlin placed first, Ashton Sinn, Gunner Mumford, and Cash Wilhite placed second, Caden Huber, Avery Drohman, and Ryder Rickers placed fourth. In the third and fourth grade division, Holden Wilkins placed first, Cameron Hissong and Buchanan Tietjen placed second, Andrew Engle and Brenner McLaughlin placed third. Placing first in the fifth and sixth grade division was Seth Mumford. Marshall Holtzclaw placed second and Cody Fitzgerald and Judd Holtzclaw placed third in the junior high division. Triston Wells placed fourth at the Norris wrestling club tournament and Andrew Hinrichs placed third at Auburn. Brenner McLaughlin placed first and Carson McLaughlin placed second at Centennial.



Nine wrestlers attended MatJam in Kearney on March 3. Wrestlers from across the state in pre-kindergarten through the 12th grade compete in the tournament. Jackson Feulner brought home the championship trophy in his age division. Clayton Hintz took third place. Wrestlers attending included (l-r): Back row: Jamie Lange, Dalton Kenning and Dietric Kenning. Middle row: Tyler Hergott, Cody Krula, and Clayton Hintz. Front row: Jackson Feulner and Brady Degenhardt. Not pictured is Zach Mumm.

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will be received by Donna Rut, Village Clerk at the office of Alexandria Village Hall, 313 Harbine St., P. O. Box 65, Alexandria NE 68303 until 10 a.m. (Local Time) March 13, 2012, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following location(s): Alexandria Village Hall, 313 Harbine St., Alexandria NE 68303

JEO Lincoln Office, 650 J St, Ste 215, Lincoln NE 68508

JEO Grand Island Office, 308 W 3rd St Ste 1 Grand Island NE 68801.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the Issuing Office,

JEO Consulting Group, Inc. located at 650 J St, Ste 215, Lincoln NE 68508 upon payment of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for each set.

February 20, 2012.

/s/Donna Rut, Clerk
Feb 22-3ts-Mar 7

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Cornerstone Bank, York, Nebraska intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to acquire the assets and assume the deposit liabilities and other liabilities of Frontier Bank, Davenport, Nebraska. Cornerstone Bank intends to maintain the office of Frontier Bank as a full service branch of Cornerstone Bank. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application, including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, One Memorial Drive, Kansas City, MO 64198. The comment period will not end before March 9, 2012. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President, at (816) 881-2633. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

3ts: Feb 8, Feb. 22, Mar 7

MEETING NOTICE

The Thayer County Weed District meeting will be held Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Weed Control Office in Deshler.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will conduct a Public Hearing on March 23, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., at 1901 Court Street, Beatrice, Nebraska 68310. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment concerning waivers for direct service delivery of Transportation, In-Home Services (Handyman / Housekeeper / Personal Care / Respite) and Senior Center Meals. BRAAA provides these services directly to assure an adequate supply of services. Comments / proposals will also be received from interested entities for the provision of the above services. Comments received will be submitted to the State Unit on Aging, Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services.

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Down Under Sports...

Thayer Central senior track members, Michael Feulner (l) and Greg Dightman (r) will head to Australia this summer to participate in Down Under Sports. Down Under Sports programs use the common language of sports to bridge the continents and provide a forum for athletes from around the globe. The 2012 program includes competition in football, cheerleading, basketball, volleyball, cross country, wrestling and track and field. Feulner and Dightman will participate on the West Central Conference Track and Field team.



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February Frenzy Championship Team...

The Hebron Club Volleyball team, 17 and under, won the February Frenzy tournament held in Hebron on February 26. Members of the team are back row from left, Trelby Virus, Rachel Johnson, Megan Bulin, coach Craig Wiedel; middle row from left, Allison Tietjen, Madison Reece, Lauren Edgecombe, Tasha Mumm and front from left, Bridgette Baden, Ashley Petersen and Kelsey Long.

Planning & Zoning

Notice

The Thayer County Planning Commission will meet **Thursday March 22, 2012 at 8:00 PM** in the District Court Room of the Court House in Hebron, NE.

Zoning and planning information and meeting Minutes are kept at the office of the Thayer County Clerk in the Court House, Hebron, NE.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will conduct a Public Hearing on March 28, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at 1901 Court Street, Beatrice, Nebraska. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment concerning fare rate increases for transportation services. Testimony received will be submitted to the State of Nebraska Department of Roads.

Mar 7-2ts-Mar 14

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of DAVID C. STAIRS, Deceased.

Estate No. PR 12-11

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of March, 2012, in the County Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Donald D. Stairs, whose address is 1630 Road 6000, Hebron, Nebraska 68370, 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 May 7, 2012 or be forever barred.

/s/Donna L. Fink,
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Interested parties should contact the Reinke Manufacturing Human Resource office by faxing a cover letter and resume to 402-365-4166 or by e-mail to humanresources@reinke.com.

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A Progressive, State of the Art manufacturing company in Hebron, NE seeks the following positions:

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Deshler, NE

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Kettle Tenders – Monitors bath surface quality on kettle and performs skimming tasks.

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Bridge Crane Operator—Loads and unloads materials from semi trucks; loads and position jigs utilizing bridge crane.

Loaders/Unloaders – Assist in loading and unloading semi trucks. Performs all rigging and unrigging tasks as products are loaded on jigs for pre-treatment.

Interested parties should complete an employment application at the Reinke corporate offices in Deshler on Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. or may contact the Reinke Human Resource office at humanresources@reinke.com. ReinCoat LLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer M/F.

ReinCoat, LLC
5325 Reinke Road
Deshler, Nebraska 68340
Telephone: 402-365-7251

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Jefferson Community Health Center is seeking a full-time Radiologic Technologist.

- ♦ Full-time position
- ♦ Rotating call: nights, weekends and holidays

Qualifications:

- ♦ Radiologic Technologist
- ♦ Experience in mammograms and CT Scans preferred
- ♦ Excellent customer service skills
- ♦ Competitive pay scale
- ♦ Benefits include health insurance, Paid Time Off, Extended Sick Leave, pharmacy discount, employee wellness program, pension plan, life insurance

Applications available at Jefferson Community Health Center business office, 2200 H St., Fairbury. For more information, contact Human Resources Director Sandy Bauer at (402) 729-3351.



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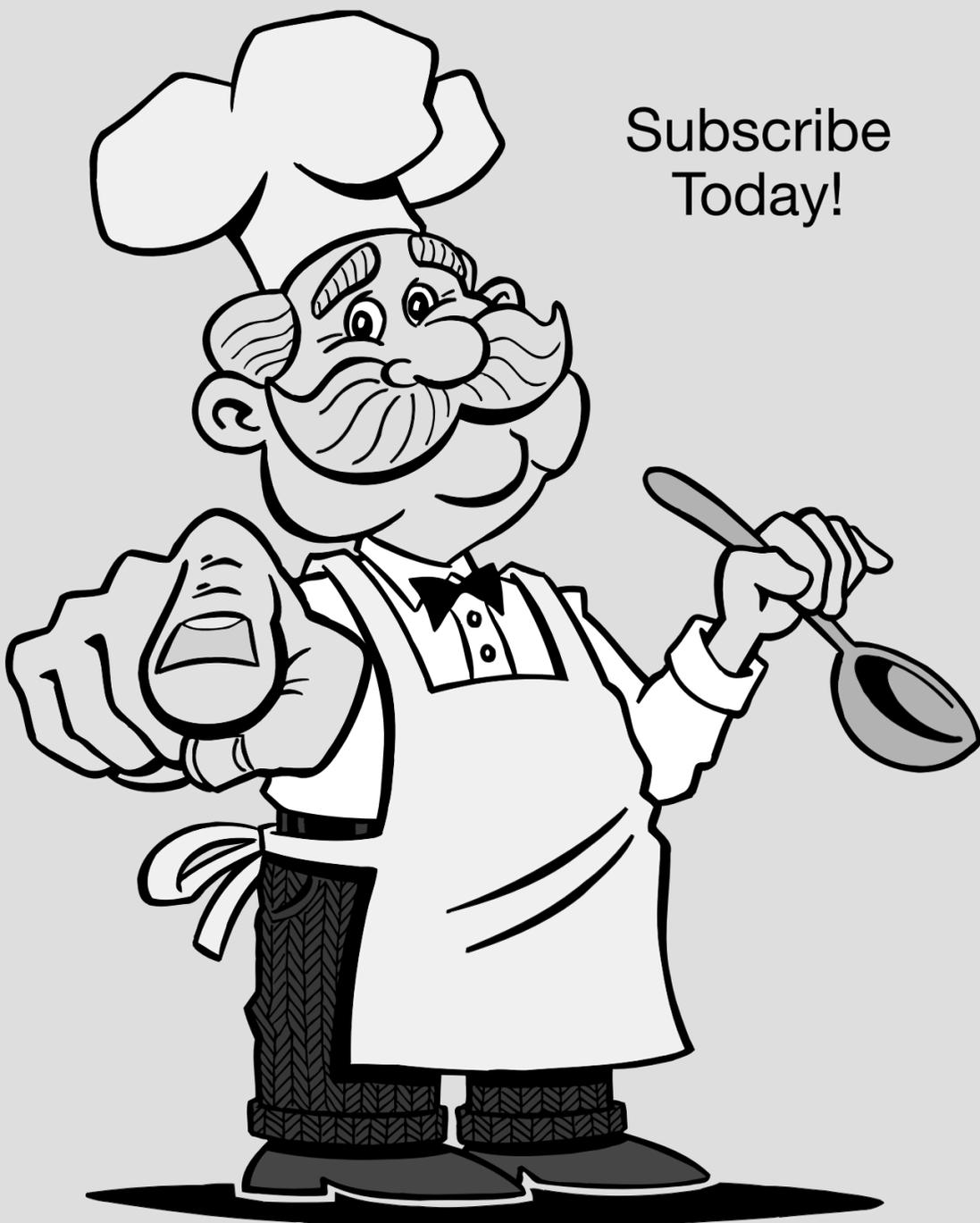
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