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Upper Loup Natural Resources District Receives Grant from Nebraska Environmental Trust

Upper Loup Natural Resources District is pleased to announce that it will receive \$27,250 from the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the "Upper Loup Water Budget Study." The project is one of the 85 projects receiving \$16,680,000 in grant awards from the Nebraska Environmental Trust this year.

The Upper Loup Natural Resources District (ULNRD) will be utilizing NET funds to cost-share the Upper Loup Water Budget Study, a hydrological equation that can be used to describe the flow of water in and out of the watershed. This study will contribute to the ULNRD Voluntary Integrated Management Plan objectives regarding water supplies and demands. The ULNRD and the NeDNR will jointly collaborate and oversee this study, recommending changes as is appropriate. The ULNRD and their consultants will conduct the study.

The Upper Loup Basin is the headwaters of the Loup River System and an important source of water to the Lower Platte River. An understanding of the water budget is critical to manage this valuable natural resource. It's strategic location in the system and available surface water and groundwater make it vital to the entire State. The Upper Loup Basin is covered almost entirely by Sandhills. This unique ecosystem is extensive spatially yet is fragile as a sparse layer of vegetation prevents the mobilization of the sand dunes.

Increased downstream water demands or changing climate conditions can have serious effects on the Upper Loup Basin. This study will be a comprehensive assessment and inventory of available hydrologic, geologic, and physical data in the ULNRD. Both water use and supplies in the district boundaries will be investigated. The inventory will assemble data spatially and temporally. The study will examine hydrologic, climatic, and physical records for at least the past 25 years to gain a greater understanding of the water supplies and demands in and around the ULNRD. The water balance study will help the ULNRD strengthen its water management decision-making, by assessing and improving the validity of various scenarios and strategies to preserve and protect the water resources of our State and the Nebraska Sandhills.



Lower Loup Natural Resources District Receives 2017 Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant

The Lower Loup Natural Resources District has been awarded a 2017 Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant - Scrap Tire Cleanup from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. The grant will fund a tire collection coordinated by the Loup Basin RC&D.

A Scrap Tire Collection will be held Friday, June 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. only at the Loup Rivers Scenic Byway, 330 South Highway 11 in Burwell - south of Longhorn Lanes, across the highway east of the Burwell Jr./Sr. High School.

Tires on rims and tires for which a disposal fee has been received will not be accepted at the collection. Tires of all sizes: tractor, combine, pivot, truck and auto tires will be accepted. Local veterans will be taking the following information from those bringing in tires: name, address, phone

number, number of tires and from where the tires came.

The Scrap Tire Collection is for the residents of Blaine, Boone, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Holt, Howard, Loup, Rock, Sherman, Valley and Wheeler Counties in Nebraska.

The Burwell FFA Chapter Advisor, Philip Simpson; Loup County FFA Chapter Advisor, Tanner Dunbar and Wheeler Central FFA Chapter Advisor, Kelly Guggenmos, will be helping with the unloading of the tires and a free will donation will be given to the chapters.

The recycling end use market will determine how the tires from the Tire Collection cleanup event will be used. Potential uses include feed bunks, sidewall rings for silage cover weights, traffic cones, and alternative cover for landfills.

The Scrap Tire Cleanup is sponsored by the Loup

Basin Resource, Conservation and Development Council (RC&D), Lower Loup Natural Resources District, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the Loup Rivers Scenic Byway.

For more information contact Janet Sanders, Executive Director, Loup Basin RC&D Council at (308) 346-3393, email at info@loupbasinrcd.org or stop by the office at the 330 South Highway 11, Burwell.

Martindale & Saner Headed to American Legion Auxiliary Girls State

Paige Martindale, daughter of Jennifer and Jeff Martindale of Brewster, and Heidi Saner, daughter of Clara and Steve Saner of Dunning, have been selected to attend American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State. Martindale and Saner will study local, county, and state government processes in this nonpartisan political learning experience. Every spring, the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program provides approximately 25,000 young women with a hands-on educational opportunity designed to instruct tomorrow's leaders in the privileges and duties of responsible citizenship.

Delegates receive special instruction in parliamentary procedure and organize themselves into two mythical political parties. They then campaign, hold rallies, debate and ultimately vote to elect city, county and state officials. Once elected to office, delegates are sworn in and



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Paige Martindale



Heidi Saner

perform their prescribed duties. Citizens not elected to office are given appointments and visit the offices of their elected or appointed counterparts in actual state, county, and city government.

Two outstanding citizens, known as "senators," are selected at each of the 49 Girls State sessions held across the country to represent their state at American Legion Auxiliary Girls State held in Washington, DC in July.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest patriotic women's service organization. With a membership of nearly 850,000, local Auxiliary units have a strong presence in more than 9,500 communities nationwide. The Auxiliary's mission to serve veterans, their families and their communities are carried out through its hundreds of outreach programs delivered by its members, volunteers, and National Headquarters.

Clothing Closet open to serve area people in need

The Clothing Closet, located in the First Christian Church, 817 J. Street, Burwell, has been serving people in surrounding counties with free clothing and shoes. Volunteers sort and display clothing and donations have been coming in from area residents.

The facility is open the last Friday of every month between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. All sizes are available - from newborn to adult XXL.

"As coordinator of the Clothing Closet, I would be glad to visit your organization to explain how the Clothing Closet functions," said Kathy Mann, project coordinator. "If you are aware of a need of clothing for an individual or family, feel free to call me and set up an appointment to visit the Clothing Closet. If you would like to donate to the Clothing Closet or volunteer your services, please



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Miles & Higgins To Participate In NPCC All-Star Game

North Platte Community College will host the 11th annual Mid-Plains Area Basketball All-Star games on Friday, June 2, at the McDonald-Belton Gymnasium on the South Campus of North Platte Community College.

The girl's game will start at 6:00 p.m., followed by the boy's game at 7:45 p.m.

The roster for the two games have also been set.

In the girl's game, the Gold team will consist of: Madison Rut and Peyton Flack from Arthur County High School; Jessie Straber and Andie Ortgies from Creek Valley High School; Britni Brannan from Hershey High School; Rylie Brown, Skyler Sandoe, and Korinne Hansen from Medicine Valley High School; Riley Nitsch from North Platte St. Patricks High School; Kyra Miles and Rebecca Higgins from Sandhills/Theford High School; Haeven Schuster from Sutherland High School.

Also in the girl's game the Black team will be: Jayden Burnett, Jessica Spanel, and Kenzie McMullen from Anselmo-Merna High School; Hannah Destefano, Karnee Hatch, and Tara Callahan from Brady High School; Aubrey Wagner and Brooke Scott from Hitchcock County High School; Savana Quinn and Tia Norman from Southern Valley High School; and Madisen Messersmith and Maggie May from Wallace High School.

On the boy's side, the Gold team will consist of: Brett Godfrey from Creek Valley High School; Brayden Baney from Dundy County Stratton High School; Clay Frels from Hershey High School; Matt Rippen and Will Kisker from Hitchcock County High School; Colby Rezac and Dillon Higgins from Ogallala High School; Gabe Vyzourek from North Platte Saint Patrick's High School; Blake Scott from Sutherland High School; Brody Nordhausen and Greg Gaston from Wauneta-Palisade High School;

Also in the boy's game the Black team will be: Hayden Rupe from Eustis-Farnam High School; Ty Clement from Gothenburg High School; Colby Crow from McPherson County High School; Brode McIntosh, Daniel Young, and Lance Moore from Mullen High School; Keith Murphy from Overton High School; Emmitt Rosentrator from Paxton High School; Bailey Schrotberger and Miles Lagler from Perkins County High School; Yeager Price from Sidney High School;

Tickets for the game will be \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door. The games will be broadcast on ESPN 1410 and www.northplattepost.com.



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Kyra Miles, left, and Rebecca Higgins will represent the Lady Knights at the NPCC All-Star Game on June 2 in North Platte.

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