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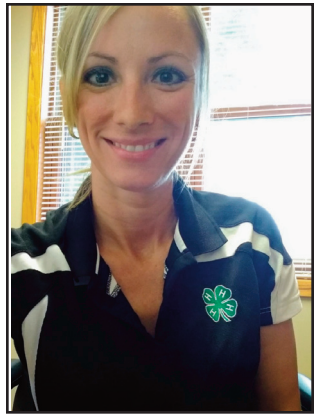
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Davis, Meyer Join Central Sandhills Area Extension

Last fall, two new faces joined the Central Sandhills Area Extension office. Amanda Davis was selected to fulfill the position formerly held by Sue Pearman, and T.L. Meyer stepped into the position formerly held by Bethany Johnston.

and her family have resided in Grant County for two years. Her husband, Tim, is the Agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor in Hyannis. They have two children, Kaylee (17) and Cash (14), who attend Hyannis Area Schools and are Grant

County 4-H members with project interests focusing on livestock. Through Davis's involvement in 4-H, both personally and professionally, it is her passion to help youth learn life skills and to "Make the Best Better."



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Amanda Davis began as the 4-H Assistant August 12, and serves youth and 4-Hers in Grant, Blaine, Hooker and Thomas counties. Davis grew up in rural southwest Missouri and graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in family studies and human services. Davis, a U.S. Army veteran, previously worked as a 4-H Agent with K-State Research and Extension, and the University of Missouri Extension. Davis



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T.L. Meyer began as the Beef Systems Educator September 1, serving producers in Blaine, Cherry, Grant, Hooker and Thomas counties. Prior to that, she worked at the West Central Research and Extension Center (WCREC) for over 20 years, first as a communications associate and the last 16 years as a research tech for the beef reproductive specialist. She received her master's degree in animal science

from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and her bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in animal science and agricultural journalism. Although originally from Iowa, she did spend part of her childhood near Seneca and began her 4-H career in Hooker County. Meyer hopes to provide unbiased, research-based information to aid ranchers when making beef production decisions.

Acting Regional Forester Announces Temporary Developed Recreation Site Closures & Fire Restrictions

Acting Regional Forester Jennifer Eberlien has announced and signed an order to temporarily close developed recreation sites and an order to implement fire restrictions within the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region to align with local, state and federal orders and guidelines to protect public health and safety. The region includes 24 national forests and grasslands across Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. "While we know that going outside provides forest and grassland visitors needed space, exercise and satisfaction, we are taking the risks presented by COVID-19 seriously," said Eberlien. "We are providing some recreation opportunities where we can while protecting and keeping employees, the public and our communities safe from the virus, as well as protecting and keeping communities and natural and cultural resources safe from unwanted human-caused wildfires."

Recreation Closures
Developed recreation sites are temporarily closed while dispersed camping, hiking and river uses are allowed, although discouraged. Closed developed recreation sites include campgrounds, day-use areas, picnic areas, and any other constructed facility

amenities - such as potable water stations, fire rings/grills, picnic tables, restroom facilities with flush or vaulted toilets, and trash cans and trash collection services. Parking facilities, trails and trailheads remain open. Dispersed camping includes camping on a national forest or grassland where recreation facilities or services are not provided. Forest and grassland visitors camping in dispersed recreation sites, hiking or embarking on river activities are encouraged to adhere to the following safety and responsibility guidelines. Stay close to home to keep other communities safe. Stay 6 feet apart from others. Avoid crowding in parking lots, trails, scenic overlooks and other areas. Take CDC precautions to prevent illnesses like COVID-19. Prepare for limited or no services, such as restroom facilities and garbage collection. Prepare to pack out trash and human waste.

Upper Loup NRD open to public by appointment only

Due to recent public health concerns, the Upper Loup NRD is open to the public by appointment only until further notice. If you answer "no" to all of the following questions, you may call to schedule an appointment. Have you, someone living in your household, someone you've been in close or frequent contact with, or someone you are caring for been diagnosed with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) or had any contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19? In the last 14 days, have you, someone living in your household, someone you have been in close or frequent contact with, or someone you are

caring for returned from, or made a travel connection through a CDC Level 3 or Level 2 country or State Department Level 3 or Level 4 country? Do you currently have, or have you had within the last 24 hours, any cold or flu symptoms with a fever greater than 100.4 or acute respiratory distress (e.g. shortness of breath and coughing)? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please call Upper Loup NRD at 308-645-2250 to conduct business by phone, or email us at ulnrd@upperloupnrd.org Thank you and we appreciate your understanding during this time.

Fire Restrictions
Effective immediately until rescinded, the following is prohibited: Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, including charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood-burning stoves, and shepherd's stoves. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle,

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Dahlberg receives Scholarship from CSC

Mackenzie Dahlberg of Thedford, received the Brenard Donohue Eagle Newspaper Scholarship from Chadron State College. Dahlberg is studying Communication Arts at CSC. Chadron State College, which was founded in

1911, is the only four-year, regionally-accredited college in the western half of Nebraska. As a public institution with its roots in teacher education, Chadron State takes pride in its accessibility and affordability. Nearly 3,000 undergraduate, graduate

and online students currently attend Chadron State and its curriculum has grown to offer programs and courses in more than 50 majors and endorsements and eight master's degree programs.

MNAC 2020 All-Conference Basketball Teams Selected

Dane Pokorny, a sophomore Sandhills-Thedford basketball player, has been selected to the second team of the Mid Nebraska Activities Conference all-conference boys basketball team. Honorable mention went to Matthew Dailey, Sandhills-Thedford, junior. Tenley Rasmussen, Sandhills-Thedford, freshman was named to the girls second team and Madison Marten, Sandhills-Thedford, junior was named to the honorable mention list.

Alex Worthing, Arthur County, junior
Shane Merrill, Brady, senior
Daniel Busenitz, Cody-Kilgore, senior
Ethan Nicholson, Sandhills Valley, freshman
Brock Nolette, Hyannis, senior
Jaden Emerson, Mullen, sophomore
Destry Miller, Anselmo-Merna, senior
Trevor Kuncel, Mullen, sophomore
Logan Porter, Brady, senior
Bryce McIntosh, Mullen, junior
Max Kostman, Hyannis, freshman
Matthew Dailey, Sandhills-Thedford, junior
Drew Vickers, South Loup, junior
Lathyn Collins, Twin Loup, senior

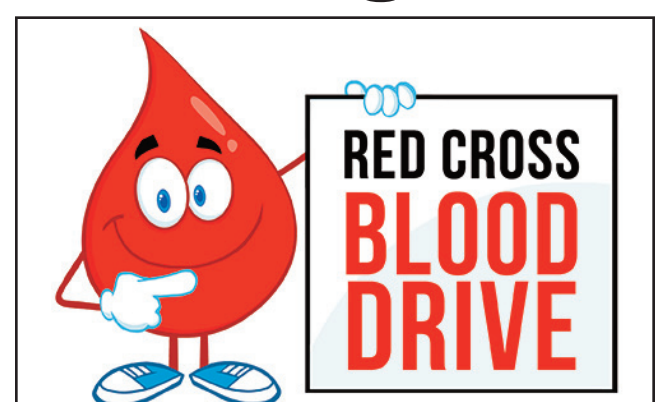
gore, junior
Second Team
Taylor Svoboda, Mullen, sophomore
Kalie Glendy, South Loup, senior
Elizabeth Sitorius, Brady, senior
Katie Axthelm, Brady, senior
Alyson Nicholson, Sandhills Valley, senior
Tenley Rasmussen, Sandhills-Thedford, freshman
Honorable Mention
Alexis Zimmer, Anselmo-Merna, senior
Jadeyn Bubak, South Loup, junior
Tiara Mauler, Twin Loup, senior
Hayley Schied, Cody-Kilgore, senior
Megan Donegan, South Loup, sophomore
Kaitlyn Jacquot, Anselmo-Merna, junior
Madison Jones, Mullen, senior
Catherine Vasa, Arthur County, sophomore
Kirsten Myers, Anselmo-Merna, sophomore
Ashlyn Henderson, Hyannis, sophomore
Landyn Cole, South Loup, junior
Kylie Licking, Mullen, junior
Madison Marten, Sandhills-Thedford junior

Boys
First Team
Brandon Walker, Mullen, junior
Jace Connell, South Loup, senior
Seth Miller, Anselmo-Merna, senior
Grant Jones, South Loup, senior
Jace Leibhart, Anselmo-Merna, senior
Clayton Moore, Mullen, freshman
Second Team
Dane Pokorny, Sandhills/Thedford, sophomore
Eddie Berger, South Loup, senior
Liam Kostman, Hyannis, sophomore

Girls
First Team
Samantha Moore, Mullen, junior
Jessie Sallach, South Loup, senior
Elle Ravenscroft, Cody-Kilgore, junior
Jaide Chandler, Anselmo-Merna, sophomore
Gracie Wenzel, Arthur County, junior
Tehya From, Cody-Kil-

Bloodmobile, April 20 In Dunning

The American Red Cross is doing their part to follow the social distancing guidelines and helping to slow the spread of the virus at local blood drives. All donors, staff, and volunteers will have their temperature taken at the drive before they enter. Anyone with a temperature greater than 99.5 or who refuses to have their temperature taken, will be asked to leave and donate another day. All donors, staff, and volunteers will be asked about their current health and travel prior to entering the drive. If they indicate they have symptoms of the virus, have been in contact with a person with the virus, or have traveled to international hot spots (Iran, Italy, China, Hong Kong, South Korea, or Macau) will be asked to leave and donate another day. (These locations may change to include domestic locations by the time your drive happens)



All donors, staff and volunteer contact surfaces are disinfected following use. Computers, tablets, books, tables, beds, thermometers, blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, squeeze balls, pens, etc. Staff are changing gloves between each donor, washing their hands more often, and using hand sanitizer between glove changes.

Donors and volunteers are also offered hand sanitizer. Volunteers are offered gloves, if they want them. Staff and volunteers will be provided masks they can wear, if they chose to. Donors are not required to wear masks, but they can if they want to. We will not provide masks for donors. We are practicing social distancing by setting up waiting chairs, reading chairs, donor beds, health histories, and canteen chairs all six feet from each other. If we have more than a couple of donors waiting, we are asking donors to return to their cars and we will call them when it is almost their turn to donate to prevent groups congregating en masse. We are asking donors to make an appointment instead of walking in so we can better gauge what so-

cial distancing needs will need to be met. Visitors to blood drives are no longer allowed, including small children, spouses, friends. If they are not donating, they cannot be there. We are limiting the number of volunteers at the drive to just a few per shift/drive. We are no longer serving meals at blood drives. Donors are encouraged to grab a snack from our tote of pre-packaged snacks and to stay for as little time as possible. If a donor is not feeling well or having a reaction, then we will move them away from the canteen area (when possible) and one of our staff will stay with them until they are feeling well enough to leave. The Dunning area blood drive will be held on Monday, April 20 at the Open Bible Church in Dunning from noon to 6:00 p.m.