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UNK students ready to serve state during COVID-19 pandemic

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The National Guard's motto is "Always Ready, Always There."

In unprecedented and challenging times, these soldiers and airmen are prepared to serve their country.

It's a responsibility Haley Munson and Trevor Wood take seriously.

The University of Nebraska at Kearney seniors didn't hesitate to sign up for service when the Nebraska Army National Guard was called upon in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Even though it was voluntary, there wasn't an option for me," said Munson. "I'm going to take care of my community."

On April 27 - with two weeks remaining in the spring semester - the 23-year-old began a 31-day stay in Omaha, where she assisted people in need of temporary housing.

As part of an agreement with the state of Nebraska, University of Nebraska residence halls in Omaha, Lincoln and Kearney were made available to people who need to quarantine because of COVID-19 exposure or isolate themselves from high-risk individuals living in their household.

"It's a great option to keep people safe," said Munson, a transportation noncommissioned officer with the Kearney-based 734th Brigade Support Battalion.

Munson handled a variety of duties at the University of Nebraska at Omaha housing site, including taking guests' temperatures, delivering meals, medication and hygiene items and overseeing day-to-day operations. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services is in charge of medical care at each location.



UNK seniors Haley Munson and Trevor Wood, both serve in the Nebraska Army National Guard. They supported the Guard's response to the COVID-19 pandemic while finishing the spring semester. (Photo by Corbey R. Dorsey, UNK Communications)

After working the day shift, Munson returned to her hotel room to tackle schoolwork in the evening. UNK's shift to remote learning and some very understanding professors helped in this area.

"A lot of my professors allowed me to set my own schedule for exams and final papers," Munson said. "I have to give UNK professors a fist bump because they have always been 100% willing to work with me."

Last year, Munson missed six weeks of spring classes between her annual Guard training, a two-week stint assisting with the flood recovery effort in Papillion and other military duty.

The Tryon native joined the Nebraska Army National Guard on her 17th birthday and recently signed up for another three years.

"I plan on going the full 20 years," said Munson, who has several family members with military

service.

Munson is studying business administration with an emphasis in supply chain management and minors in biology and chemistry. She's interning with Norfolk Iron and Metal this summer and plans to graduate in the fall.

"I will actually graduate debt-free from college because of the military," Munson said.

Wood, who joined the National Guard 5 1/2 years ago, had a different role during the coronavirus pandemic.

He spent six weeks delivering personal protective equipment to locations across the state.

"Since campus was closed and I couldn't do my work study job, I jumped on the opportunity," he said.

At UNK, Wood is an information networking and telecommunications major who works in the cyber systems department. In the National Guard, he's a truck driver with the North Platte

based 1075th Transportation Company.

In mid-April, National Guard soldiers began processing requests and delivering masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and other personal protective equipment. Behind the wheel of an M915A5 truck limited to a max speed of 65 mph, they traveled from Lincoln to communities across the state, including 800-mile round trips to the Panhandle, where Wood's hometown of Mitchell is located.

"It was pretty fun," Wood said. "I've never done anything like this before."

The 25-year-old was on duty six days a week, leaving Sundays to focus on schoolwork.

Wood is currently interning with ruralMED Management Resources, a Holdrege business that provides consulting, support resources and administrative services for rural health care organizations. He plans to graduate from UNK in spring 2021.

Stapleton plans "Quarantine Party"

'Because we're all in this together'

Billed as Stapleton's "Quarantine Village Party," a craft show, citywide garage sales and kickball tournament, has been scheduled for Saturday, June 27.

The craft fair will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and more information may be obtained by contacting Stacey Anderson at the Stapleton Village Hall. Her number is 308-636-2960.

To sign up for a garage sale, you may contact Creative Printers at 308-636-2444 or email them at creativeprinters@gpcom.

The \$8.50 ad will include advertising on posters, Facebook, and in the newspaper.

"Kickin' Keali to Australia" kick-ball tournament will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Stapleton Ball Diamond. There will be limited concessions.

Keali is hosting this family fun day as a fundraiser for her upcoming trip to Australia to play for Mid-

west America's volleyball team.

This will be a six-team tournament. Every team is guaranteed three games. Up to 11 players with no fewer than six. You must have at least three guys and three gals on the field at all times. Anyone can play from 10 years and on up. Waivers will need to be signed when teams check-in the day of the tournament.

Each team will be asked to supply two umpires to help officiate at least two games.

Entry fee is \$110.00 and there will be prizes for first and second places.

There will be a rules meeting for all teams at 7:30 a.m. and only the team's captain(s) need to attend.

For more information you may contact Keali at 308-636-8199 or Kami Florea at 308-636-8479.

See ad on page 9 of this issue for more information.

Multi-County Pursuit leads to arrest

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) have arrested a Minnesota man following a pursuit in north-central Nebraska on Thursday, June 4.

At approximately 6:50 p.m., a trooper observed a westbound Chrysler Town and Country van speeding on Highway 91 near Burwell. The trooper attempted a traffic stop, but the vehicle refused to stop and fled at a high rate of speed.

The trooper initiated a pursuit, which followed the vehicle on Highways 11 and 183. During the pursuit, the vehicle con-

tinued driving recklessly and reached speeds of more than 110 miles per hour.

As the vehicle approached Sargent on Highway 183, it came to a stop voluntarily. Troopers then took the driver, Terry Schmolke, 33, of Shoreview, Minnesota, into custody.

Schmolke was arrested for felony flight to avoid arrest, willful reckless driving, driving under the influence of alcohol, and numerous traffic violations. Schmolke was lodged in Valley County Jail.

Logan County 4-H Project Day Set For June 29

Logan County 4-H Project Day will be held Monday, June 29, at the Logan County Fairbuilding near Stapleton.

There will be two sessions due to COVID-19 guidelines and sessions will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Limit of 10 youth per session.

Youth will be completing two projects they can enter in the Logan County Fair.

Project #1 will be a

dream catcher for the Home Environment, Design Decisions, Class C257-013 (Accessory - 3D).

Project #2 is a Miniature or "fairy" garden for the Horticulture - Floriculture, Class G770-064.

This workshop is for Logan County 4-H'ers and the Logan County 4-H Council will pay the registration fee.

Youth must pre-register by June 15 by calling 308-532-2683 or email: kate.marshall@unl.edu.

New livestock show dates for 2020 Lincoln Co. Fair

The Lincoln County Fair 4-H Show will have some changes due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the limited number of people at the event, only superintendents, parents and youth exhibitors will be allowed to attend. The Livestock Shows are as follows tentative as dates may change due to numbers:

4-H Horse Show: Saturday, July 18th and Sunday, July 19th

4-H Dog Show: July 21st

4-H Poultry and Rabbit Show: July 23rd

4-H Goat Show: July 23rd

4-H Sheep Show: July 24th

4-H Cattle Show: July 25th

4-H Hog Show: July 26th

Animals will be weighed by family in alphabetical order. Scale will be disinfected between families. Superintendent weighing, filling out paper work

will wear a mask and disposable gloves no exception. Superintendents and Direct Volunteers will have temperature taken upon arrival. Mask should be worn by all participants. Hand sanitizer will be available for people to use.

West Central Health Covid 19 Directed Health Measures (DHM) will be followed at the shows. If you plan to show in the 4-

H shows all affidavits are due June 15th with no exceptions. You may pick up the affidavit forms at the extension office or print on-line from the <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/lincolnmcperson/> website. Fair Entries are due by July 1 at 5:00 p.m. It is vitally important to get signed-

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Village of Stapleton Tire Collection Program

The Village of Stapleton will be holding a tire collection program June 13-26 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The site will be closed Saturday and Sunday.

Tires will be accepted at the Village yard on J Street (former state yard).

Absolutely no rims. An attendant will be there to help sort tires. Persons are asked to unload their own tires. For more information contact the Village Hall at 308-636-2960.

McPherson County Courthouse Open To Public

The McPherson County Courthouse opened to the public effective Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

It is recommended you continue to do business online, by telephone, or by mail as much as possible.

More information about the reopening of the courthouse may be found on page 8 inside this issue. Thank you for your cooperation.

McPherson Co. News



- Over The Hills
- Graphic Files
- Computing Salvation Poem

Notices

- Estate of Sheila R. Viter Legal Notice
- School District R-1 Notice of Meeting
- Logan County Commissioners Public Notice
- Village of Stapleton Tire Collection Dates
- Village of Stapleton Dog License Renewals
- Small Animal Shot Clinic Available in Park Shelter

Read The Legal Notices & Stay Informed!

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
23	69	45	0
24	74	48	.60"
25	71	47	.25
26	65	40	.11
27	75	42	0
28	80	47	.07
29	78	46	0
30	77	51	0
31	75	52	0

Thunder and haze was observed on May 23 and haze was observed on May 31. Total moisture for May was 4.14". Average May moisture is 3.29". Total moisture for 2020 is 8.05"

*More rain fell east and south of recording site and possible hail.

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