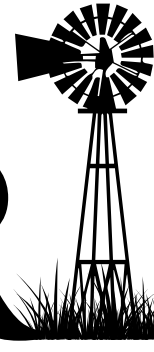


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## Construction Detour Planned

Area residents are being updated on the Tryon-Mullen N97 construction schedule. Work began in April 2021 and is to be completed in the spring of 2022.

The project will widen and resurface 12.67 miles of Nebraska Highway 97 (N-97) between Tryon and Mullen in Hooker County. Improvements will include resurfacing and widening the roadway to 24 feet, 6-foot-wide earthen shoulders, curb and flume construction, removing and replacing guardrail, and surfacing underneath guardrail. To facilitate the roadway widening without impacting the Dismal River, a 400-foot-long retaining wall will be constructed on the east side of the highway between MM 55.58 and MM 55.46.

Road closure is anticipated to be in effect between May 17 and June 6. The temporary detour route will utilize N-2, US-83, and N-92. For the remainder of the work, traffic will be maintained with a 10-foot width restriction and lane closures utilizing flaggers and a pilot car in addition to temporary traffic signals for a portion of the work at the Dismal River location.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation has worked to develop this project to minimize inconvenience and hardship.



"We are dedicated to improving Nebraska's highway system and with your help we can achieve this goal," said Sarah R. Soula, External Affairs Manager, Nebraska Department of

Transportation. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously in and near work zones, to buckle up and to put phones down.

## Williams Overall Contestant At 4-H Music Contest



COURTESY

Pictured above are the youth competing in the 4-H Speech and Music competition held Sunday, April 18, l-r; Rate Peterson, Jhett Peterson, Jace Williams and Megan Amos.

Several great performances were presented by the 4-H Speech/Music youth on Sunday, April 18, at the Gandy Community Church.

Novice Speech: Jace Williams, purple; Rate Peterson, blue. Music: Megan Amos, vocal, purple. Jace Williams, recorder, purple.

Results for the day were: Rate Peterson, piano, blue. Jhett Peterson, Cloverkid participation. Overall contestant honors went to Jace Williams.

## Gov. Ricketts & Fellow Governors Stand Up To President Biden's 30x30 plan

Last week, Governor Pete Ricketts and 14 other Governors submitted a joint letter to President Biden regarding his executive order on the climate issued January 27, 2021. The President's executive order set a goal of restricting "at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030" (50 x 30). Currently, about 97% of land in Nebraska is privately owned.

In their letter, the Governors reminded the Biden-Harris Administration that it lacks the authority to pursue the President's 30 x 30 goal. "[We] are not aware of any constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and perma-

nently conserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States," they wrote. "Nowhere in the laws of our nation is the authority delegated by Congress to the President or executive agencies to unilaterally change the policies governing land use in America."

The Governors warned that pursuing the President's 30 x 30 plan would violate property rights and hurt the economy. "Obtaining the 30 percent goal from state or private lands would require your Administration to condemn or otherwise severely limit the current productive uses of such lands, infringing on the private property rights of our citizens and significantly harming our economies." The Governors also

called on President Biden to be transparent about how he intends to achieve his goal. "Two months have passed since the announcement of the new program and neither the states nor the American people have been provided with any information regarding the meaning, objectives, or implementation of the 30 x 30 program including the fundamental question of what lands will be vulnerable for increased restrictions or condemnation." In their letter, the Governors submitted specific questions for the President to answer to provide greater clarity about the 30 x 30 program.

Collectively, the Governors also

## Old scam resurfaces

The Logan County Sheriff's office is advising residents of an old scam that has resurfaced. A local resident received notification through the United States Postal Service they had won the Publisher's Clearing House sweepstakes and advised to call a number. The resident contacted Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson who checked into the letter and found information on the Publisher's Clear-

ing House website that there is a scam alert. A person will come to your door to notify you if you have won and no person will be notified by mail.

There has also been an uptick in fraudulent social security and IRS calls. If you are in doubt about any call, you are advised to hang up. Sheriff Carson said you may call his office and advises you to not give out any personal information.

## New SCMD board officers elected

Two new board members were elected to serve a three-year term at the annual shareholders meeting of the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli held March 16 at the Stapleton Community Center.

The terms of Cindy Frey and Robin Garlett were up for re-election in 2021. Elected to the board were

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## McPherson County man taken to burn center

Kirk Neal sustained second and third degree burns at his ranch located north of Tryon, Sunday afternoon, April 18. Neal had a diesel jug explode in his hands. His wife, Barbie said if it had not been for help from her daughter, Becca and Becca's boyfriend, Ben, the outcome could have been very different.

"We heard the explosion and Becca looked out and said dad's on fire," Barbie said. "I am so grateful they were here and were able to assist me. Becca called 911 and we all worked to help Kirk."

Tryon Fire & Rescue met the North Platte crew halfway and Kirk was taken to Great Plains Health. From there he was flown to the St. Elizabeth Burn Unit in Lincoln.

Kirk sustained second and third degree burns on less than 15% of his body. There were third degree burns on his left hand, and second and third degree on his right hand, and burns on his left side torso and left leg.

He underwent surgery last Tuesday and was able to return home last Wednesday. Barbie said there will be several return trips to Lincoln and

on his next trip he will start skin grafts. They will be working on his left hand because that is his predominant and then will work on his right hand. She added that his pain is under control and manageable.

Home Health is assisting in the Neal home and neighbors and family members have been helping with ranch chores.

"We are so appreciative of the people who have helped in so many ways since the accident," Barbie said. "It could have been so much worse and we feel blessed and are very thankful."

### -- News Briefs --

#### Stapleton Chamber moves meeting to Wednesdays

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce will now be meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month at noon at the Stapleton Community Center.

Chamber will be meeting April 28 and will finalize plans for "Career Day" and also the family night at the Augusta Wind Golf Course.

Please join in and help make plans to improve our community.

#### ACE Camp is Back in 2021

Middle school students interested in the outdoors are encouraged to sign up for a fun, educational and action-packed camp. Adventure Camp about the Environment (ACE) is for students who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grades in the 2020-21 school year.

To qualify for a scholarship you may fill out the camp registration and scholarship forms found at upperloupnrd.org.

Complete and return forms to the Upper Loup NRD office no later than Friday, May 21. Space is limited due to safety precautions, so please sign up early!

### Weather

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19	67	26	0
20	36	19	.03
21	44	17	T
22	47	17	0
23	57	26	0

A trace of snow was recorded on April 18, 20 & 21. There were intermittent snow squalls on April 18. The wind blew 34 MPH at 1:27 on April 22. Fog was observed on April 23

#### SVM Boys Track Team Wins Paxton Invitational

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