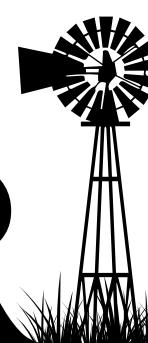


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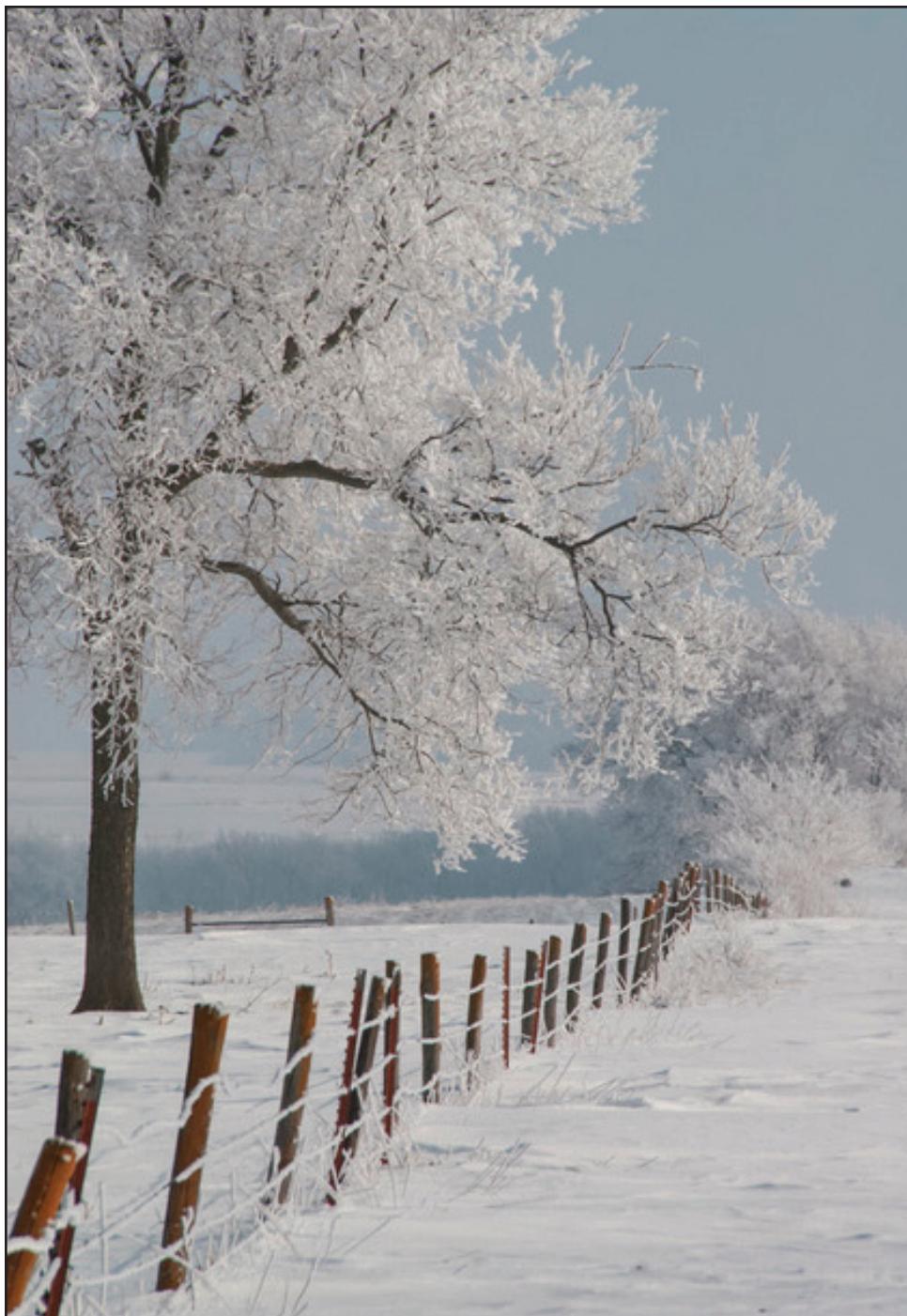
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## The weather outside is frightful



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**Beauty in the blizzard.** The National Weather Service extended blizzard warnings until noon Friday, December 16, for Sheridan, Cherry, Grant, Hooker, Keya Paha and Brown counties. Shawn Jacobs, warning coordination meteorologist at the North Platte National Weather Service office said it has been an impressive storm and the worst he has seen in at least 14 years.

Many highways were closed and motorists were told to stay off roadways if possible. Valentine reported 11.8 inches of new snow, Oshkosh, 10 inches, five inches near Tryon, and four inches at Ogallala. U.S. Highway 83 from Thedford north to Valentine reopened to traffic Thursday afternoon, Dec. 15.

Motorists are reminded to call Nebraska 511 or consult the website at 511.nebraska.gov before making travel plans.

Extremely cold weather was forecast for the week leading up to Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25. The Logan County Sheriff's office reminds travelers to wear their seat belts, take necessary precautions if you need to be out on the roadways, and to slow down so you can arrive safely at your holiday destination.

### Licensed Snowplow Drivers in High Demand

The Nebraska Department of Transportation is short about 250 workers who are licensed to drive snowplows. NDOT has moved snowblower trucks and drivers to the Panhandle of the state to deal with blizzard conditions.

State agencies are struggling to fill vacancies. NDOT said they had 259 vacancies in jobs that included plowing snow. The agency began offering \$4,000 bonuses for diesel mechanics who were hired on. Office staff who have commercial drivers licenses will be sent to the Panhandle blizzard along with transferred workers.

### Early deadlines

This issue contains our annual greetings of the season. The deadline for the December 29 issue will be noon, Thursday, December 22, and for the January 5 issue it will be noon Thursday, December 29. Creative Printers & Herbie's Speakeasy will be closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, December 24-25-26. Merry Christmas to our readers.

### Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
11	47	21	0
12	51	20	T
13	45	32	.06
14	36	19	.41
15	23	27	0
16	23	14	0
17	24	11	T

Snow: 2.6" of snow was recorded on December 14. Other observations: Dense fog all day December 12; 37 mph wind on December 13; 40 mph wind on December 14; 44 mph wind on December 15; and 39 mph wind on December 16. Wind chill: 2 degrees on December 14; -2 at 8:47 a.m. on December 15; 1 degree at 7:00 a.m. December 16; and -1 degree at 4:00 a.m. on December 17.

Have A Blessed  
Christmas

### McPherson Co. News



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### Notices

- McPherson County School District #90 Board Proceedings
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### Event Calendar

- December 23: Poker, Vet's Club, 7:00 p.m.  
December 24: Christmas Eve  
December 25: Merry Christmas  
December 26: Poker, Vet's Club, 7:00 p.m.  
December 27: Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce, noon  
December 30: Poker, Vet's Club, 7:00 p.m.  
December 31: New Year's Eve

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