

A look at what's  
happening in the area



### Duplicate bridge

**NORFOLK** — Norfolk Duplicate Bridge will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 5, for a noon luncheon followed by bridge play at 1 p.m. These games are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Norfolk Country Club and are open for all area players.

### DAR to meet

**NORFOLK** — The Nancy Gary chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Norfolk Senior Citizens Center at 1 p.m. It will be the annual Valentine's for Vets workshop. A white elephant sale will be conducted by members.

### Immunization clinic

**NELIGH** — The Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, formerly known as Goldenrod Hills Community Action, will hold the Neligh WIC and immunization clinic on Thursday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Abundant Life Christian Center, 1101 L St., Neligh. For an appointment or more information, call 385-6300.

### Grants given

**LINCOLN** — The EducationQuest Foundation has awarded Eighth-Grade Campus Visit Grants to four area schools to fund campus visits and other college-access activities for eighth-grade students.

The schools are Creighton Community Public Schools, Randolph Public Schools, West Point-Beemer Junior/Senior High School and the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools.

"Getting eighth-grade students onto a college campus can help them realize college is possible," said Eric Drumheller, EducationQuest assistant vice president of grants and scholarships. "It can also motivate them to take rigorous courses in high school and other steps to prepare for higher education."

### Tech fairs

A series of broadband technology fairs is scheduled across the state in March and April.

Attendance is free, and the approximately three-hour fairs are open to all. The schedule includes: Tuesday, March 11, in Atkinson and Tuesday, March 25, in Norfolk.

The theme highlights "The Power of Business — What's Next" as experts will focus on how businesses can adapt and use online applications successfully in their operations. The events are part of the Broadband Initiative that is expanding efforts to help businesses across the state harness the power of broadband technology for successful operations.

The sessions will offer the latest information on broadband technology tools and techniques with experts from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Nebraska Public Service Commission. Details on times and locations will be posted at [band.nebraska.gov](http://band.nebraska.gov).

### Volunteers needed

**NORFOLK** — Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Northeast Nebraska is currently seeking bilingual volunteers. Volunteers will be trained and appointed by a judge to speak up in court for abused and/or neglected children. For information, call Ruth Matthews-Mott at 371-9599 or send an email to [casa@telebeep.com](mailto:casa@telebeep.com).

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**JADEN MOORE** (right), a junior at Norfolk High School, talks with a visitor about her project, Sleeping Buddies, which will donate pillowcases to the Northeast Nebraska Child Advocacy Center. Jaden's project was one of several Youth Philanthropy Contest projects displayed at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk on Saturday. Ten winners were named during the event.

## Community embraces philanthropy contest

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The Philanthropy Council of Northeast Nebraska has really struck a chord with the public.

For the past three years, the council has sponsored its Youth Philanthropy Contest — with its most recent contest Saturday at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk.

"When we started this three years ago, we were just looking for a way to create a culture of giving in our community, and inspire people and educate people about giving back and how important that was," said Tammy Day, chairwoman of the council. "We decided that kids were really the future of any community, so investing some time and resources into them was really important to us."

Since its inception, the contest, and the interest in it, has grown, Day said.

"I think that people get excited about kids, and they are excited that youths are wanting to be a part of the community. Adults want to be a part of that," Day said. "They want to support those efforts and let young people know they care what they think and are willing to stand behind them."

For the past two years, eight projects have been funded through the contest. This year, that has expanded to 10, Day said, because many community members have stepped up to sponsor the Celebrate Giving! event, which allowed the council to increase its number of awards.

One company that is especially excited about the contest is Nucor, which has created community outreach teams that have worked with youths on developing their projects.

"Maybe the kids have a great idea but don't know how to put it together. Mentors are on the front end and help the kids work through those processes," Day said. "Having that sup-

### Youth winners named

Sponsored by the Philanthropy Council of Northeast Nebraska, the Youth Philanthropy Contest had several applications complete with video presentations, display boards, samples, and an outline of time and budget expectations for their projects.

Ten applications were chosen to receive \$1,000 and are being paired with an adult mentor group to help make their dreams come true. The 10 project winners are:

■ **Natalia Delancey and Reagen DeLancey — Welcome Foster Care Bags.** The Delanceys will make care packages for foster children age 2-10, to be given to them just prior to entering foster care.

■ **Jefferson Elementary — Baskets of Love.** The students will team with Meals on Wheels to create baskets of love that contain breakfast items.

■ **Montessori third-grade students — Baskets of Joy.** The students will show love to the community by providing items the elderly at Skyview Villa can use on a daily basis.

■ **Norfolk Catholic Elementary Sonshine preschool and third-**

**grade students — Wee Care Kits.**

The kids will purchase items as determined/requested by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and pack them in a care kit to be handed out to individuals requiring assistance of the items they are providing.

■ **Addysen Clyde — Dream Big.** Addysen will give Dream Big bags to children at Bright Horizons to provide comfort, security and hope.

■ **Gerardo Sanchez — Dogs Just Want to Have Fun.** Gerardo will build or fix up the dog park at Ta-ha-zouka Park in Norfolk.

■ **Destinee Storm, Lacey Jorgensen and MacKenzie Jorgensen — Totes 4 Tots.** The three girls will fill totes with gifts for kids in the hospital.

■ **Jaden Moore — Sleeping Buddies.** Jaden will sew and donate pillowcases to the Northeast Nebraska Child Advocacy Center.

■ **Norfolk High School advanced placement government — Supplies for Survivors.** The students will provide basic necessities for those who seek refuge at Bright Horizons.

■ **Katie Owen, Kelsie Sturm and Sydney Owen — Cancer Care Kits.** The three girls will provide baskets for anyone who is receiving cancer treatments at the Carson Cancer Center.

port, maybe the quality and the detail will be better because we've tried to wrap some support around them that we didn't think of before."

Celebrate Giving! is slated for Saturday, Feb. 15, at Divots. During the event, the Philanthropy Award winners will be honored, and the Youth Philanthropy Contest winners will be celebrated.

Day said it's not uncommon for several more projects to be funded by the end of the event — as has been the case the past two years.

This year will be no different. In fact, Day said a number of people have already showed interest in funding projects, well before the event even takes place.



**KELLAN SAGER** (left)

talks with a visitor

about the project, Chalk

Around the Block, which

he designed with his

brother, Kaden, on Sat-

urday at the Lifelong

Learning Center in Nor-

folk. The project was

one of several created

for the Youth Philanthro-

py Contest.

## New scam targets utility customers

### Special to the Daily News

Black Hills Energy has received a scam report involving unknown parties who may be targeting its customers and demanding money.

Fraudulent callers contact customers to indicate that a payment must be made within a short amount of time (e.g., 30 minutes) before a technician will arrive to disconnect service if they do not pay.

Some are even using spoofing technology where customers' caller ID displays the utility, further enhancing the deception.

Reports have also suggested the scammers are primarily targeting small, commercial establishments, as well as populations that may not fully understand English and/or traditional billing and marketing practices.

If Black Hills Energy customers have concerns about anyone claiming to represent the company, an immediate call to local law enforcement is always a good option.

Additionally, customers can call the utility's 24-hour emergency line at 800-694-8989. Black Hills Energy can confirm the legitimacy of the

claim and can also confirm billing information, including the amount due and payment history, and whether an employee was dispatched to your location.

Also, Black Hills Energy employees are required to carry a company-issued photo ID at all times and will gladly wait for customers to contact customer service associates to verify their identity.

In any instance, the number to call for verification can be found on monthly bills or the company's website.

More tips to avoid falling prey to scammers include:

■ Don't give in to a high-pressure call seeking personal information. If someone calls claiming to represent your local utility and they demand immediate payment or personal information, hang up and call the customer service number on your utility bill.

■ Do not provide your Social Security number, credit card numbers or bank account information to anyone during an unsolicited phone call or an unannounced visit.

■ Never allow anyone representing a utility into your home unless you have scheduled an appointment or are aware of a confirmed problem. Any time a utility employee arrives at your door, require the employee to produce proper identification, and do not hesitate to confirm the visit with the utility company via a phone call before permitting access to your property.

## Master Gardeners set spring training sessions

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension will soon offer six lawn and garden programs that are open to the public and part of its Master Gardener training program.

The sessions will be presented on Tuesday evenings from Feb. 11 through March 25 (excluding March 18) from 6:30 to 9 at various sites statewide.

These locations include the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk, Holt County extension office in O'Neill and the Cuming County Courthouse in West Point. County extension offices can be contacted as to program availability.

The schedule follows:

**Feb. 11** — "Integrated Pest Management Options for Landscapes" by Wayne Ohnesorg, extension educator in Madison, Pierce, Wayne and Stanton counties; **Feb. 18** — "Disease Identification of Herbaceous Landscape Plants" by Amy Timmerman, extension educator in Holt and Boyd counties; **Feb. 25** — "Turfgrass Care and Management" by Zach Reicher, professor, UNL Department of Agronomy and Horticulture;

**March 4** — "Pollinators in the Landscape and 'Pollinator Friendly' Plant Material" by Natalia Bjorklund, Dodge County extension educator; **March 11** — "Plant Propagation Concepts" by Nicole Stoner, Gage County

extension educator, and David Lott, West Central District extension educator; and **March 25** — "Landscape Weed Identification and Herbicide Update" by Lowell Sandell, assistant extension educator, UNL Department of Agronomy and Horticulture.

For those wishing to become Master Gardeners — individuals who want to learn more about gardening and horticulture and share their knowledge with others — there is a one-time initial fee of \$100. The fee includes the "Master Gardener Handbook."

For non-Master Gardeners, there will be a charge of \$5 per person for each training session attended. All six training sessions can be attended for \$25.

For more information, contact the following extension offices: Norfolk sessions — Madison County at 370-4040 or Wayne County at 375-3310; O'Neill sessions — Holt County at 336-2760; or West Point sessions — Cuming County at 372-6006.

Pre-registration is requested, but participants are also welcome to register at the door.

## PUBLIC RECORD

### POLICE DIVISION

**Bookings** (Arrests made or citations issued by the Norfolk Police Division)

Sunday: Chris Ziegenbein, 37, Pierce, driving under the influence-first offense, no operator's license; Eric Waggoner, 33, 1013 S. First St., driving under the influence-first offense; James Storovich, 19, 220 W. Norfolk Ave., Apt. G, shoplifting, minor in possession.

Saturday: Jaymes Kumm, 21, 1004 Koenigstein Ave., Apt. 4, Lancaster County warrant-possession of drug paraphernalia, minor in possession; Ronald Dittmon, 51, 113 Jackson Ave., criminal mischief; Douglas Kluthe, 56, 301 E. Braasch Ave., driving under the influence (.15 or more)-second offense, following too closely, seatbelt violation; Eroll Potter, 25, Columbus, third-degree assault.

Friday: Kyle Reed, 22, 715 1/2 S. 11th St., theft; Nicole Stevenson, 43, 109 N. 16th St., theft by unlawful taking, unauthorized use of financial transaction; Mallory Stubbs, 18, Winside, minor in consumption; Clemente Reyna-Casimiro, 21, 305 S. 11th St., second-degree assault; Daniel Gregory, 41, 201 S. Birch St., criminal impersonation, possession of a controlled substance-metamphetamine, resisting arrest, obstructing, criminal mischief, two Madison County warrants; Deandrew Stapleton, 38, Omaha, child abuse.

Jan. 24: Jill Torkelson, 28, 1106 Angus Drive, driving under suspen-

sion.

Jan. 23: Peter Graham, 44, Pierce, driving under the influence of drugs.

### Criminal reports

Damage to a street sign reported at Queen City Boulevard and Syracuse Avenue.

Theft of a purse reported at Faith Regional Health Services, 2700 Norfolk Ave.

Theft of a vehicle reported at Northeast Community College, 801 E. Benjamin Ave.

Damage to a building reported at Faith Regional, 2700 Norfolk Ave. A male subject was cited.

Shoplifting reported at Walmart, 2400 Pasewalk Ave.

Shoplifting reported at Hy-Vee East, 120 E. Norfolk Ave.

### Police calls

Between 6 a.m. Friday and 6 a.m. Monday, police responded to 130 calls.

### FIRE DIVISION

**Fire and Rescue unit calls**

Friday, 7:21 a.m., Westside Plaza Drive, rescue call, transported to Faith Regional Health Services.

Friday, 4:17 p.m., Fifth Street and Pasewalk Avenue, motor vehicle accident, fire-assist, no transport.

Friday, 7:11 p.m., North 11th Street, rescue call, transported to Faith Regional.

Friday, 9:11 p.m., Ta-ha-zouka Road, rescue call, transported to Faith Regional.

Saturday, 6:02 a.m., Queen City Boulevard, rescue call, transported to Faith Regional.

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