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Notices

- Madron Ranch LLC Notice Of Organization
- Notice Of Renewal Of Retail Liquor License
- The Haake Five LLC
- Sandhills Area Extension Quarterly Meeting Notice
- Thomas County Semi Annual Statement

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New weekly column feature begins this week

A new weekly column will begin this week in our publications. "Dave Says," featuring the advice of personal finance expert and best-selling author, Dave Ramsey, may be found this week on page 6. Dave Ramsey's column is filled with timely, relevant questions and answers taken from actual letters and calls on Ramsey's radio program, "The Dave Ramsey Show." Ramsey has helped countless individuals achieve financial success and his Financial Peace University is widely acclaimed in helping people on the road to financial freedom. We hope our readers enjoy this new weekly addition.

Sandhills Motors prepares for grand opening

Sandhills Motors is making progress towards a grand opening and ribbon cutting since the October purchase of Forrester's Dodge City in Arnold. Thomas McCaslin, Michael McCaslin and Chad Garcia partnered to purchase the business. Garcia will be the general manager of the Chrysler/Dodge/Ram dealership that has been a main stay and big presence in Arnold for over 80 years. Thomas is general manager of Gateway Motors in Broken Bow. Garcia said the renovation of the Spargo Building into a show room for the dealership has been ongoing. It is hoped the renovation will be completed the end of February or first of March. The building will house offices for sales personnel and office manager, a customer lounge, and a display area for vehicles. "We are building up the inventory and getting new vehicles delivered at this time," Garcia said. "We also offer parts and service, and detailing." All former employees

have remained and include Randy Ross, parts and service; Chris Hough, sales person; Angie Hopper, detailing; Wayne Bierman and Drew Bowers, mechanics; and Carolyn Bowers, office manager. Sandhills Motors has retained the former phone number and they may be reached by calling 308-848-2288. Their website is www.sandhillsmotorscdr.com Forrester's Dodge City had been in business for 80 plus years. Started by Oliver Forrester, it was purchased by his son, Bob, in 1954. Bob's sons, Bruce and Brad bought into Forrester's. Bruce owns and operates Bruce Forrester Auto Sales in Broken Bow. Brad was the final Forrester owner. "We are very pleased to continue this business in Arnold, and we will be working to not only get more vehicles delivered, but to expand our parts and service," Garcia said. "Expansion of the service department will be made in the present office spaces located in the shop



MARCIA HORA PHOTOS

What is commonly referred to as the "Spargo Building in Arnold" is being remodeled into the new showroom for Sandhills Motors.



Chad Garcia, general manager of Sandhills Motors in Arnold, is pictured inside the building that is currently being renovated to include sales and office manager spaces, a customer lounge, and vehicle show room. Garcia said the only thing salvageable in the building has been the tin tiled ceiling. Renovation has included new wiring, heating and air, and plumbing. Garcia said he hopes to have the renovation completed for a grand opening and ribbon cutting the end of February or first part of March.

2017 baby pics needed for feature section

Babies - if you were born in 2017 tell your parents and grandparents to listen up! We need your picture for a special feature to be included in our Valentine's Day section. There is no cost. See page 6 inside this issue for details.

Sandhills Beef in School update

Sandhills Public Schools would like to recognize and thank their latest donors to their beef in school program: CC Angus of Dunning donated a beef and the Loup to Loup Road Race group of Halsey/Purdum donated money toward processing fees. Thank you for your donations and support! You are much appreciated.

The program is off and running well. To date, we have had five beef donations and three processing fees donations. If you are interested in donating a beef or dollars toward the program, please contact Supt. Dale Hafer by phoning 308-538-2224 for assistance.

The Sandhills "Beef in the School" program began last spring when they served their first "beef" lunch made with donated, locally raised Sandhills beef. Their slogan continues to be "Sandhills Beef in School - Keepin' It Local & Keepin' it Great"

DEQ Offering Clean Diesel Rebates

The Department of Environmental Quality's Nebraska Clean Diesel Rebate Program is offering rebates to replace eligible agricultural irrigation pump diesel engines with electric motors. The application deadline for this program has been extended to 5:00 pm on February 15, 2018. NDEQ will reimburse 60% of the cost of the new electric motor, installation, and required electrical infrastructure (including electric service line extension) up to a maximum rebate of \$16,200. The pump engine owner is responsible for the remainder of the project costs (mandatory cost-share). Replacement incentives offered by electric service providers may be used to pay a portion of the mandatory cost-share. No other federal grant funds may be

used to cover any portion of the mandatory cost-share. In order to ensure emissions reductions are achieved through this program, the diesel engine being replaced must be permanently disabled within 90 days of replacement. Replacement projects must be completed by August 30, 2018. NDEQ anticipates awarding rebates for five irrigation pump engine replacements. Individual applicants may submit one application for a rebate for one engine. The number of irrigation pump engine rebates will be determined by NDEQ after evaluating applications for all Nebraska Clean Diesel programs. More information and application materials can be found at the following web page: <http://deq.ne.gov/publications/pages/17-016>

Students organizing food drive to aid fellow student

Members of all extra-curricular organizations at Thedford High School have banded together to conduct a food drive to aid Bailey Porter. Most of the THS students know his brother, Devon, a senior at Sandhills High School. Devon is active in sports. Bailey, his fiancée, Desarae, and Devon live in Thedford in the house that once belonged to Plugge's. Desarae works at the NRD office. Bailey's father and sister died of cancer, and his mother died in a car accident. Bailey has been providing for his family and is employed by Herb and Lori Hall. Bailey has been going to Omaha for chemotherapy to reduce the size of a tumor. Due to the chemo treatments he has not been able to work and is existing by sucking on hard candy. Eating popsicles and Jello are his mainstay as he is unable to eat a normal diet at this



TODD BREWER PHOTO

Devon Porter's brother, Bailey, pictured at left, and Bailey's girlfriend, Desarae following a Sandhills-Thedford Knight football game.

time. He will return to Omaha in February to determine the next steps. Students at Thedford High School will have collection boxes located at businesses around town beginning January 15 and running through Friday,

February 16. They are also planning to canvas the town on February 8 and will also stop at businesses as many people are at work. This will allow these individuals to be able to donate to this cause. People may give

food products to 7th through 12th grade students to take to the school as there will be some boxes located in the FCS room. Please join our efforts to show this young man that this is a caring community.