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*Nebraska could soon be at center of national legal tussle*



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**Third-generation farmer** Larry Domina, 65, pictured on Aug. 21, grows corn and soybeans and raises cattle and pigs near Coleridge. In 2012, Domina was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, cancer that he now blames on Roundup, a chemical which he used to kill the weeds amongst his crops.

## Roundup battle brewing

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**COLERIDGE** — For a third-generation farmer like Larry Domina, it seemed like the biggest labor-saver since the invention of the tractor. Agri-chemical giant Monsanto in the late 1990s came out with genetically modified corn and soybean varieties that were resistant to the company's Roundup herbicide. After planting these "Roundup Ready" seeds, Domina and other farmers could freely spray the weed-killer all over their fields without fear it would kill off their crops, too.

For Domina, it meant no more walking corn and bean rows to pull or spot-spray weeds. "It was almost magic," he said. But in 2012, Domina was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, a cancer he believes was caused by his use of Roundup. Now a lawsuit he filed against Monsanto could put Nebraska at the center of a national legal mega-battle over the safety of the nation's most popular weedkiller — one that for decades has been sprayed by farmers and backyard gardeners alike.

Domina's lawsuit was among the first of more than 13,000 that have been filed since 2016 claiming that Monsanto failed to warn users of the health risks posed by Roundup and its main weed-whacking ingredient, glyphosate. The flood of Roundup litigation followed a 2015 declaration by the cancer arm of the World Health Organization that glyphosate is likely a carcinogen. "This case is about Nebraska farmers who were deceived by Monsanto," said David Domina, the Omaha trial attorney who is representing the farmer.

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## Dewey corridor adding businesses

**Mexican restaurant opening 2nd location, local dentist moving**

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Two businesses will open in locations near the North Platte Walmart — one an additional location for a current restaurant, and the other a local business moving locations. D'Leon's will open a second North Platte location under the same ownership in the old Taco Bell building near 1300 S. Dewey St, along East Francis Street. Pediatric Dental Specialists of

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## Report: Pilot in crash should not have had passengers

**LAKEVIEW, S.D. (AP)** — The National Transportation Safety Board says a Nebraska pilot who died in a single-engine plane crash along with his teenage son should not have had a passenger. According to a preliminary NTSB report, 39-year-old Clint VanderWey of Crookston, was certified only as a student pilot. Under federal aviation regulations, VanderWey was prohibited from being a pilot in command of a plane carrying a passenger. VanderWey and his 16-year-old son, Jed, were killed Sept. 8 when their Cessna 140 crashed in South Dakota prairie near the family's farm in Nebraska. The NTSB says VanderWey took off from his private airstrip. Family members said VanderWey, who ran an irrigation service, would fly over water towers to report the water level to farmers. The preliminary report found no mechanical problems with the plane before the crash.

## Students celebrate Constitution Day

**State senator, DAR representatives speak about importance of document**

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The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. ..." It is an amazing document, state Sen. Mike Groene of North Platte told North Platte High School American history students Tuesday, citing

the words "all men are created equal," which were never written before by mankind. What followed was the crafting of the U.S. Constitution, the document that laid the framework for the United States government as we know it today. "These individuals read and they read and they read everything they could get their hands on," Groene said. "They read about the Greeks and the democracy, they read about the Romans and the republic, they understood what a sovereign

king was and the dangers of a centralized government." Groene's talk was part of a Constitution Week presentation for students hosted by the Sioux Lookout Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Through the work of James Madison and others, the forefathers pieced the Constitution together, agreeing to its final draft on Sept. 17, 1787. It would be ratified the following year on June 21. "It is a very small document that set up the government," Groene said. Molly O'Holleran and Mi-

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**State Sen. Mike Groene of North Platte speaks** to students at North Platte High School on Tuesday morning for Constitution Day, which opens the celebration of Constitution Week in the United States. Michelle Lupomech, left, Constitution Week chairperson, and Molly O'Holleran were on hand to represent the Sioux Lookout Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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