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Reward in animal cruelty case increases total to \$5,100

Police continue to seek information in death of 6-year-old boxer-pit bull mix

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The reward for information in an animal cruelty case where a 6-year-old boxer-pit bull mix died from its injuries last week has grown to more than 10 times its original amount. Paws-itive Partners offered an initial \$500 Friday morning for information regarding the case, in which officials believe the dog, Kovu, was intentionally burned. Fur the Love of Paws Rescue matched the amount that afternoon, and donations over the weekend and Monday morning pushed the total to \$5,100.

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Nebraskaland Days announces opening acts for Summer Jam

Four up-and-coming artists set to take stage before Toby Keith, Luke Combs

Telegraph staff reports

Nebraskaland Days is doubling down with its opening acts at the 2020 US Cellular Summer Jam Concert Series. The celebration officially announced four opening acts — two for each headliner — Monday, bolstering its concert lineup for next year's official state celebration.

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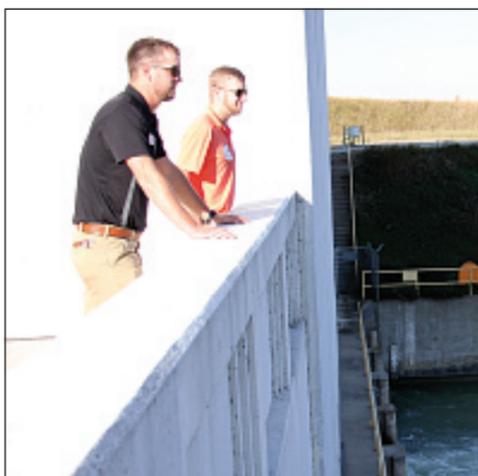
Leadership Education/Action Development program tours Hydroelectric Generating Station



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The Leadership Education/Action Development program's 39th group toured the Hydroelectric Generating Station in North Platte on Monday in the first leg of a 19-month process by the LEAD program.

Learning to LEAD



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Zach Paulman, left, and Tom Kelly look out over the Hydroelectric Generating Station in North Platte during their tour of the facility.

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Nebraska's future agricultural leaders gain insight through the Leadership Education/Action Development program that began in 1981. The cooperative effort between Agricultural Builders of Nebraska Inc. and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln hopes to prepare and motivate men and women in agriculture for more effective leadership. On Monday, the LEAD 39 group was in North Platte at the NPPD Hydroelectric Plant for its

first step in an educational process. "The LEAD program is a 19-month program from start to finish," said Terry Hejny, LEAD director. "The first year, they'll study eight national issues. We're out here in western Nebraska on energy, water and natural resources right now." The group participated in three presentations by Nebraska Public Power District staff: "NPPD's Role in Growing the State's Economy" by Nicole Sedlacek, economic development consultant, of O'Neill; "Sustainable

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Lori Potter / BH News Service

North Shore Marina facilities at Harlan County Lake, including what was the Outcast Bar & Grill, were surrounded by water for much of the summer. Now that cleanup has begun, North Shore General Manager Bruce Beins said renovations will be made to allow both the marina and a restaurant to be operated from the Outcast building.

The good news, and the bad news

High water, flooding, sightseers bring negative, positive impacts and opportunities to businesses

By **ASHLEY BEBENSEE**
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HARLAN COUNTY — Record-high water levels this summer at Harlan County Lake kept some recreation visitors away and drew sightseers who came to the Republican City and Alma areas to see all that water. The unusual circumstances had positive and negative influences on local businesses. "I have talked to several that have had a good year. Reason

being is so many people have come down to see how high the lake is. That's been kind of a good thing," said Alma City Administrator Doug Wilson. "I think the city as a whole has taken a hit because one of the major campgrounds, Methodist Cove, has been closed since the first week in July," he continued. "A lot of those people come in and buy groceries and just do shopping in town. I think that has had a negative impact."

Lake levels began rising in March because of precipitation and snowmelt before the ground had thawed, producing runoff into area streams and the Republican River. Spring rains and storms in July pushed the lake to 11 feet over normal, the Hub reported Aug. 31. As of Thursday, lake levels still were 26 percent into the flood pool, with 445,244 acre-feet of water. The elevation record initially was set on July 11 at 1956.1 on July 11, forcing the closure of Methodist Cove campground

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