

OUTDOORS



MARK McCARTHY/Star-Herald  
**Matt Loomis of Whiskey Board Construction moves an 8-ton boulder that will be used as part of a habitat structure in Dry Spotted Tail Creek.**

## COMING TOGETHER to improve habitat

Agencies combine efforts for Dry Spotted Creek.

By MARK McCARTHY  
 Star-Herald

**M**ITCHELL — The fishing and wildlife habitat around Dry Spotted Tail Creek has been in need of improvement for some time. Over the course of several years of conversations and plan submissions, there is now work being done to improve the creek and adjoining land along County Road E northwest of Mitchell. The project will realign the creek as it approaches the North Platte River to make it more of a fishery, add a number of rock habitat structures to improve fish habitat and create a new wetland to serve as water fowl habitat.

**MORE ONLINE**  
 See photo gallery at [starherald.com](http://starherald.com)

see **OUTDOORS 8A**



MARK McCARTHY/Star-Herald  
**Bruce Rolls from Platte River Basin Environments talks with Matt Loomis of Whiskey Board Construction about a project to improve fishing habitat in Dry Spotted Tail Creek.**

HEALTH CARE

## Live On Nebraska promoting Hispanic organ donation

By MARK McCARTHY  
 Star-Herald

Across the country, there is an increasing need for Hispanic organ donors, and Nebraska is no different.

Nationwide, multi-cultural communities make up 60% of those on the transplant waiting list — one-third of which are Hispanic. Unfortunately, the percentage of Hispanic and multi-cultural donors is disproportionately small.



Kara Cordell

“We have a greater need in the Hispanic communities because of health disparities



Marcos Mora

sometimes, and there is a higher risk of kidney disease,” said Kara Cordell of Live On Nebraska. “There are a lot of people who need it, but there are just not a lot of people registering to be organ and tissue donors. ... There is more prevalence of high blood pressure and hypertension and things like that. The need within the Hispanic community is just understanding the importance of donation itself is really important, and getting more people to think about it, have the conversation about it, and if they think it’s the right thing to do, get registered as a donor.”

Cordell said donors can be matched with any ethnicity, but there

see **HEALTH 2A**

COVID-19

## State reimposes some public health restrictions

LINCOLN — Nebraska will reimpose a set of public health restrictions as the state’s COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations climb to record numbers.

Gov. Pete Ricketts on Friday announced four steps that will go into effect Wednesday.

- Hospitals will need to protect 10% of

their bed and intensive care availability to leave room for incoming COVID-19 patients.

- Indoor gatherings in public places must be smaller. They can now go up to 75% of their rated occupancy, but that will drop to 50%. In addition, individual groups at a gathering will be

limited to eight per party.

- People patronizing bars and restaurants must remain seated, with table sizes limited to eight people.
  - Wedding and funeral receptions must limit table sizes to eight people.
- The new restrictions do not include a state-wide mask mandate.

Ricketts said it “pains me” to impose restrictions on people, but the state needs to protect the state’s hospital capacity.

He cited the example of Italy, where hospitals became overwhelmed earlier this year as coronavirus cases soared there.

Ricketts’ announcement comes as the state

has emerged as a hot spot for COVID-19, both in terms of new cases and hospitalizations.

Nebraska on Friday ranked No. 6, ahead of No. 7 Iowa, in terms of new per capita cases over the preceding seven days, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Indeed, the state

on Friday was adding COVID-19 cases at an average rate of 37.6 per 100,000 residents, according to the CDC data. That’s up from 23.2 on May 8, the earlier peak of COVID-19 cases in Nebraska.

Dr. James Lawler, a director at the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Global

see **COVID-19 3A**

Inside Today

Local ..... 1-3A  
 Opinion ..... 4A

Markets ..... 6A  
 National ..... 7A  
 World ..... 5B

Sports ..... 1-3B  
 Comics ..... 4B  
 Weather ..... 8B

Keep up with us on social media

Twitter: [sbstarherald](https://twitter.com/sbstarherald)  
 Facebook: [scottsbuffstarherald](https://www.facebook.com/scottsbuffstarherald)

\$2 on newsstand, 99¢ home delivery

call 308-632-9010 to subscribe  
 © Copyright Midlands Newspapers, Inc.  
 doing business as the Star-Herald 2018. All rights reserved.



**TWIN CITY MOTORS**  
 1125 Broadway, Scottsbluff, NE  
 308.632.5008  
[www.TwinCityMotorsLLC.com](http://www.TwinCityMotorsLLC.com)

 <b>\$10,999</b>	 <b>\$9,499</b>	 <b>\$6,999</b>	 <b>\$11,999</b>
<b>2007 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500</b> LS, 4.8L V8, AT, RWD, Crew Cab	<b>2003 DODGE DAKOTA</b> SLT, 4.7LV8, AT, 4X4	<b>2015 FORD FIESTA</b> SE, 4CYL, AT, ECONOMICAL	<b>2014 JEEP COMPASS LATITUDE</b> FWD, 4CYL, AT, U CONNECT