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Scribner son is new state fire marshal

Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen appointed Scott Cordes as the Nebraska State Fire Marshal. Cordes will replace Shane Hunter, who stepped down due to persona health issues.

“Scott will work hard to cut regulatory burdens on our volunteer fire departments and paramedics,” said Gov. Pillen. “He understands we need to help volunteers so they can continue to protect their communities without red tape and unnecessary interference from the state.”

Cordes is currently the administrative department head overseeing all public safety activities for Norfolk, including police, fire and Region 11 Emergency Management. Previously, he served the Norfolk Fire Division for 25 years in various capacities including, city fire marshal, assistant fire chief and fire chief. Cordes also worked for the State Fire Marshal’s office as a flammable liquids division inspector and as deputy state fire marshal. He has an Associate’s Degree in Fire Protection Technology from Southeast Community College, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and a Master of Science Degree in Leadership from Bellevue University.



Scott Cordes

Cordes is a native of Scribner and a graduate of Scribner High School. His grandfather, father and brothers, as did he, served on the Scribner Volunteer Fire Department. This is where he began his involvement in the state fire marshals office where he was a fire investigator and inspector. He became fire marshal for the City of Norfolk in 1996 and then was promoted to assistant chief in charge of the Prevention Bureau. He was promoted to fire chief in 2011 and moved into the Norfolk assistant city administrator/public safety director position in 2021.

In 2021 Cordes was named the NCCA 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award from Southeast Community College in 2021.

Hooper Legion Post, Auxiliary to meet

American Legion Post #18 and Auxiliary of Hooper will meet Thursday, February 2, at the Legion Clubrooms for a 6:00 p.m. social hour with a meal at 6:30 p.m.

A Hot Casserole meal will be hosted by Allison Fachman, Michelle Schafersman, and Michele Richards. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert. If you are interested in joining

the Auxiliary, you are eligible with a relationship to a Veteran by way of being a mother, wife (or husband), daughter, sister, grandmother, granddaughter, or self. Feel free to contact Ruth Brown at 402-459-6171, Allison Fachman at 402-618-4518, or any Legion Auxiliary member. Also, we would love for you to join us at our next meeting February 2.

Kaup named Early Childcare Champion

A Hooper childcare center owner has been named one of two Early Childcare Champions in the state of Nebraska.

Angie Kaup is the owner of Magic Giggles Daycare in Hooper was one of two childcare providers in the state to be recognized in February. She received her prize package which includes \$1,000 and a plaque honoring her exemplary contributions and service to the children and families in the Hooper area.

Angie was selected for the honor by the folks at Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative and We Care for Kids after being nominated by the family of one of the children she serves. The two organizations are partnering in the year-long campaign to recognize early childhood workers throughout Nebraska, selecting two early childcare champions each month.

Angie has always enjoyed caring for children. Prior to starting her in-home child care program 23 years ago, she worked as a nanny.

“Growing up, my mother had an in-home day care, and I knew I wanted to do the same,” Angie said.

Angie is thankful for all of her childcare families for trusting her to be a big part of their children’s lives. She hopes that quality care is more available to all children, and feels that there is a great need for quality child care everywhere in the U.S.

Being named an Early Childhood Champion means so much

to me,” Angie said. “It shows that even being a small in-home childcare provider that my love and dedication for the families I care for is being noticed. I care for these children and their families so much and this award shows me they appreciate me as much as I do them.

In the nomination form for Angie, the family wrote: “Angie welcomes my children into her home and treats them like family. She does a great job allowing the children to be themselves in a safe environment along with providing good ethical care. She puts kids’ needs before her own and her family supports her business creating a loving atmosphere. Angie gives back to her business and is always updating her toys and activities to keep up with the kids’ demands and attention. We feel like we hit the jackpot for daycare in a small town.”

The Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative, in partnership with We Care for Kids, launched a year-long campaign to highlight the importance of the early childhood workforce. Each month for the next 12 months, they will chose two winners who were nominated by their communities to win the Early Childhood Champion award in honor of their commitment to excellence and service to their communities.

We Care for Kids works to ensure that all Nebraska families have access to quality early childhood education for their children. They provide infor-



Angie Kaup

mation on the importance of quality early childhood education, the essential role it plays in helping families work while raising young children who are prepared for school and life, and what families should look for when seeking quality services.

We Care for Kids also builds support for the thousands of early childhood educators who help Nebraska’s economy thrive.

We Care for Kids is a partnership of many diverse state and community-based organizations throughout Nebraska and is coordinated by the Buffett Early Childhood Institute at the University of Nebraska. Funding is provided by a Preschool Development Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Holland Foundation, and the Buffett Early Childhood Institute.

Grain Prices

(as of January 30, 2023)

Corn	\$7.22
Beans.....	\$15.20

Public Notices

Notice of Organization of Party Rock Rodeo, LLC

Notice of Meeting-Scribner-Snyder Community Schools Board of Education

Notice of Meeting-Hooper Community Development Agency.

Proceedings-Hooper City Council.

Proceedings-Scribner City Council.

Gas Prices

Regular	\$3.25
Diesel	\$4.19

Obituaries

Edna Bergquist, 99, Fremont (formerly of Uehling)

Save the date

St. Lawrence Catholic Church parishioners are planning their 35th annual Chicken Fried Steak dinner for Sunday, March 19, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Mohr Auditorium.

Everyone is urged to save the date and plan to attend for a delicious homemade meal, complete with a dessert bar.

Quote for the week:

"Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much."

Oscar Wilde

Notice of Price Increase

Due to the fact that we have had to endure three postage rate increases over the past couple years, and an increase in other production costs, the price of a yearly subscription will rise effective February 1, 2023.

Dodge, Cuming, Burt, Washington Counties: **\$38.00**

Elsewhere Nebraska: **\$41.00**

Out of State: **\$43.00**

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