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## REGIONAL BRIEFS

### KEARNEY

#### **KVFD volunteers re-elect Thompson**

Fellow firefighters re-elected veteran Jerry Thompson chief of the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department.

Thompson, 55, was re-elected Thursday. He has been a member of the department for 16 years and has served in various roles, including as captain, as assistant chief and on the department's dive team.

Assistant chiefs Terry Eirich and Steve Johnson also were re-elected. Captains are Jim Tacha, John Sydow, Todd "Walt" Walton and Trent Snow. Tony Rich is the rescue captain.

Also elected were Don Whetstone, department president; Dave Pfeiffer, vice-president; Don Jobman, secretary; and Jim Brooker, treasurer.

The board of directors includes Brian Wolfe, Gene Beerbohm and Tim Pratt.

### RIVERDALE

#### **Riverdale Road paving will close mile section**

Work will begin Tuesday on Riverdale Road, the Buffalo County Highway Department said.

Riverdale Road from 115th Road to 130th Road will be closed for paving. Drivers should use 130th Road to Greenhill Road or Dove Hill Road around the one mile of construction.

### ELM CREEK

#### **Highway 183 delays likely for resurfacing**

Work is scheduled to begin Monday on a construction project on U.S. Highway 183.

The project begins at the south end of the Platte River Bridge and extends south for 8.16 miles, the Nebraska Department of Roads said.

Flagmen and a pilot vehicle will direct travel through the construction project.

The project will be to remove and replace the surface as well as update the guardrail, construct an earth shoulder and seed.

The project should be complete by mid-July. Werner Construction Inc. of Hastings won the contract at \$2.43 million.

### LINCOLN

#### **UNK's Cisler honored for teaching expertise**

Valerie Cisler of the University of Nebraska at Kearney is a 2007 winner of the University of Nebraska Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award.

The award recognizes faculty members for sustained excellence in teaching. Cisler's honor was among several announced this week by NU President James B. Milliken.

Cisler is a professor of music and chair of the department of music and performing arts at UNK. She was nominated for her

quality teaching expertise in the fields of both piano performance and pedagogy. An NU press release said she has raised the level of distinction at UNK by developing extensive curriculum in piano pedagogy, publishing seven books that are used and distributed internationally, and helping to establish a Music Pedagogy Resource Center at UNK. Her excellence in teaching is reflected in the success of her students, young motivated musicians who excel in performance and scholarship, and who are consistently selected for prestigious placement.

Award recipients, who will be honored at an April 23 luncheon in Omaha, are selected by a committee of outstanding peers.

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