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Jean Flint took this photo last Wednesday, as several families showed up to help clear the Flints' driveway of drifts of snow so the couple could make it to a pre-operative appointment. It's just one example of how people helped each other after the biggest blizzard of the season hit the area.

Neighbor Helps Neighbor After First Major Blizzard

Bob and Jean Flint were very thankful last Wednesday morning, as four families showed up to tackle the drifts of snow preventing the couple from traveling to Jean's pre-operative appointment in Broken Bow that day.

"If it wouldn't have been for those people who came, we wouldn't have been able to make it," said Jean, who had surgery the following day in Kearney. "I called to see if we

could even make it to Broken Bow, and was told we could. I made another phone call to Austin (Snyder) telling him we couldn't get out of the driveway, and all of these people came to my rescue. I don't have enough words to express how grateful we were and are to live in this fantastic town."

All over the community - and in the rural areas - residents with four-wheel drives and snow moving equipment were

helping each other out, in the aftermath of Tuesday's blizzard that dumped 10 inches of snow in Arnold.

Arnold Public Schools closed down two days, giving kids their much dreamed about "snow day" for sledding.

The highways and county roads drifted shut because of high winds during and after the storm, leaving ranchers with many extra hours of work just to get chores done.

"Ranchers don't get snow days," said one area rancher. "Those are the hardest days, trying to get food and water to the livestock. Thank goodness for 4-wheel drive tractors, because it does make it easier."

Area calving, now starting in the beginning of February for many, also left caretakers checking livestock every hour for new babies because they could only live a short time in the elements.

Kegs, Corks & Crafts Set for Saturday

A reminder to all not to miss this Saturday's Kegs, Corks & Crafts event at the Arnold Community Center.

Mac's Creek Winery of Lexington and Kinkaid Brewing Co. of Broken Bow will be featured, and the center will be filled with vendors, offering everything from gourmet baked goods to jewelry and clothing.

Live, easy listening music will be provided by Alex Stuart of The Kentucky Street Parlor Pickers.

The doors will open at 2:00 p.m., and close at 7:00 p.m.

Cheryl Carson, who is organizing the event, said Kegs, Corks & Crafts is a family-friendly event that offers something for everyone as Valentine's Day approaches. Everyone is also encouraged to patronize downtown businesses during the day, and take advantage of specials offered at local eateries.

Kegs, Corks & Crafts is sponsored by Arnold Chamber.

Rotary Pancake Feed February 11

Arnold Rotary's Annual Pancake and Sausage Feed will be held on Thursday, February 11, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Arnold Community Center. A free-will donation will be accepted with proceeds going toward community projects throughout the year.

Excavation Site Near Arnold Included in Upcoming NET Television Story, "Highway Paleontology"



NET Television videographer Tyler Kersteing (left) and audio engineer Jim Lenertz document the work of UNL Highway Paleontologist Shane Tucker and Highway Salvage Preparator Jeremy McMullin, as they uncover the fossil of an ice age bison near Arnold last summer. The highway paleontology excavation site will be part of a NET Television episode of "Nebraska Stories" to air February 25 at 7:00 p.m. (Photo courtesy of Gary Hochman, NET Television)

An undisclosed location near Arnold will provide the "wow factor" for "Highway Paleontology," an upcoming story for NET Television's long-running series "Nebraska Stories."

The segment will air on February 25 at 7:00 p.m., and documents University of Nebraska State Museum Highway Paleontologist Shane Tucker and his team as they uncover fossils of an ice-age bison.

A NET television crew, including Gary Hochman, a senior producer specializing in science programs, videographer Tyler Kersteing, and audio engineer Jim Lenertz, followed Tucker and his team through the summer months of 2015, ending up near Arnold, right out of the gate.

"As Shane started to uncover something, he would notify us,

and we would meet him on the road," said Hochman. "In the case of Arnold, it was the very first trip we made. We were at a Kearney highway construction site, and Shane said he wanted to check out this area near Arnold. At that time, the ground wasn't really landscaped for construction. It had rained a few days before, and we saw chips of bone literally trailing down the hillside in gullies. Shane picked up a piece and said, 'Oh, this is from a bison.'"

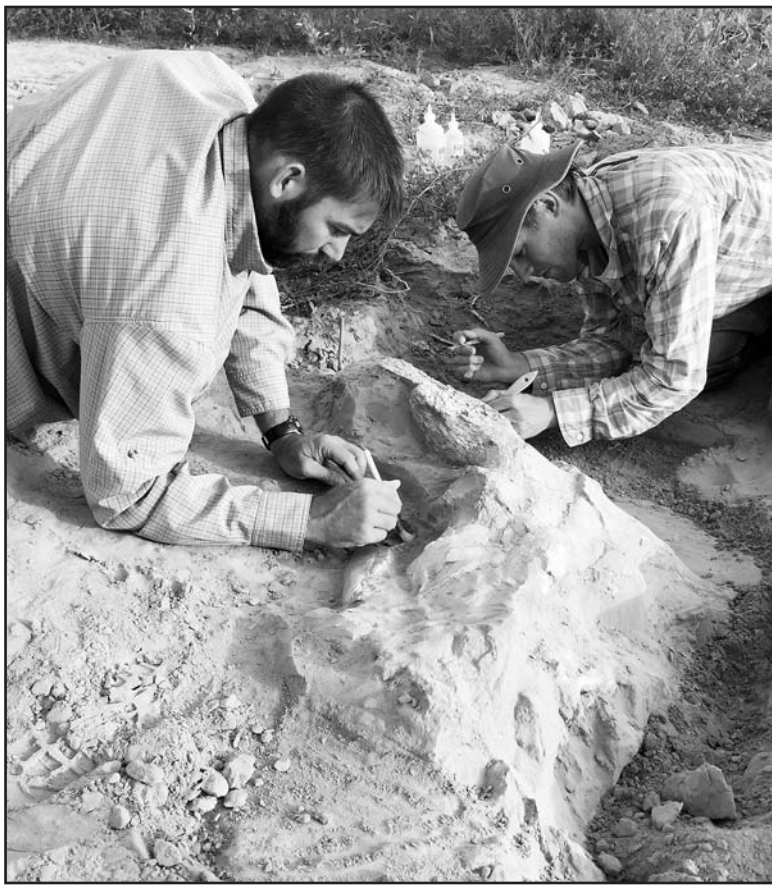
Hochman said they were going to use the location as an example of what happens along these roadways and the interaction between the paleontologist and construction workers, but there was more - a lot more.

"Later, Shane asked us, 'Do you remember that spot we

were at? There's a lot more there. Do you want us to wait so you can catch it?' The second time we were there, they uncovered the skull and part of the vertebrae, so what you will see in this episode is sort of the before and after of the experience," said Hochman.

"Highway Paleontology" is telling the story of the Nebraska State Highway Paleontology program. In the segment, Hochman and his team have combined a couple of the interactions between construction workers and Tucker.

"The program started in 1960," said Hochman. "That's 55 years of highway paleontology and countless road crews cooperating on preserving Nebraska's prehistoric heritage. That's a pretty amazing track



A close-up view of Shane Tucker (left) and Jeremy McMullin, and their painstaking work for the Highway Paleontology Program. (Photo courtesy of Gary Hochman, NET Television)

record, and the results are really impressive. Shane tracks 150 to 200 projects every single year. That means he puts on up to 10,000 miles crisscrossing the state in search of Nebraska's natural history. Some of these road crew teams really get excited by the finds, so one of the things that you see in the story is exactly what happens in one or two days. What makes this such an interesting project is that you learn about natural history and sometimes you relearn what you thought you knew about natural history. The work that these guys are doing is done year in and year out. These are real science investigations with an unlikely pairing of a scientist and construction workers. This was a great example of citizen-science and action. We had a great time out there. People were really nice to us. We appreciate being on the road and bringing our stories to Nebraskans."

Hochman said that the high-

way paleontology program is part of a major documentary currently in production for NET television called "Paleo Sleuths," which will be completed later this year.

"It will be an opportunity to share with our audience some of the behind-the-scenes work that Shane and other sleuths are working on," said Hochman.

Viewers can also watch the "Highway Paleontology" episode and learn more by visiting the "Nebraska Stories" website at netNebraska.org/nebraskastories, Facebook or by downloading the NET Nebraska App.

The story of paleontologist Shane Tucker and the discovery of the remains of an ice age bison near Arnold, written by Janet Larreau, appeared in the January 7, 2016, issue of The Arnold Sentinel.