

# Crews plow 565,000 miles last week

Kansas Department of Transportation snow crews plowed and treated 565,000 lane miles of highway during last week's snow storm at a cost of nearly \$3 million.

Department drivers operated 591 trucks around the clock in 12-hour shifts to treat and clear roads of snow and ice in every region of the state. About 1,100 snow plow operators logged more than 37,000 hours from Feb. 3-6.

"The snow amounts, wind, and frigid temperatures, made this a dangerous storm for our crews. I can't thank them enough for their hard work and dedication in keeping the roads safe for travel," said Mike King, transportation secretary.

"I also want to thank the many others at the transportation department who supported the storm efforts, including mechanics, office staff, and those who helped keep travelers informed of road

conditions" Winter Storm Nika, by the numbers included: 591 dump trucks; 565,000 miles treated/plowed; 37,000 labor hours; 8,600 tons of salt; 1,300 tons of sand;

19,500 tons of salt/ and sand mix; 345,000 gallons of brine; 2,000 gallons of magnesium chloride; 500 department of transportation postings to Twitter and Facebook; 8,200 calls to 511 travel information

phone line; 117,000 to 895,000 visits to and page views on KanDrive travel information website; and \$3 million cost of storm – about \$1.15 per registered vehicle.

## Club Clip

### Lawn Ridge 4-H Club December Meeting

The Lawn Ridge 4-H Club met at the clubhouse in Dec. 16. President Bailey Merklin called the meeting to order. Hayden Lennox led the flag salute and led the club in singing Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Roll call was answered by 8 members and 2 leaders. Minutes were read by secretary, Jylian Laten. There were no communications. The Christmas party committee has decided that we will go to

the K-State girls basketball game on Jan. 25. Under new business, a fair theme was decided on and will be turned into the extension office. Valerie Wurm read the announcements. Schuyler Lennox led the club in the 4-H pledge. Meeting was adjourned, A dessert bar was set up for refreshments.

### January Meeting

The Lawn Ridge 4-H Club met in Jan. 13 at the clubhouse. President Bailey Merklin called the meeting to order. Club leader, Lynn Laten,

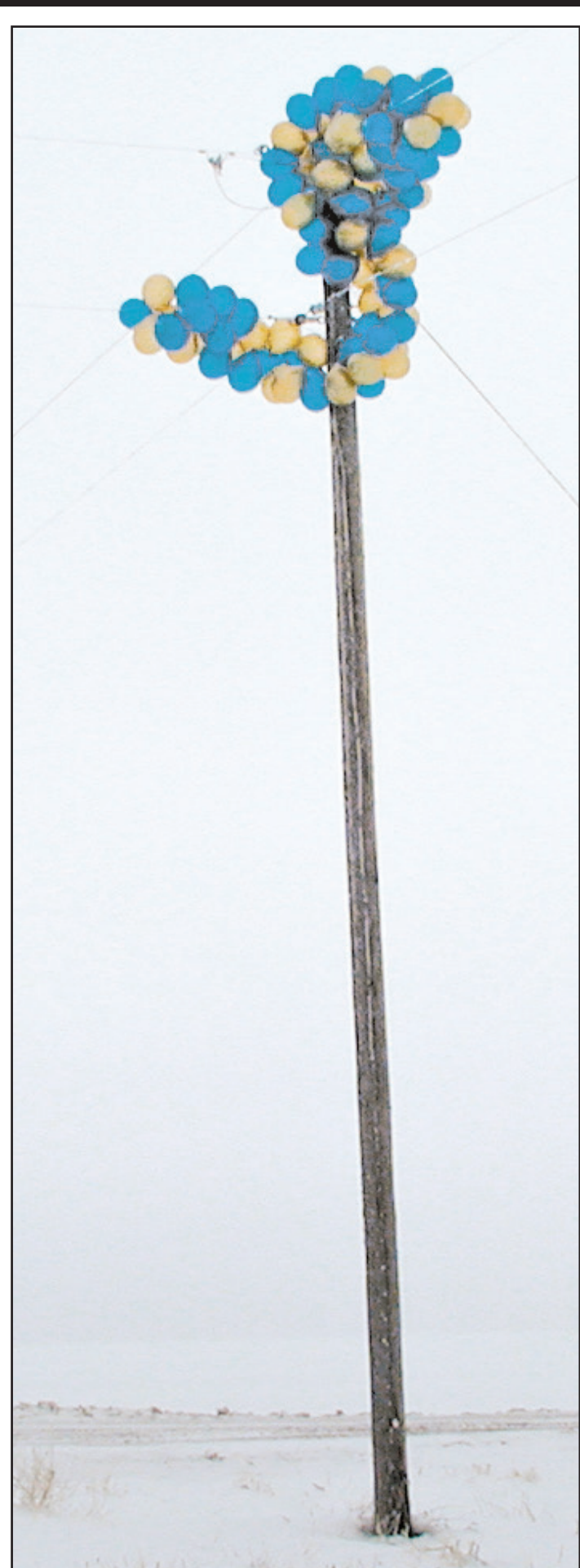
talked about 4-H days and model meeting. She also talked about the trip to Manhattan for the K-State girls basketball game.

Valerie Wurm gave a project talk on Archery, Valerie also read the announcements. Next meeting will be Feb. 19 at the club house. Kattie led the club in the 4-H pledge and meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served by the Merklin family.

Kattie Wurm, Club Reporter



SINGING VALENTINES will be delivered by the St. Francis high school music students. Marilyn Raile, school secretary, received a gift and a singing Valentine.



BALLOONS WERE CAUGHT in a REA line east of Wheeler. Brad and Barb Waters called in the colorful sight which was located near their home.

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