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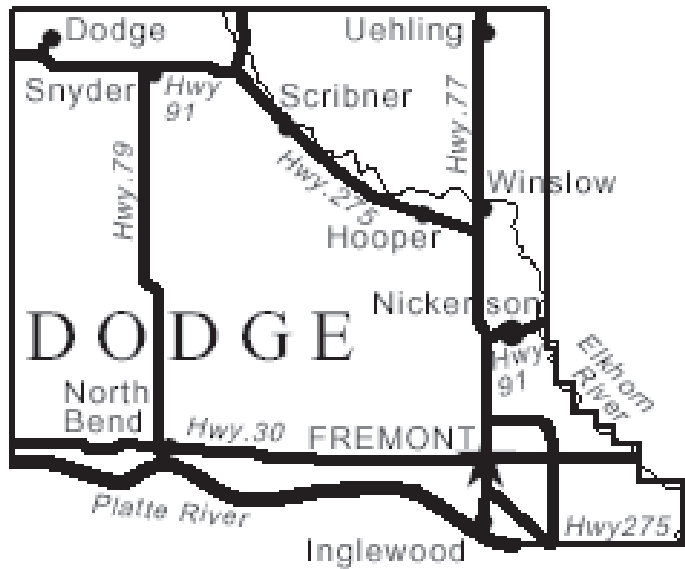


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Towns & Population

(2010 Census/2016 Estimate):

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| Fremont | 26,397/26,519 |
| North Bend | 1,177/1,238 |
| Hooper | 830/834 |
| Scribner | 857/843 |
| Dodge | 612/598 |
| Ames | 24/NA |
| Snyder | 300/298 |
| Uehling | 230/228 |
| Winslow | 103/106 |

2017 Snapshot (2010 Census)

Dodge County
Land Area: 53 square miles
Population (2010/2016 estimate): 36,691/36,757
County Seat: Fremont
Households: 15,110
Average Household Size: 2.37
Public School Districts: Dodge-Howells Unified Schools, Dodge; Fremont Public Schools, Fremont; Logan View Public Schools, Fremont, Hooper, Nicksen, and Uehling; North Bend Central Public Schools, North Bend; Scribner-Snyder Community School, Scribner and Snyder.
Private School Districts: Archbishop Bergan Schools, Fremont; Trinity Lutheran Elementary Schools, Fremont; St. Wenceslaus Elementary School, Dodge.

Dodge County Fair Info

August 2-6, 2017
 Located in Scribner, Nebraska

Activities & Events

Tractor Pull
 Thursday, August 3, 2017
 ■ Admission - \$10.00 - Kids 10 & under Free

Concert
 Friday, August 4, 2017
 ■ Featuring Dylan Bloom/Walker Hayes/Canaan Smith (West Arena) Following Concert - Dylan Bloom in the Beer Garden

2017 Mud Volleyball Tournament
 Saturday, August 5, 2017
 ■ \$50.00 a team
 ■ To Register email: lisa.schole@gmail.com
 ■ Ages 18 & Older
 ■ Double Elimination

Backyard BBQ Contest
 Saturday, August 5, 2017
 ■ Registration at 7-9 a.m.
 ■ Questions: Contact mikes7710@yahoo.com

Demolition Derby
 Saturday, August 5, 2017
 ■ 7 p.m.
 ■ Admission \$10.00 - Kids 10 & under Free

Tough Trucks
 Saturday, August 5, 2017
 ■ Following Demo Derby

Out of Field Tractor Pull
 Sunday, August 6, 2017
 ■ Weigh in 9-11 a.m.
 ■ Starts at Noon
 ■ Admission - FREE

Parade
 Sunday, Aug. 6
 ■ 4 p.m. Start
 ■ Theme: "Proud of the Past...Poised for the Future"

River City Carnival
 Thursday, August 3 - Sunday, August 6
 Advanced Discount wristbands for \$20 for one day of unlimited rides until 11 p.m.
 Purchase MEGA Passes for \$60 for ALL four days of unlimited rides until 11 p.m.
 Advanced Discount tickets can be purchased beginning July 1-August 1 at:
 Scribner - Scribner Bank or Lee's Market
 Hooper - City Meat Market or First Northeast Bank of Nebraska
 Snyder - Leona's Place
 Uehling - First Northeast Bank of Nebraska
 Fremont - Dodge County Extension Office or First National Bank Fremont
 North Bend - Platte Valley Bank

Band tackling largest gig

Dylan Bloom Band is a regular at Dodge County Fair

Sam PIMPER
Fremont Tribune

This story originally published on June 29, 2016

When the Dylan Bloom Band was founded in 2012, word of the group spread like wildfire through small Nebraska towns.

The four-man country group started playing at county fairs, street festivals and small-town bars, and soon, hundreds of people were in attendance for concerts.

At the time it seemed pretty remarkable, said Dylan Bloom, group founder and lead vocalist. But while no doubt a several-hundred-person venue is substantial, it's nothing in comparison to the 30,000-plus people Bloom and his fellow musicians will perform in front of Friday evening during the free "Bank of the West Celebrates America" show held in Omaha's Memorial Park, 6005 Underwood Ave.

"They told us that people are out there at 6 a.m. laying down blankets," Bloom said. "That's how many people they expect to come out."

The group Finest Hour and the Dylan Bloom Band are playing at 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., respectively, followed by an 8:30 performance by Grammy Award-winning singer Kenny Loggins, most well-known for co-writing the song "Footloose," featured in the 1984 movie "Footloose" starring Kevin Bacon.

During a Wednesday phone interview, Bloom said that he and the rest of his band, comprised of Blake Beiermann, Matt Cornell and John Wooten—who recently replaced drummer Nick Johnson who is enlisted in the military—found out about their upcoming gig in March or April of this year.

When they heard the news they were elated.

"This is the one gig for the summer that we are really looking forward to," Bloom said. "We have been doing this for six years and every year we keep working harder and harder, and each



Courtesy Photo

The Dylan Bloom Band will perform at the 2017 Dodge County Fair Aug. 4 at the Dodge County Fairgrounds in Scribner.

year we get asked to do better shows. It's a real honor because we aren't just a cover band, we do some covers, but we have a lot of original country music that we play."

People in attendance Friday will hear a great deal of music off of the group's 2012 album "Strong in a Small Town," as well as a new single being released during the show. Additionally, Bloom said that during the Dodge County Fair, the band's new Album, "Population 1213," will be released.

And how did his soon-to-be album get its name?

Simple, that's the population sign people see when they drive into North Bend, the place Bloom grew up.

"A lot of our lyrics and songs are about our good old hometowns and all the good times we've had," Bloom said.

Growing up in North Bend, Bloom was immersed in music from a young age. His father always played in bands and his grandfather, Greg "Jeep" Bloom

is a member of the Nebraska Rock 'n' Roll hall of Fame.

His first band, Dylan and the Dirt Road Detour, got his feet wet, he said, and from there he went on to start the Dylan Bloom Band in 2012.

Since the founding of the band, they have traveled around Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and soon, Colorado.

The traveling is great because it allows more people to hear the music they are creating, Bloom said. And on Friday, more than 30,000 people will have the opportunity to become new fans.

"I'm pretty excited, last year we played in front of one of our biggest crowds of around 10,000 (people)," he said. "Each year we are having bigger shows and it's great seeing those crowds grow. The more people you can reach with your music the better. To have the chance to go out and do what you love in front of a crowd like we are going to have is just awesome."

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Whitetail Run Golf Course
2725 Reed Lane
Fremont, NE
402-721-4403

Tee times suggested two days in advance on weekdays, and up to a week in advance on weekends. Opened in 1962, this course features 2,461 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 34. Whitetail Run is a challenging wooded rolling layout that will make you think your way around the course. The trees and the views of the Platte are inspiring and make this course a joy to play.

A unique feature is that the par 3s are long, averaging 188 yards, and the par 4s are short, averaging just 285 yards.

But its excellently maintained greens are postage-stamp size that demand accurate approach shots. Holes 2, 5 and 7 have narrow, tightly tree lined fairways with no room for error.

Partly overlooking the Platte, you'll enjoy the challenge and the hospitality at Whitetail.

Public/18 holes

North Bend Golf Course
400 Cottonwood Street
North Bend, NE
402.652.3666

General Manager: Pete Balerud
Superintendent: Dan Pabian
northbendgolfcourse.com

North Bend Golf Course is located on the west end of North Bend Nebraska and just south of Highway 30. This 18-hole public course is a flat developing golf course. North Bend opened nine holes in 1995 and opened an additional nine in 2001. The grass is very well established throughout the course. The front nine measures 2,760 yards from the blue tees, and 2,566 from the

white tees. The back nine is longer, measuring 3,103 from the blue tees and 2,928 from the white. Water comes into play on seven of the holes. The greens are large and very well maintained. The fairways are in great shape and the rough is lush. The 100, 150 and 200 yardage markers are easily seen. The NBGC uses the Laser Link yardage system. This course is a walkers delight. It is very flat and the distances from green to the next tee is minimal. The course rating is 67.2 with a slope rating of 108 on the blue tees. The interior of the clubhouse was recently remodeled with new carpet, tables and high definition televisions.

Course Highlights:

Hole No. 1 is a very difficult with water on the left and out of bounds to the right. It's a short par five.

Hole No. 3 is the easiest par four that you will ever take a six on.

Hole No. 9 has an island green.

Hole No. 17 is a long par four with water all the way down the left side.

Hole No. 18 is a par three but you have to contend with a tree just left and short of the green.

Public/18 holes

Elkhorn Valley Golf Course
410 North Main Street
Hooper, NE
402-654-3512

Manager/Superintendent: Dave Schlueter
Clubhouse Manager: Crystal Buryanek
www.elkhornvalleygolfclub.com

Featuring 2,708 yards of golf from the blue tees for a par of 35. Gold (2,261) and white (2,612) tees are also par 35. Course rating is 33.8 and it has a slope rating of 110.

Private/9 holes



Schools

(School name, grades, phone, address, estimated students, mascot, website)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Bell Field Elementary

- PK-4
- 402.727.3178
- 1240 E 11th Street
- 319
- Bulldogs
- fremonttigers.org

Clarmar Elementary

- PK-4
- 402.727.3175
- 1865 E 19th Street
- 186
- Cats
- fremonttigers.org

Davenport School

- PK
- 402.727.3173
- 940 N Michael Street
- 134
- Dragons
- fremonttigers.org

Dodge County Head Start

- 402.721.9022
- 1024 W 23rd Street
- 125

Fremont Learning Center

- 7-12
- 402.727.3180
- 130 E 9th Street
- 61
- fremonttigers.org

Fremont Middle School

- 7-8
- 402.727.3100
- 540 Johnson Road
- 600
- Tigers
- fremonttigers.org

Fremont High School

- 9-12
- 402.727.3050
- 1750 N Lincoln Journal Star 1356
- Tigers
- fremonttigers.org

Grant Elementary

- PK-4
- 402.727.3171
- 226 N Grant Street
- 178
- Eagles
- fremonttigers.org

Howard Elementary

- PK-4
- 402.727.3169
- 240 N Howard Street
- 252
- Hawks
- fremonttigers.org

Fremont Johnson Crossing

Academic Center

- 5-6
- 402.721.2003
- 200 N Johnson Rd.
- 680
- fremonttigers.org

Linden Elementary

- PK-4
- 402.727.3150
- 1205 N L Street
- 322
- Leopards
- fremonttigers.org

Milliken Park Elementary

- PK-4
- 402.727.3160
- 2959 Dale Street
- 255
- Mustangs
- fremonttigers.org

Washington Elementary

- PK-4
- 402.727.3160
- 2959 Dale Street
- 255
- Mustangs
- fremonttigers.org

Howells-Dodge Elementary

- 1-8
- 402-986-1621
- 209 N. Ash Street
- Dodge, NE 68633
- 6-9
- Jaguars

Howells-Dodge Consolidated

- PK-6 & 9-12
- 402-986-1621
- 417 Center Street
- Howells, NE 68641
- 245
- Jaguars

Scribner-Snyder Elementary

- PK-6
- 402-664-2567
- 400 Pebble, Box L
- Scribner, NE 68057
- 120
- sstrojans.esu2.org

Scribner-Snyder Secondary

- 7-12
- 402-664-2568
- 401 Pebble, Box L
- Scribner, NE 68057
- 113
- sstrojans.esu2.org

Logan View Elementary

- PK-6
- 402-664-2568
- 2163 County Road G
- Hooper, NE 68031
- 348
- loganview.org

Logan View Jr./Sr. High

- 7-12
- 402-654-3317
- 2163 County Road G
- Hooper, NE 68031
- 242
- loganview.org

**North Bend Elementary**

- Pk-6
- 402-666-5503
- 420 E. 11th Street
- North Bend, NE 68649
- 337
- nbtigers.org

North Bend Central Jr./Sr.

- 7-12
- 402-652-3268
- 1320 Walnut Street
- North Bend, NE 68649
- 255
- nbtigers.org

PRIVATE SCHOOLS**Trinity Lutheran**

- K-8
- 402.721.5959
- 1546 North Luther Rd.
- 220
- t1sfremont.org

Heartland Christian

- 3-12
- 402.721.5959
- 1106 N Main Street
- 13

Archbishop Bergan Elementary

- K-6
- 402.721.9766
- 1515 N Johnson Rd.
- 406
- Knights
- Berganknights.org

Archbishop Bergan Middle/High School

- 7-12
- 402.721.9683
- 545 E 4th Street
- 200
- Knights
- Berganknights.org

St. Wenceslaus Catholic

- 1-8
- 402-693-2819
- 212 Linden St.
- Dodge, NE 68633
- 68
- stwenc.org/StwSchool

Immanuel Lutheran

- immanuelhooper.com/school
- K-7
- 402-654-3663
- 27053 Co. Rd 12
- Hooper, Ne 68031
- 61

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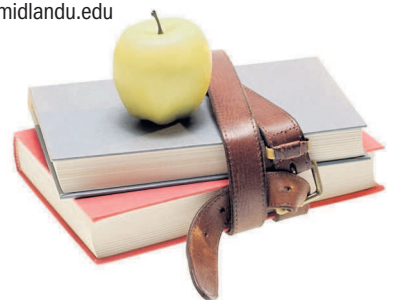
- 402-721-6500
- 1660 N Grant St.
- Fremont, NE
- Varies
- lajames.net

Metropolitan Community College

- 402-721-2507
- 835 North Broad St.
- Fremont, NE
- Varies
- mccneb.edu

Midland University

- 402-721-5480
- 900 N Clarkson
- Fremont, NE
- 1,400
- midlandu.edu



Students serve community

Midland students volunteer around Fremont during Mission Day

Colin LARSON
Fremont Tribune

This story originally published on April 11, 2017

Students at Midland University gave back to the Fremont community by volunteering for service projects during the school's annual Mission Day on Tuesday.

Mission Day highlights Midland's commitment to service, and reinforces the institution's core values of quality, respect, learning, stewardship and faith.

"We have a mission as every institution does, but we are very intentional about carrying it out and being mission driven on a daily basis here on campus. So today is just an opportunity for us to live out our mission in very real and practical ways," Merritt Nelson, Vice President for Student Affairs, said.

Students showed their commitment to service by volunteering at different organizations throughout the area.

Students stocked the food pantry at Low Income Ministry, cleaned up the Fremont State Lakes Recreation Area, and played carnival games with residents at Dunklau Gardens, among many other projects.

"Mission Day has definitely grown over the last several years. We have had a really good turnout this year, and I think our biggest problem was having too many students volunteering so I am not going to complain about that," Joelle Andersen, Residence Hall Director and Mission Day coordinator, said.

On campus, students created door hangers for residents at area care facilities, made dog treats for the Dodge

County Humane Society, and participated in the annual Empty Bowls event.

The Empty Bowls event features handcrafted bowls made by Midland art students over the course of the semester during the Empty Bowls class, which is taught by Professor Tracy Shell.

At the event in the dining hall at Midland, attendees were able to select a handcrafted bowl to take home for a \$10 suggested donation with all proceeds benefiting the Food Bank of the Heartland Backpack Program.

"It is a service project course, so in lieu of paying a lab fee or paying for materials the Art Department at Midland covers all their costs but they know that what they make during the class, which is bowls, will be a gift," Shell said.

Mission Day also featured a presentation with keynote speaker Josh Dotzler of Abide Omaha, as well as an address from student Malia Shimabukuro.

Dotzler is a former basketball standout who graduated from Bellevue West and Creighton University, and now works for Abide, an Omaha-based organization whose goal is to transform the inner city one neighborhood at a time.

"We have the responsibility to use the gifts that God has given us to impact the world around us," Dotzler told Midland University students during his keynote address.

"We want our young people to know that they are game changers; that God has gifted them and given them influence not just for themselves but to impact the entire world around them."

Abide is an inner city,



Courtesy Midland University Communications

Midland University students and Fresh Ideas staff work in the Dining Hall kitchen to make dog treats for the Dodge County Humane Society as part of Mission Day on Tuesday.

non-profit organization whose mission is to transform the inner city, one neighborhood at a time. Abide provides a holistic approach that focuses on developing healthy neighborhoods through four main areas: community building, family support programs, housing and partnerships.

Andersen hopes Dotzler's message resonated with students, and spurs them to make changes on campus and in the community throughout their time at Midland.

"They (Abide) are not just going out for one day but they are placing people within different neighborhoods and their whole goal is trying to make change from the inside out," she said.

"It was cool for our students to hear so that they can have that mindset as they go out on Mission Day, and as they are on campus, to change campus from the inside out by being more people oriented, and service oriented every day?"

During Malia Shimabukuro's address to students, she explained what Mission Day meant to her with help from a quote from Mahatma Gandhi.

"Our Mission Day may best be defined, as (Mahatma

Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others;" Shimabukuro said. "... For me, one of the main reasons for our Mission Day is to exemplify the heart of this quote – to lose ourselves in service. In other words, we serve with this heart that we not only will make a difference in the community, but we will be the difference."

During the day students also volunteered at Nye Square, Nye Legacy, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity, Hope Center for Kids, YMCA Campsite, Pathfinder Place, Uniquely Yours, CareCorps, and Old Poor Farm.

"We are in education so a big piece of that is teaching our students, even though they are young adults, different parts about life and service to the community," Nelson said.

"The Fremont community has been so important to Midland's success and their support for us is vital, so this is an opportunity for us to turn it back around and support them and offer them things we can do to enhance their missions."

FHS SkillsUSA students perform well

By **SAM PIMPER**
Fremont Tribune

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Fremont High School students once again had an impressive showing at the 2017 Nebraska SkillsUSA Championships held March 31 in Grand Island.

The FHS SkillsUSA team, comprised of 17 students, competed in a wide array of activities applying real-world application to areas they've studied.

Two senior students will represent Fremont High School from June 19-23 in Louisville, Ky., during the SkillsUSA National Championship. Fremont has been represented the past two years in the National Championships.

During the day of the competition, more than 1,500 students from across Nebraska filled the Heartland Events Center and Fonner Park to showcase their abilities. These students had the opportunity to compete in more than 100 areas of career and technical education, including but not limited to: architectural drafting,



Courtesy Keith Cummings

Fremont High School senior Ellenor Sell decorates a cake during the 2017 SkillsUSA Nebraska Championships held March 31 in Grand Island. Sell qualified for the SkillsUSA National Championships held in Louisville, Kentucky, by winning the Commercial Bakery division.

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First-place winners in their given divisions have the opportunity to compete in Louisville, released information says.

Fremont's Ellenor Sell put on an impressive performance placing first in commercial baking, and Colton Hoerath was named the first-place winner in high school individual welding.

Hoerath has been a member of Fremont's SkillsUSA squad for the past three years, however, this was his best showing. After making the trip to Louisville last June as an alternate on the Career Pathway Showcase team, Hoerath said he looks forward to putting his welding skills to the test.

And he has skills – he beat 107 of the top welders in the state.

The senior has been involved in the Welding Academy and started taking night courses at Metropolitan Community College the second quarter of his junior year. He plans to graduate with an associate degree from Metro this winter.

He looks forward to meeting new people in Louisville.

"I just think it will be fun to meet a whole lot of people who have common interests as I do," he said.

Brad Ryun, industrial technology instructor and SkillsUSA coach with Keith Cummings, added: "It's a huge networking area for them. If they do well, there are people there who are going to ask for their resumes and look to give them jobs and send them to school. The opportunities are huge for being nationally qualified."

While Fremont's reputation at the SkillsUSA National Championships has been as a welding school, that may soon change when Sell arrives. In Grand Island, Sell wowed the judges with her baking and cake decorating abilities.

Sell, who is heavily involved in Culinary Arts, joined the SkillsUSA team in December 2016. After a teaching switch in the Culinary Arts Department, certain circumstances prevented Sell from participating in the typical competition culinary arts' students attend.

"So instead, I had to find something else to do, and one of my teachers suggested that I do SkillsUSA," Sell said.

In preparation of the SkillsUSA state completion, Sell said she benefited from her job at Artesan Bread, 215 N Main St., in Downtown Fremont, where she works twice-weekly.

Her employers allowed her to practice her skills inside of the bakery, as well as allowing her access to baking equipment when she needed to take something home. Working for Artesan Bread has benefited Sell.

"I've learned more about time management, and I've shaved time off of the time it takes to work with dough," she said.

Sell and Ryun are excited to put Fremont on the map for something other than its welding program.

"It's very exciting to see," Ryun said of sending Sell to Louisville. "It's fun to branch out, because SkillsUSA is not just about welding. We certainly do a lot of welding here and we have been very successful with our welding, but this year we took Team Problem Solving kids, we took precision machining students, we took a freshman girl doing Job Interview; getting some experience talking with people that are looking to employ her, which are beautiful skills to have at a freshman age."

While Hoerath and Sell were the two students to qualify for Louisville, others performed at a high level, too.

The team of Pehrson Huss, Jason Bechtel and Neleigh Jenkins placed second in Welding Fabrication, Taylor Belmont placed first in



Courtesy Keith Cummings

Colton Hoerath, center, and Taylor Belmont, both of Fremont High School, are recognized for placing first and second place, respectively, in individual welding during the 2017 Nebraska SkillsUSA Championships held March 31 in Grand Island. With his victory, Hoerath qualified for the SkillsUSA National Championships held this June in Louisville, Kentucky.

GMAW Welding and second in the Individual Welding Finals, Jorgen Johannssen placed third in Diesel Technology and Noah Franzen finished third in SMAW welding.

Ryun Believes SkillsUSA is an important outlet for

students – it helps them grow in so many ways.

"Students are able to take their hands-on skills that they are learning at a young age, and then hone them and apply them toward careers they want down the road," he said.

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Transfer excels while at Bergan

Sam PIMPER
Fremont Tribune

This story originally published on May 10, 2017

Brawly Taylor ventured down the path less traveled on his way to graduating from Archbishop Bergan High School.

Taylor, who will graduate with 22 of his senior classmates Saturday afternoon inside of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, spent his freshman year of high school as a Bergan Knight before transferring to Elkhorn South High School his sophomore and junior years.

His passion for medicine, however, led him back to Bergan in fall 2016 when he decided he wanted to pursue acceptance into the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP), a program not offered to students encompassing Omaha and Lincoln school districts. Elkhorn South, Taylor said, didn't offer RHOP either.

RHOP is a cooperative agreement between Chadron State College and Wayne State College and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC); with the program's purpose revolving around recruiting and educating high school students from rural Nebraska who will return to practice medicine in rural areas of the state.

Recipients of the RHOP scholarship have their bachelor's degree paid for if they maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher, and all participants in the RHOP Program receive early acceptance into UNMC if they score within a certain percentile on the MCAT examination.

Taylor applied for admittance the first semester of his senior year, was interviewed in December and soon after learned he was accepted into the RHOP Program.

"The program wasn't available through (Elkhorn) South, and I've always wanted to become a doctor," Taylor said during a Wednesday interview with the Tribune. "I figured, why not make this sacrifice and really take the opportunity to set up my future?"

While it certainly isn't the easiest situation making a move to a new school during a person's senior year of high school, Taylor said it was a pretty smooth transition. His brother, Rider Taylor, was a Bergan High graduate in 2015.

Because of this, Taylor said he was pretty well-kept in the Bergan loop. He was also aware that other Bergan students have been admitted into the RHOP Program. Just last year, Blake Walker, a friend of Taylor's and a 2016 Bergan graduate, was admitted into Chadron State's RHOP program, the same program Taylor will immerse himself into next fall.

"It was either Wayne State or Chadron State," Taylor said of his college decision. "I like the outdoors out there a lot more (Chadron), the landscape and everything – just being outside."

Of Walker's impact, Taylor said, "He's part of RHOP, he's out at Chadron and he is a good family friend of ours. Truly, he was the one who talked to me about doing RHOP between the summer of my junior and senior year, and that's when I was like, 'wow this is something I really might want to do.'"

Bergan Principal Dan Koenig said that guidance counselor Doug Moore has played a big part in helping students through not only the RHOP application process, but the scholarship process in general.

"Mr. Moore does a great job of setting kids up in that aspect



Taylor

and making sure they complete that process," Koenig said. "I don't know if he is the Scholarship Whisperer or what, but he is always meeting with our kids about their future and maximizing their potential at the next level."

Not only is Bergan about maximizing potential after high school, the school is all about maximizing talent while students are still enrolled.

With an Open Campus policy for qualifying seniors, students have the chance to take college credits, leave for lunch and any of their open periods. Koenig said that half of this year's graduating seniors took an on-campus English course at Midland University.

Taylor completed 18 college credit hours this year, setting him ahead of the curve when he moves to Chadron.

"They learn to manage their time and get to Point A and Point B," Koenig said of the Open Campus policy. "... And both Fremont High and Bergan have a great opportunity with a two-year college and four-year University just minutes away"

While his high school schedule may have been a little more rigorous than most students', Taylor said he knows it's worth it.

"I know that if I just work hard now that eventually I will reap all the rewards," he said.

Koenig added, "He is a very high-achieving senior, a kid who is going to do really well in life."

The fish of a lifetime

Fremont angler reels in lunker Muskie at Fremont State Lakes

Sam PIMPER
Fremont Tribune

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For decades the Muskellunge has been referred to as the “Fish of 10,000 Casts.”

The fish, commonly referred to as a Muskie, is a large, predatory gamefish known for its aggression, elusiveness and long, needle-like teeth.

But on Friday afternoon at the Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area, one local angler managed to hook into a behemoth while getting in a quick fishing session over his lunch break.

Dylan Patterson, a 2007 Fremont High School Graduate, pulled a 48-inch Master Angler Muskie out of Lake No. 20 while fishing with his cousin, Jamie Monson, around 1 p.m.

Patterson said that he’s been an avid angler for nearly the past two years, but that he really started taking fishing seriously after getting into trouble with the law around five years ago.

“I needed to clean myself up, and fishing became an outlet for me,” Patterson said. “I needed new hobbies, you know what I mean?”

That hobby turned into a passion.

So when Patterson and Monson left their work at Monson Auto around 12:30 p.m. Friday, Patterson was excited to get a line in the water. During mid-fall, the likelihood of hooking into something large increases, he said.

“Fall fishing is like the best fishing of the year besides maybe spring, because all those fish that are down deep staying cool over the summer come up shallow because winter is coming and they feed up heavily in the fall, and then go back down deep for the winter,” he said. “So some of those big ones come into the shallows when they might not normally be there.”

Baiting his 14-pound-test monofilament line with a white spinnerbait, Patterson started casting into the lake, hoping to land a sizable bass; the fish he usually chases after.

So he casted once, and again, and again, moving along Lake No. 20’s bank until he reached a small canal that he’s fished several times before.

“I started walking around just covering



Courtesy Dylan Patterson

Angler Dylan Patterson poses for a picture with a 48-inch-long Muskellunge caught Friday afternoon on Lake No. 20 at the Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area.

area,” he said. “There’s a little boat dock there, and I kept going around the trail, kinda covering some water. Then I got to a canal that separates the big part of Lake 20 from a smaller little section – it gets real shallow up through there and has slope-offs on each side.”

After arriving at the canal, things got exciting in a hurry. Patterson cast far into the canal and started reeling his line in. About halfway through retrieving his lure, the fish struck.

“I casted out there and he just hit it hard,” Patterson said. “I set the hook and he took me for a ride.”

An experienced bass angler, Patterson said he knew immediately he hadn’t hooked into a Largemouth. The Muskie, the largest member of the Pike family, is known for its line-screaming runs and acrobatic leaps from the water.

The battle lasted for minutes. And while the adrenaline running through Patterson kept him focused, it was impossible for stress not to creep into his mind. Using 14-pound-test and no leader – a thin piece of metal preventing toothy gamefish from snapping line – he couldn’t help thinking that his line would break at any second.

Patterson has some experience with catching Pike and Muskie – he’s done so while fishing at Lake Zorinsky and Lake Wanahoo, however, he never expected to hook into one of the large fish at the State Lakes.

“He could have broken off at any

Fremont State Lakes

Fremont Lakes State Recreation area has 20 sandpit lakes which provide a place for fishing, swimming, power boating, skiing and jet skiing. The area features three swimming beaches and a specially redesigned lake for use by personal water craft. The area includes concessions, playgrounds, picnic areas and bathroom with showers.

For overnight accommodations, there are 200 camping pads with electrical hookups, 12 non-pad sites with electrical hookups and 600 non-pad sites without electricity. Fremont State Recreation Area’s campgrounds offer hard-surfaced pads, situated among mature shade trees. All campers must register and a state park permit is required. Camping fees vary with the season. Reservations are taken up to one year in advance. Online reservations can be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.OutdoorNebraska.org or www.ReserveAmerica.com. Reservations also can be made through the call center at 402.471.1414 Monday through Friday, 9am to 6pm. www.outdoornebraska.org

second with those teeth,” Patterson said.

After pulling the fish out of the water, Patterson snapped a few photos and then released the fish back into the lake. He doesn’t keep the fish he catches, he just enjoys the thrill of the sport.

“I just want to take their picture and make them late for something,” Patterson joked.

Word of his catch spread quickly through social media and through Fish-Brain, the world’s largest community-based fishing app.

On Saturday, he returned to the same spot he landed the lunker. This time, though, a family was trying their luck in the spot.

“I went there the next day and there was a family there,” he said. “I heard a kid say, ‘He was right here dad!;’ and then the dad turned around and was like, ‘That’s him right there!’

Bobbi Holm, State Lakes naturalist, received text messages and pictures about the fish caught in the park.

It’s always great knowing anglers have something big to chase after in the lakes, she said.

“I think it’s great that this happened,” Holm said during a Monday phone interview. “I think that all the fisherman who hear about this will be really impressed and hopeful. Anybody landing a fish like that is quite a feat.”



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Art auction to honor longtime Fremonter

Welstead's work to be sold to provide scholarship

Tammy REAL-MCKEIGHAN
News Editor

For years, Jean Welstead had a special place to paint at Midland University.

Students often saw the amiable Fremont woman creating her watercolor or oil paintings in the southwest corner of the University's large painting studio. She was a friend and encourager to art students for decades.

Midland graduate Geoff Semrad recalls watching her work.

"It was therapeutic to watch her paint. ... I thought it was such a neat thing for her to have that space," said Semrad, now an art teacher at Johnson Crossing Academic Center.

Welstead's impact extended beyond Midland's campus. She earned numerous awards and her work is part of private, corporate and university collections across the country. She was a founding member of the Fremont Area Art Association and its board president from 1965-71.

In July, the FAAA will host the Jean Welstead Memorial Scholarship Show and Auction. The public is invited to a reception from 5-7 p.m. July 8 to FAAA building at 92 W. Sixth St. Welstead's artwork will be available for purchase or silent auction bid that night and throughout July.

A bid sheet will be placed beside each work of art. A prospective buyer puts his or her name, phone number and bid on that sheet. There will be a minimum bid for each artwork and a buy-it-now option.

All auction proceeds will go toward an art scholarship in honor of Welstead. Fremont area students planning to go to college and pursue an



Tammy Real-McKeighan, Fremont Tribune

Robert Therien, retired Midland professor of art, Geoff Semrad, Midland graduate and art instructor at Johnson Crossing Academic Center, Marv Welstead and Barb Tellatin, past Fremont Area Art Association president, stand near one of the works of Jean Welstead which will be part of an auction that will raise funds for a scholarship.

art-related career will be able to apply for the scholarship.

"I think it's very appropriate to have a scholarship in Jean's name, because she was very interested in the youth of this area," said Barb Tellatin, past FAAA president. "She would be so happy to know that she was helping kids again."

Thirty-five of Welstead's works will be in the auction. The works include oil and watercolor paintings, scratchboard, prints, pastel, charcoal and graphite drawings. Landscapes, urban scenes and portraits are among the selections.

Robert Therien, retired Midland professor of art, said he appreciates the clarity of Welstead's works.

"They are visually interesting and diverse," Therien said. "I thought her use of color was very creative, too. A lot of times she didn't use a lot of color, and sometimes, she did."

Welstead's love of art began early in her life. She was 11 when her aunt enrolled her at Midland to take art classes with elementary school teachers that summer. She later

self-taught artist.

"She was just a natural," said her husband, Marvin. "She loved to see the forms take shape and effect you get from various hues."

Watercolor was her forte. Her oil paintings often had the light — almost transparent — color orchestration of watercolor, Therien said.

Welstead was influenced by various art instructors including Anna Kreinheder, who was at Midland for 26 years, Therien, and Dimitar Krustev of Des Moines.

In 1960, she was influenced by Leonard Theissen of the Omaha Nebraska Arts Council, who gave a talk on "Art in the Community."

After that, it became an important goal for Welstead to find a permanent home for the Fremont Area Art Association.

attended classes at Midland, St. Mary's College and Joslyn Art Museum, both in Omaha.

Welstead, a 1940 Fremont High School graduate, was a



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Art auction continued

She was co-chairman of the committee that bought what is now Gallery 92 West. The art association became an incorporated, nonprofit organization. She received the 25 Years Service Award from FAAA in 1985.

Welstead also organized the first Mall Art Exhibit 1966-79. In the late 1970s, there began a cooperation between Fremont Public Schools and the FAAA to host K-12 art exhibits in the art association building.

Welstead's longtime association with Midland continued when the late Millie Traeder, pottery instructor at Midland, asked her to demonstrate her painting for students. In 1968, Welstead was asked to be an artist in residence at Midland and work with students.

Therien said he thought

Welstead audited classes, paying a marginal fee, which first secured her a studio spot in one of the houses Midland owned on Clarkson Street. After Midland built Musbach Art Center, she had her spot in the painting studio.

"She had that for at least 25 years," her husband said.

Semrad remembers seeing Jean Welstead paint at Midland.

"I would just sit there and watch her paint," Semrad said. "It was unbelievable. Sometimes, she'd start this whole thing and then the next day cover it up and start over again."

He appreciated her passion for art.

"It was neat to see someone paint — still loving it after all those years," Semrad said.

Therien recalls Welstead's interaction with students.

"She liked the camaraderie of the studio," Therien said. "She was very interactive with the students. If they were having trouble developing an image or figuring out what to paint, she'd talk to them, soothe them."

Welstead also recalls his wife's care for the students.

"She loved those kids," he said, adding, "I'll get Christmas cards from students who graduated from Midland 25 years ago."

Welstead would continue painting for two years after she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

"I'd take her over at 8:30 in the morning and take a book along and she'd paint and at 11:30, I'd take her home," Marv Welstead said.

As time passed, Welstead would tell her husband that

she wanted to go home — even though she was home.

"I figured out that she wanted to go to Midland," he said.

Therien gave Marv Welstead a set of keys to the art center. Welstead would take his wife to the center, where she'd walk around and look at the students' works.

Then she'd tell her husband that she wanted to go home, meaning their home.

"That was the best key I ever gave away," Therien said.

Welstead was 86 when she died in July 2009. She and her husband had been married 67 years. People who knew Jean, knew she was proud of her sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

And she was proud of something else: an honorary bachelor of arts degree that she received from Midland in 1988.

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YMCA project coming along

Dillon Family YMCA Aquatic Center to be completed in early 2018

Sam PIMPER
Fremont Tribune

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With the addition of the Dillon Family YMCA Aquatic Center, the Fremont Family YMCA will officially be the largest square-foot YMCA in the world.

And while being big is great, the opportunities the new facility brings is what is really important. The opportunity to teach more youth how to swim. The opportunity to boost Fremont's local economy. The opportunity to provide the Fremont community with services it currently lacks.

In mid-July, a groundbreaking ceremony was held on the YMCA's property signifying the beginning of construction.

Sid Dillon and his wife, Hazel, were major benefactors for the \$15.2 million project, which will hopefully be completed in early 2018. More than \$13.7 million has already been raised, and another wave of fundraising will begin in 2017 to raise the complete amount, said Y president and CEO Jerry Rinne during a Wednesday phone interview.

The \$15.2 million covers expenses for the Dillon Family YMCA Aquatic Center and renovating the area where the current lap pool and recreational pool reside, he said.

The new 30,000 square-foot facility will house one body of water with six 50-meter lanes running east and west, and 12, 25-yard lanes that will accommodate



Courtesy Fremont Family YMCA

The Dillon Family YMCA Aquatic Center will be the home of the Midland University swimming program. The center is scheduled to open in early 2018.

competitive and recreational swimmers at the same time.

In addition, there will be seating for 300-400 people and space for locker rooms, a hot tub, steam room, family changing rooms, a splash pad and diving well.

Once the new facility is completed, the current lap pool is being transformed into a 5,000-square-foot free weights and CrossFit training area and the current instructional pool will be filled in and covered with turf, providing an approximately 6,000-square-foot multi-purpose area where numerous classes and activities can be completed.

Currently, four swim teams utilize the current pools – YMCA Recreational, YMCA Competitive, Fremont High School and Special Olympics teams.

“And we will be adding another men’s and women’s team in the future,” Rinne said during a July interview.

And although these teams use the facility, it is currently impossible to host a large-scale event because of the lack of pool deck space

for spectators. With the new facility, seating won't be a problem, and additionally, there will be an open space

for people to set up filming equipment if they choose to

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with the size and reputation of Fremont's draws in families and children. The new facility also will bring in hundreds of people from out of town for events and meets.

When this happens, money pours through retail businesses, hotels and restaurants, ultimately bringing about growth.

Most importantly, when complete, children will have access to swim lessons like never before.

"Our number one priority will be to teach kids how to swim and how to be safe in the pool," Rinne said during a July interview. "We will be switching to a new "Learn to Swim" program that focuses on making youth comfortable in the water before teaching them skills."

Since construction began, Rinne said there have been a few sizable setback, primarily the abundance of groundwater found once digging began.

Currently, three pumps are continually

removing ground water from the site.

"Right now we are having some difficulties with the de-watering process," he said. "That's why there are three big pumps in the ground right now. We have a high water cable area - especially by the Y. We have to dig upward of 20 feet for some things and they were running into water at 10 feet (deep).

Rinne attributed some of the problem to Fremont having a fairly wet summer.

"On a normal year we might not have to de-water as much, because when farmers irrigate in our area the water table naturally lowers, and obviously this year that wasn't the case," he said.

All said, project complications are raising the total construction cost by \$250,000 to \$500,000, all of which will be addressed in the next wave of project fundraising.

Rinne said that although there were some roadblocks hindering progress, real steps forward are being made.

"It started off a little slower than we would have liked because of the de-watering and getting the plans in place for that," Rinne said. "But now you are seeing a lot of concrete trucks, construction,

taking dirt in and taking dirt out."

Currently, a great deal of the foundation-stabilizing process is underway.

"They've poured a lot of the footings, but they still haven't gone past the 10-foot level," he said. "Right now you'll see that there is a big crane there and they are doing a lot of soil stabilization. They will be drilling 40 to 60 feet into the ground with metal pipes and filling it up with grout that will hold the bank in place so the bank won't collapse when they start getting to work on the (Olympic-sized) pool."

Rinne anticipates that building construction will begin in February.

More than anything, Rinne is excited to see meaningful progress. It's one thing to see a design layout on paper, but an entirely different thing to see construction workers making daily progress on the site.

"It's really exciting now to see stuff actually happening, you really start envisioning what everything will look like when it's complete," he said. ... "It really is going to be a tremendous asset to our community"

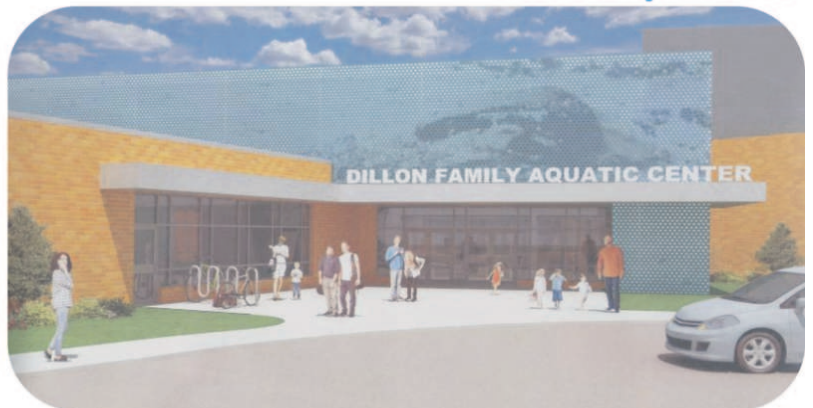


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Gallery 23 East making headway

Sam PIMPER
Fremont Tribune

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In fall 2010, waves of conversation swept through the Fremont community in regard to the proposed development of Fremont Commons, a development that would bring an abundance of housing and commercial development to the east side of town.

Developers Bruce and Brad Nelson had big plans for the 115-acre plot of land, located on the southeast corner of U.S. Highway 275 and U.S. Highway 30. Although original plans were for construction to be up and running in 2012, and some retail to open in 2013, certain uncontrollable circumstances made moving forward with the project difficult.

“The retail never materialized, a development like that has a lot of costs,” Mayor Scott Getzschman said during a Thursday interview with the Tribune. “I think that they felt like they just needed a little bit of a stronger economy before they could move forward.”

So the project fell flat, that is until Cosentino Holdings, LLC, controlled by brothers Mike and Bill Cosentino, purchased the tract of land for \$1.8 million in December 2016.

After retiring from their Omaha-based business Marianna Industries in 2010 — where Mike and Bill Cosentino oversaw just under 500 employees in Nebraska, Nevada and Tennessee — the selling of one of their properties through Berkshire HomeServices Ambassador Real Estate opened the door to the piece of property that would soon be named Gallery 23 East.

“Bill and I retired and we really enjoyed it,” Cosentino said during a Friday phone interview with the Tribune. “But then we had a building for sale, and the real estate person, Gary Kuklin, sold the place in three days. So after that he told us he would bring us some things that were for sale, and then he brought us the farm land that Bruce and Brad (Nelson) had, and what their plans were for it, and we decided that we wanted to go after it.”

The Cosentinos weren’t positive what they would do with the land upon first inspection, but after meeting with the Nelsons, Cosentino said he and his brother liked what they saw. They thought they could add their own twist to the property, shifting the land into its own small

community. If they were going to do this, they figured they might as well team up.

“We worked together all of our lives so we thought we would do it together,” Cosentino said.

Earlier this week, the official announcement of Gallery 23 East was made, causing a stir throughout the community. During Tuesday evening’s Fremont City Council meeting, the Council voted 7-0 — Councilmember Scott Schaller was not in attendance — to introduce and have the first reading of an ordinance approving the request of Gallery 23 East, LLC, on behalf of Cosentino Holdings, for approval of a zoning change from GC General Commercial and R-3/TND Mixed-Density Residential with a Traditional Neighborhood overlay to PD Planned Development.

“This has to go through Council,” Getzschman said. “And Council will ultimately have to approve their design.”

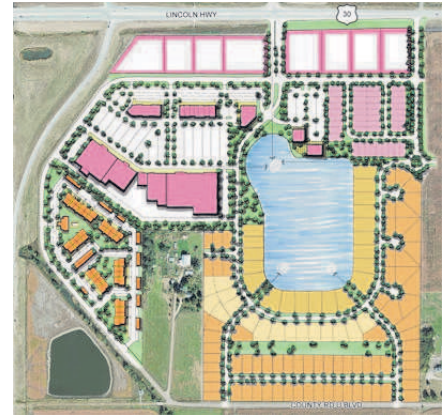
With zoning approval, the purchased land — also home to a centrally-located 14-acre lake — would provide new opportunities to Fremont in regard to residential living and mixed-use commercial space. Some of these opportunities include plans for single family housing — such as townhomes and rental units — and multi-family apartment buildings.

Available mixed-use commercial space would include office spaces and retail shopping opportunities.

With the proposed Costco chicken processing company dotting its I’s and crossing its T’s in terms of due diligence before moving forward with groundbreaking, Getzschman said that Gallery 23 East could provide viable living options for numerous company employees.

“As we move forward and know for sure that Costco is going to come as a project, we need to be ready with the housing piece, but also with the job piece,” Getzschman said. “We are working diligently on both of those pieces to ensure the labor workforce is ready when needed two years down the road, and that we also have housing in place.”

Cosentino added: “Costco coming is really the icing on the cake. We would have done this anyway but with Costco coming in, this is something that Fremont can really use. And we have been told that Fremont has 3,000-4,000 people who commute from smaller towns to work here, and this could help them, too.”



Courtesy

The plan calls for approximately 39.5 acres (112 lots) for single family residences; 7.4 acres (48 lots) for duplex construction; 11.6 acres for multi-family residential (220 units) and 46.5 acres for approximately 480,000 square feet of various commercial uses.

Properties will range from lower income all the way through high-end, lakefront properties, Cosentino said.

In terms of retail coming to Gallery 23 East, Cosentino said that several retailers have shown interest in the strip center that will house eight or nine stalls. Cosentino said contact has been made with Fareway and other similar businesses, a Mexican restaurant and others.

In addition, there is room for a big box store, such as a Lowes Home Improvement. There is also the goal to attract smaller businesses like nail and beauty salons. On the lake, there will also be two restaurants with outside seating available, Cosentino said.

Pending Council approval, Cosentino said land grading could begin as soon as July, followed by utility, road work and ultimately, housing construction. People could potentially see buildings erected as soon as mid to late fall, and the goal is to have much of Gallery 23 East up and running by summer 2018.

Cosentino is excited about where the project is heading.

“The city has been great, and the Mayor — Scott — has been great to work with, he’s a great guy and he’s helped us terrifically,” he said. “It sounds like everyone is really excited about this, and nobody really even knew about it until eight days ago. Now people have been calling us asking what is happening, and we are more than happy to tell them about it.”

Annual boat show makes return

Colin LARSON
Fremont Tribune

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Fremont is a town known for its bodies of water.

The Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area, Platte River and many surrounding private lakes all fit into the fabric of the community.

Many residents take advantage of the open water by spending time at the lakes swimming, fishing, jet skiing and boating.

With spring right around the corner and lake season not far behind, Victory Marine is giving those interested in purchasing a watercraft to cruise the lakes this summer a perfect opportunity this weekend.

The annual Victory Marine boat show is being held Friday through Sunday inside the main arena at Christensen Field.

The event will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the arena located on west 16th Street.

The show features approximately 50 boats from 10 different manufacturers, which include: Lund, Tige, Nautique and Playcraft Pontoons.

"There are fishing boats, water skiing boats, wakeboard boats and pontoons, so we have something for everybody," said Brad Diers, Victory Marine salesman.

According to Diers, the boats were all moved into the arena on Wednesday in preparation for the event.

"The boats are all there now, we moved them in today (Wednesday) and we'll clean them up and get them ready over the next two days so we are ready for the weekend," he said.

The boat show is open to



Fremont Tribune files

Victory Marine fills Christensen Arena with boats and pontoons for its annual boat show each year in the spring.

the public with free admission and parking.

According to Diers, having the show in early March allows potential buyers to purchase a boat and have it ready in time for spring.

"It's just a little bit pre-season, we used to do the boat show earlier but we've got closer to the boat season," he said. "People are more in the mood and if someone wants something for the spring it's good to get it now so it's ready to go when the time comes this year."

Along with a bevy of brands and styles of boats, the show will also include docks, lifts and other accessories.

All of the boats at the show are available for purchase through Victory Marine, located at 1500 W. Military Ave.

Victory Marine's regular business hours are 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. through 12 p.m. Saturday.



The Victory Marine boat show allows folks to check out more than 50 boats.

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The City of North Bend is a friendly community of over 1200 people located in the southwest corner of Dodge County on the northern most bend of the scenic Platte River. The community is situated along U.S. Highway 30 and State Highway 79 and is on the main east/west line of the Union Pacific Railroad. It is conveniently located approximately 50 miles north of the state capital, Lincoln Nebraska, and 50 miles west of the Omaha, the state's largest city. This provides convenient access to world class cultural events, concerts, and sporting events. In addition, within a 20 minute drive there are recreational, shopping and employment opportunities in addition to those found in the North Bend community.

The community is proud of its excellent school facilities. Their excellent teaching faculty ranks among the highest in the state of Nebraska. The motivated staff delivers education to students with diverse learning styles.

North Bend has excellent recreational facilities that include an Olympic-style heated swimming pool, a premier baseball field, softball fields, tennis courts, walking trails, and an 18 hole public golf course. There's a city park, along with a Veteran's Memorial Park dedicated to those that have served our country.

Medical concerns are addressed by a local physician's office and an acute care hospital is available in the county seat only 15 minutes away. Dental services are also provided locally.

The largest industry is agriculture, and our small

business base includes banking, groceries, restaurants, hardware, a local newspaper, fuel dealers, contractors, insurance, and other fine service and sales businesses.

North Bend is a great place to call home. Please come for a visit!

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North Bend, NE 68649
402.652.8361
Rev. Michael Hill

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P.O. Box 496
920 Linden Drive
North Bend, NE 68649
402.652.8215 email: st.peter@gpcom.net

St. George's Catholic Church
P.O. Box 98
Morse Bluff, NE 68648
402.666.5280

St. Charles Borromeo Church
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North Bend, NE 68649
402.652.8484
Father Keith Rezac

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Cedar Hill
Morse Bluff

Birchwood Manor
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402-652-3670

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<http://fremonthhealth.com>

Medicine Man Pharmacy
402-652-3217

Memorial Hospital
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Schuyler, NE 68661
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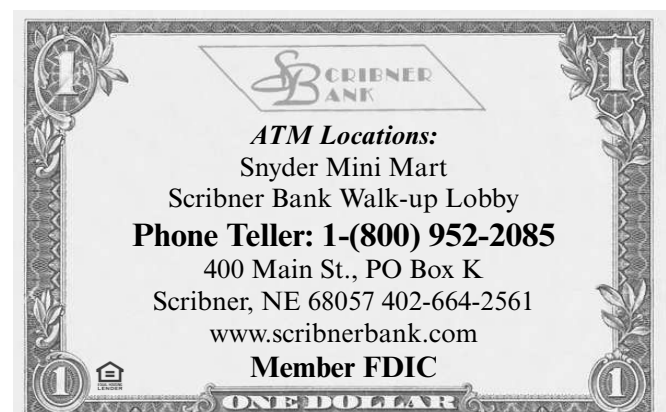
K-12 SCHOOL DISTRICT

North Bend Public Schools
North Bend Central Public Schools was reorganized as a K-12 school district in 1998. The school district

includes three communities: North Bend, Morse Bluff, and Ames. NBCPS enrolls approximately 460 students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. Its facilities include a K-6 elementary school and a central junior-senior high school campus.

North Bend Central Public Schools prides itself on the academic and activities accomplishments of its students. NBC High School belongs to the East Husker Conference and participates in a variety of athletic, fine arts, academic and vocational activities. Approximately 90 percent of our students will attend a 2-or 4-year college or technical school after graduation and NBC graduates were recently rated as having the highest freshman success rate at the University of Nebraska (Lincoln) campus.

The faculty at NBCPS has a long list of honors for teaching excellence including three Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and the Great Plains Communications Teacher of the Year winner for 2008. The average years of teaching experience for NBCPS faculty exceeds 22 years and nearly 60 percent of the faculty hold Master's Degrees. All NBCPS teachers in core subjects meet the "highly qualified" standard of the No Child Left Behind Act and approximately 94 percent of all secondary courses are taught by specifically endorsed teachers. NBCPS students have consistently met all state and federal standards of yearly progress since the inception of the No Child Left Behind Act in 2001. For further information about North Bend Central Public Schools, contact Dan Endorf, Superintendent, at (402) 652-3268, or visit our website at: www.nbtigers.org.



North Bend Info continued

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City Park

Our city park includes a ball diamond, which is home to the 2000 Class B State Champion Black Sox Legion baseball team, pavilion, tennis courts, and a Scout Cabin.

Franklin-Cotterell Greens

Arboretum

The Franklin-Cotterell Greens Arboretum exists on the 22 acre site of North Bend Central High School at 14th and Walnut Streets, North Bend. Morse Bluff North Bend Veterans Memorial Park 9th & Main Street, North Bend, NE 6864 TO HONOR ALL VETERANS in the year 2002, the VFW & Am Vets of North Bend, along with the American Legion of Morse Bluff, joined forces to establish a Veterans Memorial Park in North Bend, Nebraska. Sculpture artist Fred Hoppe was commissioned to design the park and make the statutes. Our Veterans Memorial Park is something that each and everyone can be proud of.

Donations may be sent to Platte Valley Bank, P.O. Box 500, North Bend, NE 68649, with check payable to "North Bend Area Community Foundation" (ear marked "Veterans Memorial Park"). Bricks are still available for \$100 — each 4 x 8 brick can be engraved with 3 lines and 13 spaces per line. All donations are tax deductible 501©3.

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Girl Scouts

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340 E 8th Street
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920 Linden Drive
North Bend, NE 68649

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Morse Bluff American Legion Aux. Unit 340
Meetings every 2nd Monday of each month
Deanna Mitties
402-720-0977

North Bend Area Community Foundation

Deanna Wolf — President
The North Bend Area Community Foundation, an affiliate of Fremont Area Community Foundation, was established for the purpose of receiving, administering, and disbursing funds for community improvement. To learn more visit http://www.foundation.org/NBCF_intro.htm. Click on Affiliate Funds and go to the North Bend Area Community Foundation pages.

North Bend Fire Department

Meeting every 1st Monday of each month at 8:00 pm at Fire Hall
Chief Kevin Dubbs
402.652.8161
www.northbendfire.com

North Bend Fire Department Ladies Aux.

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402-652-8356

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1041 Locust Street
North Bend, NE 68649

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Meeting every 4th Monday of each month at 8:00 pm
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Restored cemetery has long history

Preservationists work to restore graveyard established in 1873

Tammy REAL-MCKEIGHAN
News Editor

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A look at John Davidson's gravestone might say it all.

"Gone but not forgotten" reads the stone which tells of a man born in Scotland in 1804 — just 28 years after the Declaration of Independence was signed in the United States.

Davidson, who died in 1882, is among almost 100 people known to be buried at Summit Grove Cemetery, northeast of North Bend.

For years, the cemetery where Davidson and other pioneer-era people were buried was overgrown with weeds and other foliage. It had been the target of vandals and forgotten by many, except for a few area residents, like Diane Emanuel and Don A. Andrews of North Bend and Gene Robertson of Rogers. Emanuel's great-great grandfather is buried here and she hoped to gather a group to clean up the cemetery.

Then in April 2011, Martin "Casey" Jones of Snyder launched the cleanup effort after he came to the pioneer cemetery in search of veterans' graves — and saw its deteriorated condition.

"I looked around and said, 'Somebody's got to do something,'" said Jones, a retired U.S. Air Force veteran.

Bruce Ferguson of Scribner and Diane's husband, Roch, would join the effort. Together, the volunteer group spent hours cleaning overgrown trees and brush and setting up gravestones. Roch Emanuel would restore the doorframe



Tammy Real-McKeighan, Fremont Tribune

Martin "Casey" Jones of Snyder explains some of the history of the Summit Grove Cemetery, northeast of North Bend, on Friday morning.

of an old mausoleum, giving visitors an idea of the building that once stood there.

For the volunteers, the cemetery restoration would be like a 4-acre puzzle as they worked to erect and piece together fallen and damaged headstones.

Now, the cemetery which sits atop a hill has a grassy lawn, a fence, metal gate and the doorframe of a mausoleum.

"You can just feel the peace and serenity of this place," said Jones as he looked across the sweeping vista. "You can see why they chose it as a burial site."

Old-timers' stories passed down through the years told of Native Americans, who died from diseases brought by Caucasian settlers, being buried here.

"If you use the grave locating rods, you can walk all over this hill and clear down to the creek and there's graves everywhere," said Andrews of

North Bend.

Arrowheads have surfaced in this area, Diane Emanuel said, and Jones noted something else.

"For some reason or another, they (Native Americans) liked this hill — whether they considered it a sacred place or they just liked the view, a lot of it is speculation," Jones said.

When the railroad came through in the 1860s, the government gave it land, which it could sell to pay for construction.

James M. Cruickshank bought land in the area and farmed it. And although it was difficult to get horses up to the hill, folks enjoyed the view.

"You can see all the way to Morse Bluff," Jones said of the surrounding green landscape. "You can see in all four directions. It was a great place for social activities."

Then in 1873, Eleanor Townsend, 22, died and it was decided that she should be buried on the summit.

Cruickshank would donate the land for the cemetery.

As years passed, the cemetery would have more than one name — like the Cruickshank Cemetery or Honest John's Cemetery.

About 30 percent of the people buried here are children, who died of illness such as typhoid and diphtheria.

One row of gravestones shows several deaths from the Powers family. Eddie was only 5. Laura died on her 14th birthday.

Group members believe a mausoleum was built at the cemetery in about 1914 by the James and Ellen Bryan family. Further research indicates that the family's name actually was O'Brien, but Ellen so admired Nebraska politician and presidential nominee William Jennings Bryan that the family arbitrarily changed their last name's spelling to match his, Jones said.

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Cemetery

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The mausoleum, which housed their bodies, was a stone building about 8-by-8-foot square and 6 feet high and people could walk into the burial crypt. The mausoleum encased the couple. There were five people altogether in the plot, but a son's body was moved to Woodland Cemetery in North Bend.

Rumors surround the mausoleum as well. Andrews shares one about glass that encased the bodies being broken and alcohol that preserved the Bryans drained off to be sold during the Prohibition in the 1920s.

It would become a fad for teens to go down into the mausoleum to see the bodies encased in boxes with glass tops. At one point, someone went in with cement to cover the bodies.

In the 1960s, vandals dynamited the mausoleum.

The last person to be buried at the cemetery was Frank Ferguson, who'd been a caretaker, and was buried there in 1976. Andrews' father, Donald, mowed the cemetery for a while. A few guys from the Presbyterian church at Webster also worked to clean it up, but the cemetery eventually would fall into disarray.

By the time the group of preservationists began working on the pioneer-era cemetery in 2011, it was overgrown with foliage.

"You could only see one or two headstones and there were trees, poison ivy, weeds," Diane Emanuel said.

Jones learned that the cemetery was deeded to the Summit Grove Cemetery Association in the 1880s. Andrews' sister, Avis, an attorney, researched which steps to take next.

"We had to get a petition to dissolve the association (whose members are all deceased)," Jones said.

They had to get a second petition asking Dodge County to assist with preservation and maintenance of the cemetery. The board of supervisors dissolved the association and agreed that according to state statute they'd take control of the cemetery. However, they said the area residents would need to form a nonprofit organization.

About five days later, they formed the Summit Grove Preservation Group, which then went to work.

During a couple of work days, the group cut down all but three trees, along with shrubs and brush. Most headstones were covered by brush. Many were laying on the ground.



Tammy Real-McKeighan photos, Fremont Tribune

Diane Emanuel of North Bend looks at a gravestone at the Summit Grove Cemetery, northeast of North Bend, on Friday morning.



Roch Emanuel of North Bend spent a long time working to restore the nameplate and door frame of the Bryan family mausoleum in Summit Grove Cemetery, northeast of North Bend.

"Our goal at that point was to see all the headstones," Diane Emanuel said.

Headstones were put back into place. Stumps were removed. The county sprayed for noxious weeds. A fence, gate and flag pole were erected in 2014. Thrivent Financial provided some funds for the fence and gate.

But there was another project – namely the mausoleum, which had become rubble. Ferguson had a photograph of the mausoleum and Roch Emanuel tried to find what he could save.

Emanuel reconstructed the doorway

of the mausoleum. He spent countless hours reassembling the nameplate, which he put on two pedestals to become the door frame. He made a gate in his shop at Emanuel Custom Welding in North Bend.

He then reassembled the perimeter fence of the Bryans' plot. Robertson and Ferguson helped put the stones back in place for the fence.

The mausoleum project would take about two years with the door frame being set a couple weeks ago.

"It really was fun," Roch Emanuel said of the project. "And it did come together."

Through the Veteran's Administration, a headstone was provided for veteran Guy Robertson. Veterans from the Civil War, World War I and World War II are buried here.

No one else can be buried here, however, because it would revert back to being an active cemetery and funding for preservation would be lost, Jones said.

Maintenance is ongoing. More stones must be placed upright.

As for future goals, group members have discussed working with West Point Monument Co., to get a chip with information about who's buried here and a cemetery overview. The chip could be placed in a centralized area and read by Smart phones.

In the meantime, they are enjoyed the view.

"The best part is seeing the accomplishments," Robertson said. "It's a beautiful place."

"What we're doing now is going to prolong this cemetery into the future, because we all have families and kids who are hopefully going to want to take care of this."

Scribner Info

Scribner is a town located in Dodge County, Nebraska, United States. With the 2010 census there were 857 citizens in it.

HISTORY

Scribner was officially defined in 1870 when there was a railroad extension to it. The name was given in memory of Charles Scribner I – a publishing magnate. Read more about Scribner's History here.

GEOGRAPHY

The geographic location of Scribner is around 41.666040 degrees N, -96.662541 degrees W. The total area of the city is 1.71km² or 0.66 square miles. Of all that area only 0.05km² (0.02 square miles) is water.

CLIMATE

The climate can be described as humid continental climate with large differences among the seasonal temperature with hot summers and very cold winters.

DEMOGRAPHICS

2010 census

According to the census of 2010, the city had 222 families, 857 people and 385 households residing in it. The population density was 1,339.1/sq mi (517.0/km²). The city was populated with 0.7% Asian, 0.9% Latino, 0.8 Native American, 0.5% African American and 95.7% White population.

In all of the households there are 46.0% married couples that live together, 42.3% non-families, 4.4% male householders without wife, 7.3% female householders without husband, 24.9% children under the age of 18. 2.86 is the average family size and 2.13 was the average household size.

30% of the residents were older than 65 years, 26.5% were between 45 and 64 years, 21.6% were under

18, 16.6% were between 25 and 44 years and 5.2% were between 18 and 24 years. Median city age was 50.4 years. Considering the gender, 51.2% were female and 48.8% were male.

2000 census

According to the census of 2010, the city had 245 families, 971 people and 389 households residing in it. The population density was 1,532.2/sq mi (517.0/km²). The city was populated with 0.93% Latino or Hispanic, 0.1% Native American, 0.31% African American and 98.35% White and 0.51 were from two or more races. The average density in the 428 housing units was 671.4/sq mi (258.2/km²).

In all of the households there are 53.0% married couples that live together, 37.0% non-families, 7.7% female householders without husband, 28.5% children under the age of 18 and 32.4% individuals. 2.94 is the average family size and 2.31 was the average household size.

30.6% of the residents were older than 65 years, 17.4% were between 45 and 64 years, 23.3% were under 18, 22.0% were between 25 and 44 years and 6.7% were between 18 and 24 years. Median city age was 43 years. Considering the gender, 51.2% were female and 48.8% were male.

The median income for a household in Scribner was #30,455 and the median income for a family was \$40,625. The median income for females was \$18,553 and for males was \$31,389. Below the poverty line were 6.1% of the families and 9.4% of the population which included 8.6% under the age of 18 and 13.3% over the age of 65. In Scribner the per capita income was \$16,173.

NOTABLE PEOPLE

There are two notable people from this city – one baseball player

– Gregg Olson and one educator and historian – J. Martin Klotsche. Scribner, a prosperous community located 22 miles northwest of Fremont on Highway 275, is bordered by the scenic Elkhorn River.

ATTRACTIONS

Dodge County Fair

Stop by Scribner in the month of August for a good ole' county fair. Carnival, food court, kids games, demolition derby and more.

Musbach Museum

Discover a display of German farm machinery, medical equipment, kitchen china, glass items and more. Open by appointment. 402.664.2788

Riverfront Park

The park is located east of the river bridge on the banks of the Elkhorn River. In the spring and summer the site is a blaze of color with over 37 varieties of wildflowers and native grasses. It is often possible to see wildlife, including a wide variety of small birds, turkey, pheasants and

deer. The area offers woodchip pathways where folks can hike, fish, launch a canoe or just take a leisurely walk.

DINING

Mel's Bar & Lounge

401 Main Street
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Z's Bar and Grill

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RECREATION

Dead Timber State

Recreation Area

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FreedomFest supports vets

Event in Scribner includes 5K run and Shooter Jennings concert

Colin LARSON
Fremont Tribune

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Over the last three years, members of local veteran organization Miles For Heroes have spent Memorial Day weekend running 464 miles across the state to support fellow Nebraska veterans.

This year, the non-profit organization will be hosting a new event that will give area residents the opportunity to get out and run alongside the Miles For Heroes team in their effort to raise money and awareness for the local veteran community.

“For the past three years we have had people ask how they could get involved. So this year, we wanted to give those people the chance to run with us while remembering what Memorial Day weekend truly is about,” Co-founder Josh Marreel said.

On May 28, Miles for Heroes will host its first annual FreedomFest in Scribner. The event includes a 5K run as well as a concert featuring Shooter Jennings, Aaron Copeland and the Dylan Bloom Band.

“Dylan Bloom is from North Bend and has always been a big supporter of Miles for Heroes and a good friend of mine, so we definitely wanted to get him involved and have him open the show for us,” Marreel said. “As a small Nebraska organization, to pull in Shooter Jennings was a big deal for us and was kind of cool, but we wanted to bring some good quality entertainment to Scribner.”

The 5K begins at 3 p.m. on Main Street where runners will make their way through the streets of Scribner before looping back around and finishing back downtown.

The 5K run is just one of the ways that Miles For Heroes accomplishes their mission of getting veterans into the outdoors.

“A lot of guys talk about PTSD and suffering from that, and I have been fortunate enough to not have issues and my biggest things as far as contributing to me not having issues is being in the outdoors, so the overall goal is getting veterans into the outdoors” Marreel said.

As part of the event, Miles For Heroes invited several other Nebraska and Midwest



Courtesy Photo

The Miles For Heroes team during a walk to support veterans from a previous year. This year the Nebraska based veteran organization is hosting FreedomFest in Scribner that will include a 5K run and a concert featuring Shooter Jennings.

veteran organizations to participate. Those organizations include Heroes on the Water Heartland Chapter, as well as Team Halo.

“What they do (Heroes on the Water) is take veterans on kayak fishing trips and Team Halo – which is out of Cozad – they take all veterans out on duck hunts and goose hunts throughout Nebraska. So both of those organizations really fit into what our mission is as well,” Marreel said.

For Marreel, the event is a way to get the word out and connect local veterans with the many veteran organizations that aim to serve them.

“We have been raising money but it is hard to find veterans to help with, so what we are going to try to do is raise some of this money to support those organizations also. If we can be that veteran organization that ties everyone together then so be it, at least we are making a difference. We are going to get them involved and let people know what they do and hopefully steer some veterans in their directions,” he said.

Following the 5K, attendees will get that chance to check out all of the veteran organization booths while having a bite to eat. Food vendors for the event include Papa Tom’s BBQ out of Fullerton as well as two local FCCLA students who will be serving hotdogs and hamburgers.

“Two girls from the Scribner FCCLA Chapter are actually representing Miles For Heroes for their STAR project and they qualified for nationals, so with the money

they raise during this event will help them pay for their trip so they can attend nationals,” Marreel said.

Doors for the concert open at 6 p.m. and the show kicks off at 7 p.m., starting with the Dylan Bloom Band and leading into Aaron Copeland and Shooter Jennings as the headliner.

“We are excited that three amazing musicians have decided to help us out. It truly means a lot and we are just excited to bring some great entertainment to Scribner,” Marreel said.

The cost to run the 5K is \$35 and includes a Miles For Heroes t-shirt and wristband. Those interested can also purchase a package that includes the 5K run and a concert ticket for \$50.

To register, people are being asked to visit www.active.com and search “FreedomFest.” To just buy tickets for the concert, visit www.outhousetickets.com and search “FreedomFest.”

Registration for the 5K will also be available the day of the event beginning at 1:30 p.m., with the run starting at 3 p.m. Concert gates will open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m.

“From five years ago until now I’m speechless,” Marreel said. “I would have never thought two guys from small town Nebraska would be able to make a name for ourselves and let everyone know that we are here to help and we are going to do our part.”

Dodge Info

HISTORY

Persistent rumors of a railroad route somewhere between the Elkhorn and Platte Rivers brought many German, Czech and Polish immigrants to the area. By 1885, plans became quite definite that the route would follow the South Pebble Creek and would come somewhere near the established Dodge Post Office. The Post Office had been named after Dodge County and has been operated by Anton Bartosh since 1872. On August 10, 1886, the town was platted and the post office was re-established at the new village platting. On September 17, 1895, a fire destroyed the entire business district and a portion of the residential area. Dodge rebounded and rebuilt.

Dodge is a community of approximately 600 people located in the northeastern part of Nebraska and the northwest corner of Dodge County. Dodge is just off east-west Highway 91; 35 miles northwest of Fremont, 70 miles northwest of Omaha, and 73 miles southwest of Sioux City, IA.

Dodge offers many types of businesses in town along with maintained parks and a must see "Robin's Nest Garden of Hope" memorial cancer site with walking trails. New to Dodge will be the beautiful Veteran's Memorial Park.

Dodge is a thriving community with vital downtown businesses. It is a place where children can safely ride their bikes or walk anywhere in town.

Dodge is a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

For more information, please contact the Dodge Village Clerk at 402-693-2239 or fax: 402-693-2975.

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GOVERNMENT

The Village of Dodge has a board of trustees form of government. Five trustees are elected at large for four-year terms.

HEALTH SERVICES

The rescue squad includes 13 volunteer EMTs who respond to 911 medical emergencies with a fully-equipped

rescue unit. A second unit is available for non-emergency transports.

The Dodge Family Clinic from Health Care Professionals, Inc. in Fremont, Nebr., who staff the medical clinic on Thursdays — Dr. Erin Cooper from 12:30 pm — 4:30 pm. For more information, call 402-693-2246 or 402-727-1091. Dr. Chad Ortmeier and his staff provide exceptionally high quality dentistry using state-of-the-art equipment at the Dodge Dental Office. For more information, call 402-693-2212 or fax at 402-693-2288.

Parkview Home is a privately owned, Medicaid-certified facility which offers 24-hour professional care. Physical, occupational and speech therapy are provided by a well-trained staff. This professional team provides a home-like environment for the residents. Personalized care plans meet the residents' spiritual, nutritional, social, emotional, and physical needs. All inquiries and visits are welcome. For more information, call 402-693-2212 or fax at 402-693-2496.

The Fremont Area Medical Center, 35 miles southeast of Dodge, is a 262-bed health care facility with 100 hospital beds with private rooms and 162 beds of long-term care with private and semi-private rooms. There are over 60 physicians on the Courtesy/Consulting staff and the Medical Center employs over 800 individuals in various professional and support staff positions.

Other nearby hospitals include St. Francis Memorial Hospital in West Point, 20 miles to the northeast, and Memorial Hospital in Schuyler, 28 miles southwest of Dodge.

A 23-member volunteer department provides fire protection. Dodge and the Dodge Rural Fire District have a mutual aid agreement with Dodge County and other rural communities. Dodge employs one full-time police officer.

HOUSING

TD Rentals is a privately owned six-unit low cost housing facility for the elderly built in 1981. The Dodge Community Builders, Inc., is an organization that maintains affordable apartments for the elderly and other individuals and families. Two buildings, one with 10 units and one completed in 1994 with six units are income-based rentals. For information, call 402-693-2201.

LIBRARY

John Rogers Memorial Library, 402-693-2512, has about 8,300 titles including books for children, young adult and adult, reference, audiobook cassettes and CDs, large print books, magazines, videos and DVDs that can be checked out by patrons. Printed materials not available at the library may be requested through the interlibrary loan program. The library is fully automated and has four computers available for public use. Access to the Internet is available on three computers at no charge. Patrons can also use the photocopier and microfilm reader with microfilm of The Dodge Criterion from 1895 to current issues. The Dodge Criterion newspapers are in bound volumes from 1970 to the current year. Each summer the library sponsors a summer reading program and story time. The library will deliver books to the homebound and can also request items from the Nebraska Library Commission's Talking Book and Braille Service. Anyone can borrow materials from the library by asking to be added to the patron list. There is no charge to

use the library. Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:30 am — 5 pm; Thursday, 11:30 am — 8 pm and Saturday, 9 am — 12 noon. For more information, call the library at 402-693-2512 or email at joroli@gpcom.net. Jenny Praest is the library director.

ORGANIZATIONS

The American Legion, VFW, and their auxiliary groups are at home in the Holsten Memorial Building near the business district. Dodge Getaway Center for senior citizens meets once a week at the Municipal Building for a noon meal followed by activities. The Dodge Chamber of Commerce promotes local business and community projects. Dodge Booster Club creates enthusiasm and support for high school extracurricular activities. DARC (Dodge Activities and Recreation Committee) has been responsible for many community betterment projects. Other groups include Dodge Baseball Club, 4-H Extension Clubs, and various church organizations.



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UTILITIES

The municipal water system in Dodge is supplied by two wells with an average depth of 94 feet. The system has overhead storage and a maximum capacity of 1,387,760 gallons per day. Dodge has a sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The extended aeration treatment plant has a daily capacity of 160,000 gallons. Privately owned solid waste removal service is mandatory. In 2013, Dodge added an ultraviolet system at the sewer plant.

ELECTRICITY

Cuming County Public Power District provides retail electric service to the village. Contact Brian Throener, local manager, for additional information regarding rates and service or call 1-877-572-2463.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Great Plains Communications serves the Dodge area with digital central office and fiber optic lines. Installation and maintenance personnel are located in Dodge. The company offers a full range of custom calling features as well as local Internet access service. For more information about products and service, call 1-888-343-8013. A total of 26 channels are available via cable television service.

NEWSPAPERS

The Dodge Criterion, with 1,300 subscribers, is the local weekly paper. Delivery of several daily newspapers is also available, including the Omaha World-Herald, Norfolk Daily News, and Fremont Tribune.

EDUCATION

Howells Dodge

Consolidated School

Howells Dodge Consolidated School is a fully accredited Pre-K district, which provides a comprehensive program in both college preparatory and vocational education courses. School District No. 70 has an actual valuation of \$594,890,665. Administrators are Jeffrey Walburn, Superintendent and Dirk Coon, Pre K-12 Principal.

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School, established in 1911, is the only Catholic elementary school in Dodge County and has an enrollment of 50 students in pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade. In September 2007 St.

Wenceslaus started a preschool program to serve area needs. St. Wenceslaus is fully approved by the State of Nebraska utilizing a strong Archdiocesan Curriculum.

The mission of St. Wenceslaus Catholic School is to facilitate the teaching/learning process so that students become responsible, life-long learners, faithful to the Gospel values, active members of the Catholic Church and globally minded citizens in American Society. Phone: 402-693-2819.

Credit and non-credit classes are offered to the Dodge area through Central Community College – Platte Campus. Credit courses are also available on an individualized basis at the Howells/Dodge Learning Center located at Howells High School, six miles west of Dodge.

ATTRACTIONS

The Dodge Daze, held annually in July, is a fun-packed day that features a pancake feed, swim meet, sidewalk sale, classic car poker run, band concert, water fights, sand volleyball and softball tournaments, a street dance and, of course, food! The Demolition Derby, held the second Sunday of September, has been held yearly in Dodge since 1970 and averages 60 entries and 1,000 spectators.

“The Robin’s Nest Garden of Hope” is located at Holsten Memorial Park in Dodge. This is a 120 by 80 sq. ft. landscaped garden with flagstone walkway and a gazebo. In 2012, area residents wanted to honor the 1981 Dodge H.S. graduate, Robin Ladehoff Broekemeier after breast cancer claimed her life and pay tribute to others who battled the disease. To help fund the project the Tree Board is selling engraved granite pavers.

Other recreational activities include:

- Dodge Park, offering tennis courts, swimming pool, playground, baseball diamonds and volleyball courts
- bowling leagues at Hilltop Lanes
- baseball and basketball leagues
- swim teams
- softball and volleyball leagues
- fishing in the Elkhorn River and Dead Timber State Recreation Area
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- boating facilities at Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area
- golf



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Dodge restaurant celebrates its first year anniversary

Chef's experiences add flavor to various meals served in area eatery

Tammy REAL-MCKEIGHAN
News Editor

This story originally published on June 23, 2016

Chef Michael Glissman isn't one to avoid the heat of the kitchen.

He's worked long, hard hours in high class West Coast restaurants under noted chefs. He's done catering and worked as a server, bartender and even a private chef.

Now, Glissman is chef and owner of Eat restaurant in Dodge, which opened a year ago.

His is a versatile eatery. Area residents may stop by for a hot beef sandwich at lunch. Diners, who drive from Omaha or Lincoln, might come for tiger prawns or duck breast for dinner.

All eat in a decorative setting in a former bank building on Dodge's main street.

Today, Glissman, his mom, Lin Schwanebeck, and the



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Michael Glissman, chef and owner of Eat restaurant in Dodge, and his mom, Lin Schwanebeck, sous chef and manager, stand near the entry of the eatery. The restaurant is celebrating its first year anniversary.

staff are celebrating the restaurant's first anniversary. The public is invited to an open house from 9-11 this morning at 327 Second St. Those who attend can learn a little more about the eatery with food that's "Country Inspired, City Influenced."

Glissman was little when he literally got his first taste

of the restaurant business. Originally from Bancroft, Glissman was 5 years old when he helped make ice cream cones at Mou's Place, the restaurant his maternal grandmother, Marion Redding, owned. When he was older, Glissman helped cook and clean there. He later worked in the Country Pub at Bancroft, Log Cabin Inn, outside Oakland, and Welsh's Pizzeria in Pender.

Three days after he graduated from Bancroft-Rosalie High School in 1990, Glissman traveled to the Vermont program at the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier.

He interned at a posh resort in Vail, Colo., where the cups and plates cost more than the vehicles that most people drove to work there. The citrus

juice made his hands raw during prep work and the chef yelled, used foul language and threw pots and pans.

Glissman's mom told him to duck when the chef threw pans and "run for the hills" if he threw knives. The chef didn't do that.

Glissman calmly recounts those days.

"It's part of life," he said. "It got me to where I am today"

But the road to today was a long one.

He also interned at Maldon-do's exclusive, classic French restaurant in Pasadena, Calif., where food was served under silver plate covers. A violinist sat at the building's roof playing while people walked in the door. Glissman was a line cook and garde manger.

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Eat

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He prepped desserts and salads. He learned how to make pommes de terre dauphinoise – thinly sliced potatoes baked in cream, nutmeg, garlic and butter.

He graduated in from the culinary institute in 1992. He worked in the Auberge du Soleil in Rutherford, Calif. There, he volunteered to come in and learn on his days off. When his mom visited in 1993, they sat on the terrace and ate for hours.

Glissman worked for a small café in St. Helen and began to cater. He then went to Pairs restaurant as a line cook. He believes it's good in the early years of a chef's career to change jobs every 1 1/2 years to learn from others and see how they cook.

A true chef's personality comes out in the food a little bit. One main goal for a chef is to leave a new, inventive recipe in the world, he said.

Glissman was at Pairs for a year before working as a line and brick oven cook at Catahoula restaurant in Calistoga, Calif. There, he worked with Chef Jan Birnbaum, known for his Southern-inspired food.

"You can't ask for more – working next to the chef every night and day," Glissman said. "You learn their mojo. It was a demanding job, but we had a really great time."

When preparing to take the place of a pastry chef, Glissman worked with chefs Nancy Silverton, Emily Lucheti and Sherry Yard, the latter of whom was a pastry chef at Wolfgang Puck's Spago restaurant in Beverly Hills.

Glissman also remembers long hours, which could include working until 4 a.m. bottling cases of gingered figs, corn relish and bread and butter pickles, going home to sleep and returning to work at 9 a.m.

He later worked General's Daughter restaurant in Sonoma County and then opened a kitchen at MacArthur's Place hotel. He'd make breakfasts of homemade pocket tarts, quick breads, scones, preserves and graham crackers.

In 1999, he began as a sous chef at the Syrah Bistro in Santa Rosa, Calif., where he named special desserts after Peanuts cartoon characters. He framed a Charles Schultz tribute menu with a letter from the cartoonist's wife, which he's placed near the front of Eat restaurant.

Glissman later worked at Dry Creek Kitchen, then decided to learn other facets



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This is part of the interior of the Eat restaurant in Dodge.

of the restaurant business. He was a server and bartender at the Brasserie restaurant. There, Glissman discovered that he could get restaurant patrons excited about trying new dishes.

Around 2006, he started working as a private chef for families. He began working at Michael Chiarello's Bottega in 2010. Glissman said Chiarello taught him about watching the books and pushing for business.

"It was a great learning experience," Glissman said.

Glissman returned to Nebraska, working at the 801 Chop House in the Paxton in Omaha as a server from 2012-14.

He and his mom would begin looking for a place to start a new restaurant.

"We asked ourselves what we wanted to do when we grew up," he said, smiling.

He saw a picture of the former Bank-Quit restaurant and they visited the place.

"I was pretty excited that it was the right type of space we wanted," he said.

They gave the place a facelift.

"We wanted to breathe fresh life into an old space," Schwanebeck said.

They also wanted Eat to be a place where local residents could come as well as people from other communities.

Weekday fare includes more salads and sandwiches with a noon special and homemade pie. Sometimes, they put a spin on common dishes, like a griddle club sandwich with fire-braised turkey, ham, smoked bacon, cheese, avocado, mayonnaise, tomato and onion. They've served sautéed cod over basmati rice with a tropical fruit salad and black beans. The garlic-Parmesan french fries have been a hit.

They make their own potato chips, ice cream and breads. They can create a plate for a vegetarian or vegan.

Dinners involve more refined dining with table linens. Selections can include wild cod, Atlantic salmon and certified Angus beef. Steaks are hand cut in house.

The hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5-8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Saturday and Sunday brunches are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays are a chef's selection (usually a deli sandwich or burger) takeout box only from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Customer favorites are burgers, fried chicken, salmon and prime rib.

Glissman strongly urges reservations.

He said the restaurant has been well-received and that local residents have taken pride in it, calling it "our restaurant downtown."

They've been supportive in other ways.

"After three months into it, people were bringing us produce from their gardens, because they knew we would use it," Glissman said. "They knew we were using fresh produce and they knew we would do more with it than just fry it."

They received many zucchinis.

So they made ratatouille, a stewed vegetable dish, and zucchini bread.

"That's the benefit of the small community and that's how we felt so welcome," Glissman said.

One regular customer has given them garden space. They gave him seeds, which he planted and is taking care of, Glissman said.

He has future plans.

"We'd love to see the business grow," Glissman said, adding, "It might be fun for us to do a cookbook."

In the meantime, he's enjoying the restaurant.

"I love the atmosphere," he said. "I think it's really comfortable."

National Register of Historic Places

There are 22 properties and districts listed on the National Register in Dodge county. The name on the register is listed along with the listing date, location and city.

Barnard Park Historic District

July 12, 1990; Bounded by 4th, 8th, and Union Sts. and Platte Ave., Fremont

Samuel Bullock House

September 12, 1985; 508 W. Military Ave., Fremont

Dodge County

Courthouse

January 10, 1990; 435 N. Park Ave., Fremont

Charles T. Durkee

House

August 10, 2011; 1125 N. Broad St., Fremont

Fremont Historic Commercial District

February 17, 1995; Roughly bounded by 3rd, Military, Park, and D Sts., Fremont

Fremont Municipal Auditorium

July 11, 2002; 925 Broad St., Fremont

Fremont Municipal Power Plant and Pumping Station

July 11, 2002; 8th St. and Park Ave., Fremont

Harder Hotel

November 27, 1989; 503 Main St., Scribner

Hooper Historic District

May 8, 1980; Main, Elk, Fulton, and Myrtle Sts., Hooper

Christopher Knoell Farmstead

January 13, 1983; Northwest of Fremont (41°29'32"N 96°32'53"W)

Love-Larson Opera House

September 10, 1974; 543-545 Broad St., Fremont

J.D. McDonald House

December 10, 1980; 310 E. Military Ave., Fremont

North Bend Carnegie Library

September 3, 1981; 140 E. 8th St., North Bend

North Broad Street Residential Historic District

March 17, 2015, Along Broad St., Fremont

Nye House

November 23, 1977; 1643 N. Nye Ave., Fremont

Old Fremont Post Office

February 29, 1996; 605 N. Broad St., Fremont

Osterman and Tremaine Building

May 23, 1978; 455 N. Broad St., Fremont
Also known as Ideal Steam Laundry Building

Schneider's Opera House

September 28, 1988; 104 Ash, Snyder

R.B. Schneider House

July 15, 1982; 234 W. 10th St., Fremont

Scribner Town Hall

August 30, 2010; West terminus of Howard St. at 3rd St., Scribner

George and Nancy Turner House

January 11, 1996; 78 S. C St., Fremont

Frank Uehling Barn

August 1, 1985; Off U.S. Route 77, Uehling (41°44'16"N 96°30'04"W)



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Museum back to old form

Balustrade project returns May Museum to original 1902 style

Colin LARSON
Fremont Tribune

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The May Museum “Restore the Top” roof line balustrade project was completed in January returning the Nye House, at 1643 N. Nye Avenue, to its turn of the 20th century self.

The original portion of the house was built in 1874-1875 by Theron and Caroline Nye, and after Theron’s death it was purchased by their son Ray Nye in 1901.

Ray Nye and his wife Annie hired the Milwaukee architectural firm of Ferry and Clas to remodel the home in 1902 at the cost of \$30,000.

During the 1902 remodel the large columns at the entrance of the house were added as well as the roof line balustrade, or decorative railing, that encircles the roof of the structure.

The railings were removed in the 1940s when the building housed the Western Theological Seminary.

After more than half a century the balustrade is back and the Nye House’s exterior again resembles what it would have looked like in 1902.

“We started on the project around two years ago and it has always been our goal to return the house to its original appearance,” May Museum Director Jeff Kappeler said.

Boschult Engineering was hired as general contractor to

complete the project and local businesses Moose Carpentry, J&F Fabrication, McKinnis Roofing and Christensen Lumber all made contributions to the completion of the balustrade.

To ensure the balustrade will stand the test of time the new spindles are made from a non-deteriorating composite material designed to withstand extreme weather conditions.

The spindles and railing were specifically designed by Spectic Moulders Inc. for the structure, and photographs of the original railing were used to make sure they resemble to original 1902 balustrade as closely as possible.

“The spindles are so close to the original, you be pretty hard pressed to look at an original photograph and see the difference,” Kappeler said. “Part of the spindles and railings are PVC material, as well as the composite and aluminum components so they are very durable and materials that should last a very long time.”

The Dodge County Historical Society, whose offices are housed in the museum, held multiple fundraisers and received two grants to complete the project.

In February of 2016 the Dodge County Board of Supervisors approved a request from Fremont and Dodge County Convention and Visitors Bureau Improve-



Tammy Real-McKeighan, Fremont Tribune

May Museum’s new roofline balustrade was completed in January in an effort to return the buildings exterior to its original 1902 appearance.

ment Funds of the Dodge County Historical Society for \$40,000.

The Fremont Area Community Foundation also awarded the Dodge County Historical Society with a \$50,000 grant to help complete the project.

The Dodge County Historical Society also held a “Sponsor a Spindle” fundraiser that allowed supporters to contribute toward the actual cost of individual spindles that make up the balustrade.

Individual spindles could

be sponsored for \$25 and contributors received a commemorative pin, certificate of appreciation, and there will be a memorial book and recognition at a dedication ceremony being held on June 2nd.

“We wanted to include the community in the process and when you can get positive input from the public that is excellent, and it made us feel like people really do care about the place and wanted to contribute which is great,” Kappeler said.

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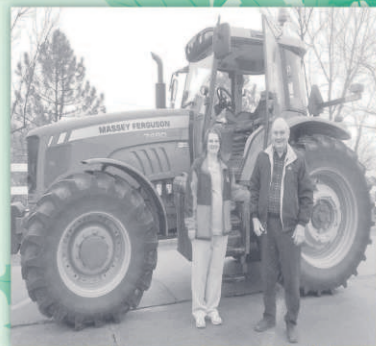
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Area residents have s'mores at a bonfire by Hooper Care Center during the Hooper Main Street Extravaganza on Dec. 4.

Hooper group serves with various events

Organization has long history in area town, spans over 4 decades

By **TAMMY REAL-MCKEIGHAN**
News Editor

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Nancy Culbert had a unique role to play as a member of the Mrs. Jaycees.

As they do now, the Hooper group sponsored an annual Easter egg hunt for children. Each year, new members had to portray one of the three bunnies.

"You had to be a bunny for the first year," Culbert said. "There wasn't a new member for a couple of years, so I think I was a bunny for three or four years in a row."

One year, two members, who were pregnant, donned the bunny costumes — along with Culbert. The other two women filled the role of a

bunny well. She felt a bit conspicuous.

"I was the skinny one in the bunny bunch," she said.

From Mrs. Jaycees, the group would become known as Women In Action and later the Hooper Chain of Friends. The group, now more than 40 years old, has about 10 active members and is open to gaining more.

Each year, the group has three major events: the Main Street Extravaganza at Christmastime; a fundraising boutique in November and the Easter egg hunt.

Earlier this month, the group hosted the Main Street Extravaganza in downtown Hooper, which was well

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Hooper

Just a short 15 miles northwest of Fremont on Highway 77, Hooper is a quaint community with deep agricultural roots.

ATTRACTIONS

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attended, said Roxanne Meyer, Hooper Chain of Friends president. Boy Scouts had a chili feed and Girls Scouts decorated cookies. There was a bonfire with s'mores and hot chocolate. Barbie, the miniature horse, made an appearance, Mrs. Claus read stories to children at the library. Santa arrived in town by firetruck and stopped at the Hooper Over 60 Center. Several children came to see Old St. Nick and get a treat bag.

"There had to be at least 100 kids," Meyer said, smiling. "There were kids everywhere."

Barbie proved popular, too.

"She's a hit," Meyer said. "The kids love her."

Meyer enjoys the annual holiday event.

"It brings neighbors and friends and families together," she said.

The first Saturday of each November, the group has its annual fundraising boutique.

Culbert recalls when the Mrs. Jaycees launched that event years ago. Back then, each member was asked to donate rolls and cookies for the event. Members made sloppy joes and worked in the kitchen for the boutique.

Meyer said the group now begins in August, sending out vendor registration forms.

"When we're full, we have to put them on standby," she said.

The event typically draws between 35 and 40 vendors, who sell a host of items such as decorative wooden items, refurbished furniture, jewelry and craft items such as



Courtesy photos

Mrs. Santa Claus reads stories to children in the Hooper Public Library during the annual Holiday Extravaganza event.



Shown with Santa Claus are Mindy Egbers, left, Roxanne Meyer, Tammy Hoff, Rhonda Bunz, and Allison Fachman, a few members of Hooper Chain of Friends.

quilts, hand towels and doll clothes. The FCCLA at Logan View High School runs a lunch stand.

Anywhere from 300 to 500 people attend.

"Three generations (grandma, mom and daugh-

ter) will come and shop together and make it an annual event," Meyer said. "Sometimes, you see people who you haven't seen in a while."

The Chain of Friends group uses proceeds to host the annual Christmas extravaganza

and Easter egg hunt.

It donates proceeds to community projects such as park equipment or new tables for the Hooper Auditorium. Each year, the group donates to the Hooper Public Library's summer reading program, the Logan View Ball Association and LV Post Prom event.

The Easter egg hunt is another family event.

"We coordinate that with the Hooper Care Center," Meyer said.

Residents there help decorate cookies. Weather permitting, children hunt for Easter eggs outside, then come inside for prizes, cookies and lemonade.

"We probably have about 50 kids," Meyer said.

During a membership drive event, the group took a bus tour of Omaha Christmas lights. About 30 women participated.

"We have meetings, but there's more than meetings," Meyer said.

She noted something else.

"We are a small group and we are proud of the big accomplishments we make," Meyer said.

The group would like to get new members.

"We want to continue as we are and if there are suggestions from new members or the community, we could be glad to listen," Meyer said.

Culbert, who has moved to Wisconsin, is still considered a member of the group.

She misses the organization.

"I loved everything about it," she said. "The girls did take me along when they went out to eat or did things fun. They looked after me. It was really memorable."

Pieces of history

Man's carvings reflect earlier times, produce memories

By **TAMMY REAL-MCKEIGHAN**
News Editor

This story originally published on Aug. 15, 2015

When she picks up her dad's wood carvings, Elinor Christian holds history in her hands.

She shows a small wooden statue of President Franklin D. Roosevelt — similar to one made and sent to the nation's leader. Christian also has carvings of horses and cowboys and soldiers — each piece depicting a picture of the past.

Christian's adoptive father, Delbert Wallace, a truck gardener, carved the pieces in the winter when he wasn't working. With the second blade of a pocket knife, he created the carvings by the light of an old kerosene lamp until electricity provided better illumination.

Today, Christian keeps some of her dad's carvings in a curio cabinet. She cherishes the carvings which remind her of a kind man, who had quite a history of his own.

Originally from Leshara, Wallace later broke horses for the United States Cavalry at Fort Laramie. He later returned to Leshara to care for his mother and met his future wife, Lena, at Dodge. They went to Boseman, Mont., where he worked on a ranch.

After the owner lost his ranch during the Great Depression, the Wallaces moved to Inglewood, where they were truck farmers, who sold the vegetables they grew.

Christian was 2 1/2 years old when the Wallaces adopted her brother, Robert, and her.

She was 7 when her dad saw a picture of a carved wooden link chain in a magazine.

"He told my mother that he thought he could make one like it," she said.

Wallace would carve several of the wooden chains from single pieces of wood. His longest project took six weeks when he carved one of the interconnected chains from a wooden wagon tongue that a blacksmith gave him.

He carved many other things, including



Tammy Real-McKeighan; Fremont Tribune

Elinor Christian snuggles her dog, Willie, in her home in Fremont. The local woman's dad carved many unique figurines from wood.

a head-and-shoulders piece of Roosevelt. Wallace actually carved two of those, one of which he sent to the White House. He got a thank you letter from Roosevelt. Christian said her brother saw a Life magazine photograph of a sheet spread out on the lawn with gifts given to president.

Her dad's carving was on that sheet, she said.

Perhaps one of Wallace's most interesting carvings features two cowboys, one of whom is biting a horse's ear to stun the animal a little so the other man could crawl onto it.

He carved another horse with a saddle. "My dad carved the saddle first and then made the horse to fit the saddle," she said.

He made a little merry-go-round that he put into a bottle. He carved a Barney Oldfield race car and serviceman blowing a bugle, which he put into glass bottles as well.

Inglewood Info

Inglewood is a village in Dodge County, Nebraska, United States. The population was 325 at the 2010 census.

Inglewood was platted in 1918, and named after the city of Inglewood, California.

Snyder Info

The village of Snyder, NE is located 22 miles northwest of Fremont on Highway 275 and is home to the Dodge County Fair.

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Ames Info

Ames is an unincorporated community and census-designated place in southern Dodge County, Nebraska, United States. As of the 2010 census it had a population of 24

A post office was established at Ames in 1885, and remained in operation until it was discontinued in 1985. The community was likely named for Oakes Ames, a Union Pacific Railroad official. Ames was a station and shipping point on the Union Pacific Railroad.

Firefighting milestone

Nickerson department marks its 75th year

By **CHRIS ZAVADIL**
Fremont Tribune

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It took a few years to sink in, but the co-op fire in 1939 was the last straw.

Nobody in Nickerson is old enough to remember the April 19, 1923, fire that wiped out most of the businesses on the north side of Cedar Street and that could have served as a watershed moment for the village.

With only a bucket brigade at their disposal, people watched helplessly as the fire spread from one building to another. Only half the businesses that burned that day were rebuilt, the rest left town.

By the time Henry Lubker arrived in town 16 years later, enough was enough.

“They hired him to be the manager at the co-op,” Rick Tucker said, “and the night before his first day on the job, the co-op burned. So he’s the one that actually pushed to start the volunteer fire department. He was the first chief.”

The Nickerson Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, with 16 charter members, was formed on April 17, 1939 – two days before the anniversary of the 1923 fire.

Seventy-five years later, Nickerson residents will take time during Nickerson Daze



1930 MODEL A FORD WITH THREE CHEMICAL TANKS - 1947 CHEVROLET WITH LUERNE EQUIPMENT

Courtesy Nickerson Volunteer Fire Department

The first two trucks in the Nickerson Volunteer Fire Department's fleet were a 1930 Model A Ford with three chemical tanks and a 1947 Chevrolet with Luerne equipment.

Nickerson Info

Nickerson is a village in Dodge County. The population was 369 at the 2010 census.

Nickerson was platted in 1871 when the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad was extended to that point. It was named for its founder, Reynolds K. Nickerson.

Nickerson was incorporated as a village in 1910.

Winslow Info

Winslow is a village in Dodge County, Nebraska, United States. The population was 103 at the 2010 census with 40 households and 30 families residing in the village.

Winslow was platted in 1906. The origin of the name Winslow has not been identified. It was incorporated as a village in 1909.

Uehling Info

Uehling is a village in Dodge County, Nebraska, United States. The population was 230 at the 2010 census with 110 households and 67 families residing in the village.

Uehling was platted in 1905 when the railroad was extended to that point. It was named for Theodore Uehling, the original owner of the town site. Uehling was incorporated as a village in 1906.

on Aug. 23 to mark the department's 75th anniversary with a parade, fire department open house and street dance.

Simultaneously celebrating the third anniversary of the One Horse Saloon and Grill, Nickerson Daze will include a dunk tank, food, raffles, petting zoo, children's activities

and talent contest.

Admission to the street dance, featuring Crossfire Country Music, is \$5 for people over the age of 18 with proceeds benefiting the fire department. Age 17 and younger will be admitted free.

The raffle and dunk tank will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

Entries into the parade and talent contest can call the One Horse Saloon and Grill at 402-721-6701.

The parade will start at noon, led by a veteran's honor guard.

Tucker, a 36-year member, said the fire department sent

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Ames man was known for having huge hands

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News Editor

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He was a gentle giant.

At 6-foot, 2-inches tall and 290 pounds, Chris Tank was no small man.

But what people remember most about the Ames area resident was the size of his hands.

The palms of Tank's huge hands were 13 inches in circumference. His index finger was 4 1/2 inches around. His hands were so big that he could catch a fast-moving baseball without a glove. He could hold an entire deck of cards — fanned out — without anyone seeing them. A large coin could almost disappear between his thumb and index finger.

In 1939, Tank's hands attracted the attention of Robert Ripley, the cartoonist behind "Ripley's Believe It Or Not." A plaster cast made of Tank's hand — to show Ripley that Tank had the most massive mitts in the world — amazed area residents.

Years later, Tank's grandchildren and friends still recall those big hands, but also how strong — yet gentle — he was.

Born in 1897, Christopher Frederick Tank was a farmer, who also worked for the Standard Cattle Company of Ames. He married Carrie Knoell in 1907 and they lived in a stone house 2 miles west of Fremont. They later lived on a farm 5 1/2 miles west of Fremont.

The Tanks would have six children and many grandchildren.

One granddaughter, Sarah Frost of Ames, was a child when she and other grandchildren played a game with Tank.

She's place her hand against his — palm to palm — to see if the tips of her fingers would even reach the base of his.

They didn't.

"My whole hand—spread clear out — would never touch any of his fingers, it'd stay in the palm (of his hand)," she said.

Bob Hansen of Ames recalls stories of Tank's baseball playing days.

"Ames had a baseball team and they



Courtesy photo

Chris Tank is shown in this earlier photograph.

wanted to win this particular game, so they hired a young fella out of Omaha to pitch for them," Hansen said.

The young pitcher and Tank went out to warm up.

"After a few tosses, this fella said to Chris, 'You'd better get your glove on. I'm going to start throwing harder.' And Chris said, 'You just keep throwing son. I can catch anything you can throw' — and he did.

"A normal person couldn't catch a baseball if it's thrown 90 mile an hour," Hansen noted.

But Tank could catch it without any problem.

Frost also recalls the baseball stories.

"He wouldn't use a glove, because he couldn't really find one to fit his hand — and when he would catch a ball, he could completely conceal it," Frost said. "People would run to base and he'd turn and put the ball out there and touch them, because they didn't know he had it."

Granddaughter Jennie Franke of Fremont also recalls her granddad's enormous hands.

"He could hold a whole deck of cards and kind of fan them out and his hands were so big that you could not see the cards in his hands," she said.

People could hardly see a large coin when Tank held it between his thumb and index finger, Hansen said.

Hansen also recalls a story his dad told him about the time he and Tank were headed to Omaha with a load of cattle. A patrolman stopped the vehicle and talked to Tank before letting them proceed.

About 10 miles later, the patrolman stopped them again. He didn't want to embarrass Tank, but wanted one more look at the man's big hands.

Tank's wife and later a daughter made his work gloves, because they couldn't buy any big enough for him, Franke said. It was hard for him to get shoes, too, and they had to be specially made. If his shoes wore out, he'd wear gunny sacks to keep his feet warm in the winter, Hansen said.

A news account reported he wore size 14 shoes, an oversize 20 shirt and had a 9 1/2-inch wrist.

And Tank wasn't only known for his large frame, but for his physical strength.

One time, Hansen's dad and uncle bought a horse-drawn cultivator at a farm sale, but didn't know how they'd get it home — until Tank offered to help with his truck.

The Hansens still wondered how they'd get the cultivator loaded onto the truck.

"You two guys get on one side and I'll get on the other and we'll lift it into the truck," Tank said.

And that's what they did.

Stubborn cattle that didn't want to go into a pen didn't buffalo the strong man.

"He'd push them where they were supposed to go," Frost said.

When a pig didn't want to go up a ramp, Tank would pick up the large animal and put it in the truck, Franke said.

At one point, news accounts recorded Tank as saying: "When I was a young fellow, I could hold anything. I could brace myself against the sill in the barn and a team of horses couldn't move me."

Yet it was Tank's hands — not his strength — that drew attention.

Fremont attorney J.C. Cook, who

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Wallace carved a stagecoach like the one his grandmother drove.

“He’d wake up in the middle of the night and start carving,” Christian said.

Wallace carved little toy furniture — including a dresser, table with chairs and four-poster bed — for Christian to play with, but those were lost when water overflowed a dike and flooded the family’s basement, she said.

He carved an Uncle Sam surrounded by four men representing different branches of the military. At the base of the carving, he inscribed the words “Remember Pearl Harbor 12-7-1941.”

Once, while her father was away, three men came to the Wallace house, claiming to be from the Smithsonian. The men said they wanted to take the carvings there. They began talking a little rough to her mother.

Sensing something was wrong, Christian went on the front porch and hollered for a neighbor, who was in his garden.

The men left after Christian’s mom asked for their credentials. Christian still suspects their motives.

“If I hadn’t been there to holler, I think they would have stolen what they could have,” she said.

Christian’s dad made other pieces. She said her mother liked to dance, but her dad didn’t. Even so, he made a carving of them dancing.

One time, he warped two pieces of wood in water and entwined them, putting caps at either end. A wooden tube slides up and down the rod when it’s tilted.

He made a chain that hooks together.

“He’d just see something once and it would jump into his head and he’s have it,” she said.

When she was little, Christian said she’d sit and watch him carving by the hour. Jack Meyer of Fremont was a boy when he’d come over to watch Wallace carve.

Wallace probably made 100 different pieces. He was working on a team of horses — Dick and Daisy — at the time of his death.

Christian said her father had gone out in the heat to pick corn for the O.P. Skaggs store in Fremont.

“He wanted to make a quota,” Christian said. “My mother hollered for him to come in and he wouldn’t.”

Finally, he came in, but needed a doctor’s care. A doctor came and left. Christian, who had her own family by then, came to her parents’ house. Wallace had his wife leave the room, but had Christian stay.

“Daddy, you’ve got to take a rest from working so hard,” she told him.

“I’m going to take a long rest,” he said.

Then he died in her arms.

Christian said her dad carved for years. He had songs put to music and wrote poetry.

She had good memories of neighbors coming over to her childhood home on winter evenings to play cards. Her mom would make fudge. They’d make and eat popcorn, too.

Now 88, the local woman is pretty spry. She still trims the bushes at her house and uses a weed eater around the yard.

And once in a while, she pulls her dad’s carvings out of the curio cabinet and remembers days gone by.

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played baseball with Tank, corresponded with Terry Turner of the Ripley's Believe It Or Not Odditorium in New York City about Tank's enormous hands.

To prove the size of Tank's hands, Dr. William Walla, a local dentist, made a cast of them, displayed for a while in the Fremont newspaper's window. Hundreds of area residents stopped by the window — at all times of the day and night — to see the cast.

"(It) has attracted as much

interest as any one thing in many a day," the newspaper reported.

Ripley was reported to have looked at the hands' measurement and whistled — and that it took something unusual to attract the man's attention.

Tank would attribute the growth of his hands to daily "driving a hard tired truck to Omaha over rough roads."

When he was older, Tank walked with a cane and it's said that his hands went about half down that walking stick. The sight frightened young Meredith Hansen when Tank came to have his hair cut at her granddad's barbershop

in downtown Fremont.

"I thought they (the hands) were going to eat up the cane or me or something," she said.

So while Henry Meadows cut Tank's hair, the little girl would run to a back area, where another relative had a watch repair shop. She'd hide behind the relative until the haircut was over.

In 1966, Tank died and was buried in a Fremont cemetery. He was 87.

This week, Edward Meyer, vice president of exhibits and archives for Ripley's, told the Tribune that the record at that enterprise for having the largest hands

belongs to Willy Camper of Memphis, Tenn., who in 1942 was said to be able to hold a dozen eggs in his hand at the same time.

But no matter who holds the record, family and friends still have fond remembrances of Tank.

"He was good to us kids when we would visit the farm," said granddaughter Carrie Kiger of Fremont. "I thought very highly of my grandpa"

Frost would agree.

"He was a kind, gentle guy," she said. "It would take a lot to get him aggravated. He was big and strong, but when he would pick us kids up he would be so gentle."

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Drama group plans plays

Production proceeds to go for scholarships

By **TAMMY REAL-MCKEIGHAN**
News Editor

This story originally published Sept. 28, 2016

Ten years ago, Uehling residents formed a group to present plays for the town's centennial.

That group is still going today.

And next month, the Uehling Famous Follies and Drama Association (UFFDA) will present two plays, starring area youth.

The public is invited to "Little Red and the Riding Hoods" and "Bottle of Joy." Performances are planned for Oct. 8-9 at Uehling Auditorium. Twenty-three children and youths ages 5-15 will appear in the evening and matinee presentations.

In the first play, a narrator has trouble telling the story of "Little Red Riding Hood." The stage hand, however, has a better, less boring version in mind. The stage hand tricks the director into leaving the stage so he can present the story his way.

Emma Hilbers portrays the narrator and her brother, Alex, is the stage hand in the show.

"I have assigned these two parts to actual siblings," said Terri Hoeneman, director. "It brings a really good chemistry to the bickering between them."



Courtesy photo

Bobbi Reppert, left, portrays Count Cringe and Valerie Uehling is Purvis Person in the UFFDA play "Bottle of Joy." At right is Kaitlyn Heinke who plays Princess Jenny. The show is set for Oct. 8-9 at Uehling Auditorium.

The second play, "Bottle of Joy," is set in the Kingdom of Happy. Everyone in this place is happy, because of a giant bottle of joy kept in King Har Har's palace.

There's just one problem.

Count Cringe and the evil, but bungling assistant Purvis Person plan to use the gloom gun to destroy the bottle of joy.

Doors for the shows open at 6 p.m. Oct. 8. A spaghetti dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. with the play following.

On Oct. 9, doors open at 1:30 p.m. for the brownie sundae matinee with the play starting at 2 p.m.

Cost for the Oct. 8 dinner and performance is \$10 in advance for adults and \$15

at the door. The cost is \$6 for children ages 3-9.

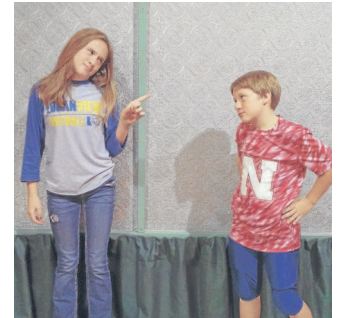
The cost for the matinee is \$6 for adults in advance and \$10 at the door. Children under age 3 age in for free.

For tickets or more information, call Mitzi Anderson at 402-377-2715 or 402-380-2780.

Proceeds from the productions will go toward scholarships.

Each year, UFFDA provides college scholarships to Logan View High School seniors from the Uehling area, who are involved in drama.

"We are trying to build up our coffers as there will be lots of applicants in a few years and we'd like to help all that apply," Hoeneman said.



Courtesy photo

Emma Hilbers plays the narrator and Alex Hilbers is the stage hand in the UFFDA production of "Little Red and the Riding Hoods" set for Oct. 8-9 at Uehling Auditorium.

For Hoeneman, the plays might be a little theatrical déjà vu. Years ago, she directed other students in these shows.

"It's been fun seeing other kids do the parts," she said. "It brings back all kinds of memories from the first time."

All the students in those first productions have graduated from high school. Hoeneman tells them that they need to return to see this latest group of kids staging the shows.

Hoeneman encourages area residents to attend the shows.

"You should attend and appreciate what it takes for these kids to get on stage and try not to be nervous," she said.

Hoeneman says the plays will be a fun time. The production also benefits the youth.

"It teaches them to be involved in their community and take pride in their community," she said.

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flyers to other departments, inviting them to participate in the parade.

“What we want,” he said, “is a bunch of antique fire trucks from different towns around the area.”

Nickerson’s first fire truck was a 1930 Model A Ford with three chemical tanks. A 1947 Chevrolet was added later.

By the time the Model A

was retired, Tucker said, it went to a dehydration plant that was in town at the time.

“They used to have all kinds of fires down there, so they bought that,” he said.

The Chevy eventually ended up at Ponca Hills.

Over the years, the fire department made an impact on the community.

The most recent major call for the department was a natural gas line explosion last March near the intersection of County Roads

20 and O. Firefighters from Nickerson, Hooper, Winslow and Fremont Rural were confronted by a 60-foot wall of flame.

The co-op had two more fires, including a 1966 blaze, and again 12 or 13 years ago. “The top half of the co-op burned off (in 1966),” Firefighter Dusty Menking said. “They actually saved the elevator. They built another top on it and left it.” It remains today.

Tucker, who later notched

26 years as fire chief, was a child in 1966 but remembers the fire.

“Back then my dad was on the department,” he said.

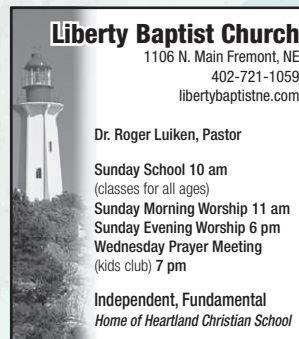
Tucker’s father joined when he moved to Nickerson in 1957, the year Rick was born, and there has been a Tucker on the department ever since. Rick’s uncle was serving when Rick started in 1978.

“When I first got on, we might have had 15 to 20 fire calls a year,” Tucker said.

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