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Brownville Artist Bill Robbins



The business end of things in Brownville likes to think of itself as an artist’s colony, and with justice. In the last few years, several artists have chosen to retire or make plans to retire to this historic village above the river, adding to the number who have been around even longer. The artists’ presence enriches the flavor of the town and adds to the delight of visitors.

Bill Robbins and Paula almost can’t be called Brownville newcomers anymore. Their pottery shop has been open Saturdays for three years, and this year Bill finished building his kiln. So he’ll have plenty of cups, vases, and related items for sale. They are open some Fridays too.



Bill’s Kiln

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The Power Of Values

Dorothy Rieke, Julian

Values are what make us what we are. They are the deepest beliefs and sentiments we subscribe to. They indicate who we are and reveal the kind of individuals we are. Values guide our lives making them what we want them to be. In addition, they express how we perceive the important truths of life.

We all move in certain directions. Those directions, determined by our values, may be reinforced by our feelings and emotions.

Values are the important things in our hearts that guide us. They are revealed in a number of ways. Our words, attitudes, and actions all reflect our values. They drive us, motivate us, influence our lives, and move us forward to our aspirations and goals.

Our values are shaped by our experiences with teachers, peers, parents, and society. Interesting enough, some values have been shaped by the love shown us. Without values, such as love of family and love of community, we fail in the important things in life.

Values guide us throughout our lives. With the wrong set of values, we are likely to fail at what we most desire. The right values guide us and indicate the right way. They are “the oil” of our goals and objectives.

Cultivating certain values means we strengthen our world as well as the worlds of others. Our examples utilizing such traits as selflessness, thoughtfulness, and courage represent steps toward the greater good.

Setting up values, operating as stabilizing forces in our lives, means behaving in certain ways. If we adhere to certain values, we will have peace of mind in the knowledge that we are doing things the right way. “Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value.” ..Albert Einstein.

‘Welcome to Medicare’ Workshop

July 18 in Johnson

July 25 in Nebraska City

The Nebraska Senior Health Insurance Information Program [SHIIP], a division of the Nebraska Department of Insurance, is pleased to host the “Welcome to Medicare” workshop. Medicare eligibility, enrollment, affordability and other insurance basics will be covered.

The Welcome to Medicare workshop will be held on Thursday, July 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Johnson Community Center & Library, 203 Main Street. The class will be repeated on Thursday, July 25th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Southeast Community College Learning Center, 819 Central Ave., Nebraska City.

As you or a family member approaches Medicare eligibility, the task of understanding Medicare enrollment can be daunting. Mary Ann Holland, SHIIP Certified Medicare Counselor, and retired Nebraska Extension Educator will be the presenter. This event is co-sponsored by Southeast Community College and the Nebraska Senior Health Insurance Information Program [SHIIP]. You can read a more detailed description on page 33 in the Summer Class Schedule 2019 of the Southeast Community College catalog recently sent to your address.

Tuition is being provided by the Nebraska SHIIP. There is no cost to attend the workshop, however participants must register to ensure adequate handout materials. To register, please visit the www.doi.ne.gov/shiip, or call 402-471-2841 at the SHIIP office.

Nebraska Senior Health Insurance Information Program [SHIIP] offers free, unbiased Medicare counseling and education to help seniors and people with disabilities make informed decisions about health insurance. Services are provided statewide by 350 certified volunteers. Nebraska SHIIP is federally-funded and is coordinated by the state Department of Insurance.

July Writers

Devon Adams

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Thank You!

GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY OF AUBURN

Earns

2019 AHCA/NCAL Bronze National Quality Award

Good Samaritan Society- Auburn has been recognized as a 2019 recipient of the Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) for its commitment to improving the lives of residents through quality care. The distinction is the first of three progressive award levels through the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program. The program, presented by the leading association in long term and post-acute care, honors association members across the country that have demonstrated their dedication to improving quality of care for seniors and persons with disabilities.

The Award Program has three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Providers begin the quality improvement process at the Bronze level, where they develop an organizational profile with essential performance elements such as vision, mission statement, and key strengths and challenges. Bronze applicants must also demonstrate their ability to implement a performance improvement system. Trained Examiners review each Bronze application to determine if the center has met the demands of the criteria. As a recipient of the Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award, Good Samaritan Society- Auburn may now move forward in developing approaches and achieving performance levels that meet the Silver - Achievement in Quality Award criteria.

“I applaud Good Samaritan Society- Auburn for taking this important step towards quality improvement,” said the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Board of Overseers Chair Alana Wolfe. “I encourage Good Samaritan Society- Auburn to continue on its path to achieving the highest of quality care.”

The awards will be presented during AHCA/NCAL’s 70th Convention & Expo in Orlando, Florida, October 13-16, 2019.

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The milkweed blossom is very fragrant, and these insects love it too.

PATRIOTISM, THE MAINSTAY OF DEMOCRACY

Dorothy Rieke, Julian

“My country!” What a thrill that is to exclaim that phrase! America belongs to each of us. It is a land of opportunity and plenty; a land steeped in freedom. We celebrate the spirit of America by being thankful for this great country.

We honor this beautiful, abundant land. In most cases, we have been reared and nourished by the plenty of this land. We revel in space, creativity, and opportunities to utilize its resources and take advantage of its possibilities.

With our hearts, minds, and spirits, we love this land, the land of our homes, our families, our friends, and our countrymen. It is truly a land of the free and home of the brave. A land to be appreciated; a land to be cherished with good conservation practices

Abiding by the law protects us and our rights. We see our country in our daily surroundings and experience our rights. Every freedom is dear to us. Our values, achievements, beliefs, and statements make our country what it is.

We experience the pride of patriotism and do our duty in voting and taking part in the government. We honor our heritage and our beginnings for those make us what we are.

Our liberty and independence, the work of those who lived during past years, are precious to us. Today, joint efforts, common causes, and cooperation create a great democracy, one that will survive.

Many symbols are meaningful to Americans:

STATUE OF LIBERTY, a gift from France, is a symbol of freedom and friendship. It weighs 225 tons and stands 150 feet high. It is inscribed with “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free. The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

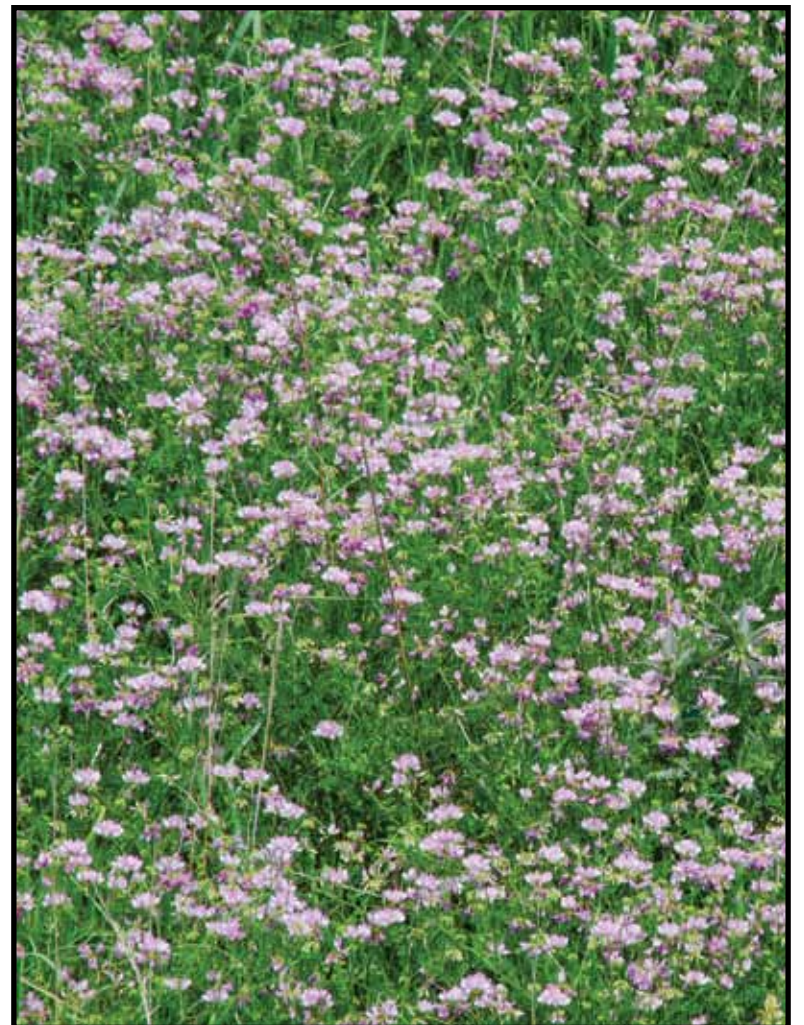
LIBERTY BELL, a relic from the early days of independence, was rung July 8, 1776, to announce the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. It is inscribed with, “Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.”

FLAG . The “Stars and Stripes” is the most popular name for our flag. The thirteen stripes stand for the original thirteen colonies. There is no record of why red, white, and blue were chosen for our flag. However, red stands for hardiness and courage, white for purity and innocence and blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

UNCLE SAM symbolizes our country to others. Perhaps the name originated with Samuel Wilson, a meat inspector who was called Uncle Sam. The letters, U. S., stamped on meat, were thought to stand for Uncle Sam. Uncle Sam has become the personification of the name of our country.



Wildflowers; Scenic Highway 67



Wildflowers; Scenic Highway 67

May Recollections

Duane Arends, Nebraska City

It was that time of year. School would soon be out and the longed for summer vacation would finally be here. It was Saturday and we were going to Grandma's house. Strawberry picking season was here and Grandma always had a huge patch. The strawberries not eaten in season were put into glass canning jars. Plastic containers hadn't made the scene yet. The jars of berries were taken to the locker plant at Paul, Nebraska. Next winter we would have strawberries but they were not as tasty as the fresh ones we enjoyed in May.

By the time we arrived at Grandma's farm she had already picked a granite dish pan of the red juicy berries. Being an early riser she also had taken a short cake from the oven of her cob fired cook stove.

We hurried out to the patch because it looked as though it could rain. A seven year old boy wouldn't be of much help picking strawberries but he sure could hold his own when it came to eating strawberry short-cake!

Grandma and Mom finished picking and we headed back to the house. Although the job of stemming the berries was ahead at least they could do so while seated. Their backs aching from being hunched over in the berry patch were relieved.

The stemming operation took place in a summer kitchen or enclosed back porch. A cluster of stools, chairs and benches served as the work site for the stemming. The green tops were cut from the berry with a paring knife. The berry was then halved or quartered depending on its size. The chickens got the green tops.

Grandma sugared a bowl of the first ones stemmed so they would have time to draw juice. Strawberry shortcake was a certainty.

Nearing twelve noon it was time for dinner -- not lunch! Lunch was what you had between meals. By this time it was starting to rain. Mom and Grandma were glad the picking was done for the day. The stemming continued after dinner and so did the rain.

Beneath the floor of the summer kitchen was a cistern. As the rain water ran down a spout from the eaves a lever on the spout could be flipped so that the water was diverted to the cistern making a trickling sound. If the Spring had been dry it was a welcomed sound. If it was a wet spring -- well not so much!

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Wildflowers and Alfalfa Butterflies on Clover, Scenic Highway 67.

Poetry

by Devon Adams, Peru

TREE OF LIFE

It started out
as a small sprout
fighting for light
against tall weeds.
But it was tough
and determined,
and soon ruled
the little patch
of yard beside
the circle drive.
Shade was just
a wish, but it later
came true, as pups
and kits and kids
crawled under the
lacy green canopy.
Now it is a glorious
umbrella arching
gracefully beside
the old barn, and
there are clusters
of juicy mulberries
weighing down the
branches, ripening
in the warm sun.
Soon, birds will be
drawn like a magnet
to this purple dream.
But they'll have to
wait their turn until
Mama raccoon and
her growing babies
climb among the
limbs, stuffing their
faces with delight,
drooling sweet syrup
down upon the deer
below, who wait for
fruit to fall to earth.

FOUR EYES

There is something
moving through the
grass and brush, on
the slope below the
barn. I can track it's
path of progress by
the tilt of the horses'
heads, and the alert
in their eyes. But
they aren't alarmed,
because they know
what's out there. The
barn swallows swoop
in dips to catch bugs
displaced and agitated
as the critter moves.
Is it the fox who's
been running with the
moon, haunting our
nights with his raspy
barks? Could it be a
round raccoon that
steals cat chow? Or
a coyote being brave
in daylight? Or the
piggy, pudgy opossum?
No, it's none of them
at all, because I see
it looking back at me!
With four eyes and
eight long legs and
perfect dots of white
painted on summer
tanned hide, it's this
year's twins. The
magic velvet fawns!

BLUE NOTES

He's up there, somewhere,
in the highest branches,
hiding behind the leaves,
taunting me with his illusive
presence. He must know
that his species is special.
It is common for them all
to be shy and showy at the
same time. You can't be
invisible and brazenly loud
in the same sentence, can
you? Of course you can!
He is an indigo bunting,
the most spectacular of all
who belong to the blue cult.
They come from different
tribes and clans, but share
the color in some degree
or intensity. The indigo has
blends of every shade in the
range of blue-green-blue,
but owns an iridescence
far beyond any of his cousins.
To watch his body shimmer
in the sunshine is to behold
the inside of a prism, the depths
of a sapphire, or the sparkle
of a distant star. Celebrity
has it's own peculiar customs,
so if he hides all summer I'll
understand. But he'll make
my day if he'll just sit still
in the open, in the sunshine,
long enough for me to see.

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He lived alone beside
the railroad track by the
river. His house was a
sturdy tent, or a cave in
the wall of the bluff. He
walked to town for supplies
and had a garden and all
the meat he could hunt.
No close friends, but no
enemies either, his life
was a mystery, but not
so hard to understand.
He was a soldier who
couldn't walk away from
the war. He tried, but
the stress was easier
if he stayed by himself.
One soft spring day,
when the river ran high,
his body floated by the
boat dock. He's buried
in the cemetery at the
edge of the timber, not
far from his camp. Deer
walk past his small stone,
and sometimes they stop
to listen, as if he's talking
to them, because they
were his trusted friends.

LIBERTY AND LIFE

Years ago, when this country
was only a spark of a dream,
when others said they owned
our lives, there were brave
men who dared to question
that authority with their lives
and their guns. It took a war
to prove our independence,
but we won. Then we fought
some more wars, and we won.
Now we know that winning
isn't permanent. We have to
keep fighting ideas and people
who want to take away our
freedom, and to replace it with
their freedom to attack and to
prosecute those who disagree
with them. They lie, and stick
labels on "new" theories that
they claim will make us happier,
healthier, wealthier and safer,
but it isn't true. Truth and facts
are the weapons that will not
only keep our laws alive, but
will also preserve our liberty
and our rights of free speech.



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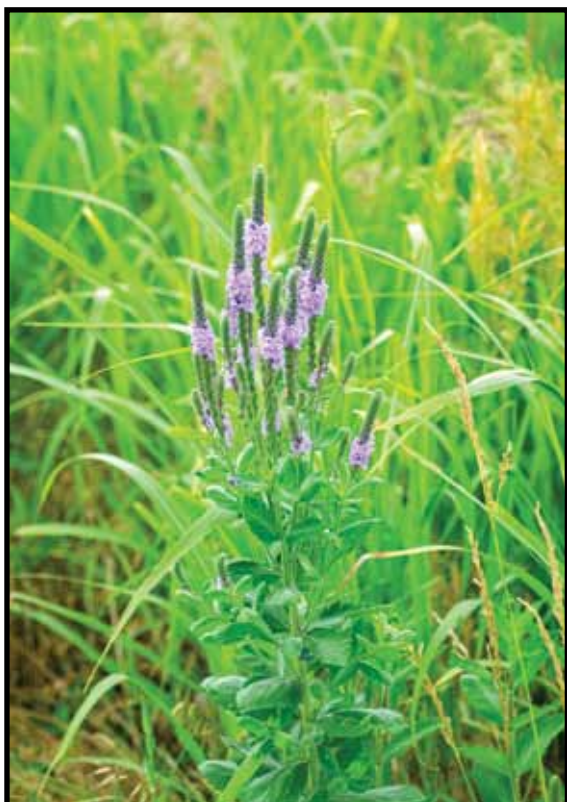


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Painted Lady Butterfly, Scenic Highway 67

Diary of a Part-time World Traveler

Merri Johnson, Auburn

In case the title of this month's column isn't a dead give-away, Hubby and I are officially world travelers now. We have recently been to "the continent," as the Brits say; "the continent" being Europe.

Hubby invested huge amounts of time researching flights, trains, buses and hotels, as well as cell phone usage and financial transactions. He really does deserve an award for arranging a trip he wasn't even sure he wanted to take. But, my brother and sister-in-law are living in Vienna, Austria, right now, so how could we not go to Europe?!!

Hubby found a flight out of Kansas City, connecting in Washington, D.C., that would allow us to arrive conveniently in Vienna at 8:00 a.m. Alas, the best-laid plans don't always come off without a hitch. Our flight from Kansas City was an hour late taking off due to stormy weather on the East coast, and our connecting gate in Washington, D.C., was not conveniently located relative to our arrival gate. I'm pretty impressed that we were able to hoof it fast enough to make our connection. I was waving my free arm at the boarding gate attendant as we barreled toward her, backpacks bouncing and roller luggage trailing behind. Let's hope that unflattering sight wasn't recorded on security cameras. But, we made it to the gate and were soon enjoying the ministrations of Austrian Air flight attendants in our Economy Plus seats.

We had hoped that the roomier seats would allow us to sleep while we flew over the Atlantic Ocean all night. Again, best-laid plans yada yada. After dozing for only about two hours overnight on the plane, we were a tad shaky on arrival. But staying up is the best approach to jet-lag, according to my brother, who has made enough intercontinental flights over the years to know what he's talking about. By the next day, we were feeling fairly normal.

We took a day-trip on our own to Bratislava, Slovakia, by bus from Vienna. It's only about an hour away. Once in Bratislava, I had a moment of hesitation about being on our own. What if we lost our passports or missed our boat for the return trip on the Danube River to Vienna? But everything went fine. The biggest problem we had was accessing the public restroom. We knew that we needed 50-cent Euro coins for that purpose, but somehow managed to have none with us. A fellow member of our tour group gave us one. Hubby, always the gentleman, let me have the coin and attempted to get change from the restroom attendant



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for a 10 Euro bill. His 50-cent coin ended up costing him over 5 Euros (equivalent to about \$6 in American money). That's what you get when you don't speak the language. But, we didn't feel too bad about it. Rest-room attendants probably don't get paid much, so "tips" from unprepared tourists are only fair. Plus, it makes for a good joke about the currency exchange rate at public restrooms in Slovakia.

After nine days in Vienna, we went to Italy for a week on our own. We flew to Venice and took the train to Riomaggiore on the Northwest coast. We had to change trains at one point: it was Washington, D.C., airport, take two. We had only ten minutes to find our connection and we were completely unfamiliar with the train station. Thank heaven for helpful, English-speaking Trenitalia personnel.

Too soon it was time to head back to the U.S. The return trip was a day-time flight and took us to Chicago instead of Washington, D.C. We had a two-hour layover and the flight was on time. So, piece of cake, right? Wrong. Two hours is not enough time to guarantee you'll get through passport control, customs and security – plus make it to your connecting flight in time. So, it was Washington, D.C., airport, take three. We hustled and ran around everyone who was standing still on the moving sidewalk, weaving in and out of the hordes of people all going who-knows-where!!!! After all the hiking and walking we did in Europe we were in shape for this last marathon. We made our connection with a few minutes to spare before boarding and got to Kansas City right on schedule.

By the time we drove home, we had been traveling for 22 hours with no sleep. But the trip was worth it. The long-overdue family time, astounding architecture and culture in Vienna, the history of Slovakia, the spectacular scenery in Italy – even the close calls at airports and train stations – all made for a memorable trip.

My brother wants me to come again next year and bring along our four sisters. I wonder if Hubby is ready for the challenge of arranging flights for five people flying from different airports? I'd better get him started!!



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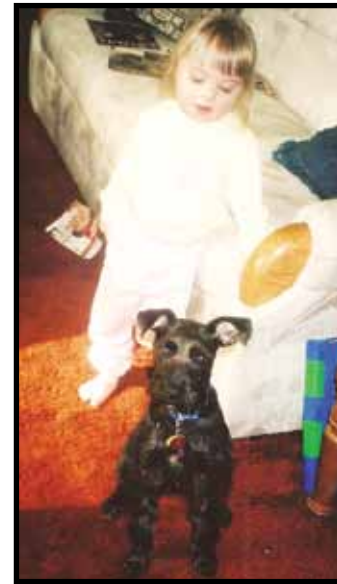
Marvelous Millie

Janet Sobczyk, Omaha

We recently adopted Millie, a 15-month-old Miniature Schnauzer, from the Humane Society. She's very well-mannered with only a couple of flaws: a penchant for nibbling plants, and a misconception that we expect her to be a big, brave guard dog. The latter is probably why she was surrendered from her original apartment home.



Millie



Monica & Sophie

Her pointy, radar ears don't miss a thing. Sometimes a sound outside will bring a low growl while she assesses the origin. Other times she immediately sounds the alarm with a piercing bark meant to scare off burglars, roaming critters, and any brave leaves that rustle down our sidewalk. Unfortunately, her "intruder alert" doesn't seem to deter salesmen from knocking at the door.

She tries to appear brave, but is actually skittish. Taking her on walks is an adventure because so many things seem new to her. Our usual course takes us past a school yard and close to a baseball backstop. The first time she saw that tall, chain-link structure she sounded the alarm and examined it from every angle. She kept scolding it, barking over her shoulder, as I led her away. An overturned garbage can brought the same reaction.

Even though she's over a year old, she is still very puppy-like, which is quite a change for our household. The last three dogs we adopted were senior dogs that were very calm and seldom barked. We cared for them in their final years, knowing our time would be short. It felt good to be there for them when their original owners couldn't be, but it was hard to see their rapid declines. I wasn't ready to go through that again, so we chose a young dog this time.

The last puppy we adopted was 15 years ago. That puppy was a Schnauzer-Terrier mix and very similar to Millie except in color. Sophie was black, but Millie is silver. We have fond memories of Sophie growing up with our kids, but frankly, I'd forgotten the sheer joy that a playful dog can bring to a home.

Old dogs don't chase balls or go very far on walks. Millie loves walks and balls and stuffed squeaky toys. She even entertains herself by tossing the toys in the air and chasing them. Or maybe she's showing off to remind us it's play time.

With five people in our household she doesn't lack for a playmate or a comfy lap. She loves us all and spreads her affection liberally. Aside from her bark, she'd make a great therapy dog. She has the ability to bring one's stress level down within moments of welcoming her onto a lap. For example, I recently experienced some computer glitches that made it impossible for me to accomplish a task on time. I was ready to burst into tears. Instead of throwing the laptop I picked up the dog. Her snuggles worked wonders! My frustration melted like an ice cube in a glass of tea at a July picnic.

Speaking of July, the 4th will be here soon and so will fireworks. I can only imagine Millie's reaction to those. I better shop for a thunder vest for her, and maybe doggie ear muffs, if there is such a thing. She's tiny in stature, but I can imagine her on full alert, telling off those noisy, flashy intruders, ready to brave the unknown for her new family.



Peru State College

Hosts Basketball & Volleyball Camps



Women's Basketball Hosted Girls' Basketball Camp

Area youth basketball players from around the region gained excellent training and instruction during the recent Peru State girls' basketball camp.

Bobcat women's basketball head coach, Joan Albury, directed the camp. Assisting were the new assistant coach Ian Holleran, and current players Maddie McPhillips (Omaha), Allison Tichy (Omaha), Alyssa Garza (Meriden, Kan.), and newcomer Jescenia Mosley (Shenandoah, Iowa).

Youth from the schools of Rock Port, Missouri, Johnson-Brock, Auburn, Johnson County Central, Hiawatha, Kansas, and College Springs, Iowa, took part in the four-day camp which focused on all development skills important and necessary for success in basketball. Each camper received a t-shirt and a basketball as part of the camp.

Throughout the week, several contests were held and the winners were announced at the end of the camp Thursday afternoon.

The winners in the different events were:

Knock-out champions: 3rd-5th – Daley Pelican – Johnson-Brock and 6th-12th – Addie Maifield – Rock Port.

Free throw champions: 3rd-5th – Ella Swanson – Auburn and 6th-12th – Jazdia Ascherman – Johnson County Central.

Two-on-Two champion: 3rd-5th – Pelican and Swanson and 6th-12th – Dylan Kemerling – Rock Port and Destry Groth – Hiawatha.

Those in attendance by school included: From Rock Port – Audrie Meyerkorth, Ella Meyerkorth, Avery Meyerkorth, Talyn Amthor, Addison Maifield, Norah Watkins, Claire Spiegel, Cali Driskell, Raylynn Jenkins, Bayleigh Cooper, Dylan Kemerling, Leah Meyerkorth, Lily Shineman, and Keira Roup.

From Auburn – Gretchen Paschal, Brynn Casey, Ella Swanson, Avery Snodgrass, Emery Snodgrass, Jordan Larson, Logan DeBuhr, Bree Wehenkel, Cory Neumeister, Delaney Stahl, Kollins Wehenekl, and Addison Henry.

From Hiawatha, Kan. – Destry Groth, Paige Mueller, Casey Erdley, and Kerragan Bachman.

From Johnson-Brock – Avery Smith and Daley Pelican.

From College Springs, Iowa – Cheyenne Sunderman and Chanda Sunderman.

From Johnson County Central – Jazdia Ascherman.

Coach Albury was pleased with the attendance as it more than tripled from last year and Albury will look forward to an even better attendance in 2020. As part of the camp, Albury did share some information on the NAIA's Champions of Character program and its five core values.

The Peru State women's basketball team will open its 2019-20 schedule on the road in Leavenworth, Kansas, when they face the University of Saint Mary. The Bobcats' first home contest will be on Nov. 16 when they host Culver-Stockton (Missouri) in what will be the Heart of America Athletic Conference opener.

Peru State Volleyball Hosts Skills Camps

Aspiring volleyball players from around the region were in the Al Wheeler Activity Center (AWAC) on Peru State's campus during the first week of June. The future spikers, setters, and liberos participated in a number of different skill camps under the direction of Bobcat head coach Laurie Schroeder.

The morning sessions on Monday and Tuesday were held for girls in grades 1-4 while the afternoon sessions were attended by girls in grades 5-8. Monday's camp focused on passing skills while Tuesday's camp included techniques on setting and attacking.

Participating in the morning sessions were: Tess Lunzmann (Johnson), Helena Krog (Nebraska City), Elise DeJonge (Humboldt), Milana Eberly (Auburn), Taelyn Crawford (Auburn), Logan DeBuhr (Auburn), Lexie Bennett (Nebraska City), Emery Snodgrass (Auburn), Brindley Mazzulla (Auburn), Hadley Mazzulla (Auburn), Scarlett Schulz (Nebraska City), Cassidy James (Nebraska City), Payton Brandt (Cook), Kendall Jeanneret (Auburn), Hailey Henry (Peru), Kensley Snodgrass (Brock), and Lexi Brown (Nebraska City).

Those taking part in the afternoon sessions on Monday and Tuesday were: Jillian Hannah (Tarkio, Mo.), Cora Krog (Nebraska City), Clara Heller (Auburn), Ellie McAlexander (Dunbar), Josie Bennett (Nebraska City), Avery Snodgrass (Auburn), Gretchen Anthony (Brock), Teagen Wennihan (Tarkio, Mo.), Lucy Chaney (Nebraska City), Bryanna Valdovino (Nebraska City), Baylor Lee (Nebraska City), Kate Moser (Nebraska City), Reagan Moser (Nebraska City), Mary Sue Bruggeman (Johnson), Adisen Fischer (Falls City), Addison Keller (Falls City), Daley Pelican (Johnson), Avery Smith (Johnson), Hana Miller (Brock), Ema Bando (Nebraska City), Rylee Jeanneret (Auburn), Addison Henry (Peru), Maggie Niebrugge (Cook), Payton Doty (Auburn), and Ella Swanson (Auburn).

High school participants on Wednesday worked on developing all of their skills. Those taking part included: Mayle Owen (Omaha), Kierra McDonald (Fairfax, Mo.), Kenna Howard (Sidney, Iowa), Ashlynn Hartman (Pawnee City), Callie Mulnix (Omaha), Kayla Petersen (Omaha), Cheyenne Sunderman (College Springs, Iowa), Rachel Wietzki (Tabor, Iowa), Annabella Madsen (Omaha), Brynn Jacobson (Omaha), and Lydia Alley (Tabor, Iowa).

Bobcat graduate assistant Jhessica Martins and current sophomore player Hannah Burianek helped Schroeder with instruction for the camp.

Coach Schroeder was pleased with the camps and how they have grown the past couple of years.

Peru State will begin its 2019 schedule as it did last year with a match against Midland University in Fremont on August 21 at 7 p.m.



Peru State College Hosts High School Football Camps



The Peru State football coaching staff recently hosted three camps in the historic Oak Bowl on the College's campus. Most recent was a "7 on 7" passing camp which covered skill and technique development and concepts of team play. Camps focus on both offensive and defensive skills. Team Camps provide participating squads the opportunity to work on schemes and execution in a controlled scrimmage environment. Among high schools attending were Auburn, Falls City, Plattsmouth, Wilber-Clatonia, and Fairbury.



Peru State Signs Transfer Agreement

Peru State College recently signed transfer agreements with both Highland Community College in northeast Kansas and Iowa Western Community College in southwest Iowa to facilitate the transfer of community college graduates to Peru State.

“With this agreement, graduates with associate degrees will not have to take additional general studies courses at Peru State College,” said Dr. Tim Borchers, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Peru State College.

“The agreement further strengthens the strong relationship between the two colleges to serve students who wish to transfer.”

“IWCC is very excited about the additional opportunities the agreement with Peru State provides our students. Peru State works diligently to provide a very strong transfer program for our students and maintains their website to keep all current course equivalencies posted,” said Dr. Marjorie Welch, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Iowa Western Community College.

“The partnership between Iowa Western Community College and Peru State will be very beneficial to students pursuing their college degree.”

“Highland Community College is so appreciative of Peru State College’s efforts to ease the transfer student transition,” said Dr. Erin Shaw, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Highland Community College.

“We are happy to update our articulation agreement and continue partnering with Peru State to best serve the students in our region.”

Scholarships are available for transfer students seeking to attend Peru State College. Inquire today at www.peru.edu or call the Office of Admissions at (402) 872-2221 to learn more.

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Patterson Collection on display at PSC

The John and Bea Patterson Collection is on display in the Peru State College Art Gallery throughout the summer. The Collection of fine art by Peru State College faculty and alumni includes the works of many artists including Bea Patterson, Terry Van Gundy, Dr. Leland “Shorty” Sherwood and Ken Anderson.

John and Bea Patterson are both alumni of Peru State and longtime supporters of the College and the Peru community. Their collection of artwork grew from their own love of art and an interest in supporting Peru State’s artists.

The Patterson Collection will be on display in the Art Gallery through September 6, 2019. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. The Collection may also be viewed by appointment by contacting Susan Moore at smoore@peru.edu.

The Peru State Art Gallery will host a reception with John Patterson on August 25 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public.

Peru State Most Affordable Online College In Nebraska.

Peru State was named the most affordable online college in Nebraska for the second year in a row by OnlineColleges.net. The list ranked ten four-year colleges and universities in Nebraska.

Jason Hogue, director of marketing and communications at Peru State College, said, “Peru State is honored by the continued national recognition of its value and affordability. The College is proud to offer students quality education for a great price.”

OnlineColleges.net writes, “Our list of the most affordable online colleges in Nebraska is based on in-state yearly tuition, or annual tuition rates if a school does not differentiate between in-state and out-of-state students.”

“The online schools in Nebraska with the lowest tuition are ranked highest, providing prospective students with a true list of the most affordable online colleges in their state.”

See more here: <https://www.onlinecolleges.net/nebraska/>

Peru State Alum, Becky Liston, Named Teacher of the Year Twice in 2019

Kindergarten teacher Becky Liston received some extra affirmation this spring when she was named Teacher of the Year locally and nationally. She teaches at Edison Elementary School in the Council Bluffs Community School District. Previously, Liston taught in Nebraska City.

Liston is an alum of Peru State College’s Master of Education program in Curriculum and Instruction.

The Daily Nonpareil reports that Liston was named Teacher of the Year by the Council Bluffs Community School District. The award came with \$500 from the Council Bluffs Schools Foundation and a candy bouquet.

Liston was nominated for the award by her principal, Mike Naughton. Naughton highlighted her strong relationships with students, high expectations, and work to build a social media community for parents.

The Daily Nonpareil also reports that Liston was awarded the 2019 [Jill] Schatz Teacher of the Year from Book Trust. Book Trust is a national early literacy organization. With Book Trust and United Way of the Midlands, students in kindergarten through third grade at Edison Elementary get to pick \$7 worth of books each month from the Scholastic catalog.

Sara Pruss, instructional coach in literacy and Book Trust manager for Council Bluffs Schools, explained why she nominated Liston to The Daily Nonpareil, “Becky does a fantastic job of helping students choose books for their own reasons, because she believes in the research that when children choose what they read, they are more likely to read.”

BookTrust.org writes, “Since 2001, Book Trust has been transforming the lives of thousands of low income students every month, by empowering them to choose, own, and love their own books. Teacher-led and student-driven, Book Trust’s program helps kids get in their daily reading practice and build a culture of literacy in the classroom and at home.”



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