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## SPOTLIGHT

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*SPOTLIGHT*, an electronic newsletter to the friends and patrons of Northeast Community College, will be published 10 times a year, with a hard-copy version published twice a year. Please forward it to your colleagues and neighbors. You are all partners in our efforts to provide quality, affordable, close-to-home educational opportunities to students and training for area businesses, industries, and organizations. Northeast Community College serves residents of 20 counties in northeast Nebraska.

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### NEW STUDENT HOUSING PROJECT TO BE DEDICATED

In dedication ceremonies on Thursday, October 14th, our new 147-bed residence hall will be dedicated as Burkhardt Hall in honor of the late **Dr. Allen P. Burkhardt**, president of the Norfolk Junior College from 1931-32 and 1942-1960. After the college temporarily closed during the Depression, he continued as president when the facility reopened in 1942. Burkhardt helped set the stage for the Northeast Nebraska Vocational Technical School. The \$5.4 million dormitory was built with revenue bonds that will be retired in 2024 by using student housing fees.

Northeast's original residence hall will be dedicated as the Simon Hall on that day to honor the founding father of the Norfolk Junior College. The late **H.B. Simon** served as CEO from 1928-1931.

### NORTHEAST TO OFFER TWO NEW ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS THIS FALL

In a collaborative effort between Northeast and Central Community College, students enrolled in the new Health Information Management Services (HIMS) program will earn a two-year associate of applied science degree after taking about half their classes at Northeast and half at Central Community College. Following successful completion of a certification exam, students will be prepared for a career in medical records where demand currently exceeds supply. For more information, contact instructor **Pat Wade**.

The other new program this fall, Nebraska Law Enforcement, is an associate of applied science degree program that includes study at Northeast and certification from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center following 12 weeks of study at the Center. Call instructor **Matt McCarthy** for information.

### DIVISIONS STREAMLINED, REORGANIZED AS NECC LOOKS TO FUTURE

In a look to the future and a two-campus institution, president **Dr. Bill Path** has reorganized and streamlined several departments and divisions. The new vice president of educational services, **Dr. William Giddings**, brings his experience as campus president of Central Community College, Grand Island, to Northeast to oversee five academic divisions that have been reorganized from six divisions. **Mary Honke** fills the new position of executive director of institutional advancement to help Northeast achieve its mission on both the Norfolk and future South Sioux City campus. **Maureen Baker** is the new dean of enrollment management. Her responsibilities will also include the South Sioux City campus. **Wayne Erickson** replaces Honke as the dean of continuing education and distance learning. **Kara Kathol** is the new director of extended learning.

The former Community Relations Department has been reorganized and renamed the Marketing and Public Relations Department. Rather than replace the former department director who resigned, **Anna Meis** and **Janelle Gerharter** were promoted to full-time positions after being part-time department employees since 2000. Meis is marketing and design coordinator and Gerharter is media relations coordinator.

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### **NORTHEAST RODEO TEAM FINISHES SEASON AHEAD OF FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES**

The Northeast Community College rodeo team wrapped up the season ahead of four-year colleges like North Dakota State University, University of Nebraska and Iowa State University in the Great Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. A member of the Northeast team, **Trevor Cox**, Purdum, qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., in June after winning the regional steer wrestling championship. Former members of the Northeast Rodeo Team, **Chad Day**, Fontanelle, Iowa, now of Dickinson State University, and **Dustin Forre**, Newman Grove, now of Wayne State College, won a world championship title in team roping at nationals. **Don Benjamin** is the Rodeo Team sponsor.

### **NORTHEAST STUDENT NEWSPAPER AGAIN EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION**

The editors, staff and advisor of the Northeast Community College student newspaper, the *ViewPoint*, have earned first-place honors in national competition against newspapers from two-year colleges of similar size. The annual contest is sponsored by the American Scholastic Press Association. This is the eighth consecutive year the paper has received first-place in competition. The *ViewPoint* received 933 points out of a possible 1,000 points and perfect scores of 100 points in creativity and editing. **J.B. Tyson** is the *ViewPoint's* advisor.

### **10TH ANNUAL CAREER CAMP INTRODUCES WOMEN TO NON-TRADITIONAL CAREERS**

Some 32 young women attended Northeast's 10th Annual Career Camp in June. The women from Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa were introduced to non-traditional career choices which generally have higher wages, higher rates of employment, and greater advancement opportunities. Northeast's admissions department, with **Shelley Lammers** in charge, hosted the event.

The young women were introduced to career opportunities like electromechanical technology, building construction, utility line, electronic engineering technology, welding, criminal justice, automotive technology, computer programming, drafting, and accounting. Other activities included a picnic at Maskenthine Lake and presentations on Natural Resource Management, Healthy Relationships, Etiquette Basics, and Psychogeometrics. An Urban Rodeo at the new Agriculture and Technology Complex included a roping contest, stick-horse barrel races, a pig corralling contest, and a dress-the-lamb contest, as well as a sumo-wrestling event.

### **STUDENT-BUILT HOMES SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION**

Two, 1,500 square-foot, two-bedroom homes built by the Northeast building construction students were recently sold at public auction for \$76,000 and \$69,000, respectively, and have been moved off campus by the buyers. Both homes included attached double garages and many custom features. Instructors are **Roger Geiger**, **Mike Frank**, and **Clayton McDonald**

### **NORTHEAST EARNS AWARD FROM WEB CT**

For the second consecutive year, Northeast Community College has been named a Digital Content Leader from WebCT. Northeast was one of 10 institutions chosen for this award from over 1400 WebCT licensees in North America. WebCT is the world's leading provider of e-Learning solutions for higher education in over 80 countries. WebCT is the course management software for online instruction offered by Northeast. Also recognized were **David Heckert**, NECC's on-line technology specialist, and **Mike Auten**, who works in on-line technology support at Northeast.

### **BROADCASTING STUDENTS PLAY KEY ROLE IN NORFOLK BIG BANG BOOM FIREWORKS**

For the fourth year, the NECC broadcasting department produced the live radio broadcast carried by three Norfolk radio stations for the Big Bang Boom fireworks display on Saturday, July 3rd, at Skyview Lake. Five current students and three recent graduates set up and operated the broadcast center at the main shelter at Skyview Lake. Rehearsal and setup was Friday night at the park but a day-long rain forced some to return Saturday morning to complete the work. The setup included a fiber optic link under the lake to deliver the music from the fireworks command center on the south side to the broadcast center on the north side. Broadcasting instructor, **John Skogstoe** meets with the Big Bang Boom committee during the year to coordinate the broadcast plans.

### **DR. HELEN MORTEN PASSES AWAY**

**Dr. Helen Morten**, a dedicated member of the Northeast Board of Governors from 1981-1996 and Foundation member from 1996-2003, passed away recently. The highly-regarded Dr. Morten also served as a member of the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. If you would like to give a gift to Northeast in memory of Helen, please direct it to: **Angie McLean**, Northeast Community College Foundation, P.O. Box 469, Norfolk, NE., 68702-0469.