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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 north-east Nebraska.

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NPPD PRESENTS \$11,600 TO NORTHEAST FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Two guests at the Northeast Community College Board of Governors meeting last month came bearing gifts. **Roger Solheim**, president of Wells Fargo Bank in Norfolk, and **Russ McKillip**, account manager for Nebraska Public Power District, presented a check for \$11,600 to Northeast president **Dr. Bill Path**. The money was part of \$58,000 for Nebraska community college scholarship funds raised by NPPD at the 2004 Wells Fargo Nebraska Open and Invitational Pro-Am Golf Tournament. The tournament has netted almost \$110,000 for Northeast over the past several years.

NORTHEAST FOUNDATION CO-SPONSORS OMAHA SYMPHONY

Although the final figures are not yet in, Northeast foundation officials **Angie McLean** and **Connie Sixta** feel the Foundation's co-sponsorship of the Omaha Symphony's appearance in Norfolk was a great success. The Foundation and Norfolk Arts Center collaborated on this event that included a Crystal Reception with special appearances by Omaha Symphony Resident Conductor, **Ernest Richardson**, and WOWT sports director, **Dave Weber**. Weber also performed with the symphony at Norfolk High School's Johnny Carson Theater.

TWO NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS TO BE OFFERED ONLINE THROUGH COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

Students living anywhere in Nebraska can earn an online associate of arts degree in early childhood education or library technical assistant through the combined efforts of each Nebraska community college. Each institution will contribute online courses for these two new degree programs. Northeast early childhood instructor **Sharyn Thomas** and director of library services **Deb Robertson** have been active in the development and coordination of their respective programs over the past two years. NECC will offer Introduction to Early Childhood Education (ethics and advocacy) and Early Childhood Curriculum Planning. Those seeking a library technical assistant degree will take Administration of Library and Information Environments through Northeast. Both programs can be completed in two years or pursued part time. For more information, contact Thomas at (402)844-7332 or Robertson at (402)844-7129.

DISTRICT 3 BOARD MEMBER TO BE NAMED AT DECEMBER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Interviews are now being conducted to replace the late **Betty Curry**, Newcastle, our District 3 Board member who passed away October 13th. The application deadline for her replacement, who will represent Dakota and Dixon Counties and parts of Cedar County, was last week. The new Board member will be appointed by the other 10 Board members and announced at the December meeting.

DID YOU KNOW???????

Area taxpayers see a return of 12.7% on their annual investments in Northeast Community College and recover all investments in 11 years. Northeast Community College saves Nebraska \$1.9 million a year in avoided costs to taxpayer-supported social services.

Source: CCbenefits Inc. Economic Impact Study

NORTHEAST HOSTS GIS BROWN BAG LUNCHEON

Northeast Community College and the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association recently sponsored a brown bag lunch forum to showcase the use of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) in northeast Nebraska and the entire state. **Marcus Tooze**, president of the GIS Workshop, spoke on "What's Happening with GIS and E911 in Nebraska" in this event that coincided with National GIS Day. Information technologists and municipal emergency medical technicians attended. Northeast instructor **Bonnie Schulz** coordinated the event.

DR. PATH, KEY NORTHEAST ADMINISTRATORS VISIT ATKINSON, PLAN O'NEILL APPEARANCE

Northeast president **Dr. Bill Path** and other key Northeast officials have recently visited Atkinson where he spoke at a joint meeting of the Atkinson Chamber of Commerce and Stuart Community Club. Dr. Path will also speak at the monthly membership meeting of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce on Monday, December 6th, at the Blarney Stone's Nebraska Room in O'Neill. During these community visits, Dr. Path and the Northeast administrators conduct a question and answer period and ask for input on the community's educational program and training needs. They also share information on the economic impact of Northeast Community College and discuss possible opportunities available through the Home Town Competitiveness Initiative. According to **Joe Ferguson**, Northeast economic development director, "the communities of Atkinson, Stuart, and O'Neill are all to be congratulated for their involvement in 'this Home Town Competitiveness' Initiative. This is a huge commitment on the part of community leaders." Ferguson also said the rewards will be obvious and long lasting. "Greater youth involvement and retention; Capturing local wealth transfer, and Developing local leadership assets, to name a few," Ferguson said. "Northeast is pleased to be a full partner in these community development efforts."

ANTI-SEMITISM DISPLAY ATTRACTS PUBLIC

An Anti-Semitism Display on loan from the Omaha Jewish Center has attracted many campus visitors. Mounted on ceiling-high, triangular frames, it includes 30 panels about the history of anti-Semitism throughout the world. The display is sponsored by the NECC International Intercultural Education sub-committee and the Nebraska Community College Association Diversity Taskforce. The display is on a traveling tour through some of the community colleges in the state and is located in the Maclay Building. Those interested in seeing it may enter the Maclay Building at the door marked "INFORMATION" and turn left. The display will be at Northeast through Friday, December 3rd.

NORTHEAST FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

This season and every season, the students, faculty and staff at Northeast Community College open their hearts to help their fellow man and the college. The second of four Red Cross Bloodmobiles this year is being conducted today, December 1st, in the Lifelong Learning Center. The Northeast Classified Staff is again sponsoring a Tree of Gifts and asks faculty, staff and students to take a tag that contains gift suggestions from the tree. Children and parents, as well as residents of the Vets' Home, are included anonymously on the tree. The American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC) has had a busy fall. First, the group raised \$306 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at its 8th Annual Lee Denim Days in October. You can find out more about the group's effort by visiting http://www.deniminday.com/snapshots_news_list The AAWCC also hosted its 4th Annual Festival of Trees the weekend before Thanksgiving and grossed nearly \$6,000. All that money goes back to the college in scholarships or campus projects. The nursing students recently hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for the Norfolk Rescue Mission. The recently-resurrected Adopt-A-Student program is off to a successful start with all students being matched with an adoptive parent(s) with similar interests.

IRRIGATION TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS BUILD MINI-PIVOT SYSTEMS COMPLETE WITH PROBLEMS

Now in its second year, Northeast Community College's irrigation technology program blends agricultural and electrical courses to prepare a student for employment as a service technician. Northeast students are currently designing and building miniature center pivot systems that function like pivots in the field. Each student team determined the control system it would use on its pivot based on existing manufacturers like Valley, Reinke, or Zimmatic. After the systems were operational, they were "bugged" to simulate problems in the field. The students were then challenged to fix the system to run correctly, while being timed to determine their ability to fix the unit and return it to service. Next semester, the pivots will be modified to add a corner system and other options now available on larger systems in the fields. Northeast's new irrigation technology program will graduate its first students with an associate of applied science degree in May 2005.

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