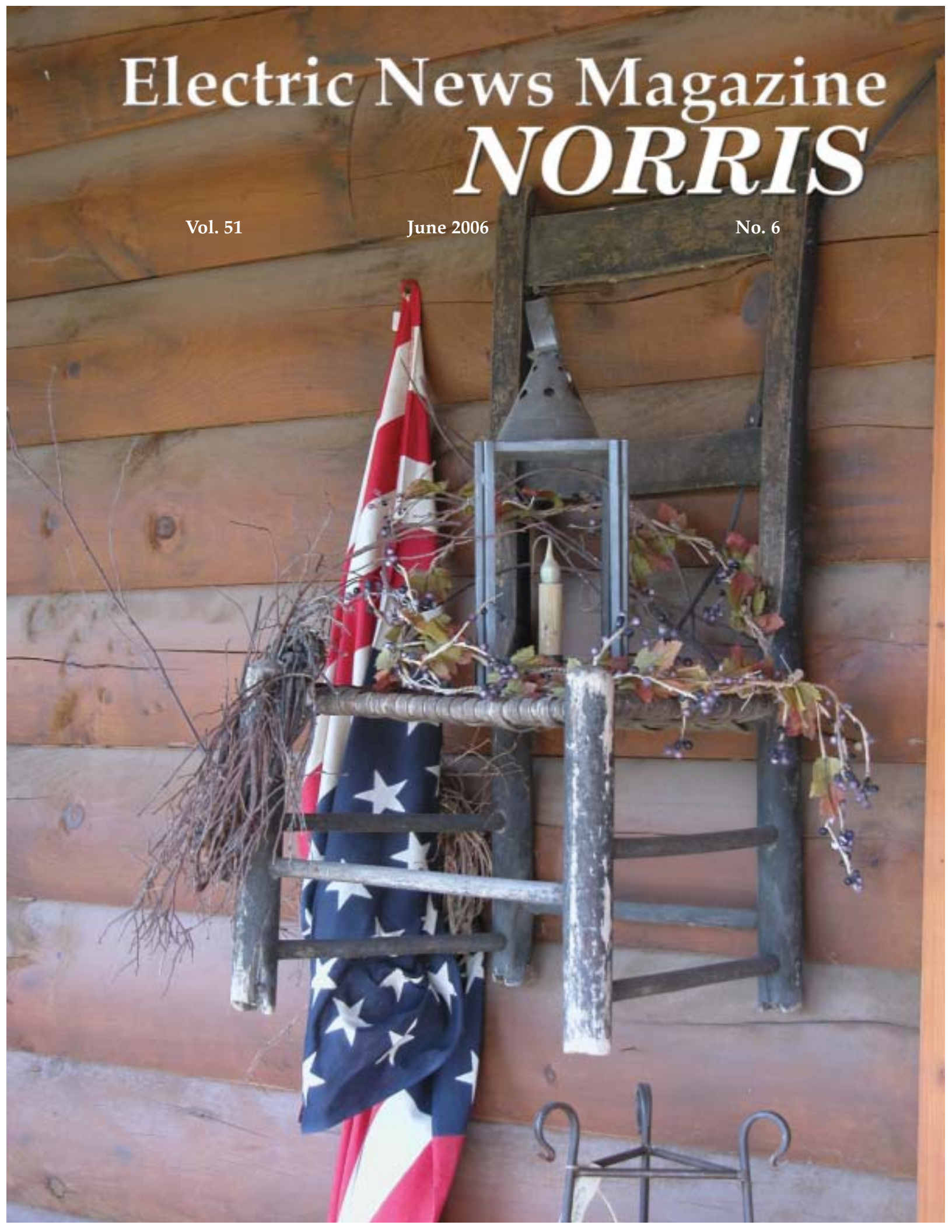


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On the Cover:

Remember to fly your American flag on June 14. For flag etiquette tips, see page 9. Photo by Tanna Kimmerling

Employee Spotlight



Jay Schulz is celebrating his 35th service anniversary on June 28. He started at Norris as a serviceman in 1971. He became senior field engineer in 1980 and engineering construction supervisor in 1987. In 2005, he was promoted to engineering systems manager. Congratulations, Jay, on 35 years of service!



Brian Lukert started his career at Norris in June of 2001 as an apprentice lineman for Area I--Hebron. He is currently a journeyman on the Area I construction crew. Congratulations to Brian on 5 years of service!

2006 Homestead Days

June 13 - 18

Routes to Roots Celebrate Your Heritage

Homestead Days is quickly approaching, and many Gage County sites are preparing for the events that are to take place from June 13- 18. The events start at 5 p.m. on June 13 with the VIP Mix and Mingle Homestead Days Kickoff at the Homestead National Monument. "Away and Across the Plains: Pioneer Trails Through Nebraska" finish off the night and begin at 7:30.

On Wednesday, June 14, events start at 9 a.m. with "Tracking the Three Railroads of Gage County" at the Gage County Museum and "Routes to Roots: Places We Once Called Home" at the Beatrice Public Library. A fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity will be held at the Centenary United Methodist



Church at 4:30 p.m.

Events continue on Thursday and new events include a 5 p.m. Barbeque in downtown Beatrice, and a Farmers' Market next to the Beatrice Public Schools Administration Building. At 6 p.m. there will be a race car show in downtown Beatrice and Blue River REACT Bingo at the Tabernacle in Chautauqua Park.

A pancake feed at the First

National Bank Omaha-Beatrice parking lot will kick off Friday at 7 a.m. Activities continue for the rest of the day, and at 5 p.m. in the Beatrice High School parking lot there is to be Bill's BBQ, kids' activities, inflatables, free health screenings, petting zoo and pony rides, kids on the block puppet show, little tuggers and concessions. "Lend Me a Tenor" will show at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Players on 412 Ella St. Ending the night is a street dance in the Indian Creek Mall parking lot with music by "Groove Puppet." The dance runs from 8 p.m.- 12 a.m.

Chatauqua Park is the place to be on Saturday. Events start at 8 a.m. with commercial vendors, the 38th Annual Jayhusker Swap and Flea Market and an antique tractor and farm equipment show. The annual Homestead Days Parade will begin at 9 a.m. down Court Street. Following the parade activities will continue around town. Chatauqua Park will be filled with food vendors, Husqvarna fun sector, Walmart Kids Zone-- with kids games, storytelling and activities-- Jimmy Hinz, SCC Horseshoes Tournament, Happy D Clown, Apple Studios Old Time Photographs and much more.

Events at the park continue on Sunday with disc golf at 8 a.m, a 9 a.m. 10K/ 2 mile Father's Day Fun Run, a 1:30 p.m. "Galaxy of the Stars" Talent Search and many of the same activities from previous days.

At the Homestead National Monument, in addition to tradition-

al arts and crafts and other annual activities, there will be special events on Friday, Saturday



and Sunday. The monument will host the Entre Nous Victorian Dancers. The dancers, clad in 19th Century dress, will discuss the customs and courtesies of contra dancing and will also perform and teach the audience contra dance. The dancers will perform on June 17 and June 18 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day.

Other guests to the monument are those in the Plain Label String Band from Lincoln. The band will perform traditional music on traditional instruments, and audience members will be free to ask questions and learn about the mandolin, violins and guitars played by the musicians. The band will play at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on June 17 and June 18. Sanford Lee, a historic narrative performer will portray Professor Farquar. He will perform at 2 p.m. on June 16 and at 12 p.m. on June 17 and June 18. A sign language interpreter will be available for the hearing impaired.

Homestead Days activities are sponsored by various local businesses. For more information about Homestead Monument activities call (402) 223- 3514 or visit the National Park Service website at www.nps.gov/home. For Homestead days activities contact

Dalton retires from Norris after 16 years



After 16 years of service at Norris Public Power, Norm Dalton said good-bye to full-time employment. Norm was honored at his retirement banquet at the Beatrice Holiday Inn on Friday May 19, 2006.

He began working for Norris on January 16, 1990 in the Norris warehouse under former Norris employee Melvin Thomas. He has since become the purchasing manager for Norris. His daily tasks included working with vendors to purchase various items from tools to trucks, office supplies, wire, transformers and others.

Norm says his biggest challenge as purchasing manager was obtaining materials to make repairs after the Hallam Tornado in 2004. The poles he ordered immediately after the disaster would usually take up to one month to be delivered. However, the poles arrived the next

day from the Colfax Co. in Louisiana. Norm explained the importance of being tied to one supplier.



Norm shows off his retirement cake.

“They [Colfax Co.] take good care of us,” he said.

Prior to his employment at Norris, Norm was a graduate of Liberty High School and spent his youth on a farm near Liberty. During high school, he signed up for the Army National Guard. He went to basic training in Fort Leonardwood, Mo. After which, he was stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. serving in the Armor Division. He spent a total of four years in the guard. He also worked in purchasing for the Beatrice Board of Public Works.

In his retirement, Norm is looking forward to spending time with his family. His family includes his wife, Beverly; their daughter, Jill,

and her son Dalton, who resides in Beatrice; their son, Jay, who lives in Omaha with his wife, Bobbie, and two kids, Jacob and Hannah, or as Norm prefers to call her, “the Big H.”

Aside from family time, Norm is planning to travel, fish, hunt, have coffee with his other retired friends and find a part-time job to give Bev a break.

What Norm will miss most about Norris Public Power are his fellow employees and vendors. What he will not miss is dealing with computers, because they do not interest him.

Norris would like to wish Norm a happy retirement, and thank him for his years of service.



Allen Sieck presents a gift from the Board of Directors to Norm.



Norm's family attended his retirement banquet. Back row: Jay and Bobbie Dalton; Beverly and Norm Dalton; Jill Halsey. Front: Dalton Halsey; Hannah and Jacob Dalton.



Dan Yockel promoted to purchasing manager

As Norris says farewell to one purchasing manager, they welcome another. Dan Yockel, former Area III journeyman/lineman, has been promoted to purchasing manager.

Prior to working for Norris, Dan was a lineman for Nebraska Public Power District for 10 years. Before working for NPPD, he worked in his hometown of Wymore in their electrical department for nine years.

He and his wife, Sheri, still live in Wymore with their three children, Rachel, Ben and Kyle.

Dan Yockel
Purchasing Manager

Jeremy Russell is new maintenance foreman

Jeremy Russell started working for Norris in September of 2000 as an apprentice lineman. In 2003, he became a journeyman, then part of the maintenance crew. Now, Jeremy has been promoted to maintenance foreman.

Raised in Fullerton, Neb., Jeremy enjoys hunting, fishing and playing sports. He graduated from Northeast Community College in Norfolk in 2000. After college, he interned at Cornhusker Public Power District in Columbus, Neb. before coming to Norris.

Jeremy, his wife, Marni, and three sons, Devin, Aidan and Treyson, reside in Beatrice.



Jeremy Russell
Maintenance Foreman

Giving cancer the boot



The Gage County Relay for Life event this year created mixed emotions for the Norris Public Power team of employees and their families. Since last year's event, two Norris employees, Rod Koch and Loren Kelle, lost their battles with cancer. Despite this loss, the Norris employees and their families teamed up once again and hit the track for the American Cancer Society's annual fund-raising event on May 5-6, 2006 at the Gage County fairgrounds.

Gage County's event raised \$61,000, which aids in the society's efforts in cancer research, education, advocacy and patient-service programs. The Norris team raised \$3,040 for the cause and qualified as a Bronze Team. A total of 33 teams participated in the event.

Relay for Life holds a special place in the hearts of participants. For many of the Norris team members, cancer is close and personal. Whether it's taken a father, a grand-

parent, or has hit family members who are survivors, the impact on the lives of everyone involved can be harsh and long lasting. Rod Koch's family joined us this year and his wife Corinne, along with their children, walked endless laps in memory of him.

While walking laps throughout the night is the most obvious activity associated with Relay for Life, this year the Norris District partnered with KWBE Radio Station of Beatrice to sponsor a "Hoops for Hope" free-throw shooting contest. Contestants paid \$1 for three shots. There were three separate age groups, and a final shootout was held at 10:30 pm. Winning the youth division was Austin Goossen of Beatrice, the 19-59 division winner was Ron Meyer of Beatrice, and Norman Wallman of Cortland won the 60 & over division. In total, nearly \$200 was generated from the Hoops for Hope Contest. In addition, all participants received a prize for entering the contest, courtesy of KWBE and many local businesses from Beatrice.

At dusk, members of a local Boy Scout Troop lit over 1,000 luminary sacks that outlined both sides of the walking track. Luminaries could be purchased for \$10 to honor a loved one battling cancer or in memory of a loved one lost to the

disease. It is truly a sight to see over 1,000 luminary sacks all aglow as you make your way around the track.



Norman Wallman of Cortland takes a shot for Hoops for Hope.

Special entertainment was held throughout the evening and games and activities were sponsored by many campsites. A special survivors dinner was sponsored by the Beatrice Community Hospital.

The Norris campsite featured a western theme this year, with our slogan "Give Cancer the Boot." Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, beans and more were enjoyed by the 29 members of our Norris Relay Team.

The Norris team enjoyed an old fashioned marshmallow roast as they sat by the campfire to warm up during the evening. ⚡



Norris Relay for Life Team: (front) Sue Frerichs, Susan Barnard. (Back) Neal Niedfeldt, Crystal Meyer, Crystal Scholl, Deb Keyes. Not pictured: Jamie Niederklein.



Above Left: Charlie Brogan from KWBE gives instructions to Joscelyn Zimmerman of Beatrice.

Above: Sue Frerichs holds Drew Niederklein's hand. Drew is the son of Jamie and Eric Niederklein of Daykin.

Left: Adam and Isaac Frerichs enjoy roasting marshmallows while Mackenzie Barnard waits for one to be roasted for her.

Thanks Apache Camper!

Apache Camper Center of Lincoln, located just east of our Area II Operations Center, once again generously donated the use of a camper for the Norris Relay for Life team. Apache Camper employees delivered the camper to the Gage County Fairgrounds and set it up.

The Jayco camper was complete with a kitchen and dining room area, slide-out living room, tub/shower/restroom and bedroom. With temperatures that hovered in the 40's, the warmth of the camper was much appreciated by the Norris team.

Apache Camper Center has locations in Bellevue and South of Lincoln at Highway 77 & Saltillo Road. They are a full service facility featuring Class A and Class C motor homes, fifth wheels, travel trailers, fold downs and truck campers. Apache offers a large parts and accessories store as well as certified technicians.

Stop out to Apache Camper Center near Highway 77 & Saltillo Road and check out their great supply of campers and camping equipment.

Visit them on the web at:
www.apachecamper.com



Apache Camper Center south of Lincoln on Highway 77 and Saltillo Road.

Director Spotlight

Gary Kroese is serving his second term on the Norris Board. He replaced his father, Ted Kroese, who served on the board from 1975 to 1998 until he retired and moved to Firth with his wife, Thelma. Gary's dad encouraged him to run for the Norris board. He is glad he took his father's advice and ran for election. He has served as Secretary for the Norris board during his term.

"It's a nice board to serve on. I've served on other boards such as township boards," says Kroese.

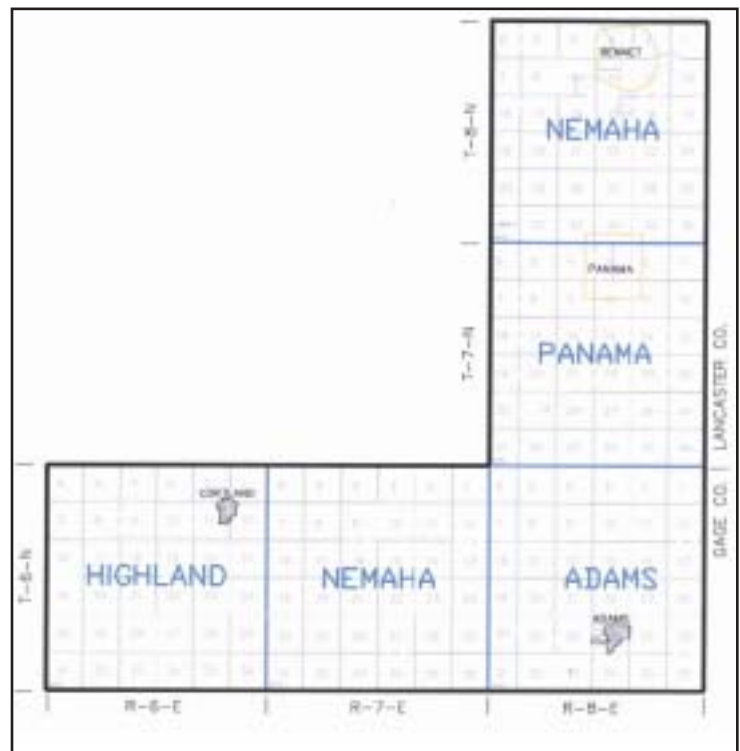
As with any elected office, there may be trying times on occasion, but he truly enjoys serving the customers of the Norris District. Kroese stated that he continues to monitor the rising cost of all energy sources and how it will impact everyone's energy costs.

Gary and his wife, Linda, live near Adams where Gary farms. Linda substitute teaches at Freeman Public Schools and also helps Gary with various duties on the farm. They have three children; a son, Marcus, who graduated from Doane College and works for the Disney Corp. Marcus sings in a barbershop quartet at Disney World in Hong Kong. His job has also taken him to the Disney World in Japan. The Kroese's enjoyed visiting him in both Japan and Hong Kong. Daughter, Laura, is a junior at Doane College majoring in accounting. Their youngest daughter, Kristin, is a junior at Freeman High School.

In his spare time, Gary enjoys singing barbershop music with the Beatrice Homestead Harmonizers. The Kroese's are members of the Pella Reformed Church north of Adams.



Gary Kroese
Subdivision III



Flag Etiquette

During the warm summer months, Americans have many opportunities to display the flag. The most obvious being the 4th of July, but quickly approaching is Flag Day, June 14. Observing the flag has been unofficially celebrated since the early 1900s, but was never officially a national holiday until August 3, 1949, when President Harry Truman signed it into law.

So what is the proper etiquette in caring for "Old Glory," which, by the way, is not an official nickname for the American flag but was coined by Capt. William Driver, a ship master from Salem, Mass. in 1831?

Displaying the Flag

- * When displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east-west street or to the east in a north-south street.
- * When displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or angled from a window or building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff.
- * When displayed on a podium or stage, it should be on the speakers right in a superior position of another flag.
- * When hung from a window, place the blue union in the upper left, as viewed from the street.

Proper Flag Respect

- * The flag should fly from sunrise to sunset, though, in achieving a patriotic effect, the flag can be flown 24 hours a day under proper illumination.
- * The flag should never be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on.
- * The flag should never be torn, touch the ground or worn as clothing.
- * The union of the flag should never be on the bottom.
- * Always carry the flag aloft and free (never flat or horizontally).
- * The flag should never be used as a type of advertising or printed on items such as napkins, paper plates and other discarded items.
- * The flag should never be a part of a uniform or costume, except in patches of policeman, military and other occupations.
- * Only the president or state governor can order the flag to be flown at half-mass.
- * In respect of a dead president the flag should be flown at half-mass for 30 days. For the death of a vice president the flag should be flown at half-mass for 10 days.
- * The proper way to destroy the flag if it is beyond repair is by burning it.

Recent Flag Code Violations in the News

- * In April 2006 protesters held a US flag union-side down to protest pending federal legislation.
- * During the 2004 Super Bowl half-time performance, Kid Rock wore an American flag poncho.
- * In July 2003, President Bush autographed a miniature flag.



Information from
www.ushistory.org

New Heritage Center plows way for future

Homestead National Monument broke ground April 21 for renovations, completion expected in May 2007

In 1936, Congress established the Homestead National Monument of America as a "proper memorial, emblematical of the hardships of pioneer life." Legislation also stated, "It shall be his duty to erect suitable buildings to be used as a museum in which shall be preserved literature applying to such settlement and agriculture implements used." Seventy years later, these words still hold true as buildings and other areas within the park are still being erected.

Ground broke April 21, 2006 for a new 10,600 square-foot Homestead Heritage Center, at a ceremony to celebrate the new monument renovations. Support for the new center was obvious as many outstanding people within Nebraska including, Senator Chuck Hagel, Congressman Jeff Fortenberry and Nebraska State Senator Dennis Byars, spoke at the ceremony. Laura Maricle, an Albion High School senior and homesteader descendent, also shared a presentation about her family's homestead heritage.

The renovations of the Homestead National Monument were approved in 1999 as part of the park's General Management

Plan and include the new two-story Heritage Center and parking lot expansion. Both renovations are for educational purposes. The parking lot will be the equivalent of one acre to provide a visual answer to a frequently asked question of how big is an acre, says Homestead National Monument Superintendent Mark Engler.



Artist rendering of the proposed Heritage Center.

The Homestead Heritage Center, costing nearly \$4.79 million, will be the new home of information services, a bookstore, curatorial and office spaces, a theater and a special area for viewing the homesteading land records. The previous facility was too small to hold some 52,000 artifacts, many of which have never been on public display due to the lack of space.

In addition to housing these

items, the center is to provide a visual connection to natural and cultural resources found on the Freeman Homestead Claim.

The architecture of the center was designed to reflect the hopes and dreams of early settlers. An upturned roof symbolizes sod being turned by a plow and through large windows in the center, visitors can view the vast prairie before them, just as the homesteaders did.

"The new facility will have a significant impact on our ability to not only tell the homesteading story, but to protect and preserve its artifacts and history," says Engler in a previous interview.

According to the National Park Service, the center is also expected to

achieve a Silver LEED rating for sustainability, which means the new facilities meet specific standards dealing with leadership in energy and environmental design. E.g. a Silver LEED rating requires an increase in capital cost of 2.11 percent.

Other projects underway in the renovations are the \$40,000 general expansion of the monument's boundary, which President Bush

authorized in December, 2002, and the task of converting the previous visitors' center into an education center.

The initial prairie restoration began in 1939 and is now the second oldest restored prairie in the United States and the oldest in the National Park System, according to the National Park Service. These new renovations are expected to be completed for a May 2007 opening.

The renovations of the monument are expected to have a spectacular economic and visitation impact. In 2004, visitation rate was approximately 50,000 with 93 percent from outside Gage County, 59.5 percent from outside Nebraska, and 3.5 percent from international visitors. According to a 2002 visitation study done by the State of Nebraska, visitation rate is expected to reach 182,000 in 20 years with the completion of the Heritage Center.



Nebraska Sen. Byars at the groundbreaking ceremony, while Sen. Chuck Hagel and Rep. Jeff Fortenberry wait their turn.



Visitors view the plans and specs for the Heritage Center.



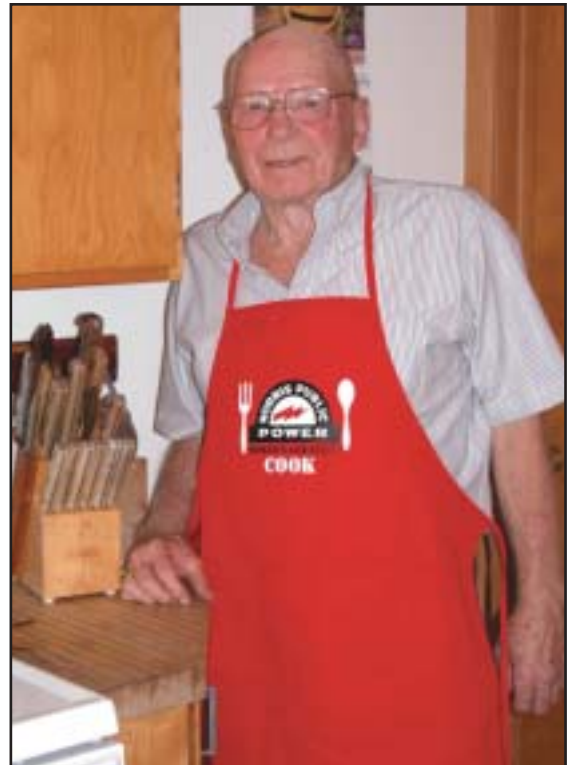
Members of the Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard present the nation's colors to start the ceremony.



Featured speakers pose in front of a horse and plow, which were donated by Gary Higgins, for the ground breaking ceremony.

Cook of the Month

John Brink
Holmesville, Nebraska



John Brink is an experienced and instinctive cook. He taught himself how to cook while living in Alaska. His talent was evident to those who were near him. When he and his hunting buddies got together, they all dubbed John “designated cook” for his abilities.

John grew up in Harrison, S.D., before moving to California and enlisting in the Air Force. He served in WWII, in which he was a B26 Bomber Mechanic. He moved to Alaska, where he met his wife, Carmella at a polka dance in Anchorage. John spent a total of 47 years in Alaska, then moved to South Dakota. One and a half years ago the couple moved onto a 7-acre farm in southeastern Nebraska, after making a few trips through the state.

When cooking, John enjoys preparing rich things and sauces. He loves spicy things and has a knack for modifying a recipe by adding just the right amount of spice. He also likes to garden and work with wood.

Italian Rice Pie

1 8-inch unbaked pie shell
6 oz. shredded mozzarella cheese
3 oz. white and wild rice mix
1 1/4 cup water
1 cup diced cooked chicken
1 small chopped onion
1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
1 carrot shredded
1 cups spaghetti sauce (or salsa)

*add Tabasco sauce, chili peppers or jalapenos for more zest

Preheat oven to 375. Line pie shell with 3 oz. cheese and set aside. Prepare rice according to directions on box. Add chicken, celery, onions and carrots. Cook until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed. Stir in half spaghetti sauce, cool to lukewarm. Spoon mixture into pie shell and bake for 15 minutes. Remove from oven, cover with remaining cheese. Bake another 10 minutes until cheese melts. Heat remaining sauce. Cut pie into wedges to serve. Top individual servings with sauce.

Old Dutch (Raisin) Pie

1 baked pie shell
2 TBS flour
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 tsp nutmeg
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp allspice
1 cup sour cream
1 cup raisins, chopped
3 egg yolks, beaten

Combine all except raisins and egg yolks in top of double boiler (over boiling water). Cook and stir until thickened. Pour and mix some into beaten egg yolks, return to pan and cook 5 minutes. Stir in raisins and set aside to cool. Pour into baked pie shell. Top with meringue.

Meringue

3 egg whites
6 TBS granulated sugar
1/4 tsp cream of tartar

Beat egg whites and cream of tartar, gradually adding sugar to blend thoroughly and dissolve sugar. Add vanilla. Beat until stiff

peaks form. Spread over cooled filling to edges of pie shell as much as possible. Brown in 350 oven about 15 minutes. Dip knife in water before cutting meringue.

Delicious Cookies

1 cup margarine 1 egg
2 tsp vanilla 1 tsp salt
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup canola oil
3 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cream of tartar
1 cup each Quickoats, coconut,
Rice Krispies, raisins
or chocolate chips

Cream sugars and margarine, add egg, beat well. Add vanilla and oil. Mix dry ingredients together, add to creamed mixture. Stir in oats, coconut, Rice Krispies, and chips or raisins. Drop by teaspoon on ungreased cookie sheet. Press down with fork dipped in flour. Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes. Bang cookie sheet on counter, let cool on wire rack.

Irrigation Load Management Reminders

Irrigation Hotline

This season the Norris District will once again offer an "Irrigation Hotline" which will provide more detailed information regarding expected control times within a particular control day. The pre-recorded message will be updated by 9:00 a.m. each day in an attempt to keep irrigation customers better informed about load control. The "Irrigation Hotline" numbers will be in effect during the same June 1 to September 4 periods as the KRVN Load Control messages.

Irrigation Hotline Telephone Numbers

(402) 228-2840 or 1-800-858-4708

Customers who can call Beatrice toll free should not use the 800 number

Norris Office Telephone Numbers

Area I - Hebron (402) 768-6515 or 1-800-827-8099
Area II - Lincoln (402) 423-3855 or 1-800-743-3899
Area III - Beatrice (402) 223-4087 or 1-800-745-2799

Load Control Hours 9:00 am - 11:00 pm Monday - Saturday

No customer will be interrupted longer than 12 hours on any given day. An emergency clause exists to include control anytime, including Sundays, in the event that NPPD has an emergency situation and we need to shed load.

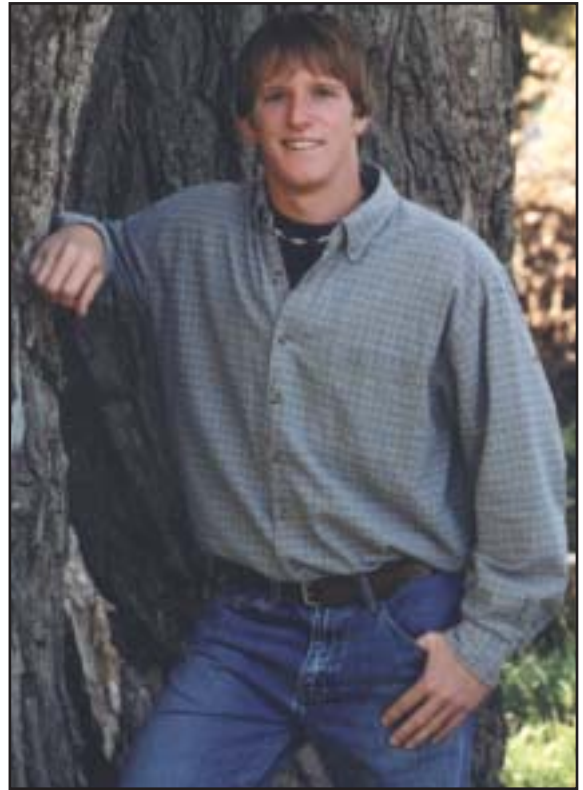
E-Mail Notification Service

Customers who wish to receive daily control information via e-mail should send us a message at: comments@norrispower.com and we will add you to the list.

Maschmann Awarded Utility Line Scholarship

Caleb Maschmann, son of Glen and Marla Maschmann of Davenport, has been awarded the Utility Line scholarship from Norris Public Power District. The scholarship, valued at \$1,500, will be used to assist Maschmann in his schooling at Northeast Technical Community College in Norfolk.

Maschmann is a 2004 graduate of Deshler High School and has completed one year at Northeast Community College. This summer he will be completing an internship with Norris Public Power and will be working out of the Hebron Operations Center.



Caleb Maschmann

Is your account information up-to-date?



Have you recently moved or changed phone numbers? If so, does Norris know your new information? It is important for Norris to know of any changes, so we can efficiently serve you in case of an outage or if we need to contact you about your account. Please call our offices, or send your information to comments@norrispower.com. We have also added a new feature to e-bill, which allows customers to log on and update their address and telephone number any time of day. If Melvin Beran of Diller will call the main Norris office at 223-4038, a serviceman will deliver a free clock when he is in the area.

Nebraska Snapshots

2006 Customer
Calendar Entries



Above: Visitors enjoy the horses at Rock Creek Station. Photo by Wayne Price, Pickrell.



Left: Monarch butterflies swarm to a tree branch in Plymouth. Photo by Carol Amundson.

Right: Flowers are in full bloom in this old wagon and whiskey barrel. Photo by Rich and Pat Karpisek of Wilber.



Community Events Calendar

Cortland Community Garage Sales

June 16-17, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Call (402) 798-7767 for more information

Zion Lutheran Church - Pickrell

Sunday, June 11, 2006 2:00-4:30p.m. Parish Hall

Tex & Mary Schutz performing country and gospel music \$6 admission, kids 10 & under free
Refreshments - Open to the public

Cortland Community Garage Sales

June 16-17, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Call (402) 798-7767 for more information

American Cancer Society Relay for Life

June 16-17 Jefferson County

Call (402)729-2289 for more information.

Deshler Daze June 16-18

Friday: Chicken BBQ 5:30-7:30 High School

Dance to Giggle Box 9pm-1am

Saturday: Kids Fishing Contest 8:30am

Remote control air show 9:00am

Hamburger fry, Little Tuggers, Baseball tournament, free swimming in city park, ATV safety course for kids 11am-3pm, alumni banquet 5:00pm.

Sunday: Road rally 1:30pm

Races at Thayer County Speedway 6:00pm

Info: 402-365-4206

Western Rescue Squad Breakfast Buffet

June 18, 2006 8 am-12:30 p.m.

Held at the Western Fire Hall. New ambulance will be on display.

Soroptimist Tour of Gardens

Sunday, June 18 1-5 p.m.

Tour Beatrice gardens by Pauline Mashmeier, 1308 Hoyt; Daryl & Gloria Baker, 1600 S 9th; Carlyn Koenig, 1823 Sara Rd; Fred & Marlene Gakle, 1810 Sara Rd; Ron & Cheri Craig, 1038 W. Sargent Rd; Jess & Cindy Vetrovsky, 200 S. LaSalle. \$5 to tour all six homes.

Cortland Fest 2006

June 24, 7:30 a.m.

Events all day, beginning with the Fun Run & Walk at 7:30. There is also to be a Farmers' Market, Little Tuggers, Tractor Show, Chain Saw Carver, Kids Games, Talent Show, Tractor Competition, Horseshoes, Parade, Dinner, Ball games and Fireworks. Info: (402) 798-7633

St. Mary's Catholic Church-Denton

Pancake Feed

June 25, 2006 8:30am - 1:00pm

Denton Community Center

Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, applesauce, beverages. Adults \$5, Kids 5-10 \$2.50 Under 5 free

DeWitt Celebration

July 1, 2006

All day fun, with something for everyone. Car show, flea market/crafts, kids games, inflatables, fireman's waterfight, train rides, magician, juggler, beer garden, chicken BBQ, parade, fireworks, dance and much more.

Info: 402-683-2124

4th of July Flea Market

July 3-4

Hundreds of vendors; free shuttle to Fairbury City Park

Info: 729- 3221 or 729-2824

Sam Hill Gardens Hosts 9th Annual Daylily Daze

July 5-9 10 am- 7 pm (closing at 4 p.m. on July 9)

Held at Sam Hill Gardens at 9405 NW 112th St. in Malcolm, Neb. An outdoor country event for daylily fans, gardeners, flower enthusiasts and nature lovers.

Plymouth Community Improvement Association

Fourth Annual Garden Show and Walk

July 8

Walks from 7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. and show from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Area gardeners are encouraged to enter their favorite garden specimens at the show to compete for prizes.

30th Anniversary

Camp Creek Antique Machinery and Threshing Show

July 15-16, 2006

148th and Bluff Road, Waverly, NE

Hosting the National Massy Harris and Ferguson Expos

Info: 402-761-3458

Christmas in July

Peace United Methodist Church in Plymouth, Neb.

July 16

11-11:30 p.m.

Turkey and all the fixin's

Mark Schultz

Live In Concert

Aug. 10 8 p.m.

At the Thayer County Fair Grandstand in Deshler. Free admission ticket required. Contact (402) 365-7746 or peacedeshler@gpcom.net for tickets.