

The Update

"LEAD by Example"

Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association

SPRING 2023

Doug Temme, LEAD X is our 2023 Outstanding LEAD Alumni.



Leslie Boswell presenting Doug Temme, LEAD X, the 2023 Outstanding LEAD Alumni plaque.

Doug is a third-generation dairy farmer and he, along with his wife, Mary, have built his operation to roughly 800 Holstein cows. In both the dairy and the farming operation, Doug is always working to improve efficiency and maintain sustainability and constantly looking for ways to improve his productivity while conserving the land for future generations.

Doug has been an exceptional leader in the Wayne community. He has been a huge proponent of 4-H and was instrumental in the support and initiation of an FFA program at Wayne High School for the first time in 2017.

Doug has a long list of community service:

Grace Lutheran Church—Served as Elder, Church Council Member and Officer, Choir member, Youth Group Leader as well as other activities.

Doug has been a member and an officer of the Wayne County Extension Board and the Wayne Jaycees and a member of the Wayne Toastmasters.

He has been a member of the Wayne County Fair Board since 2015 and is currently

serving as President.

He is also on the Wayne Area Economic Development Ag Task Force and has served as MC for local Ag Outlook Seminars. Doug has served on the local Dairy Herd Improvement Association Board, Nebraska DHIA and was a founding board member of Heart of America DHIA, a regional association made up of dairy farms from six states. He has also served three terms on the National DHIA Board of Directors.

He has served on the Nebraska State Dairy Association board of directors, and as chair was instrumental in the organization of the first Nebraska State Dairy Convention receiving the Philip Cole Outstanding Dairyman award.

Doug is serving as District Director and Corporate Board Member of Associated Milk Producers Inc., a dairy cooperative serving farmers in the Upper Midwest. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of AMPI Corporate Board and has been on the board for 22 years.

Doug was appointed to the Nebraska Dairy Industry Review Board and Nebraska Dairy Development Board by Governor Heineman and Governor Ricketts. He was a part of the barnyard coalition of dairy, beef, pork, and poultry producers along with the Nebraska Farm Bureau that formed We Support Agriculture to combat animal rights activism in Nebraska for which he was a founding board member and former chair.

He has served on the Cache Valley Select Sires Board of Directors. He served one term on the Cattlemen's Beef Board, national beef checkoff board of directors. He is a current member of Nebraska Beef Council, represented Nebraska on the United States Meat Export Federation trade mission to Japan in 2018 and was a member of the Governor's Trade Mission to Columbia in June 2022. Doug is a current member of Northeast Nebraska Cattlemen and Nebraska Cattlemen.

Congratulations Doug Temme as our Outstanding LEAD Alumni.

Ag Adventure Tour: Makin' "Tracks" Westward!

JULY 13-15, 2023

Our Committee of LEAD alums are excited about the 2023 tour! Our theme this year "Makin Tracks Westward" was chosen because we will be visiting the Golden Spike Train Museum in North Platte and following up in Alliance, home to Burlington Northern Railroad, where we will make tracks learning from those keeping our lights on; as well as different crops and other interesting tour stops in western Nebraska.

Thursday, July 13 7:30 am – Depart. WE ARE ON OUR WAY!

Country Inn & Suites, 5353 North 27th St. in Lincoln, NE. Look for a large travel bus in the south parking lot. Get acquainted begins! 9:45 – Pick up tour participants @ Gibbon City Hall/Legion Fields, 1029 Court Street, Gibbon (Between Grand Island & Kearney) 15 minute allotted time.

11:30 am – Our first tour stop will be at Golden Spike Tower in North Platte.

Welcome from North Platte dignitary; Guided tour and group photo here. The Golden Spike Tower offers a panoramic view of the world's largest classification railyard. Guides will tell us about the largest diversification yard in the world. <https://goldenspiketower.com/the-tower/>



12:30 pm – Load bus, enjoy sack lunch from PopCorner as we travel to the site of Sustainable Beef, LLC and hear from David Briggs, CFO of the company. Go to their Facebook page, Sustainable Beef, LLC

1:30 pm C.T. – Depart North Platte: travel to Alliance (gain one hour). More getting acquainted time

3:30 pm, M.T. – Stop at PREMA (Panhandle Rural Electric Membership Association) , Zac Bryant, General Manager. Learn about

one of the 34 public power districts in Nebraska, then load bus to tour **Power Line Training Program Demonstration – Western Community College Alliance NE.** Closed toe shoes recommended. Students will be ready for us when we visit. While we are there they will demo pole climbing and pole rescues in their enclosed shop building and indoor climbing area. Trained power line technicians are always on call to restore power, respond to any emergency and natural disasters whether in the city or in rural areas. **We will invite hosts here as well.** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Powerline-Training-Program/148085398568605>



5:45 pm - Depart Western Community College - Tour of Western Potatoes, next door to the PREMA office. Their potatoes were the #1 chip provider for Frito Lay in 2022

7:00 pm – Knight Museum and Sandhills Center - Dinner, social and meeting home stay hosts. Becci Thomas, will greet us. Becki will inform us about the Potash Industry. We will see the ruins as we go home on Saturday. The innovative historical Museum features five areas of local history: Life in the Sandhills, Native American Life, Life in the Country, Life in the Town, and The Railroad which is the last piece of the puzzle to tie these wildly different lifestyles together. We will network with our "hosts," have dinner and take some time to visit the museum exhibits.

9:00 pm – Depart or earlier- whatever time is best for the host and their guests to depart museum.

Friday, July 14, 2023

2:45 pm - Hosts will bring guests to Greenhouse in the Snow. Allen & Lisa Bright, friends of the owner Russ Finch – will each take 16 tour guests for a 2 hr. tour here. Russ Finch is the designer, owner, and creator of the original Greenhouse in the Snow. Russ's greenhouse is attached to the back of his house and suffered major damage in the snowstorm in January. His friends, Allen and Lisa Bright, will show us their new Greenhouse in the Snow. Hopefully, 92 year old Russ can be present to help, and explain his kits which have been sold all over the United States and recently in Europe! Greenhouse in the Snow - Greenhouse in the Snow, Geo-Thermal



Russ Finch



3:00 pm – Bus arrives at Western Sugar Cooperative, sugar beet unloading site. Hear from Wade Wimmer.

4:15 pm – Leave sugar beet site, head to New Alliance Bean (part of Westco Coop), hear from Dave Weber or John Sperl

5:30 pm – Leave Bean site. We will travel to Carhenge, where some 50,000 visitors come every year.

Carhenge replicates Stonehenge and consists of a circle of cars, 3 standing trilithons within the circle, the heel stone, slaughter stone, and 2 station stones and includes a “Car Art Preserve” with sculptures made from cars and parts of cars.

Carhenge was built by Jim Reinders as a memorial to his father and is visited by multitudes of guests each year.

Trivia – what do the row of different colored cars represent? <http://carhenge.com/>



6:00 pm – Arrive at Quality Inn – Alliance. 1420 W 3rd Street, P O Box 757 308-762-7600

Guests will check into their room and have some time to freshen up before we leave for dinner.

6:30 pm – Depart Quality Inn to travel to Eagle Club

7:00 pm – Dinner @ The Eagles Club - Hosts are invited.

While here we will do Show and Tell – a person from each of the tour stops (chosen by the groups) will give a synopsis of the sites visited while separated. Tour participants will also share the Aha moments from their host family stays.

9:00 pm – Leave the church to return to Quality Inn

Saturday, July 15, 2023

7:30 am - Depart Quality Inn – Alliance (Lose an hour going home)

12:00 pm – Arrive at Victoria Spring State Park - Anselmo (area LEAD alumni are welcome to join)

Established in 1925, Victoria Spring State Recreation Area is the third oldest area in the Nebraska State Park System.

The 60-acre park derived its name from the mineral springs located there. It was once the homestead of early pioneer and Custer County Judge Charles Matthews. While there we will have a catered lunch and hear about the history of the park from Park Ranger Kelbi Abke and while eating, will enjoy a presentation about Solomon Butcher from Lance Bristol and

Tammy Hendrickson (Custer County Museum Broken Bow). If time permits we may take a short walking tour. <http://outdoornebraska.gov/victoriasprings/>



2:00 pm – Depart Victoria Springs
3:30 – Say good-bye to friends who got on @ Gibbon

5:30 pm – Arrive back at Country Inn and Suites – Lincoln

We hope you will enjoy the 2023 Ag Tour – Please join us!

Ag Adventure Tour: Makin' Tracks Westward JULY 13-15, 2023

Westward Ho! This year we are traveling from Lincoln to Alliance for a three day experience. If you want to build rural to urban bridges, while enjoying great conversation, amazing tour stops, great connections and great food, join us July 13-15 on this year's Ag Adventure Tour.

When: July 13-15, 2023

- Board the motor coach around 7:30 am Thursday morning July 13 at the Country Inn and Suites South Parking Lot at 5353 N 27th St, Lincoln, NE 68521
- Return to Lincoln by 5 p.m. on Saturday the 15th.

Where: Destinations our first day include The Golden Spike Tower Museum in North Platte to see Bailey Railyard and to learn about train development in the plains, Sustainable Beef also in North Platte, then onward to Western Community College in Alliance to view a demonstration by the power line students, and a visit with PREMA (Panhandle Rural Electric Membership Association) to learn about one of the 34 public power districts in Nebraska. We will have a quick city tour of Alliance and end up at the historic Knight Museum to meet our home stay hosts for dinner and networking. Overnight guests will be hosted by area rancher and farmers to get a real experience of life in the sandhills. The afternoon of July 14 we will reunite at the Carhenge exhibit, view the Greenhouse in the Snow facility and have our dinner and social. Our overnight will be at the Quality Inn in Alliance. On July 15 we will depart and have a tour stop at Victoria Springs State Park near Anselmo where we will learn about Nebraska's first state park and its history. We hope you will join us!

Fill out the registration form below and return to Nancy Eberle, along with a check for \$199 made out to LEAD – Ag Tour, or register on-line at <http://www.neleadalumni.com/> (Just click on the "register link", Contact Nancy at neberle@mainstaycomm.net or twlicking@ymail.com for more information.

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[HTTP://WWW.NELEADALUMNI.COM/](http://www.neleadalumni.com/) CLICK ON THE "REGISTER" LINK.

IF RETURNING BY MAIL, RETURN THE CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM BY JUNE 15 TO:

NANCY EBERLE, LEAD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1

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TO KEEP REGISTRATION COST LOW, WE ARE SUGGESTING SHARING ROOMS – 2 PER ROOM. IF YOU HAVE A ROOMMATE IN MIND, ENTER THEIR NAME HERE AND WE WILL BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR ROOM UNDER BOTH NAMES. THANKS SO MUCH! _____

2023 Friend of LEAD Recipient - Dr. Ronnie Green



Nancy Eberle, Executive Secretary of the NE LEAD Alumni Association presenting the award to Dr. Ronnie Green.

The award presentation:

It is our pleasure to present the 2023 “Dr. Allen G. Blezek Friend of LEAD Award.” The Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association presents this very prestigious award annually, to an individual or organization who has a distinguished history of providing outstanding support to the Nebraska LEAD Program.

Once again, it may be fitting to give you a little background on this award. For several years, the Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association had talked about a way to recognize our long time Nebraska LEAD Program Director and friend, the now late Dr. Allen Blezek for his many years of outstanding and distinguished service to our program. It was decided that one of the highest tributes that we could pay to him would be to present an annual award in his honor to someone who has provided distinguished service and superior support to the Nebraska LEAD Program.

Beginning in the spring of 1999, the Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association determined that it would be most fitting to present the award to none other than Dr. Blezek. For 2023, it is my pleasure to present this 24th award of recognition to an individual who has played a very critical role in supporting the Nebraska LEAD Program and who has provided tremendous leadership for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the past 13 years.

The 2023 award goes to Chancellor Ronnie Green of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Ronnie D. Green is the 20th chancellor of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. He was appointed as chancellor on April 6, 2016, and assumed the duties of the office on May 8, 2016.

In July 2010, Ronnie was appointed as the Harlan Vice Chancellor of the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources of the University of Nebraska system.

Ronnie and his best friend Jane are the parents of four children, all graduates of, or enrolled at, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Collectively, members of the Green family hold or are pursuing a total of 15 University of Nebraska–Lincoln degrees.

Soon after Ronnie began his duties as IANR Vice Chancellor in July of 2010, he began to focus on becoming acquainted with all of the programs on East Campus so as to gain as full an appreciation for the breadth and depth of IANR and its people as possible. This included an early morning breakfast conversation with Terry to learn about LEAD, its history, programming and impact. Ronnie’s vision for IANR around the core areas of focus: food, fuel, water, and people created a level of excitement on campus and across our state not seen for a while. He created a spark within so many of us as we began dreaming about the possibilities of taking University’s programs to new levels of excellence and reach across our state and beyond. Ronnie truly inspired a shared vision! His support was very evident from the beginning as LEAD and Terry were included in the strategic planning discussions referred to as “Innovating Agriculture and Natural Resources to 2025.” Just being included in these discussions was important for the LEAD Program. Finally, we were not feeling like an outsider or distant relative within the IANR family. What was most significant during his time as IANR Vice Chancellor was that LEAD was never used as a pawn in the budget reduction discussions. Ronnie showed his support for LEAD when he shared with the NALC Board, “This is a very important program and they are doing a superb job. The future of Nebraska agriculture and its communities is directly linked to how well equipped people are to think about the world and the future. LEAD is a tremendous program for delivering on that need and I certainly see it every day when I continue to meet and interact with LEAD alumni and current participants.” During his time as Vice Chancellor, Ronnie met with the first year class during their kick-off seminar and then followed up with them in their second year during the IANR seminar. He wanted to get to know the LEAD Fellows and the issues and challenges they were facing in agriculture as well as in their communities. As he shared, “I would like to be more involved in the future with the LEAD group as I do find it to be an energizer. Let’s grab lunch sometime to catch up and talk about how that might be possible.” Ronnie made time in his schedule to meet and interact with the LEAD classes. He always ended those sessions with, “Have a



Dr. Green giving his acceptance speech.

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great LEAD experience, have fun, and challenge Terry.” Ronnie also attended NALC Board meetings on a regular basis to meet the board and learn about LEAD governance. With Ronnie as Vice Chancellor, the culture of fund raising in IANR with regard to LEAD changed as he shared this with Terry after speaking at the 2011 LEAD Banquet, “I also want you to know that whenever there is opportunity to support the program or look for additional ways to build it, I am all about that. In the past there has been too much territorialism of worrying about competition for funding opportunities within IANR. I do not think that way at all and want you to know it. When the NU Foundation wants to raise money that might have a LEAD component, I am not in any way concerned about that – it is great if that happens as well. I see the benefits of LEAD being a very important part of NU. We all benefit when additional support for an important program is gained.” This allowed Terry and the NALC Board to lay the groundwork and step up fundraising efforts geared at long-term financial sustainability.

As Chancellor, Ronnie continued to show his support for LEAD by attending LEAD Banquets and during the last two years, hosted both the LEAD 39 and 40 classes on the City Campus during the December seminar.

Chancellor Green, as a small token of our appreciation for all that you have done for the Nebraska LEAD Program, and especially for allowing LEAD to dream big, it is my pleasure to honor you as the “2023 Dr. Allen G. Blezek Friend of LEAD Award” recipient.



President’s Message



Stan Mitchell, President

Hello from Seward, Nebraska. As President of the Lead Alumni for this next year I wanted to first introduce myself and then share with you some of the opportunities and some of the challenges that we face.

As for me, my name is Stan Mitchell and I have lived in Seward with my wife Dee since 2003. We have four grown children and ten grandchildren that keep our lives blessed and busy. I was honored to be a member of LEAD IX where our study travel took us to Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Czech Republic and Hungary. As you know the LEAD experience can be life changing as it not only gave me the tools that I needed to step up for leadership but also the encouragement. My first endeavor was to run for the Gothenburg Board of Education, where I served two terms. My next endeavor took me to Ethiopia and Egypt as a volunteer accounting specialist to help train Cooperative Accountants. I can honestly say that if it had not been for the Nebraska LEAD Program I might have missed two very important chapters of my life. I have since retired as the CFO for

Farmers Cooperative in Dorchester.

Opportunity comes from within. Our greatest strength is our membership and from our membership we can continue to build on the strengths that we have to shape the organization for the future. It is so important that you as a member are active in your Alumni Association. We have many things to offer and with recent changes in our board and the regional districts we hope that you see the opportunity to connect with all LEAD Alumni in your area. The LEAD experience doesn’t end when you “walk the stage”, it actually begins, and giving back to LEAD through the Lead Alumni is a great way to “LEAD”.

Challenges? Yes we have a few. Right now the challenge is finding a replacement for our Executive Secretary Nancy Eberle. Nancy has served for over 26 years and she has decided to step back from her position and not from the LEAD Alumni Association as she has assured us she still will be involved. She has shown us the example of “Leadership from Membership” and has done a great job steering us to the great place we are today. In the interim we are lucky to have Leslie Boswell filling in for us. Please join me in thanking Nancy and welcome Leslie as our interim Executive Secretary. We will be looking at this position over the next six months so if you would be interested in serving or know someone who might please let me know.

As we start another year please keep in mind that the Lead Alumni Association is your association. It can only be as successful as “you” make it. Please be the solution and not the problem, be involved.

Travel Study Update – March 2023

The 2023 International Travel Study Seminar to Morocco was a great success. We enjoyed 10 days in Morocco and three days in Madrid, Spain (as an add-on).



We flew into Marrakech, spending time visiting the Jardin Majorelle Botanical Gardens, a weekly traditional livestock market, vegetable market, historical Marrakech, Souks, Medina, Palace,

Jewish quarter, and a natural pharmacy.

After Marrakech we traveled toward the Atlas Mountains, stopping at a Berber village to visit a family home. From there we traveled to Les Jardins for a bread demonstration and a tour of the herb & flower farm. Next was a visit to a privately



owned olive and fruit farm of 4 hectares. At the end of the day everyone experienced a camel ride and an overnight in the desert in glamping tents.



We left our desert camp at sunrise, driving southeast toward the coast. Along the way we visited a high tech citrus farm, owned by the Defasus Group. All trees are watered with drip irrigation systems from wells, as water is hard to come by. Our next stop was Winery Val d'Argan. We saw lots of Olive trees and Argon trees all along our drive to the coastal city of Essaouira where we stayed for 2 nights in a Riad. At Essaouira the group took a walking tour of Essaouira's fishing port and the fishing markets.

After leaving Essaouira, we traveled to Agadir. We stopped at a cooperative that produces cosmetics and edible Argon Oil Products.

While there we watched women shell and grind the argon nuts, making the oils and pastes that they sell. Along the way we drove through the Argon Forest. Another stop was at Quality Beans Morocco. They raise green beans, sweet corn, peppers, brussel sprouts, strawberries, lettuce, onions and more.

Many hectares of greenhouses and open fields allow for two plantings and harvests, spring and fall. Again, we learned that their biggest challenge is water. They use drip irrigation to save water. We visited the packing and distribution buildings.





Everything is very high quality and controlled from planting to harvest to packaging. Our travel group visited Graines Voltz Semapro, a testing site where they grow all varieties and kinds of vegetables to determine the best for quality, shipping and fresh eating. They donate all of the produce grown here to charities.

From Agadir our group traveled to Fes. We drove to the city of Meknes to visit the Meknes Agricultural University. At the university we learned about the many agricultural programs in the schools and how they work with the government of Morocco on the Moroccan Green Plan and the Green Generation Programs. We stopped at Morocco's largest Winery. Then a visit to an olive oil production and stone fruit packing company.

Upon returning to Fes we visited the ancient walled Medina where 400,000 people live and there are 10,000 alley ways and 300 neighborhoods within this medina. Fes is known for their leather goods. We also saw how the hides were processed.

Our last day in Morocco, we left Fes traveling through Rabat and on to Casablanca. We were able to tour Mosque Hassan II, a beautiful mosque.

We enjoyed a farewell dinner at Rick's Café, right out of the Humphrey Bogart movie classic, Casablanca.



Pat Heyen, National and International Travel Study Coordinator

Some of the group traveled on to Madrid, Spain, for 3 days of sightseeing. The rest headed back to the US.

We learned so much in such a short time traveling throughout Morocco. We hope you will be able to join us for one of the National or International Travels.



LEAD Class 11

"The Line UP!" LEAD Class 11 was the honored class at this year's event!

LEAD Class 40

Congratulations to LEAD Class 40 for completing the LEAD program.



THRIVING IN CHAOS

A huge thank you goes out to members of LEAD 38 and 39 for hosting this year's conference in Broken Bow.



Pictured are Mindy Wolf, Ashley Peters and Judy Trent - others on the committee included Koryn Koinzan, Blythe McAfee and Molly Trausch.

On February 4th LEAD 38 and LEAD 39 members hosted the annual LEAD Alumni Conference in Broken Bow.

The day opened with a "Civil Discourse Presentation" by LEAD Alumni President Gerald Clausen. He stated the need to use critical thinking processes to encourage open mindedness, respect for others evidence, reasoning and perspectives and not to be stuck in one position, but rather to allow for clarity and precision. "Seek first to understand before being understood" - Steven Covey.



We also heard from Steve Martin, Executive Director of Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska (AFAN) on what they're doing to help producers, especially young & beginning, address the challenges of agriculture today and help pave the way for continued growth in Nebraska agriculture.



We had some great panel discussions with local lenders and various members of the Nebraska trade groups to discuss the various challenges producers are facing today and potential future challenges that we're already looking to address. Our speakers were Jim Scott from Bruning State Bank, Tyler Peters from Farm Credit Services of

America and John Smith from Nebraska State Bank.



This year's snowfalls hindered our original plans for a tour of Adams Land & Cattle feedlot, however, we adapted and CEO, Abram Babcock, joined us at the conference center to give a presentation on the operations and the innovations they have made in the cattle feeding industry.



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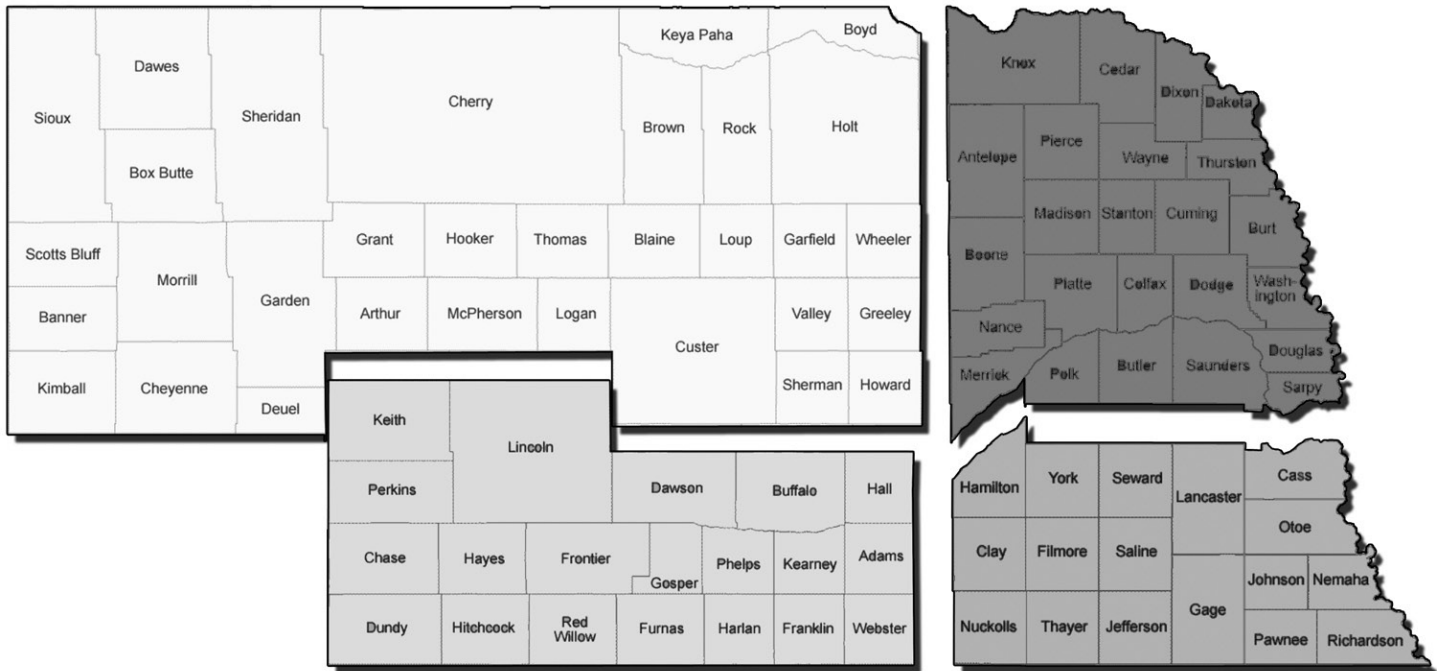
for the NE Soybean Board and Austin Harthoom, Economist from Nebraska Farm Bureau.



We rounded off the day with a tour & tasting at Kinkaider Brewing Company which was filled with the history of the brewery, the location, and the lifecycle of the grains and how they go back to helping feed area livestock.

Article submitted by Ashley Peters, Co-Chairman

LEAD Alumni District Representation



Above is a map of the four districts put into place last year. If you are unsure which district you actually belong in, hopefully the map will help.

* If you have questions or would like to talk with your district representative serving on the Board of Directors, we have included that information below.

* You may also contact our Board President, Stan Mitchell sgm_guitarman@yahoo.com (402) 643-9528 or Nancy Eberle neberle@mainstaycomm.net (402) 366-8001

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Nancy's Notes



Nancy Eberle, Executive Secretary

Happy spring everyone! Maybe I should say happy summer the way the weather is as I am writing this. Today it is 86 degrees and terribly windy - humm!

I know many of you are working in the field these days - I pray we will all capture some rain before long. We REALLY need it. Take care out there!

As you can see from this newsletter, we had quite a few events in the last quarter. I hope some of you were able to attend either the conference or the graduation event in Lincoln. Congrats again to LEAD Class 40 for completing the two year LEAD program. We hope you will join our alumni association and continue down the LEAD path with us!

We have included information about the Ag Adventure Tour. We hope we will have great participation from some of you this summer. What makes this tour great rather than just "good", is your presence. No one can tell the agricultural story better than those of us who live it every day. The Ag Tour committee is working diligently to create something new and interesting for those attending this summer.

A big thank you also to the LEAD classes 38 and 39 who hosted this year's annual meeting and conference. Those of us who attended thought the day was excellent, well planned and besides the great speakers, a good chance to network with fellow alums.

As some of you may already know, I did notify the LEAD Alumni Board of Directors that I would be stepping down as their Executive Secretary. After 26 years of working in that capacity, it is time for someone else to step up to fill the position. We are fortunate that Leslie Boswell (LEAD 28) offered to step in as interim Executive Secretary for a period of six months. I will stay active on some of the committees and other items where I might be helpful. With these notes, I am including a photo of the beautiful clock given to me by the Board for my years of service. I will say that I have been very fortunate to work with wonderful board members, leaders and appointed personnel. It's been an honor and pleasure to serve in the capacity I had. I do want to thank all the board presidents over the years - each made my work much easier and I appreciate all of them. I also want to take this opportunity to thank our Executive Treasurer, Tim Graff, our National/International Travel Seminar Coordinator Pat Heyen, and our Social Media Coordinator Mark Suhr. Thanks for all you do!



NE LEAD Alumni board members and staff presenting Nancy a commemorative clock for her 26 years of service.

Until next timeLEAD on!

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*Austin Benes, LEAD Class 40
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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to encourage our members to continue as agricultural leaders by using their skills, insight, knowledge and network to LEAD by their example.

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