



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 north-east Nebraska.

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VANDLE PHILLIPS SWORN IN AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISTRICT III

Vandle (Van) Phillips, South Sioux City, has been sworn in to fill the District III Board vacancy created upon the October death of **Betty Curry**, Newcastle. He will fill Curry's unexpired term that ended December 31st and the upcoming four-year term that expires in December of 2008. District III is comprised of Dakota and Dixon Counties and parts of Cedar County. A graduate of Norfolk Junior College, now Northeast Community College, the retired, 40-year educator is the former superintendent of the South Sioux City Public Schools. He earned an associate of arts degree from Norfolk Junior College, a bachelor of arts degree from Wayne State College, master of arts degree from the University of Northern Colorado, and an education administration specialist degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He was honored in 1996 with Northeast's Distinguished Alumni Award and has also served on Northeast's Foundation since 1999.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY EDUCATION CENTER COORDINATOR BEGINS DUTIES

Pamela K. Miller, Homer, has begun her duties as South Sioux City Education Center Coordinator for Northeast Community College. Her office will be located in the new library in South Sioux City for the present time. She will be responsible for the organization, promotion, and management of educational programs in the South Sioux City region. She will also recommend qualified instructors, assist with the recruitment and advisement of prospective and current students, and coordinate student services. Miller has been a Dakota County Commissioner since January 2003. She has also been an adjunct faculty member at Morningside College and Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City. Miller is a graduate of Plainview High School and earned a bachelor of science degree from Wayne State College. She also holds a master of business administration degree from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Miller can be reached at (402)494-1964. She can also be reached by email at pamm@northeastcollege.com

HEP PROGRAM HOSTS GRADUATION CEREMONY

Several students received their Nebraska High School diploma through the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) at Northeast Community College in Norfolk and were honored recently at a mid-year graduation. HEP helps migrant students earn their high school equivalency in English or Spanish by providing advisement on careers, instruction and tutoring for the GED tests, financial assistance to attend class, and follow-up services following graduation to help students seek employment or further training in college, the military, etc. HEP has helped 34 migrant agricultural students receive their Nebraska High School Diploma since the grant was awarded in July 2002. In the 2003-2004 grant year, 23 students received their diplomas.

72nd LPN CLASS COMPLETES STUDIES WITH CEREMONY AT NORTHEAST

Twenty-two students were honored at a special pinning ceremony recently for completing the licensed practical nursing program at Northeast. The students are now eligible to take the National Council of Licensure Examination (NCLEX-LPNS). Successful performance on the exam earns students qualification as licensed practical nurses. Instructor **Judy Armbruster**, a charter member of the LPN faculty who plans to retire in June, was congratulated for being a part of all 72 LPN pinning ceremonies at Northeast.

NORTHEAST DRAFTING STUDENTS VISIT NORTHEAST CHILD CARE CENTER

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and two elves, aka members of Northeast's Drafting Club, made their annual visit to the Northeast child care center and gave away over two dozen toys, cookies, and candy to the children in early December. The toys were donated by Drafting Club members and the cookies were baked by Santa look-alike and Drafting Club member **Frederick Mann**, Concord. Mrs. Claus was portrayed by **Tabitha Peterson** of Norfolk. The elves were **Crystal Roggasch**, Plainview, and **Jennifer Hendrickson**, Columbus. Drafting Club advisors are **Harry Lindner** and **Gary Parker**.

HOLIDAY POTLUCK CLOSSES SEMESTER AT NORTHEAST

Another holiday tradition at Northeast, the annual Potluck Dinner, drew a crowd of several hundred Northeast faculty, staff, and administrators. President **Dr. Bill Path** introduced the special guests, retired Northeast employees. Adjunct faculty member, **Bob Hupp**, and friends (**Bob Hughes and Dick Allison**) provided live dinner music.

FACULTY, STAFF SEND CARE PACKAGE TO EMPLOYEE'S SON IN IRAQ

Several employees of Northeast recently opened their hearts and billfolds to purchase dozens of items like candy, raisins, sunflower seeds, disposable cameras, aspirin, deodorant, and more to be sent in a care package to Army Reservist **Brian Thompson**, Tilden, who is now stationed in Iraq. Thompson is the son of **Michele Volkman**, administrative assistant in Northeast's Allied Health Department. Because of the large amount of donated goods, only one box was shipped in December. The shipping cost of \$43 was also donated by Northeast employees. The remainder of the donated items will be sent in two different shipments this spring.

DID YOU KNOW???????

Northeast Community College tuition and fees are one half of those at a state college, one third of those of the university system, and one-eighth of those of a private college.

Source: CCbenefits Inc Economic Impact Study

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DISTINCT PLEASURE TO WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN 2005. WE ARE ALL
PARTNERS IN PROVIDING A LOW-COST, CLOSE-TO-HOME, QUALITY
EDUCATION TO STUDENTS OF ALL AGES FROM OUR 20-COUNTY
SERVICE AREA AND BEYOND. WE COULD NOT BEGIN TO FULFILL
THIS MISSION WITHOUT YOUR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT, FOR WHICH
WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
DR. BILL PATH, PRESIDENT***