



Helping build communities in West Central Nebraska.

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West Central Hosts Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet





Horizon Award Winner - The City of Arapahoe

John E. Koller was in attendance at our Annual Meeting held at Front Street in Ogallala on June 15 to accept the Horizon Award for the City of Arapahoe. The Horizon Award is presented to communities who demonstrate vision and actualization to bring about positive change.

Karl Elmshaeuser, Executive Director of the West Central Nebraska Development District stated “Arapahoe’s vision is evident in the economic development that has taken place there. They showed extreme forethought in developing a Community Redevelopment Authority, revising their Comp Plan and rezoning in order to attract new businesses that include Dollar General and Tornado Alley. They have also been proactive in focusing on the beautification of their community.”





Ronni Harding - Clerk of the Year

Ronni Harding was in attendance to receive the Award for Clerk of the Year.

Ronni grew up in Gibbon and Kearney, later moving to Ogallala. She loves her position with the Village of Bartley as she is passionate about rural living. When asked what excites her about being the Clerk, she stated, "It's pretty exciting to accomplish a major project that positively impacts the community. That feeling you get after spending hours of researching, learning the processes and laws, preparing the materials, attending meetings then everything passes and is implemented. Knowing I put all I had into the project for the betterment of the community and seeing it come full circle to the completion gives me the most satisfaction as a clerk."

In her free time she enjoys gardening, reading, fishing, boating, genealogy research, computer science, and spending time with her family and spoiling her grandchildren with love.

Karl Elmshaeuser, Executive Director of the West Central Nebraska Development District stated "Ronni's leadership talent and vision for Bartley is evident in the community development that has taken place there. The Village is fortunate to have Ronni as their clerk. She has been instrumental in assisting with administration of the various community programs that Bartley has implemented."



Nebraska Ranked #3 for Millennials

According to www.money-rates.com, Nebraska is rated #3 of states most favorable to living for Millennials. From internet to workout facilities, the website ranked states in order of those offering the most to Millennials.

This Just In! Recycling Equipment Grants Available!

Recycling Equipment Grants Available for 2016-17.

Nebraska State Recycling Association (NSRA) has grant funds available for municipalities, other government entities, non-profits and recycling companies (for example, waste haulers) who wish to purchase recycling equipment. Interested parties should go to www.recyclenebraska.org and call Deb Rost at 402-933-3059 in Omaha for more information. Or email to: deb@recyclenebraska.org

Grants can help fund the purchase of recycling trailers, semi trailers, carts, dumpsters, balers, lift-gates, forklifts, trucks and more. Equipment may be new, used or in need of refurbishing. In some cases, applicant's existing equipment can be refurbished with this grant. Grants will be awarded until the funds are depleted. This is a quick-turnaround program where application-to-approval is usually completed in about a month.

Important Dates:

CDBG OOR Pre- App

August 5

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