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Girl Scouts take over the Capitol Rotunda

By Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Girl Scout Gold Award Chairman

On Sunday, June 12th, Nebraska's State Capitol was alive with girl scouts everywhere. What a turn out it was. Tracy Stewart, Program Specialist, had everything in order and the ceremony ran smooth.

A total of 74 Bronze Awards, 23 Silver Awards and 8 Gold Awards were presented. Guest speaker was Retired Brigadier General, Roma Amundson, of the Nebraska Army National Guard. Her words were very informative as well as inspirational. ER Wirth spent many years serving with General Amundson during their military careers together. In addition, Nancy Vallis, Secretary of the Homestead Order of the Silver Trefoil and staff, had a beautiful reception was attended throughout the afternoon. Lincoln Lodge #80 takes pride in providing American Flags, certificates and help in sponsoring the reception for the awardees.

Thanks to all the Elks who attended and made this an enjoyable day.







Photos by John Brooks PER





Grand Exalted Ruler
Michael F. Smith
Message from the GER
GL Newsletter
July 2011

"New names and faces...
The same objectives."

As the National Convention in Phoenix approaches, we welcome the new leaders with open hearts and minds. There is work to be done to improve our Order, and there are many opportunities for everyone. I am confident under the new leadership we will move forward and continue to "Promote Elks Passion."

Sandra and I can't put into words the gratitude we have for the opportunity that the year provided. The thousands of people we have the pleasure of calling friends will remain with us forever. The various Major Projects, as well as local programs we had the privilege of witnessing, make me PROUD to be a member of the B.P.O.E. of the United States of America. We thank each of you for allowing us to serve as your National President/Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. We look forward to the future, the challenges and the positive results.

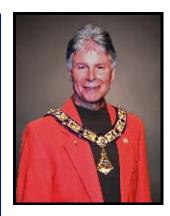
Our Order will continue to encounter the need for change and the ability to adapt. Without exception we must eliminate the declining membership trends. The fact that other civic groups and fraternal organizations are experiencing a decline offers us the chance to show our resilience like never before. (Resilience as demonstrated by your ENF donations – a record year!)

We must focus on our Members. We know many of our Members do not attend Lodge meetings; then how will they ever know who is initiated? How will our Members make the new Members feel welcome?

I have written of the success some Lodges are having by asking new Members to wear name badges until they feel comfortable at their home Lodges. This allows our existing Members to recognize and welcome them. Have a new Member "meet and greet" every quarter. We MUST quit losing members for non-payment of dues. Statistics support the fact that we are initiating enough new Members to generate a positive growth.

Most of us know printing a list or sending a letter is not the solution. Make these new Members your friends. We need to pay attention, have fun and share it.

BE PROUD...BE LOUD... BE VISIBLE.... and may God bless us all.



Exalted Ruler Lodge #80 Stephen Wirth PER

Dear Elks and Does,

Many of you are aware, that over the years, I have been very active as a lodge officer, as a Ritual team member as well as a Ritual coach. These past four months I have witnessed a group of individuals who have come together who are truly remarkable. Not only has this group won the State Ritual Championship for the 3rd year in a row, but each have worked even harder to prepare for the National Convention's Ritual contest to be held in Phoenix, Arizona on Saturday, July 16th at 10:00 A.M. In addition to all of the one, two and three a week practices, this group even found time to put on three very successful fundraising events which included Mother's and Father's Day breakfasts' along with a Spaghetti Feed. You don't want to get in their way, back in the kitchen, where the orchestrating takes place. Everyone has a place and a task to perform to pull these events off. Many faithful witnessed the Breakfast Club in action.

From air-light Belgium waffles to meatballs hand pack with love, the food has been superb. Besides the Ritual performers, our thanks go out to coach Rich Todd, Connie Moore, Spencer Hagan, Bobby and Suz Clinkenbeard, Mary Brooks, Carrie Fiedler, Denis Applebee, Bob Sindlar, Linda, Alexis and Nicholas Rienks, Debra Sneller, Deborah Burns and Waunita Peterson. Without your busy hands, Candidate Larry Schwindt would have had to work even harder. Most of all, 'Thank You' to all of the eaters and contributors for making this third trip in a row to Nationals one we will truly remember, forever.

"Believers are Achievers"

Ritual Team

By Rich Todd PER

The Ritual team is heading for Phoenix and their opportunity to compete in the Grand Lodge ritual competition on July 16. On behalf of all the members of the team, I extend our Thanks and Gratitude for the exceptional support you have given us. Your good wishes and financial support makes this a very special trip for the entire team. We have practiced long and hard and we expect to perform well. Call the Lodge on or after the 16th to find out how we're doing!

Our Members...

Deaths:

None

Sickness and Distress:

Ken Studier PER, is at Gold Crest.

Ed Herstein at Tabitha.

Paul Mussack heart catheter surgery recovery. Jack Jensen PER out of hospital, he is now in Hawaii.

Published for Membership:

Rick Westfall

Members Initiated in June:

None

Members for Reinstatement:

Francis Darrah

Membership Drawing: Attending meetings pays in more than just one way! To be eligible to win, you must be in attendance at the previous and current meeting.....Make it easy, GO TO ALL MEETINGS!

6/1 meeting was \$283. Randy King was the name drawn. He was present at this meeting but not present at the last meeting. Sorry!!

6/15 meeting was \$296. Kenneth Orr was the name drawn. He was not present to win. Sorry!

June's EOG Hidden Membership Number: was 11139, Jack Jensen PER. It was hidden in the calendar on the back page.

A Special Night Indeed

By Stephen Wirth ER/PER

Last but not least. On April 6th, the night our 2011-2012 Officers were installed; it is customary to present the "Officer of the Year" (chosen by PER Assoc.) and the "Elk of the Year" (chosen by 2010-2011 ER Jacobsen and her officers). The individuals who received these impressive awards have put in many hours of their time, energy and financial support for the betterment of our order. Congratulations to 2010-2011 "Officer of the Year", Larry Bratt and "Elk of the Year", Rich Todd for their well deserved recognition.



Officer of the Year, Larry Bratt, presented by Rich Todd, Secretary, PER Association



Elk of the Year, Rich Todd, presented by Amy Jacobsen PER, 2010-2011 ER

Knight Tales

Leading Knight - Doug Rienks

If you know of someone that should be recognized for sickness and distress, please let me know. Contact me at 402-430-6002 or DrRienks@nebraskaeyes.com. I will respond accordingly.

Loyal Knight - Sonny Lane PER

The position of Loyal Knight means to be LOYAL to the order. It is not just my responsibility but the responsibility of the entire membership. We are going to hold YOU accountable. As Membership Chair I have established a new member contest. The Lodge membership will be divided in half and one team will be captained by Larry Bratt and the second team will be captained by Larry Schwindt. When a new member is initiated the proposer will receive a Bronze EORO (Each One Reach One) pin. The team of the proposer will get a point. If the member proposes a second member they will receive a Silver EORO pin. If a third member is proposed the proposer will receive a Gold EORO pin. The new member will be assigned a mentor and if the mentor is successful in getting the new member to attend 2 Lodge meetings another point will be awarded to that team. If the mentor gets the new member to attend and WORK at an event or dinner another point will be awarded. The prize for this contest is that the winning half of the Lodge will be served a dinner cooked and sponsored by the losing half of the Lodge. We will all be held accountable. Even if we don't see you at the Lodge, you will be called and asked to contribute to the cost of the dinner if you are on the losing team. So get out there and promote EACH ONE REACH ONE for the sake of our Order and for our Lodge. Results will be posted in the EOG.

Lecturing Knight - John Brooks PER

I'll share with you our memories, Of life we lived together; I'll give a gift of laughter, To carry you through stormy weather.

So as you look back through the years, Just look inside your heart; As long as we share Brotherly Love, We'll never be apart.

-Allison Chambers Coxsey

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REMINDER: THIS MONTHS ELK-O-GRAM IS A COMBINED EDITION (JULY / AUGUST). IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER EDITION, CONTACT THE LODGE

Secretary's Corner

As mentioned last month our goal is to have all dues collected by July 1st. We are down to 39 unpaid dues. Thanks to those who sent in their dues. Those who have not yet sent in their dues, please do so. We really want to have no unpaid dues. Your help is much appreciated.

What a great turn out for the Father's Day Breakfast. Great food and great support to your ritual team who will be competing in July at National Convention in Phoenix. Be sure to check the calendar for all that is going on in July & August.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts or suggestions to help our lodge grow. You can reach me at lodge80secy@yahoo.com or 402-540-4115.

Denis Applebee, 2011-2012 Lodge Secretary

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4TH ANNUAL DOES SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

B.P.O. DOES LINCOLN DROVE NO. 4 WINE TASTING AND VINEYARD TOUR

Join us for a lovely brunch at Slattery Vintage Estates and relaxing wine tasting visits.

\$80.00 per person 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*4 Vineyards *20 Tastings *4 Towns *Benchmark Buffet Brunch

LEAVE from Kohl's Parking Lot (84th & O) ..10:15 AM SLATTERY VINTAGE ESTATES, Nehawka ..11:00 - 1:00 SOARING WINGS VINEYARD, Springfield ...1:45 - 3:00 GLACIAL TILL TASTING ROOM, Ashland ...3:45 - 5:00 WINDCREST VINEYARD, Raymond6:00 - 7:15 RETURN to Kohl's around8:00 PM

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July

- 2 Gary Aksamit
- 4 Nathaniel Mustion
- 5 Imre Bonyhady
- 10 Lupe Damian Jeff Sneller PER Norval Stewart
- 11 Greg Hansen
- 12 David Townley
- 13 James Ray
- 15 Jerrie Simms
- 17 Duane Vanderbeek
- 18 Bruce Campbell
- 19 James Reeves
- 24 Wade Graft Ellen Myer
- 25 Christine Vanderford
- 28 David Cassner
- 30 Randy King
- 31 David Reiber

August

- Ronnie Bouwens Gary Buckmaster
- 2 Ward Hoppe
- 3 Melvin Tucker John Vermaas Gary Weber
- 4 Robert White
- 8 Otis Cave Jr Joseph Silverman
- 9 Edward Herstein
- 11 Larry Schenkel Ronald Urban
- 12 Dan Megrue Phillip Stettinger
- 13 John Aman PER Jerry Wilson
- 16 Arthur Berthold Fred Gustin
- 18 Arthur Bossard
- 20 Virgil Wieting PER Robert Wittstruck
- 21 Paul Mussack Sally Smalley
- 23 Brandon Nelson Stephen Wirth ER PER
- 24 Deborah Burns
- 26 Abby Clark
- 30 Robert Reinhardt

2011-2012 Elk's Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler	Stephen Wirth PER			
Leading Knight	Doug Rienks			
Loyal Knight	Sonny Lane PER			
Lecturing Knight	John Brooks PER			
Esquire	VACANT			
Inner Guard	Larry Bratt			
Tiler	Sam Carter			
Secretary	Denis Applebee			
Treasurer	Imre Bonyhady			
Chaplain	Gerald Miles			
Trustee 1 Year	Bob Sindlar			
Trustee 2 Year	Randy King			
Trustee 3 Year	Larry Schwindt			
Trustee 4 Year	Scott Schrage			
Trustee 5 Year	Amy Jacobsen PER			

Reports Of Committees

Midget Football

It is almost time for Midget Football to start up again for the 2011 season. Like in the past 50 plus years, the Elks will be sponsoring a team. Sign up is going on now. We have anticipation that 150 or more of our youth will play. Practice will begin the first of August. The first game is Sunday, August 28th, 10:30 AM, at the Lincoln Midget Football Complex. For more game schedules please go to www.lincolnmidgetfootball.net towards the end of August.

Soccer Shoot

The Soccer Shoot will take place on September 24th, 2011, 10:00AM-2:00PM. Location is Wright Park, Field 1. Contact Doug Rienks if you would like to volunteer!!

From the fox hole fo the Veterans Committee

Vi Berst received an award in recognition of his 35 years of volunteer service from the Veteran's Administration. All those years, Vi was representing the Elks with 22 of them as Chair of the Veteran's Committee.

Congratulations Vi!!

Elks Lodge 80 to Host the 2nd Annual "Kick Stands Up for Kids"

By Amy Jacobsen PER

It is a pleasure to announce that our Lodge will be the final stop for the Reguladores charity motorcycle ride and raffle on Saturday, July 30th (rain date is August 6). Money raised is for the Child Advocacy Center in Lincoln. The Reguladores are a Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.

The Reguladores began 10 years ago in Corpus Christie, TX. The local chapter has been in existence for about 4 years. Nationally, the group has generated over \$500,000 in the last 5 years for charities. The club is the fastest growing law enforcement group in the nation. It is a civic minded group and promotes safe riding and raising money for charities. To be a part of the group you need to be active or retired law enforcement, military or be vouched for by one of its members. Our lodge will be serving food for the group when they make their last stop at Lodge 80 sometime after 5:00 p.m. In addition to donating the use of the Lodge, we will be donating back \$1.00 for each meal sold to the Child Advocacy Center. Established in 1998, the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) provides help for children who are victims of serious physical and sexual abuse. Working with law enforcement and other agencies, the CAC offers a safe, child-friendly environment for forensic interviews and medical evaluations of the child victim, and on-going support for the child and non-offending family. We are proud to be a part of this event.

You are invited to come out to enjoy seeing the bikes, some food and the raffle. Last year they had over 60 people and they expect an even bigger crowd this year.

"Abbie Gets To Go Camping!

By Stephen Wirth ER/PER

On Monday, May 23, 2011, a special presentation was made to Abbigail Beaudette, an 8 year old from Morley Elementary School. Abbie is heading to Camp Hertko Hollow in Boone, lowa from June 26th to July 2nd, thanks to the Elks members. This camp is special because it is for kids with diabetes, like Abbie. As you can see below, Abbie is so excited about being able to attend camp, make new friends and have memories to treasure. Thanks to Mrs. B, Abbie's 2nd grade teacher and the Elks for making this possible.

Note: Abbie's mother, Amy, was pregnant at the time of the photo. She has since given birth to a boy named Brody, 8 lbs 8 ozs. All are doing well.



(L-R) ER Wirth, Jeff, Melissa and Ella Beaudette, Grammy Carol Hillhouse, Abbie's mother Amy, Jean Ann Bergholz, DOES President Jody Schrage and center of attention, Abbigail.

2011-2012 Committees

Accident- Randy King, Manager

Americanism- Sonny Lane PER, Coordinator Auditing- Duane Vanderbeek, Chairperson

Benevolence- Charles Meisinger PER/PDD/PSP, Chairperson **Community Activities**- Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Chairperson

Drug Awareness- Amy Jacobsen PER, Coordinator

ENF- Larry Bratt, Chairperson

Eagle Scouts- Randy King, Chairperson

Flag Day- Randy King, Coordinator

Gold Award- Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Chairperson **Gov. Relations**- Richard Todd PER/PDD, Coordinator

Hoop Shoot- Doug Rienks, Coordinator

Indoctrination- Larry Bratt, Coordinator

Investigation- Larry Bratt, Coordinator

Lapsation- Denis Applebee, Manager

Lodge Activities- Richard Todd PER/PDD, Coordinator

Membership- Sonny Lane PER, Chairperson

Midget Football- Scott Schrage, Coordinator

Public Relations- Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Coordinator

PER Association- John Brooks PER, Presiding Officer

Ritual- Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Chairperson

Scholarship- David Kirby PER, Chairperson

Soccer Shoot- Doug Rienks, Coordinator

Veterans- Vilis Berst, Manager

Visitation- Sam Carter, Manager Youth Activities- David Kirby PER, Manager

Thomas Petersen, Troop 52, Eagle Scout Service Project

By Randy King

Thomas Petersen, a Life Scout with Troop 54, approached me as I was awarding an American Flag to one of his Troop's new Eagle Scouts, inquiring about a possible Eagle service project. He desired to do a flag retirement ceremony as his service project and needed a group to sponsor him.

After several discussions, he modified his project to include renovations of the Vincent R. Collura Memorial Garden and flagpoles, just north of Elks Lodge #80, here in Lincoln. This area was badly overgrown with plantings, and the flagpoles were in need of painting. I agreed on behalf of the Lodge to sponsor his project.

Thomas held a fundraiser dinner Saturday April 9th at the Lodge to help offset the costs of the project. His family helped decorate the Lodge, and several of his fellow Scouts assisted in setting up, serving, and clean-up.

On April 24th, Easter weekend, a work day was held in which the old shrubs were removed, and the area prepared to receive new landscape edging and plantings.

On Saturday May 7th, the flagpoles were painted, weed cloth was laid, edging was installed, and 3 tons of river rock were placed in the renovated area. Several small Quartzite rocks from the Haes Family Farm were also set.

On Monday May 16th the nursery planted two columnar Norway Spruces, and a lilac called "Sensation" in the center.

On Saturday June 25th, Thomas had his Flag Retirement Ceremony at Elk's Lodge #80, at 2 pm. Donna Collura, son Rick, and daughter Mary Collura were present, along with Vi Berst, Veteran's Committee chair, and wife Helen, as well as grandson SSGT Timothy Baruth, who is an aircraft mechanic with the Nebraska Air National Guard. Tim has been deployed for service overseas, and was scheduled to leave that afternoon.

Thomas separated the flag into the blue field, and separated the red and white stripes, as per our Flag Code. We then had a few words by Lodge #80 and Nebraska State Eagle Scout Chair Randy King, who introduced the Collura's, and both Mary and Rick spoke a few words about their father and his commitment to the Elks, Scouting, and his enthusiasm for life in general.

Vince Collura was the one who initiated the idea of giving an American Flag to an Eagle Scout at his Court of Honor, and not only was his idea accepted and instituted nationally for all Lodges, his son Rick Collura

was the recipient of the first flag given in this new program, by his Father, then Grand Exalted Ruler Vince Collura, in Washington D.C.

BEFORE







The dismantled flag was burned ceremoniously, in honor, with all present outside near the Collura garden and flagpoles. The last pieces were placed in the fire by SSGT Timothy Baruth, Airman and he stood at attention, saluting the flag until it was consumed by the fire. The final piece in this very fine and solemn Flag Retirement Ceremony was the burial of the ashes of the American Flag in the Collura Memorial garden. A marker signifying the restoration of this area as the Eagle Scout Project of Thomas Petersen, Troop 54 is to be installed at a later date.

Please stop and enjoy the renovated Memorial Garden area the next time you are near the Lodge.

Vincent Collura Garden

By Mary Collura

The Vincent R. Collura Garden was presented to him by his fellow KFOR/KFRX staff members upon his retirement in 1992. The Garden is a memorial for not only his distinction as Grand Exalted Ruler (1992-1993) and his achievements through the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, but also his achievements at KFOR Radio, the advertising industry and his many public service activities.

Vince loved his country and was particularly proud of youth activities sponsored by the Elks. He started the Elk's Eagle Scout Recognition Program. The presentation of a United States Flag to each new Eagle Scout nationwide was one of his proudest moments. He was awarded the coveted Silver Beaver Award for his work with the Boy Scouts.

Notable quote from Vince:

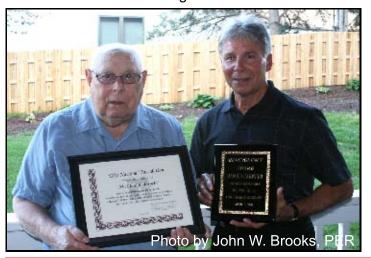
"There's more to life than earning a living. I know a lot of men who are not rich, but who have donated their lives to help others. We are in an environment where we can change the attitudes of people. We need to change. Progress is impossible without change. Without change, our minds and vision cannot progress. There's one question that you must ask yourself. 'When was the last time I reached down and helped to lift someone up?' "

Vince passed away on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2005. The Collura family would like to thank the Elks, Lincoln Lodge #80 and with a special thanks to Randy King for helping restore the garden through an Eagle Scout Project.

Harold Harpster Recognized

By Stephen Wirth ER/PER

On behalf of the Elks National Foundation, a certificate was presented to Harold in acknowledgment and appreciation of his generous donations toward the philanthropic projects fostered by ENF. PDD/PER Harpster is a Permanent Benefactor whose charitable contributions total OVER \$2,000. In addition, ER Wirth presented Harold with a Benevolence Award for his generosity of giving to Lincoln Elks Lodge No. 80 since becoming a member of our lodge. Harold just celebrated his 88th birthday on June 27. Our heartfelt Congratulations Harold!



Our Flag, the Center of Attention

By Stephen Wirth ER/PER

Members and guests witnessed a special service, presented by the officers of #80. This service is in honor of our American Flag; celebrating the anniversary of its birth and to recall it's achievements. It is quite appropriate that such a service be held by the Order of Elks, an organization that is distinctively American and intensely Patriotic. Assisting with the presentation of the various flags that evening were members from Girl Scout Spirit of Nebraska, Homestead Service Center. Thanks are in order to Flag Day coordinator, Randy King; music by Waunita Peterson; History of our Flag by orator, Larry Bratt; lead singer, Wade Kindle; the Girl Scouts and all those who attended this beautiful evening.

Note: With special dispensation from District Deputy, Michael Ohren, our Lodge was granted permission to celebrate Flay Day on June 13th instead of the designated date of June 14th, due to scheduling conflicts at the Lodge



Hot August Nights

Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Saturday August 20th Cocktails - 5:00 PM Dinner - 6:00 PM

Live Performance 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Prime Rib
Baked Potato
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Rolls
Dessert



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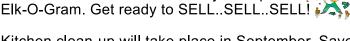
Elk's Creed
Believe in the goodness in thyself as well as in others.
Protect childhood with tenderness, old age with respect, cherish with reverence the memory of those who have passed.
Observe faithfully the golden rule.
Enjoy the good things of earth.

Keep within thee the Glorious shine of youth and remain always of good cheer.

Here are the Quickies....

Member Abby Clark, husband Chris and their son, Tucker, welcomed the latest addition to their family. Molly Jean Clark arrived May 25th. She was 8.5 lbs, 20.5 inches long. Molly and Abby are doing great!

Cash Calendars will be included in your September Elk-O-Gram. Get ready to SELL..SELL..SELL!



Kitchen clean-up will take place in September. Save the date when your get your September EOG!

Thank you to Eben Jacobsen, Roxy Thomas, Frank Mills, Gerry Miles, Randy King, Larry Schwindt and Stephen Wirth ER for folding the June EOG!!!!

Save the date, January 29, 2012 for the 7th Annual Scholarship Pancake Feed at the Lodge.

★★★★★★★★★★★ JULY EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NO	LODGE I	MEETIN	GS IN	JULY	1 July Room Rented	2
3	4 BY JACH PIEDLER 4TH!		6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Burger Night 5:30 PM American Legion	13	14 VFW	15	16
17 July 17-21 B.	.P.O.E. National Conv	19 American Legion ention in Phoenix / N	20 ational Ritual Com	21 American Legion	22	23
24	25	26 Burger Night 5:30 PM Charitable Trust 7:00 PM Room Rented	27	28	29	30 "Kick Stands Up For Kids" 5:00ish PM DOES Wine Tour/ Fundraiser
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 August	2	3	4	5	6 RAIN DATE "Kick Stands Up For Kids"
7	8	9 Burger Night 5:30 PM American Legion	10	11 VFW	12	13
14	15	16 American Legion	17 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	18 American Legion	19	20 Hot August Nights Cocktails 5:00 PM Dinner 6:00 PM Live Jazz 7:00 PM
21	22	23 Burger Night 5:30 PM	24	25	26 Nebraska State Fair through September 5th	North Platte
28 First Midget Football Game 10:30 AM	29	30	31	September Events 24th - Soccer Shoot - 10:00 PM - 2:00 PM TBA - Kitchen Clean-up		