

## New Tractors

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Ron Rosati, NCTA Dean, and Mike Connely, Plains Equipment Group sales representative, finalize an agreement launching an annual low-cost lease for new teaching and ag machinery for NCTA's students and farm. (Courtesy Photo)

Plains Equipment. "We will still have our old equipment for repairs and learning, and now have new technology in the field and classroom each year."

A satellite-based guidance unit, a Global Positioning System (GPS), works with computerized monitors, receivers and rate controllers in the cab, and guides the tractor for pre-determined "prescriptions" for precision farming such as variable rate planting, variable rate fertilizer applications, and variable spraying.

"The driver can take his hands off the steering wheel and concentrate on the adjustment and management of implements," Connely said. "It (the Ag Management Systems technology) takes a lot of stress and strain off the operator with less management of the machine."

Classroom-aided technology will provide hands-on learning with simulators and Power Point presentations, Connely said. "The students will experience the theory of the steering operation during non-crop times."

**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."**  
-Nelson Mandela

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August

- 24 Campus Opening at 9:00 a.m.
- 24 Activities at Sand Volleyball Court at 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Back to School Dance at 9:00 p.m.
- 25 Welcome Breakfast at 8:15 a.m.
- 25 First year Student Orientation at 12:00 p.m.
- 25 "Shot of Reality" at 3:30 p.m.
- 25 Chamber BBQ at 5:00 p.m.
- 26 Fall Semester begins
- 26 Late registration begins
- 26 APS Welcome Student Picnic at 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Waterslides at 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Roping Contest at 7:00 p.m.

### September

- 2 Labor Day

To add an event, contact Traci Bradney at 308-367-5203 or [trbradney2@unl.edu](mailto:trbradney2@unl.edu)

### Intramural 6 on 6 Volleyball

Registration Period:  
August 24<sup>th</sup> — October 8<sup>th</sup>

Entry Forms due by 4:30pm on  
October 8<sup>th</sup> to the  
Residence Life Office.

Mandatory Captains Meeting:  
October 10<sup>th</sup> @4:30pm  
(Ag Hall Room 1)

Play Begins: October 15<sup>th</sup>

Sport Rules & Team Entry Forms Available:  
... Online At:  
<http://ncta.unl.edu/web/ncta/intramurals>  
... Residence Life Office in Aggie West Residence Hall  
... Student Union

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## Things I Think

By Kevin Martin

1. Children are very expensive.
2. Cut the cord. You are in college.
3. If you can't afford to feed your horse or dog, be smart enough not to have one.
4. Make your family proud.
5. Choices....it's all about choices.
6. Somebody out there has to owe me money. Call me.
7. Tried to exercise, and hurt myself again. Done.
8. Iced tea...and lemonade...together. Yum.
9. How fun was it if you can't remember it?
10. Be real.



Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

# AGGIE UP!



## NCTA Receives New John Deere Tractors

By Mary Crawford

Two new, shiny green tractors and a hay baler will be ready to roll when students arrive on campus for classes this month at the University of Nebraska-Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA).

A John Deere 6105M tractor and 6190R tractor with satellite-based steering were presented to NCTA administrators recently as alumni observed the technical ag school's 100th anniversary at Curtis.

An annual, low-cost equipment lease plan with Plains Equipment Group enables the latest in technology and will enhance NCTA's 520-acre farming operation and hands-on ag technology classes for students.

"Where it used to be two horses out in the field 100 years ago, now we are seeing many more horses under the hood of these John Deere tractors," said Ron Rosati, PhD, NCTA Dean. "I don't think we could have anticipated this level of technology even 10 or 15 years ago."

Mike Connely of Broken Bow, Plains Equipment Group sales representative in Ord, knows the importance of hands-



GREEN MACHINE: One of two new John Deere tractors received by NCTA from Plains Equipment Group. (Aggie Up Photo/Dean Erickson)

on training. He graduated from NCTA in 1992, after two years of technical study in the Agriculture Production Systems (APS) program.

"The NCTA students will be able to work with the latest in technology," Connely told a gathering of alumni during a partnership "signing" ceremony at the NCTA Education Center which houses the agronomy and precision farming classes. "The expansion and growth of NCTA is a tremendous thing for an alumnus to see, and Plains Equipment is proud to a part of this growth."

Scott Mickelsen, PhD, NCTA associate dean, applauded the new partnership with

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### Available Online

- [ncta.unl.edu/aggie-up](http://ncta.unl.edu/aggie-up)
- [facebook.com/aggieup](https://www.facebook.com/aggieup)

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## Jessie's Jumbled Thoughts

By Jessie Connelly, Co-Editor



I was told to talk about myself which doesn't seem like a very hard task but for an ordinary small town girl, what can I say that everyone

hasn't already heard a million times from a million other girls just like me? But I will try to make my life story as interesting as possible.

I grew up in a small town in Nebraska that nobody's ever heard of, called Panama. I did everything every other small town kid did. I rode bikes, climbed trees, played backyard baseball and swam the summer away. I was homeschooled from the second grade until my senior year in high school, and that was a pretty cool deal. If you got your schoolwork done early, you could just go take off and do whatever you wanted. There wasn't any waiting around for the bell to ring so you could go and do the next subject. Another good thing about it was that I could advance as high as I needed to expand my little brain and not be held back by others in my class. I taught myself how to speak French as well as play the fiddle, not that I do terribly well on either, but I did give myself a basic understanding of both. My learning environment consisted of a desk or a couch in the private of my room with country music playing on the radio. I switched to a public school for my senior year so that I could see what that kind of schooling was like and so going to college wouldn't be such a big shock.

Another big part of my life, and I do mean big, is my family. I have 13 siblings, one older and the rest younger. Ever since I was old enough to walk and talk, I was changing diapers, spoon feeding little mouths and entertaining crying babies. So you could say I know a bit about working with kids.

Other than taking care of kids and teaching myself the finer arts, I like to ride horses. I've been riding

western since I was a baby, literally, I have pictures to prove it. I got my first horse when I turned 12, she was an Appaloosa and she and I had a lot of adventures before she died when I turned 16. I got another Appaloosa after that, but school got in the way and then I went off to college and then to Maryland this past summer, so I haven't had the chance to get to know him as well. But I hear he's a pretty good ride.

Here at NCTA I generally entertain myself by doing the barn chores, attending classes and drawing. I am majoring in Equine Management so after school I plan on working with horses for the rest of my life. And that's pretty much me in a nutshell. I try to be an easy person to get along with, and can get along with just about anyone. I tend to be shy when first meeting people, but once I get into my comfort zone, it's almost impossible to get me to shut up. I hope all of the new arrivals to school find it as amazing I have found it, and enjoy their time here. And I welcome back all of the second and third year students, I can't wait to make more memories here at NCTA!

**College Tips:**  
*If you tell your mother you will call her, make sure you do. Otherwise, she will blow up your phone worrying about why you didn't call.*

**"If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan. And guess what they have planned for you? Not much."  
-Jim Rohn**

## Welcome from Dean Rosati



I would like to welcome our students to the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture. We missed you over the summer and look forward to working with you in our various classrooms and laboratories over the coming year. You're coming back to a college that is celebrating its 100th anniversary!

NCTA has been providing excellent agricultural education for 100 years to the residents of Nebraska and nearby states. Our college has a unique mission in the University of Nebraska system. We focus on tangible learning activities and hands-on education relevant to modern agricultural careers. At the end of a day of classes, you will be able to look back on the past few hours and clearly see that you have developed specific skills that are immediately useful in various agricultural endeavors.

NCTA prepares students to be leaders and entrepreneurs in agricultural industries and we do so in a warm and friendly environment. Our college is small, easy to navigate, and very welcoming to our students. The college is located in the small town of Curtis which is very supportive of NCTA students and college activities. One of the key aspects of the NCTA college community is that we treat students, faculty, staff and other members of our college community with respect and kindness.

We celebrate our passion for agriculture at NCTA. Our academic programs are comprehensive and consist entirely of agricultural disciplines. You'll see students on horseback riding across campus and you'll see students wearing spurs in the dining hall. Our 580 acre working farm is immediately adjacent to campus and easily accessible for classroom activities. We have an extensive array of animals used for class activities including cattle, horses, dogs, birds, snakes, alpacas, rodents, and other exotics. Our intercollegiate athletic program consists of a Rodeo Team, Ranch Horse Team, and Equitation Team.

This is a great time for our students to be entering the field of agriculture. We see an increasing demand placed on our agricultural industries to provide even more food for a growing world, to emerge as a source of energy, to address some of our society's health concerns, and to play a leading role in resolving the country's environmental issues. Profits in production agriculture have grown considerably in the past few years and the future of the industry is very bright. Students graduating from NCTA are prepared and eager to be involved with these issues.

I would encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities present at NCTA. Visit with your faculty and colleagues. Learn as much as you can while you are here. Develop friendships and networks that will serve you well in your career and personal life. First and foremost, attend all classes. Remember that you are expected to do two hours of outside work for every hour of lecture. Take care of yourself physically and spiritually. Be sure you get enough sleep every night. Eat right and exercise regularly. We have many religious organizations in Curtis, some right across the street. These groups welcome students and you may consider joining them.

When you're on campus feel free to stop by if you have questions, recommendations, or just wish to say hello! My door is always open. I'm also available by phone or email to answer questions or discuss issues. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

### Intramural Flag Football

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...Student Union

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## Local Activities

### Curtis

Star Movie Theater

-Friday - Monday 7:30 p.m.

-Tickets \$4:00

Mill Park

-Arena open to public, located west of Curtis.

Arrowhead Meadows Golf Course

-Green fees: \$12 for 9 holes

Martha Jo's

-Daily lunch specials of your favorite meals plus a few traditional Korean dishes.

Curtis Cattle Company

-Thursday All-You-Can-Eat Pizza and Pasta Night (starts Sept 1)

-Sunday Buffet 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

-Friday and Saturday Night Prime Rib Buffet

Wellfleet Lake

-15 minutes west of Curtis; enjoy fishing, swimming, and camping.

### North Platte

Buffalo Bill Ranch

Cody Go-Karts Fun Park

North Platte Community Playhouse

### McCook

Kiplinger Arena

Atwood Bowl and Fun Center

McCook Speedway

### Frontier County

Medicine Creek State Recreation Area is a good site for boating, camping, fishing, picnicking, water sports, and bird watching.



Image Courtesy <http://www.codygokarts.com/>

## Aggies Speak Out

*As a returning student, what advice do you have for incoming freshman?*



Meylin Carrasquillo, Omaha, Neb.

“If you’re gonna party, put school first. Your social life should always come second to your education. On that note, make memories and live life to the fullest!”



Lynnsey Riha, Spencer, Neb.

Volunteer. Get yourself out there, making friends and using your skills to help better yourself in the long run.



Chelsea Harders, Crete, Neb.

Study, study, study, but don’t forget to have a little responsible fun. Socialize and get involved in activities, clubs, and teams. Don’t be afraid to make new friends!



Taylor Rossenbach, Ainsworth, Neb.

Set goals and do not let anything or anybody stop you from achieving them.



Josi Arnold, Longmont, Colo.

Get to know faculty, staff, and other students, but don’t forget about your friends and family at home. And ask for help when you need it!

## Remember When

“Remember when?” These were the words heard most often at the 100 Year Celebration of NSA (Nebraska School of Agriculture), UNSA (University of Nebraska School of Agriculture), UNSTA (University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture), and NCTA over the weekend celebrating the school’s 100-year anniversary in August. Many stories of shenanigans and favorite moments were shared.



Byron Vaness, 1969.  
(Photo: Curtis Aggie Yearbook, 1969/1970)

“Remember when we used our paycheck from working at the old water plant to cover our bets at our poker tournaments? The dean always cleaned us out. Or, remember the time we carried that Volkswagon Beetle up the stairs of Ag Hall and left it there for the dean to find?”

Byron Vaness, class of 1969, Mechanics. (Vaness’s son, Eric, graduated from NCTA in 1996.)

“Remember when my (soon to be) wife worked on the milk machines? Boy, did we drink a lot of milk back then. I remember riding on the rodeo team with Coach Gerald.”

Lee Malmes, class of 1968, Ag Business

“Remember when we went to the Eskimo prom our senior year? There were igloos and ice decorations everywhere in the gym. Aksarben cattle competitions used to be held in the auditorium, too. We would walk out cattle in the north door, parade them around inside some hay bales, then lead them out the south door.”

Hazen Cole, high school class of 1959, and high school sweetheart, Caroline

“Remember when I was the editor of the Curtis Aggie newspaper? Glad to see the name hasn’t changed too much.”

Sid Shirley, high school class of 1963

“Remember the Normal Training program? I trained to be a rural school teacher while I was in high school. I was a teacher right out of high school and for 15 more years.”

Vonnie (Teel) Tiller, high school class of 1948

“Remember when I won Grand Champion Holstein heifer during the ag cattle show? Or taking Normal Training to get out of taking Chemistry?”

Bob Tiller, high school class of 1948



Beef class, 1948. (Photo: Curtis Aggie Yearbook, 1948)

“Remember when we found that cat in the culvert and threw it into Mr. Peuters’ classroom? If he hadn’t been leaning his chair against the door when we opened it, we would’ve gotten much farther before he caught us. I still wonder how Mr. Ellsworth (the principal) knew it was me in trouble without even looking up from his desk.”

Tommie Floro, high school class of 1957

“Remember when we drove 100 miles back to Broken Bow in the middle of a blizzard just to get the snowmobile? Riding those hills was such a thrill!”

R.P. Smith, class of 1980



1970. (Photo: Curtis Aggie Yearbook, 1969/1970)

## Irrigation Technician Program

By Mary Crawford

A two-semester technical program to train irrigation service personnel launches next month at NCTA.

“The Irrigation Technician Certificate Pro-



Photo courtesy <http://informedfarmers.com/irrigation-systems/>

gram will educate students for service technician positions in the expanding center-pivot irrigation industry,” said Dr. Brad Ramsdale, assistant professor in the agronomy department. “The curriculum is specifically designed to provide students with the necessary skills in electricity, welding, safety, pumping dynamics and communications.”

Fall classes will feature core courses in electricity with applications to the irrigation industry. A major feature of the spring curriculum is the Mechanized Irrigation Systems course that focuses on the latest control systems used on center-pivots.

Nebraska has over 8.5 million acres of irrigated crop land and is a leader in center-pivot and irrigation components, says Ramsdale.

While each irrigation company has its own internal training program, industry leaders applaud NCTA’s initiative for an in-depth, hands-on educational program. Partnerships are underway with some companies providing equipment, instructors, scholarships or financial resources to enhance the NCTA program.

Ken Goodall, Reinke’s western U.S. sales director, said the Deshler-based manufacturer will match local dealer sponsorships, up to \$1,000 per student. In return for the college financing and certificate, students will pledge to come back and work three years as dealership technicians. “There is a dire need for irrigation technicians right now, with the populace growing and more need for food all the time,” Goodall said.

## R. P. Smith, Cowboy Poet

R.P. Smith (see page 7 photo gallery) is an NCTA alumni from the class of 1980. He currently resides in Custer County Nebraska where he works his own ranch. Between mischievous cows, a loving wife, and six kids, Smith never runs out of material. His advice to aspiring poets, authors, and song writers: “Work hard and never give up on what you love. Pay attention to the world around you and look for the story no one else has thought to tell.”

Welcome to campus Aggie,  
we are glad that you are here,  
And look forward with excitement  
to this coming year.  
As the traditions are continued  
of one hundred years now past,  
You will become agriculture’s leaders  
and your time here will go fast.

Like a seed planted in good soil,  
we hope you are ready to grow,  
Your world has a need for you  
and what you will soon know.  
Each one of you has talents  
that are unique to you,  
Use them for a greater purpose,  
do the best that you can do.

The roots that you put down  
in Curtis will surely serve you well,  
As both an anchor and a launching pad  
from which you will propel.  
Take a deep seat in your saddle  
and prepare to ride today,  
Into a brave new century,  
you are the pride of NCTA!

-R.P. Smith

## Who’s Who

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Resident Life/Housing

Matt Allbright (308 367 5247)

Security

Beck Currie (308-367-6331)

Student Activities

Matt Allbright (308 367 5247)

Student ID

Joni Hilburn (308 367 5263)

Student Issues/Challenges:

Kevin Martin (308-367-5217)

Work Study

Joni Hilburn (308 367 5263)

**“Be miserable. Or motivate yourself. Whatever has to be, it’s your choice..”**

**- Wayne Dyer**

## Competitive Equitation



Courtesy Photo

Competitive Equitation, taught by Roy Cole every summer, takes riders back to the basics of teaching a horse various maneuvers. Students this summer worked cattle, performed ranch pleasure patterns, worked on trail events, and rode through the hills of Aggie Land (as seen above).

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## NCTA Names Range Science Instructor, Rodeo Coach



Photo courtesy Paige Bek Wood.

Bridger Chytka of Hemingford has been named the range science instructor and Aggies rodeo team coach at NCTA.

“Bridger will coach student athletes for our intercollegiate rodeo team and will instruct range management, rodeo seminar and animal science courses,” said Dr. Douglas Smith, APS Division Chair.

During his college career, Chytka worked for the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition, assisting Nebraska ranchers in evaluating range conditions and teaching range monitoring methods.

In May, Chytka received his Master of Arts degree in Science-Education from Chadron State College, where he also earned a Bachelor of Science in Range Management. He is a 2006 graduate of Hemingford High School and competes in calf roping.

“When you want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe, then you will be successful,” Chytka advises students and rodeo athletes.

As a calf roper, he is a member of the Mountain States Circuit of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and amateur in Nebraska rodeo associations.

The NCTA rodeo season will kick-off Sept. 13-14 at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, WI. NCTA athletes will compete in five fall contests, as part of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, Great Plains Region. Chytka will be assuming some of the teaching duties previously held by Professor Dave Smith, who retired in December, 2012.

## Who's Who

Below is a list of phone numbers and contacts most commonly requested by new students at NCTA. Students are encouraged to call, email, asks questions, and stop by the appropriate offices when help is needed.

### Academic

#### Blackboard Navigation:

Mo Khamouna (308-367-5213)  
UNL Helpdesk (866-472-3970)

#### Blackboard Password:

Justin Baugher (308-367-5210)  
Vicky Luke (308-367-5204)

#### Bookstore:

Jan Burton (308-367-5274/5260)

#### Computer Labs:

Justin Baugher (308-367 5210)

#### Internet Connection:

Justin Baugher (308-367 5210)

#### Library:

Mo Khamouna (308-367-5213)

#### Special Accommodations/ADA Requirements:

Kevin Martin (308-367-5217)

#### Tutoring:

Kevin Martin (308-367-5217)

#### Writing Center:

Eric Reed (308-367-5276)

### Clubs and Activities

#### Aggie Up! Campus Newsletter:

Eric Reed (308-367-5276)

#### Aggie Trap Club

Matt Allbright (308-367-5247)

#### Business Club:

Jennifer McConville (308-367-5259)

#### Collegiate Cattlemen:

Jo Bek (308-367-5283)

#### Collegiate FFA/4-H:

Doug Smith (308-367-5286)

#### Equestrian Team:

Jo Hergenreder (308-367-5291)

#### Farm Bureau Club:

Brad Ramsdale (308-367-5225)

#### Horticulture Club:

Tee Bush (308-367-5226)

#### Intramural Sports:

Matt Allbright (308-367-5247)

#### Livestock Judging Team:

Doug Smith (308-367-5286)

#### Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society:

Eric Reed (308-367-5276)

#### Ranch Horse:

Roy Cole (308-367-5285)

#### Rodeo:

Bridger Chytka (308-367-5284)

#### Safari Club:

Judy Bowmaster-Cole (308-367-5282)

#### Student Senate:

Scott Mickelsen (308-367-5253)

#### STVMA:

Barb Berg 308-367-5219

#### Women in Ag:

Jo Bek (308-367-5283)

### Program Divisions

#### Agribusiness Management Systems

Division Chair: Paul Clark (308-367 5275)

Secretary: Jan Burton (308-367-5274/5260)

#### Agriculture Production Systems:

Division Chair: Doug Smith (308-367-5286)

Secretary: Jan Price (308-367-5293)

#### Agronomy/Ag Mechanics/Horticulture

Division Chair: Brad Ramsdale (308-367-5225)

Secretary: Catherine Hauptman (308-367-5222)

#### General Education

Division Chair: Eric Reed (308-367-5276)

Secretary: Jan Burton (308-367-5274/5260)

#### Veterinary Technology

Division Chair: Barb Berg (308-367-5219)

Secretary: Catherine Hauptman (308-367-5222)

### General

#### Custodial

Becky Currie (308-367-6331)

#### Financial Aid

Vicky Luke (308-367-5204)

#### Maintenance

Kenny Russell (308-367-5244)

#### Meal Plan/Food Services

Cindy Fritsche (308 367-5294)

#### Parking Permit

Vicky Luke (308-367-5204)

#### Registration/Records

Vicky Luke (308-367-5204)

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## Aggie Fest Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest

Livestock judging students studying at the NCTA will host the Third Annual "Aggie Fest" Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest on Saturday, September 14th, at the NCTA Campus.

"We will have several classes of livestock to evaluate, as well as instructions on how to answer contest questions and give oral reasons before a judge," said Dr. Douglas Smith, livestock judging coach and chairman of NCTA's Agricultural Production Systems (APS) division.

The morning clinic is open to all 4-H and FFA members, and those interested in joining these youth organizations, Smith said. NCTA Aggie students enrolled in animal science and livestock evaluation classes will assist youth in evaluating beef cattle, sheep and swine.

Participants can then compete in an afternoon evaluation contest for scoring and awards.

A \$15 per person registration fee includes lunch. Individuals or teams should register by September 6, 2013 to (308) 367-5293, or contact Dr. Smith at doug.smith@unl.edu.

Judging activities will be conducted in the Livestock Teaching Center, located on the east side of NCTA Campus.

**"Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing, it was here first."  
- Mark Twain**

***College Tips:  
Establish a study routine.***

## Reiley's Ramblings: *A Few Things You Oughta Know About Me*

By Reiley Wieland, Co-Editor

1. I'm a medic in the National Guard. All those clichés you've heard about the military? Not true. Except that one about being able to wound a man 13 ways with just my pinky. That one's true.

2. Depending on what group of my siblings you look at, I'm the oldest, youngest, and middle child.

3. I don't like Nebraska summers. They are too hot!

Ergo, my plans to move way north and way east of here, where snow is plentiful and you can't drink the air in the summer time.

4. Need to find me on campus? Check Aggie Central, I'm the RA.

Or the vet tech building, I'll be leading the STVMA (aka Vet Tech Club) meetings as President. Or

watch for the golf cart, I may be out showing a potential new student around campus. If you still can't find me, check the Aggie Up office. Eventually you'll run into me.

5. I take flying lessons. Not the expensive ones with a plane, but the cheaper, more adventurous ones from a horse.

6. My horse, Sweet Pea, is a Mustang, and she loves to see how closely I'm paying attention. She will walk miles and miles as happy as can be...until she finds a puddle or low hanging branch. Then she likes to hop like a bunny. See where the flying lessons come in?

7. Johnny Depp is my favorite actor. Say what you will, but you didn't know that Jack Sparrow was also Edward Scissorhands until the credits rolled, either.

8. I talk. A lot. About anything. I'm always up for a good chat.

9. I like to read, just not textbooks. And write, just not research papers.

10. I'm an insanely fast runner....Just kidding! I'm a turtle.

11. I'm short. Really short: not even five feet tall. I tell all my friends I'll pay \$1 for any new short jokes. This is not a challenge. I only ever paid in Monopoly money anyways.



# NCTA Centennial Celebration in Pictures

By Dean Erickson



# Cowboy Poet R.P. Smith Helps NCTA Celebrate a Century of Agriculture Education

