

## NCTA and MVHS Formalize Agreement



NCTA Dean Ron Rosati and Medicine Valley School District Superintendent Alan Garey recently signed an agreement facilitating the transition of Medicine Valley High School students into an agriculture education and career of their choice. The agreement allows for MVHS juniors and seniors to receive dual college and high school credit for enrolling in courses taught by dually certified NCTA instructors. NCTA will designate a block of time from 8:00 to 9:50 for these courses.

Dean Rosati stated, "NCTA is very pleased to be collaborating with the Medicine Valley Community School district to offer additional higher education opportunities to the residents of Curtis. This partnership allows students in our community to get a jump start on college in a supportive, low-risk and low-cost environment. I appreciate the creativity demonstrated by Superintendent Alan Garey to make this partnership possible and I look forward to working with him in the future to continue to develop initiatives for the benefit of the residents of Curtis."

**College Tip:**  
Make a college budget and stick to it.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February

- 26 Faculty/Staff Strategic Planning Forum at 4:00 p.m.
- 27 Heuermann Lecture Series: "Our Culture War Over Food and Farming" at 6:30 p.m.

### March

- 1 Central Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair at 8:30 a.m.
- 1 Stock Dog Clinic at 9:00 a.m.
- 1 4-H Market Beef Weigh-In at 9:30 a.m.
- 3 Cornhusker Economics Outlook at 2:30 p.m.
- 4 FFA CDE Contest at 7:30 a.m.
- 4 Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- 4 Mardi Gras Dance at 9:00 p.m.

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

## Aggie of the Month



Morgan Bredthauer was named Aggie of the Month for February 2014. Bredthauer will graduate in May with a degree from the Division of Veterinary Technology. In the future, she hopes to work as a service/assistance dog trainer. She is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and STVMA.

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# AGGIE UP!



## Ag Business Succession, Estate Planning Workshop Planned for March 6

By Mary Crawford

Farm and ranch owners, individuals and families preparing for estate planning or transferring the family business are invited to a free daylong workshop on Thursday, March 6 at the University of Nebraska-Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) campus.

Workshop participants will learn about trusts, wills, life estate deeds and business entities such as limited liability companies in family estate and business succession planning, said Paul Clark, associate professor at NCTA's ag business division.

Presenters will be Dave Goeller, deputy director, Northeast Center for Risk Management Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and Joe Hawbaker, agricultural law attorney with Hawbaker Law Office, Omaha.

"Dave and Joe will outline the importance of communication skills, goal-setting and expectations, and of cash-flow analysis," Clark said. "The workshop meets the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Beginning Farmer criteria for Transition Planning, and also will be helpful to individuals who are preparing for owner-

ship succession of multi-generation farms and ranches."

Other key information will include: planning stages of succession, contributions and compensation of the business successor, providing for off-farm heirs, buy-sell agreements, asset protection, taxation issues including federal transfer taxes, Nebraska inheritance tax, and basis adjustment; and essential estate documents.

The workshop is 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at NCTA's Nebraska Agriculture Industry Education Center, University Street and Siminoe Avenue, Curtis. Lunch is included, with registrations to the Rural Response Hotline at 1-800-464-0258.

Workshop sponsors are: NCTA's Business Club, NCTA Agribusiness Management Systems Division, Frontier County Extension, Nebraska Network for Beginning Farmers & Ranchers, the Farm and Ranch Project of Legal Aid of Nebraska, Risk Management Agency of USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's Farm Mediation program.

### 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



This past week, I was able to attend another Women in Ag (WIA) conference, in Kearney, Neb. Accompanied by seven other girls, Tina Smith and Jo Bek, NCTA's WIA club spent

two days at the conference with hundreds of other women who are involved in agriculture. The conference was cut into a series of various talks. During meals of amazing food served by the great staff of the Holiday Inn, a few keynote speakers gave talks on their stories of what it's like to be a woman involved in agriculture. Jolene Brown, Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, Connie Hancock, Jenny Nixon and NCTA's own Jo Bek, were among these speakers. Gayle Becwar, a magician from Davenport, Neb., served as the entertainment for Thursday evening. We all enjoyed his tricks as well as his humor. Throughout the two days, the women went to five sessions of their choosing, as there were many different types of talks offered. I personally attended five sessions that were somewhat entertaining as well as educational. I listened to Jolene Brown talk about family operated businesses and the problems that can arrive from working with one's family. Another workshop was a little out of place for me, it was titled "Ag-citing Science" and was basically two 4-H leaders showing us the kiddy activities they did to teach young students about farming and ranching. It was kind of embarrassing to be singing songs about the farming industry set to "The 12 days of Christmas" but everyone else was doing it so that saves face a little, I guess. Another session gave me insights into starting my own business and what risks go with that. Another described the rise and fall of the cattle market. The last session I attended was an interactive hour involving... eating food. Two women introduced us to different ways of eating, cooking and storing different kinds of herbs. Since I was the facilitator for the session, I "got" to help clean up after 50 women and then was given not one, not two, but five Tupperware containers of a strange concoction including watermelon, olives, vinegar, fetcheese and of course,

herbs. Even if I had liked it, there was no way I could eat five containers of it, especially since it spoils very quickly. So I ended up throwing it away, but hey! I got five free Tupperware containers!

The conference really was fun and I walked away with a little more knowledge about agriculture, and that's always a plus.

## Frew Awarded Case Family Scholarship



Lynde Frew, Ainsworth, Neb., was awarded the Case Family Foundation Fund \$5,000 scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year. Two of the qualifications were a desire to live and work in rural Nebraska and to be enrolled in the Agribusiness Management Systems program.

## Mentalist Performs



Mentalist Chris Carter performed in the Education Center Auditorium Thursday, February 20.

## The View from Down Here: Western-States Veterinary Conference



In February, six NCTA Vet Tech students, along with two veterinary advisors, made the 17-hour drive across the country to Las Vegas to attend the 84th annual Western-States Veterinary Conference. At WVC, over 10,000 veterinarians, vet techs, vet assistants, and other members from the animal industry converged at the Mandalay Bay resort for four days of continuing education classes. 400 vendors also attended to display the latest and greatest products and technology.

**BUT ENOUGH OF THE BORING STUFF!!!!** Let's start with the journey down to Vegas. Does anyone else see the problems that could arise when cramming six females into a single van for 17 hours? We did, too. Fortunately, we survived the trip by either sleeping through the whole drive or keeping up a steady and interesting stream of conversation.

Once we got to the conference, we spread out to our respective areas of interest. Several of us headed for the large animal classes, while others stuck to the small animal side of things. I kept mostly to equine classes, picking those that pertained more to my horses and my discipline of riding. As vet techs, we can choose specialties to further our career in, such as dentistry, behavior, nutrition, and, for me, equine. Luckily, the presidents of all 11 specialties converge upon WVC, so we got to meet with them to discuss our futures in our chosen specialties.

A new adventure for NCTA this year was to have our own booth in the exhibit hall. It was a good opportunity to showcase NCTA and our unique qualities to all the attendees of the conference. We particularly wanted to emphasize our large animal and equine areas, something not many vet tech programs have, as well as our online classes.

Another interesting part of the week was getting to know our newest vet tech instructor, Dr. Glenn Jack-

son. He was pretty quiet at first, but, let's be honest, who can resist the chipper charm of young, eager vet tech students? At our group dinner on the last night of the conference, we showed him the kind of fun he has to look forward to as an instructor at NCTA.

The point of this trip was to learn as much as we could about the industry that we are about to enter, as well as gather information that will help us be more useful in said industry. And we accomplished that goal, ten-fold. But we also learned about ourselves and our goals; about each other, probably way too much about each other; and learned what we mean to this school.

## NCTA Hosts March 3 Cornhusker Economics Outlook

Market projections and agricultural policy discussions will top the agenda on Monday, March 3rd at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Cornhusker Economics Outlook.

The analysis of 2014 marketing prospects will be available to southwest Nebraskans from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. with a live-stream broadcast at the Nebraska Agriculture Industry Education Center Auditorium in Curtis. It is free of charge.

The meetings are presented for a concise, fast-paced discussion of crop, livestock, policy, and land outlook by three staff with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension and Department of Agricultural Economics.

During March, Cornhusker Economics Outlooks will be hosted at nine locations around Nebraska, including at the Gothenburg (Monsanto) Learning Center. The March 3rd event will be live-streamed for NCTA students and the public at the NCTA Auditorium, University Street and Siminoe Avenue.

NCTA's Campus Outlook is hosted by the NCTA Ag Business Club, NCTA Agribusiness Management Systems Division, and Frontier County Extension.

**"Common sense is not so common."  
-Voltaire**