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Nebraska by Heart recognizes Nebraska's sesquicentennial; Local Artist Part Of Project

Nebraska by Heart is a Public Art Project recognizing Nebraska's sesquicentennial - its 150th Anniversary - and a significant way to celebrate our great state and the richness of life in the American Midwest. It is supported by the Nebraska 150 Committee as a Legacy Project (highest status in terms of what is being offered during the sesquicentennial celebration) and sponsored by Lead Up Lincoln and the Sadie Dog Fund, two Lincoln based, non-profit organizations. Nebraska by Heart is being promoted as a not-to-be-missed, bigger-than-life component of Nebraska's Sesquicentennial and a destination for thousands of state, regional, national and international viewers - a visual experience they will love and never forget!

Nebraska by Heart is modeled after other Lincoln based Public Art Projects such as the Bikes of Tour de Lincoln (2003) and the Light Bulbs in Illuminating Lincoln: Lighthouse (2015). It features 85, 6-foot fiberglass Hearts (as well as a few steel and bronze Hearts) created by Nebraska Artists and exhibited in Lincoln from May 1 - October 1, 2017.

The sculptures are symbolic of Nebraska as America's Heartland and the love its citizens feel for their great state, in 83 dynamic and imaginative perspectives, featuring imaginative designs - realistic and whimsical. Individuals of all ages love Public Art Projects as they

witness how Artists transform the same 'cookie cutter' concept into their own unique, creative vision.

Whether one has Nebraska roots or lives in the Midwest, they will understand, enjoy and appreciate how Nebraska by Heart illuminates the place Nebraskans call home. Nebraska by Heart portrays the love Nebraskans feel for our great State - truly, the Good Life! Who we are as Nebraskans is displayed in a variety of magnificent ways. If Nebraska doesn't already hold a place near and dear to your heart, these hearts are sure to put it there! A reminder of all the positive, creative and uplifting good happening in our state!

There will be a public auction on October 6, 2017, at Lincoln's Haymarket Park with a public viewing day October 5th. While Nebraska by Heart is an opportunity for Nebraska artists, professional and emerging, to showcase their talent publicly, the revenue from the auction will also financially benefit the artists as well as our two sponsoring organizations: Lead Up and Sadie Dog Fund. Lead Up provides pathways for communities to invest in their own prosperity by building dynamic networks that connect youth to college and career. Through these powerful networks, students receive academic support, college preparation, and leadership development thus bridging the critical gap between



COURTESY PHOTO

Western Gothic: Big Skies and Big Hearts, by: Roberta Barnes

Nebraska has many diverse regions. One of the larger areas of Nebraska, the Sandhills, encompasses the north and west central regions of the state. I think of this region as one of Nebraska's best kept secrets. Most travelers speed along I-80 and never get a chance to experience the splendor of the Sandhills.

The Sandhills region embraces a culture all its own. It's the beginning of the west where the cowboy way of life is common to all who live there. Many ranches are managed and operated by a team; the husband and wife. They work side-by-side through the good times and the bad times.

The front side of the heart parallels the concepts expressed in Grant Wood's American Gothic. The ranching couple is saddled up in front of the barn ready for the day's work. On the backside, the day is represented through an early morning scene of moving cattle to new pastureland. The base of the sculpture highlights the livestock brands from the Sandhills region.

academic learning and success in college and career. Sadie Dog Fund believes dogs are family.

Through education, prevention, and emergency grants, they work to keep them at home.



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Solomon Butcher, by: Roberta Barnes, Teresa Haney & Paul Loomer, for the Wild Rose Gallery, Broken Bow, NE

Solomon Butcher is a prominent figure in the history of Custer County. His dream was to record, through his photography, the life of the early homesteaders in the late 1800's. Now, a century later, his images give us an insight into the struggles, accomplishments, hopes and dreams of the settlers. Without his photographs, we would have little understanding of the extremes those early settlers endured.

The heart depicts the history of Butcher in a dreamlike cloudscape. The unchanging prairie is depicted in the lower portion of the heart, with the history of the settlers materializing within the clouds.

The base of the sculpture maps out the many towns and villages that existed in Custer County at the time that Solomon Butcher was photographing the settlers.

Mason's Grand Master To Visit Thedford

Masons of Nebraska will be visiting Thedford on June 27. Rick Myers, Grand Master of Nebraska's Masons, will be leading a group of motorcycles, vintage automobiles and others on a tour of Nebraska's Masonic Lodges. "We will be visiting the local Masonic Lodge, sometimes sharing a meal, sometimes sharing fellowship with our brothers and families. I hope the folks in your

town will stop down to the Masonic lodge to say hello, or just to see some of our touring vehicles. In any event, we hope you wave hello when you see our group!"

Approximately 11,000 Masons in Nebraska are members of this ancient fraternity, whose members also belong to Shriners, known around the world for their medical care of burned and crippled children.

Paxton named Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska

A Tryon teen has been named Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2017.

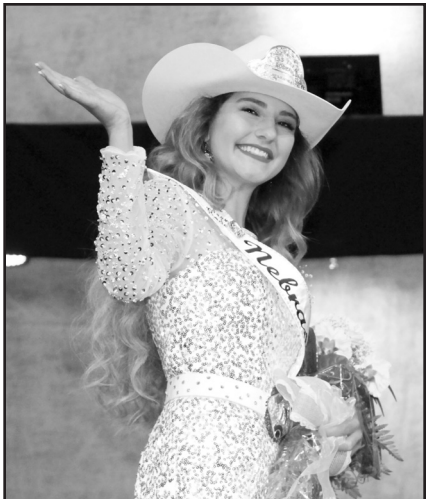
Molly Paxton was crowned Wednesday morning at the North Platte Community Playhouse in North Platte. Paxton, 15, won the horsemanship, appearance and photogenic categories of the pageant.

Rebel Sjeklocha, 16, of Hayes Center, was named first-runner up and will fulfill the duties of queen if Paxton is unable to do so.

Sjeklocha won the speech portion of the pageant.

Danielle Forster, 17, of Smithfield, had the highest score on the written test, and Halee Kohmetscher, 17, of Lawrence, won the personality and congeniality awards. "My life mission is to always honor and value the opportunity of being raised in an environment that promotes the western way of living," said Paxton. "I hope to always bring and promote kindness, positivity and living life to the fullest by making every day better than the day before."

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COURTESY PHOTO

Molly Paxton, 15, of Tryon, waves to the crowd after being named Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2017. Paxton was crowned Wednesday, June 14, at the North Platte Community Playhouse.

Nutter & Pokorny shine at 40th Annual West Nebraska All-Star football game

The 40th annual West Nebraska All-Star football game was held Saturday night, June 10, at Bearcat Stadium in Scottsbluff with the West avenging a one point loss last season by downing the East by the final of 21-10.

Sandhills-Thedford quarterback Jaycee Nutter was named the offensive MVP.

Nutter connected with high school teammate Cade Pokorny on a 25 yard touchdown pass with just :36 left in the first quarter to open the scoring. He kicked the PAT to make it 7-0 West.

It stayed that way until the 5:22 mark of the second quarter when Nutter tossed his second touchdown of the night, hooking up with Ogallala's Logan Hammond on a 27 yard touchdown pass.

With the score 13-10 West, Nutter added the game clinching score with a one yard touchdown on a quarterback keeper late in the fourth quarter.

Nutter is heading to the University of Nebraska-Kearney in the fall.



COURTESY PHOTO

Bearcat Stadium in Scottsbluff once again played host to West Nebraska All-Star football game.

The defenses really dominated on Saturday night. Front center on the defensive side of the football was Alliance defensive back Brendan Brehmer. Brehmer was named the games defensive MVP.

The West recorded four interceptions on the night. Brehmer's high school teammate, 275 lb defensive lineman Gage Rolls, showed off some versatility dropping off the line of scrimmage and snagging and interception.

Brendinh Sayaloune of Chadron High School came up with the game deciding interception late in the fourth quarter that eventually set up Nutter's short touchdown run.

Noah Eklund of Valentine had the West's other interception on the night. Brady Rhode of Ansley recorded a third quarter safety, sacking Nutter in the end zone for the first two points of the night for the East All-Stars. At that point the score was 13-2 West.

Then a nice interception in the flat from Lexington's Luis Lam out around midfield set the East up with nice field position and they'd eventually capitalize as Matthew Neiman of Brady scored on a one yard touchdown run.

The Sportsmanship Award winners were Jaycee Nutter for the West and Tyler Buck from Holdrege for the East team.

Mobile Museum In Mullen Today

The Nebraska 150 Celebration's "Truckin' Through Nebraska: A Mobile Children's Museum" will be in Mullen next week!

It will be located just west of the Old Hotel downtown Mullen on Wednesday, June 21 from 1-5 p.m. MT and on Thursday, June 22 from 10 AM-

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