

Gov. Ricketts Appoints Mike Jacobson as Senator for Legislative District 42



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From left to right: Julie Jacobson, Mike Jacobson, Chief Justice Michael Heavican, Governor Pete Ricketts

Governor Pete Ricketts has announced the appointment of Michael "Mike" Jacobson of North Platte to fill the vacancy in Legislative District 42.

"Mike is a Nebraska native who exemplifies our state's entrepreneurialism and hard work," said Gov. Ricketts. "He will be a champion for efficient and effective government, responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, and our state's strong family values. His successful leadership as a community banker has given him valuable insights that will help to grow Nebraska."

"It is an honor to represent the citizens of District 42 in the Legislature," said Jacobson. "I share Nebraska's traditional values, work ethic, and entrepreneurial spirit. As a State Senator, I'll advocate for limited government and conservative fiscal policy. I've built a community-minded culture in my business, and I look forward to strengthening Nebraska by creating more opportunities to live and work in the Good Life."

Jacobson grew up on a share-rented farm near Sutton and supported

himself through college. After returning to farm and teach for a short time in Red Cloud, he began a banking career in 1980 as an Agricultural Lending Officer at City National Bank in Hastings. In 1984, he moved to Lincoln and worked as Senior Vice President/Division Manager of The National Bank of Commerce. After a decade in Lincoln, he relocated to North Platte in 1994 to serve as Chairman, President, and CEO of Western Nebraska National Bank. In 1998, he became the Founder and Principal Shareholder of NebraskaLand Bank in North Platte. He's successfully grown the bank to over \$850 million in total assets with branches in Kearney and Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Jacobson has been active in the community, serving as Chair of the North Platte Redevelopment Authority, Chair of the North Platte Airport Authority, and on the Great Plains Health Board of Directors. He's also a Past President of both the North Platte Development Corporation and

North Platte Public Schools Foundation Board.

Jacobson has given leadership to numerous professional and statewide associations. He's a Past Chairman of the Nebraska Bankers Association and Past President of the Agriculture Builders of Nebraska Inc. He has been a board member of the Nebraska Independent Community Bankers and has served on various committees with the American Bankers Association. Additionally, he's served on the Governor's Agricultural Advisory Council; University of Nebraska President's Advisory Council; and University of Nebraska Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET).

Jacobson is a graduate of Sutton High School and holds a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics/Agricultural Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

His appointment is effective February 23, 2022. Jacobson fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Mike Groene.

Thedford Public Schools looks to address space issue

Thedford Public Schools is looking at options to address a space issue in the elementary. A special board workshop was held February 2 at which time discussion was held on building and grounds improvements and focused on the needs for the grade school. The board agreed to continue discussing improvements to the current elementary building. TPS Superintendent Dahlberg said that the school system has seen an increase in numbers between 30 and 40 students. Enrollment has gone from 102 to 142 in the last few years.

"We are seeing a lot of

young families with children moving to our area and there is the possibility of an even greater increase," Superintendent Dahlberg said. "The consensus of the board is to focus on doing something with the elementary space and looking at different options."

Superintendent Dahlberg presented financial options for building improvements at the February 14 regular board meeting. He also reviewed a lease purchase vs. bond worksheet for further clarification.

Other items on the meeting agenda included:

- The 2022-2023 school calendar was presented for board approval.

- The board approved the purchase of a 2019 Micro Bird G5 14 passenger bus for \$57,995.

- Thedford Schools membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards was approved

- The administrative report included football schedules for the next two years, legislative updates, and testing and assessments.

The next regular meeting of the board of education will be March 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Sitz/Johnston Angus Host 49th Annual Bull Sale



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Mike and Debra Sitz, and Joel and Bethany Johnston held their 49th Annual Bull Sale on an unusually warm and sunny day, Monday, February 7, 2022, at the Burwell Livestock Market. For nearly a century, the Sitz family has been devoted to building a cowherd centered around functional and problem free Angus genetics. This was a very uniform set of bulls with 86 head averaging \$5,706.

The high selling bull was Lot 27, MSAR Creed 0018, selling to repeat customer, Brandon Bruha for \$17,000. This larger framed, high capacity, long bodied, high-performance bull has a Wean Ratio of 128 and a Yearling Ratio of 123, with a 85-pound birth weight and a scrotal circumference of 42 cm. The bull's EPD's were +1 for CED, +2.4 Birth, +71 for Wean, +126 for Yearling, + 3 for CEM and +25 for Milk. The dam is Msar Marshall Queen 8057, a MSAR Walk On 4 Traveler 5021 daughter.

Repeat customers LB Haase and Sons, Inc, Valentine, purchased Lot 10, JJA Charlo 0163, a bull from the Joel and Bethany Johnston herd, for \$12,000. This bull is high ratioing and deep bodied. His dam is from the Proud Formera cow line, his maternal grandsire being Rito 054 GDAR.

He had a + 10 CED, and - 0.3 Birth, a +47 Wean, a +81 Yearling, + 3 CEM, +26 Milk, with a 80-pound birth weight, with a Wean Ratio of 107 and a Yearling Ratio of 106.

Another AAA Creed 5802 son, Lot 34, MSAR Creed 0029, sold to repeat buyer, Terry Murphy, Stuart, NE, for \$12,000. This thick made, big middled bull has a Wean Ratio of 101, and a Yearling Ratio of 101. He has + 5 for CED, and +1.3 Birth, a +54 Wean, a +98 Yearling, + 5 CEM, +24 Milk, with a 79-pound birth weight. His dam is from the Dora cow family with MSAR Walk On 4 Traveler 502 and Traveler 6802 bloodlines.

MSAR Creed 0008, Lot 24, sold to repeat customer, Hauserman Ranch, North Platte, NE, for \$10,500. This bull is long and deep, and a high-capacity performance bull. He has a 74-pound birth weight with 109 for a Wean Ratio and 108 for a Yearling Ratio. He has a + 8 CED, a -0.1 for Birth, +58 for Wean, +107 for Yearling, +7 for CEM and +23 for Milk. His dam is from the Blackbird line with Bandwagon and CAR Chinook in her bloodlines.

Lot 22, MSAR Creed 0003, brought \$10,250, selling to Brandon Bruha, Ord, NE. A calving ease, and performance bull, he has a birth weight of 67 pounds and Wean and

Yearling Ratios at 112. He had a CED of + 10, a Birth of -1.6, a Wean of +57, a Yearling of +105 a CEM of +7 and Milk of +25. The dam is from the Marshall Queen line, with Game Day and Right Time in her pedigree.

Lot 36, another Creed son from the Johnston herd, JJA Creed 0151, found a new home at the Keller Ranch, Bassett, NE, for \$10,000. This calving ease bull had a birth weight of 68 pounds, complete with performance with a Wean Ratio of 116 and a Yearling Ratio of 106. He has a +6 for CED, a +0.3 for Birth, a +59 for Wean, + 101 for Yearling, +7 for CEM and a + 24 for Milk. Dam is from the Marshall Queen line with Black Cedar 46P on her top side.

Sire, AAR Creed 5802, ruled the day as another deep bodied and thick Creed son, Lot 26, MSAR Creed 0011, sold to Hauserman Ranch, North Platte, for \$10,000. His birth weight was 81 pounds, having a Wean Ratio of 116 and Yearling Ratio at 112. He has a + 8 for CED, a + .6 for Birth, a +60 for Wean, +104 for Yearling, + 6 for CEM and a +25 for Milk. His dam is from the Evidences Epiphonia cow family, and is a line bred to MSAR Emblazon 4086.

Mike Baxter, Ainsworth, was the auctioneer.

Click Family Healthcare is now open In Kearney & Broken Bow

A ground-breaking Primary Care clinic has arrived!!

Click Family Healthcare has brought an innovative healthcare solution to Central Nebraska. John R Jacobsen MD, a veteran family physician and Nebraska native, launched a clinic built on the Direct Primary Care (DPC) model - a unique and affordable solution for families and small businesses.

Direct Primary Care offers a low-cost membership option for direct access to a personal doctor. DPC has seen rampant growth throughout the country, and Click Family Healthcare looks to be the only of its kind in Central Nebraska. "I get excited to work directly with patients and form relationships with people. It's why I became a doctor.

Click Family Healthcare allows me to do just that," says Jacobsen. "No per-visit fees. No nickel-and-dime charges. Basic care services are covered under your membership." Jacobsen's clinics forgo health insurance, which avoids the current bureaucracy and industry charges. By not having to hire extra administrative staff, DPC's have the time and ability to provide much more personal care at a much lower cost. Customers of the model enjoy:

- Membership that starts at \$15 per month.
- Direct access to their doctor, including their cell phone number.
- Discounts and benefits

for small businesses with employees.

- Reduced cost of labs, procedures and generic medications.

Jacob Peterson, M.D., Anne Lana, APRN and Dr. Jacobsen, M.D. are all accepting new patients.

Patients can begin registering at clickfamily-health.com today, as well as learn more about the clinic. You can also follow Click Family Healthcare on Facebook and Instagram.

About Click Family Healthcare: Click Family Healthcare is founded and owned by Dr. John R Jacobsen, MD. The clinics are located at 416 W 48th St, Ste 28 in Kearney and 805 S F St. in Broken Bow.

Amazing Grace Church to show free documentary on sex ed standards

Amazing Grace Church, 507 Walnut, Thedford, will be hosting a free and just-released national documentary to help people understand who is pushing the sex ed standards to sexualize Nebraska children. Attendees must be 19 years of age or older to attend the documentary film. A free will donation will be accepted near the end of the movie.

RSVP is required to guarantee your seat at the showing on Thursday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Lee Wonch at 308-636-6268 or email him at dlwonch@gpcom.net.

Sponsors for this program are Protect Nebraska Children Coalition and Ne-braskans for Founders' Values (NFFV) Guardians of our First Amendment Rights. See complete information about the showing on page 6 of this issue.