

EXTENSION HIGHLIGHTS

Bartos Receives Award,
Is Huskers Guest Coach

Lorene Bartos, Extension Educator, received a **Meritorious Service Award** at the Galaxy II Conference held in Salt Lake City. Galaxy II is the combined National meetings of National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA), National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) and Epsilon Sigma Phi. The award was given in recognition of an outstanding career of leadership and professional service to the 4-H program and NAE4-HA.



Lorene Bartos (right) at the Galaxy II Conference.

On Oct. 4, Lorene was an **NU Huskers guest coach** for the Nebraska vs. Troy State game (30-0). A full-day's itinerary included pre-game breakfast with the team, brunch with recruits, recognition on HuskerVision, and meeting Coach Frank Solich and Athletic Director Steve Pederson on the sidelines.



Lorene Bartos (far left) with Steve Pederson (center) at the Oct. 4 Huskers vs. Troy State game.

Lorene has been with the Lancaster County 4-H and Extension program for over 30 years beginning in 1973. Her home town is St. Edward, Nebraska where she was a 10 year 4-H member. Lorene received her B.S. degree in Home Economics and Extension in 1970 and her M.S. degree in Human Development and the Family in 1984.

Kulm Receives Award

Tracy Kulm, Extension Associate, received an **Achievement in Service Award** at the Galaxy II Conference in Salt Lake City. This award is a recognition to National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) members who have served more than three but less than seven years in Extension youth programs. Tracy has been with the Lancaster 4-H program for six years. She works with 4-H clubs, leader training and the Family and Consumer Science area.



Tracy Kulm presents "4-H Fiber Fun" at earth wellness festival.

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Deadline for submission is Saturday, April 12, 2004.
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Spotlight on a Neighborhood:
University Place

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Note: This article is part of a series spotlighting the various Neighbors Working Together (NWT) neighborhoods. NWT creates a supportive network facilitating leadership and collaboration across 13 neighborhoods adjacent to both campuses of the University of Nebraska.

Like many Lincoln neighborhoods, University Place was founded in 1887 around an institution of higher learning — in this case, Nebraska Wesleyan University. A separate village for many years, University Place was annexed to the City of Lincoln in 1926.

Today, University Place is a busy neighborhood, with UNL's East Campus on the southwest and Wesleyan in the center. Census 2000 data shows a population of roughly 12,000, and a neighborhood that has evolved from mostly owner-occupied homes to a mix of rental and owner-occupied homes. The neighborhood has also become more racially and ethnically diverse.

The University Place neighborhood has a long tradition of citizen and neighborhood action. The University Place Community Organization (UPCO) has celebrated its 30th anniversary, and represents one of the largest organized neighborhoods in the city, an area from 33rd to 63rd Streets and from Holdrege to Fremont Streets.

Proud of their historic roots, University Place residents nonetheless are working together to map out the neighborhood's future. A neighborhood process is underway that invites residents, businesses, and institutions to envision the future of University Place. This unique effort to integrate both a traffic and neighborhood revitalization study involves a partnership among the city's Urban Development and Public Works Departments, the University Place Business Association, Nebraska Wesleyan University and UPCO.

A cataloging of the University Place's strengths shows a dynamic neighborhood that provides many services for today's residents and a solid foundation for the future.

Transportation Available for Residents of Rural Lancaster County

The Lancaster County Rural Transit is excited to announce a change in how service is being provided! Since July 28, Lancaster County has been divided into two service areas. A North and South route. The dividing line is Highway 34 east of Lincoln and Highway 6 west of Lincoln.

The North route will be served on Mondays and Wednesdays.



University Place neighborhood includes the historic City Hall which is home of the University Place Art Center.

Businesses

A bustling business district along North 48th Street offers most goods and services with easy access via three off-street parking lots. A new bank, drugstore, restaurant, several new retail shops and an expanded University Place Art Center have enhanced the business district. The mall at 48th & Leighton offers a full-service grocery store and several shops. Additional businesses are found on Adams Street and the North 33rd Street area. An active University Place Business Association promotes commercial and improvement activities.

Community Services

The Northeast Family Center in the Whitehall Mansion offers parenting support and education, toddler playgroups, teen nights, family counseling, family fun nights and a grandparent support program. The Community Learning Center at Huntington Elementary provides school-based supervised centers for studies, clubs, and programs and support services for children, families, and neighborhoods. A Senior Diner site is located at the First United Methodist Church, 50th & St. Paul, and the city recycling center at 47th and St. Paul is one of the busiest in town.

Recreation

The neighborhood currently boasts two parks: University Place Park offers a new Aquatic Center, softball field, horseshoe pits, playground, tennis court and picnic facilities. UPCO Park hosts tennis and volleyball courts, a soccer field, playground and picnic facilities. A

new Northeast Park is being developed on the western edge of the neighborhood at 33rd and Huntington. Nebraska Wesleyan University's Health and Fitness Center is open to the public during certain hours. The John Dietrich Bike Trail crosses the neighborhood, and the Easterday Recreation Center offers a variety of recreational classes and fitness opportunities.

Historic Interest

The neighborhood includes the Creighton Historic District of 100-year old homes, as well as several buildings listed on the National Registry of Historic Places: Whitehall Mansion, 5903 Walker Avenue; Carnegie Library building at 48th and Cleveland; historic City Hall at 48th and Baldwin (home of the University Place Art Center); and Old Main Building on the Wesleyan Campus.

Neighborhood
Association

The University Place Community Organization, organized in 1972, holds a mid-winter annual meeting and has an active board which meets monthly to address neighborhood concerns and organize projects. Activities have included a spring neighborhood clean-up, tree planting, Yard of the Month recognition, village market, purchase of play-ground equipment, housing rehabilitation, leadership training, community planning, city-wide advocacy and neighborhood celebrations such as the popular Easter Egg Hunt. For more information call UPCO President Larry Zink at 464-6937.

The cost for this service is \$1.50 per one-way trip. Reservations are made one day in advance. This is public transportation and anyone living in rural Lancaster County can ride.

For more information about the Rural Transit service, call 441-7031. Provided in part by the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging/Aging Services. (GB)

The South route will be served on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

This change will give current riders the opportunity to ride twice a week and give new riders more options from which to choose.

This service consists of early morning pick-ups in rural Lancaster County going into Lincoln and mid-afternoon returns to your home.