Girl Scout Creates 'Nebraska' Movie Display

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PLAINVIEW, Neb. - It's been almost exactly two years since much of the movie, "Nebraska," was filmed here and elsewhere in northeast Nebraska.

Northeast Nebraskans - especially those living in Plainview, Norfolk, Stanton and Hooper - eagerly awaited the December 2013 premiere of the movie, which featured many local actors and countless scenes with local farms, roads, streets, houses and businesses.

For most of those who were involved in the production or who were lucky enough to have acted in it, about all they have now is fond memories and possibly a souvenir.

That is about to change, the Norfolk Daily News reported.

Natalie Lingenfelter of Plainview, a member of the Girl Scouts, has organized a display of information and memorabilia from "Nebraska." She has acquired a variety of items, including a copy of a script that was left behind, hundreds of photos from when the movie was being made. recorded interviews with some of those involved and many pieces of movie memorabilia.

Natalie, a senior at Plainview High

School, became interested in the movie two years ago when word began to get leaked that Plainview would be the fictional town for the movie. It also would be featured in some of the scenes.

Natalie completed the project on behalf of the Plainview Historical Society for display at the community's Depot Museum and as part of a Gold Award, which is the highest honor for Girl Scouts.

She recently put the finishing touches on the paperwork for the award. "It has been my life from June to now,"

Natalie said. Last month, Natalie hosted an open

house on a Saturday at the museum. The open house began at 11 a.m., which coincidentally was the same time that the University of Nebraska was playing a football game.

The daughter of Dianne and Lyle Lingenfelter grew concerned when hardly anybody showed up at first.

"Then about 2 (p.m.), we had a good turnout," said her mother, Dianne. "A lot of people came through."

Natalie said she received a lot of help with the project, including from the Plainview City Council and Michael Holton, city administrator.

A grant helped to pay for some of the expenses with the display, including a

smart TV and DVD player with more than 100 minutes of footage, including interviews with some of those who took part in the movie. It also has a DVD of the movie itself for people to watch.

Natalie said many people volunteered to help her, including Grant Drummer, who edited all her footage so that it was usable. She also had help from her brother, Nick, who had a videocamera to interview 10 people, such as Arnold and Jeanne Oltjenbruns, who were extras in some of the scenes.

Then there were many people who came forth with memorabilia, including Todd and Sherry Diedrichsen, who donated the bus bench from the movie.

While many northeast Nebraskans have fond memories when the movie was made, Natalie's display helps to preserve and document what likely will be a oncein-a-lifetime experience for many.

The depot is open by appointment, but it will be open daily, starting in summer.

One of the plans is to have a contest to see who can look the most like Woody Grant during Plainview's annual Klown Days in early June. Woody was Bruce Dern's character and wore a "Prize Winner" cap while riding in a red pickup in his hometown at the end.

a proven developer is the key to success for a TIF. "Everything has the po-

tential of a default because it's based on projections," he said. "But when you deal with what I call a 'varsity developer' — somebody that has a proven track record and reputation — and deal with desired individuals such as a development group that it's their mission to go forward with it, you greatly reduce those chances of any kind of default.

He added it's also key to develop trust between developers and the governing body that approves the TIF.

"Without trust, all you're doing is questioning each other back and forth every day, and you just chip away at the time and nothing ever gets accomplished because you don't trust," he said. "I've seen projects where, frankly, I just walked off and said it doesn't make sense because the trust was lost — and that's truly the most important thing to work with.' With time, some contro-

versy has arisen over the use of TIFs and how they've affected other states that implement them. South Dakota's TIF laws, according to Morris, were based largely off the system that Illinois' TIF structure uses.

Morris said South Dakota tends to have a better structure for TIFs than many other states.

"South Dakota is conservative," he said. "People will throw studies out there and

thing in the world. And why is that? Well, look at California." Well, look at California as a whole - of course it's been brutally vandalized and beat up and down and terribly taken advantage of. Iowa ---liberal - they used to have inperpetuity TIFs and they never ended. We at least know that TIFs end at 20 years or when that (governing body that approved it) says it's going to end. ... Our laws are really a little bit more conservative than we see, but we're no California. ... No two states

say, 'Oh, TIFs are the worst

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are the same.

Johnson's deep South Dakota roots.

"He has served our state for more than 35 years, first in the state Legislature, and then, after winning a highly competitive primary against two well-known Democrat opponents, in the halls of Congress," Thune said. After serving in the House

for a decade, Johnson moved to the Senate, said Thune, who later joined him as senator.

"I've had the privilege of serving with him in the South Dakota delegation for over 16 years, and today I want to pay tribute to his many years of public service and all he has done for our home state," Thune said. Thune characterized John-

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Rushmore State. "South Dakotans are



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where those expenses are going to go so it's analyzed from A to Z in making sure it fits with the priority of what the community is looking for.'

Though TIFs are generally used for economic development, Morris cited examples of cities - such as Spearfish, Brookings and Colman — in South Dakota that have used TIFs to help facilitate housing areas. Morris said around 200 TIFs are currently enacted in the state, including three in Yankton.

Morris said working with

Farewell

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He won re-election in 2002 when he defeated GOP challenger John Thune by 532 votes. Libertarian Kurt Evans, the third candidate, received more than 3,000 votes.

The 2002 race gained national attention in the battle for Senate control. Johnson's win gave the Democrats a 51-49 edge.

Johnson survived prostate cancer in 2004. He then suffered an intracerebral bleed (known as arteriovenous malformation, or AVM) in December 2006, requiring brain surgery and bringing several grave mo-

American people, is more and more focused on winning the next election," he said. "Today, days after the 2014 election, you can walk into the call center for either party and find members dialing for dollars for 2016."

As a result, politicians have become beholden to special interests, Johnson said.

"Tonight, there will be fundraisers across D.C. where members will discuss policy, not with their constituents, but with organizations that contribute to their campaigns.

'Mr. President, we have lost our way.

The growing divide in Congress has become an all too familiar theme for Senate farewell speeches, Johnson said.

"My thoughts are not orig-inal," he said. "My colleague

committee assignments were respected and my friend from Rhode Island, Sen. Jack Reed, graciously accepted extra responsibilities until my return," he said. "Sen. Harry Reid told me that, during my long absence, my colleagues

on the other side of the aisle never once tried to take advantage of my absence.' But the most important

support came in the personal acts of kindness shown during the long road following his illness, Johnson said.

"More importantly, in so many ways, the kind words and prayers from you and your spouses, on both sides of the aisle, supported both Barbara and me and gave us strength during my long and continuing recovery," he said.

ments. However, he recovered from the surgery and underwent rehabilitation. returning to the Senate floor in September 2007.

Johnson noted the important backing from his wife. Barbara, herself a two-time breast cancer survivor. The Johnsons have provided support for each other in their recoveries.

Amidst concerns about his health, Sen. Johnson ran for re-election and won a third term in 2008 with a 95,000-vote win over GOP candidate Joel Dykstra. Johnson decided not to run for re-election this year after serving 18 years in the Senate.

SAYING GOOD-BYE

During Thursday's farewell address, Johnson spoke of the greatly changed political landscape in Washington during the past three decades.

When I ran for the House in 1986, I told the people of South Dakota that neither party has all the answers, and that both parties have good ideas, as well as men and women of good will," he said. "My job, as I understood it, would be to work in a bipartisan manner listening to all parties and reaching a good fit, also known as a compromise. That is what I still believe.'

"However, in each year of my 28 years of service, this has become more difficult to achieve," he said, noting the growing divisiveness and rancor.

"Each party, rather than working cooperatively for the

and dear friend from South Dakota, Sen. Tom Daschle, in his farewell called for finding common ground that 'will not be found on the far right or on the far left. That is not where most Americans live. We will only find it in the firm middle ground based on common sense and shared

values.'

Johnson said he chose to focus his farewell speech on those instances of common ground. He noted his friendship and working relationship with Thune, who became a rising star in the Republican Party after defeating Senate Majority Leader Daschle in 2004. Now, Thune is mentioned as a possible presidential candidate.

We (Thune and I) put aside our political differences and worked as our constituents expected two Norwegians to work," Johnson said. "We worked side by side as we pushed for farm bills, highway funding, emergency relief from droughts and from floods. We successfully fought the proposed BRAC closing of Ellsworth Air Base

"However, honoring our Norwegian heritage, we never hugged," Johnson added, tongue in cheek.

Johnson also found middle ground in his work on the Banking Committee, moving legislation to the Senate floor.

But Johnson's strongest feelings for his fellow senators came when talking about the dark days after his AVM.

His fellow senators showed their support in many ways, Johnson said.

"During this journey, my

turned to the Senate when almost every chair in this chamber was filled. Sen. Reid and Sen. (Mitch) McConnell, I thank you for your welcome back to the Senate family.'

The senator also extended thanks to a special group his long-time staff members known as Team Johnson. He also thanked the Senate Standing Committees on Banking and on Military Construction (MilCon) for their leadership on issues.

Johnson next turned his attention to his family.

"To my wife Barbara and our three children, Brooks, Brendan and Kelsey — thank you for your unwavering support, for putting up with late night dinners, for accepting that my work demanded that I was away so many weekends, and for working side by side with me on challenging campaigns," he said.

Without your understanding, love and support I could not have done the work that I love.

In conclusion, Johnson paid tribute to his constituents who entrusted him in office.

"Finally, to the people of South Dakota, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you in our state Legislature, the (United States) House of Representatives and the United States Senate," he said.

THUNE PAYS TRIBUTE

Johnson's ability to reach across the aisle was reflected in Thune's tribute to the retiring lawmaker Thursday on the Senate floor. Thune referred to Johnson as his "colleague and friend," noting

tough, rugged folks, and Tim has exemplified that spirit every day in the U.S. Senate," he said. "A big part of his legacy as a public servant will be his tenacity, his work ethic and his unwavering focus on the policies that he believed to be in the best interest of South Dakota."

Some people call South Dakota a "flyover" state and even confuse it with North Dakota, Thune said. He noted the nation's heartland could become easily overlooked in Congress.

"There are days when it can seem like the concerns of rural Americans aren't given fair consideration, that the needs of rural America are not being heard by the administration or the more densely populated coastal states," he said. "I have had the great pleasure of working with Tim to bring a voice to the concerns of rural America and those of us who hail from the middle of the country.'

Johnson's long career in public service, from the Legislature to his chairmanship of the Senate Banking Committee, will help future generations of South Dakotans and Americans, Thune said.

"And I know I speak for all South Dakotans when I say thank you for your dedication and service to our great state," Thune told Johnson. 'Tim, it's been an honor to serve with you here in the Senate."

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There were 2,055 of the new games and 6,881 of the old games as of November. From July through November, daily NMI for old

games was relatively stagnant, increasing slightly from \$51.19 to \$51.63.

Meanwhile NMI in new games climbed from \$77.26 per terminal to \$80.79.

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addition of penny games and the first-ever marketing campaign for video lottery from Feb. 24 through June 27.

Prior to the promotion, net machine income was down 0.9 percent for the pe-

riod of Jan. 1 through Feb. 23 compared to one year before. During the promotion, NMI bumped up to 1.03 percent more than the similar period a year ago. After the promotion, there was a spike of 5.52 percent growth for June 28 through Nov. 30.

Norm Lingle, the lottery's executive director, said people are playing more and the line-up machines are "the driving factor" for increasing net machine income.

games.

said.

"I would say players are migrating from the legacy to the line-game machines, Lingle said. As for the post-marketing boost in NMI, Lingle said the

point of the marketing was

process from that game-

awareness standpoint," he

to tell people there were new

"I think it was a building