

# Wayne State Students Participate In NENTA

WAYNE, Neb. — A collaboration between Wayne State College, Educational Service Unit #1 and nine northeast Nebraska school districts has resulted in classroom experience for more than 1,000 WSC education majors while helping to alleviate the substitute teacher shortage in the area. More than 60 students are participating in this project. The Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA), in its 13th year, is the only program of its kind in the nation.

The NENTA school district consortium was awarded a \$299,900 Education Innovation Fund grant over the three-year period of 2000-2003. Wayne College Professor of Education Tim Sharer, Professor of Education serves as the NENTA Director, and Carol James is Secretary for the program. Sharer and Dr. Jean Blumenkamp, Interim Dean of the School of Education and Counseling, serve on the NENTA Advisory Council along with the superintendents from each of the participating P-12 school districts. The NENTA program has been financially self-supporting since 2003.

The goals of the Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy are to increase the number of local substitute teachers, to improve availability and equitable use of substitute teachers, to enhance the quality of instruction delivered by a substitute teacher in the participating school districts, and to positively affect retention of teachers during their first five years in the profession.

The Wayne State College education majors who participate in the program have at least junior status, have exceeded the requirements for State of Nebraska Local Substitute Teacher Certification, and are enrolled in the Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy Seminar that provides weekly opportunities throughout the year for support and review of, and discussion and reflection about actual on-the-job situations. NENTA substitutes are paid for substituting, and receive mileage

reimbursements to offset the cost of driving to the area schools.

Prior to their first assignments as substitute teachers, the NENTA students complete one day of training by the NENTA Director and Coordinator focusing on the art of effective teaching. In addition, NENTA students complete five days of training by APL Associates of Camillus, N.Y. APL Associates is a nationally recognized organization specializing in teaching success workshops. Between them founding partners Jean Anastasio and Dave Perry possess over 70 years of P-16+ teaching and administrative experience. Along with APL Teaching Associates John Zalonis and Tim Sharer, APL Associates conduct 250 teacher/administrator workshops annually.

The NENTA was developed to alleviate a serious substitute teacher shortage in northeast Nebraska as well as to enhance the quality of instruction by substitutes through substitute instructional workshops, direct on-site mentoring by teachers and administrators and the use of a standardized lesson planning format all of which positively impacts student learning in the participating districts. WSC students are used to augment the regular substitute teaching force, not replace it. Having additional substitutes available provides regular teachers opportunities to take advantage of staff development specifically for curriculum, instruction and assessment as well as other professional topics of interest such as those sponsored by Educational Service Unit #1 in Wakefield. Meeting school improvement goals enables partner school districts to enhance the quality of the teaching/learning experience for all stakeholders.

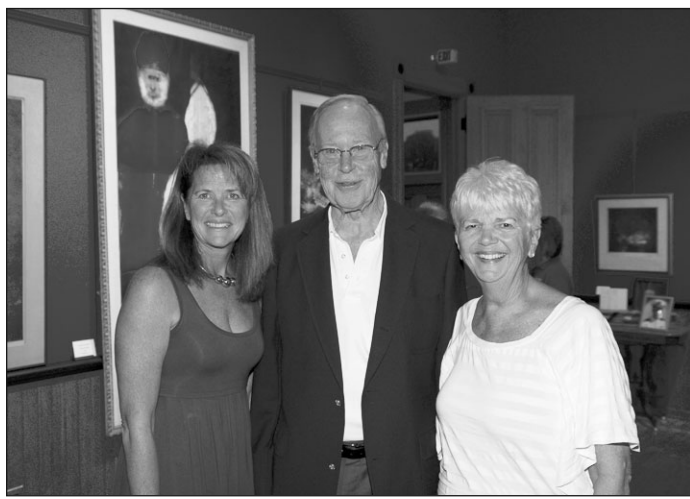
An additional outcome of the project is to enhance the retention of entry-level teachers in the profession. Futuristically, retaining highly qualified teachers positively impacts the quality and degree of student learning

through the increased competence of beginning teachers leading to greater classroom success for P-12 students. This outcome is achieved through several strategies such as learning and using APL Level I Instructional and Organizational Skills, opportunities to interpret and deliver lessons, making "real-time" instructional and managerial decisions, and developing and using a Reflective Teaching Model as one of the program's evaluative pieces. NENTA substitutes receive support and training during the weekly on-campus seminar conducted by Wayne State College faculty.

To date, the Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy has completed successfully nearly 4,000 substitute teaching days assisting in providing improved classroom instruction for seven thousand northeast Nebraska P-12 students annually. These improvements are due to an increase in the numbers of highly trained local and area substitutes available to substitute for the regular classroom teachers resulting in easier access to staff development and other opportunities for teachers. "NENTA substitutes complement the existing pool of highly-trained, qualified substitutes, all of whom can facilitate ongoing instruction in the absence of the regular teacher," said Sharer.

School districts participating in the Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy are Allen, Coleridge, Homer, Laurel-Concord, Leigh, South Sioux City, Wakefield, Wayne, and Winside. Inquiries about NENTA may be forwarded to professors Tim Sharer or Johanna Barnes at Wayne State College or by examining the NENTA website: <http://academic.wsc.edu/faculty/tishare1/nenta/index.html>.

Area students participating include: Sarah Oltjenbruns, Bloomfield, Neb.; Grant Doerr, Creighton, Neb.; Krista Thoenes, Fordyce, Neb.; Jessica Wiebelhaus, Fordyce, Neb.; Laura Claussen, Wausa, Neb.; and, Nicolette Kuchta, Wynot, Neb.



COURTESY PHOTO

Co-chairs of the Teget art exhibit and fundraiser, Colleen Shurrer and Celia Miner, celebrate with John Teget, son of Bud and Kathleen Teget, at last weekend's event held at G.A.R. Art Gallery.

## Y.A.A. Showcases Teget Art And Philanthropy

Yankton Area Arts (YAA) recently uncovered a hidden treasure and brought it to G.A.R. Art Gallery for the Yankton community to enjoy. With the recent purchase of the historic Marvin H. (Bud) and Kathleen Teget home, the late couple's unassuming art collection obtained from their travels to 74 countries was suddenly recognized as more than the household art guests to the home over the years had thought it to be. Before the collection was dispersed among family members and moved out of state, YAA seized the opportunity to feature the finest pieces in a fundraising exhibit extraordinary to Yankton.

One hundred fifty special guests from Mt. Marty College, First Dakota National Bank, Orthopedic Institute, and Avera Sacred Heart Hospital were invited to a private showing and reception at the G.A.R. Gallery Saturday, September 15. John Teget, son of Bud and Kathleen and trustee of the Teget Foundation, welcomed the guests and shared family insight into the remarkable collection. Retired professor of art history and sculpture John A. Day gave a presentation on select pieces by internationally renowned artists including Lasansky, Rouault, Chagall, Miro, Albright, Ansel Adams, and Grant Wood. Additionally, former YAA executive director Amy Miner gave a compelling presentation on Tegets' extensive international primitive mask collection. A public showing was held

Sunday afternoon, September 16.

"Our family is incredibly impressed with the entire weekend—the organization, execution, attendance, the interest of the people. We are delighted Mom and Dad collected pieces that we can now share with the community," said John Teget.

Sunday evening, September 16, YAA shifted the focus from the Teget art to the Tegets' long-standing impact on the Yankton community. Decades of Teget philanthropy were celebrated by an intimate gathering of representatives from Yankton non-profit organizations. Community leaders took turns sharing how Teget Foundation monies have advanced their respective work. John Teget urged collaboration among Yankton non-profits to create even more opportunities for the citizens of Yankton. To date, the Teget Foundation has given \$300,000 to Yankton non-profit groups.

Along with Yankton Area Arts, those organizations in attendance were: Cramer-Kenyon Heritage Home, Dakota Territorial Museum, Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County, Lewis and Clark Boy Scout Camp, Mt. Marty College, United Way and Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton, Yankton Boy Scout Troop 102, Yankton Area Children's Choir, Yankton Area Ice Association, Yankton County Historical Society, and Yankton Community Library.

To conclude the evening, YAA presented John Teget with a Jennifer White work titled David in gratitude for the family's benevolence.

## Nebraska Wind Conference Set For Lincoln

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Nebraska Wind Conference, the fifth annual wind conference organized by the Nebraska Wind Conference Committee (NWCC), will be held Oct. 22-23 in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel.

The NWCC includes committee members from state agencies, Nebraska utilities, the University of Nebraska — Lincoln, farm and ranch organizations, and private entities to help develop the state's wind resources. This year's theme is "United and strategic in advancing the Wind Industry of Nebraska."

The two-day conference will focus on Nebraska's future wind energy development challenges and opportunities, including the potential extension of the federal Production Tax Credit program and other federal wind incentives. It will include an array of national and state keynote speakers. Also, it will include multiple "educational tracks" applicable for utilities, suppliers, landowners, economic development officials, students,

environmentalists, and anyone who has an interest in the wind industry in Nebraska.

The NWCC is co-chaired by John Hansen of the Nebraska Farmers Union, and Dan McGuire, Facilitator for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Wind Powering America's "Wind for Schools" program in Nebraska, and Adam Herink of Bluestem LLC.

"2012 will be a good year for Nebraska wind energy development with three projects projected to add 195 Megawatts, increasing Nebraska's total wind generation capacity to 531 Megawatts," said John Hansen. "2012 will also be a major policy year in federal energy policy. This year's annual wind conference will once again deal with a wide range of wind related issues and policies that are critical to moving wind energy development forward."

"Nebraska wind projects exist today largely because of the federal wind energy Production Tax Credit (PTC). That is why extension of the PTC is such a strategically important driver to discuss

and unite around in 2012," said Dan McGuire. "United and strategic certainly fits as a theme for the conference as it relates to the wind PTC. The 2012 Farm Bill and its renewable energy program is another key driver for funding future wind energy projects on Nebraska farms and in our state's rural communities. Nebraska has always been a state where we come together to do what's right for Nebraskans. This conference is meant to bring Nebraskans together to listen, share, and exchange ideas. Over the next couple of months, we will announce the lineup of program presenters."

"We've secured a new location (Lincoln) for this educational and networking opportunity which will give others in the state a better opportunity to participate," said Adam Herink. "With the limited space, registrants, exhibitors, and sponsors will want to sign up early."

For participant registration and sponsorship, go to [www.NebraskaWindConference.com](http://www.NebraskaWindConference.com).

## Yankton Bright Start Parenting Class Planned

Yankton County Parents as Teachers is offering the Bright Start Parenting Class for parents or guardians of children from birth to 3 years of age. The class is a six-week series on Monday evenings beginning Oct. 1 and will run from 6-8 p.m.

The class will seek to explain how to match a parent's expectations with the child's developmental stage and temperament. The class will also examine early child development, age appropriate activities, discipline, stress management, and the appropriate parental response to the children.

Preregistration is required for the class as space is limited.

Any questions regarding this class should be directed to: Holly Neth, Director/Parent Educator, Yankton County Parents as Teachers, 605-661-4833, [yanktonpat@gmail.com](mailto:yanktonpat@gmail.com).

### OBITUARIES

#### Bernice Cwach

Bernice P. (Fuks) Cwach, age 90, of Yankton, S.D., entered into heaven on Friday, September 14, 2012.

Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 24, 2012, at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be at the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitation will be from 5-7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 23, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. rosary and 7:30 p.m. prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Bernice was born on the family farm between Utica and Tabor, S.D. to Joseph & Alpha (Kralicek) Fuks on May 8, 1922. She was the oldest of three girls. Bernice attended Peterka District 46 Grade School until 8th grade, and then she stayed



Cwach

home to help on the farm. She married Melvin Cwach, a farmer, on January 15, 1942, and they had three children together. After Melvin's return from World War II, the couple enjoyed many years of farming until moving into town in 1974. Bernice loved her family above all things, and also enjoyed gardening, traveling, baking and playing cards. She worked at Gurney's Seed & Nursery part-time in the early 1970's, and at Cimpr's from 1976 to 1988. She made many friends in both places. Bernice also thoroughly enjoyed baking biscuits and visiting with early morning customers when she began working at Hardee's in the late 1980s.

Melvin died in 1983. Bernice met and later married George

Mueller on February 14, 1988. They enjoyed their years together, making many bus trips from coast to coast until George's death in 1996.

Bernice always looked forward to her biweekly visits to the Yankton Senior Citizens Center to play pinochle. She was famous for her kolaches, and wouldn't be found at any gathering without them or her dumplings or crazy crunch popcorn.

Bernice was a feisty lady and enjoyed life and the companionship of her family and many friends. She was very proud of the fact that she lived independently her entire life.

Bernice was a member of Sacred Heart Parish and later St. Benedict Parish. She served as a member of the Sacred Heart/St. Benedicts Ladies Altar Society and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, Melvin and George, son, Roger

Cwach, grandson, Jerry Cwach, sister, Velma Sorenson and numerous brothers and sisters-in-law. Bernice had a kind and giving heart and will always be remembered and cherished. She leaves behind her son, Darrell Cwach and wife Mary Kay, her daughter, Lynette Hansen and husband Steve, all of Yankton, S.D., 10 grandchildren with their spouses, 29 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild, sister Nadean Auch, sisters-in-law, Lenora Law and Linda Mueller, brothers-in-law, Marvin Gall and Ed Cwach, godfather to all of Bernice and Melvin's children, along with several nieces and nephews.

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Online condolences at:  
[www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com)

#### Gwen Knepprath

Gwen (Bever) Knepprath was reunited with her parents, Harold and Laura Bevers and her husband, Arthur Knepprath Jr. on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at the age of 79.

Loving mother of Penny (Ross) DePaola of Madison, Wis. and Pamela (Bruce) Lindgren of West Allis, Wis. Cherished grandma of Laura DePaola, Katie and Erik Lindgren. Fond sister of Larry (JoAnn) Bevers, sister-in-law of Gene (Kay) Knepprath and the late Lyle (Peggy) Knepprath. Dear cousin of Ken (Judy) Bevers of Crofton, Neb. and many others in South Dakota. Further survived by special nieces and nephews, caring neighbors and friends.

Mom was devoted to and proud of her family. She loved her



Knepprath

"puppies" Fanny and Freckles, enjoyed gardening, creating ceramic pieces, porcelain dolls, jewelry and many other crafts. She especially loved her many trips home to Yankton to visit with family and friends, attend River Boat Days and go fishing on the Jim River with her dad.

Services were held in West Allis, Wis. on August 16, 2012.

Mom and Grandma,  
We will love and miss you always.

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#### Florence Weber

SIOUX FALLS — Florence F. Weber, 92, of Sioux Falls died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012, at the Good Samaritan Lutheran Manor, Sioux Falls.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday Sept. 25, 2012, at the United Church of Christ, Scotland, with the Rev. Ron Shifley officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories, Yankton, at approxi-

mately 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Monday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at the church in Scotland.

#### Glen Folkestad

Glen A. Folkestad, 72, of Yankton died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012 at his residence.

### IN REMEMBRANCE

**Emil H. Plantenberg**

10:30 AM, Friday

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
Crofton

**Donald W.M. Peck**

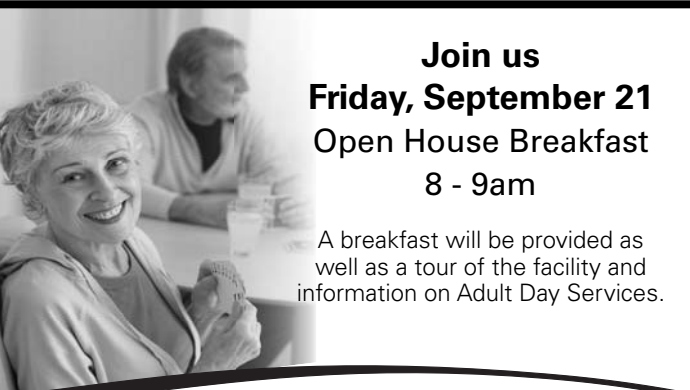
1:00 PM, Saturday

Pilgrim Congregational UCC  
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A breakfast will be provided as well as a tour of the facility and information on Adult Day Services.

Avera Sacred Heart Adult Day Services provides coordinated services for adults in a Christian community-based group setting. Services are designed to provide social interaction and supervised care in a safe place outside the home to afford caregivers respite.

Celebrate National  
Adult Day Services Week  
September 16-22, 2012

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