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1. Willow Holoubek of David City is CASNR's Alumni Masters Week selection



Willow Holoubek

Willow Holoubek, a 1981 Animal Science B.S. graduate, is one of seven outstanding alumni who returned to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln November 3-4 to share their experiences and knowledge with students as part of the annual Alumni Masters Week.

Willow is organizational director for the Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska (A-FAN). She works to develop agricultural awareness in the state, to build grassroots membership and to facilitate networking between the major commodity state organizations. She and husband Mark, who is also a UNL graduate, are owners/operators of WillowMark Angus and Holoubek Family Farms where they manage daily operations and marketing of purebred Angus cattle, corn, soybeans and alfalfa. Willow (Krause) Holoubek grew up near Valentine and now lives near David City. She was nominated for this recognition by Animal Science Professor Merlyn Nielsen and CASNR Dean Steve Waller.

Hosted by the Nebraska Alumni Association and the college, each college nominates an Alumni Master to come back to campus during this week. Alumni Masters are graduates of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a number of years of outstanding service in their career field. They have experiences that are valuable to the academic community and are active in their professions. The Masters Week award is granted to outstanding alumni who have shown great promise, success and leadership in their chosen life's work.

2. New ARD Dean combines industry, academic perspectives

Reprinted from Today@UNL, story by Dan Moser, IANR News Service



Archie Clutter

A geneticist with significant experience in both academia and private industry has been named dean of UNL's Agricultural Research Division and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Archie C. Clutter's broad experience will be key in helping ARD build on its current successes and strengths during an era marked by both daunting challenges and exciting opportunities, said Ronnie D. Green, University of Nebraska vice president and Harlan vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at UNL.

Green cited the development of UNL's Innovation Campus, establishment of the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute, growing programs in the life sciences, and IANR's Innovating Agriculture and Natural Resources to 2025 initiative as tremendous opportunities for ARD. Read more [here](#)

3. UNL colleges prepare for larger enrollment, eye changing teaching possibilities

Reprinted from Daily Nebraskan News, September 19, 2011, story by Riley Johnson,

The [College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources](#) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln made the largest undergraduate student growth in the past 10 years, according to recent university census figures.

Since fall of 2002, undergraduate student enrollment at the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) jumped 44.7 percent to 1,938 students from 1,339, according to Institutional Research and Planning.

Steve Waller, the college's dean, said the growth came across the board, not just in farming areas. "CASNR is more than production agriculture," Waller said. "We're preparing our students for careers in everything from animals to plants, soil to climate, golf to business, mechanization to leadership and food to forensic science."

Waller said the college also looks to attract more students with a joint microbiology major shared with the College of Arts and Sciences starting next fall. It's all a part of increasing enrollment numbers to match UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman's goal of 30,000 students on campus by 2017, Waller said. [More on enrollment](#)

4. 1991 UNL Livestock Judging Team honored at American Royal

Contributed by Vicky Kobes, Department of Animal Science

The 1991 UNL Animal Science Department's Livestock Judging Team was recognized as the 20-year winning team during this year's American Royal in Kansas City. Below are the Team's 1991 and 2011 photos. For more information about what the Team members are doing now, go to [update](#) (on the Animal Science Department's Web page).



1991 UN Livestock Judging Team Photo--Pictured are (front row) Roger Gentrup, Russell Roeber, Larry Hafer, (back row) Brent Vieselmeyer (Coach), Scott Starr, Alecia Abbott, Paula Tank, Kelly Bruns, Dr. Elton Aberle (Department Head).



2011 Team Photo--Pictured are (left to right) *Kelly Bruns*, Bookings, SD; *Scott Starr*, Stapleton, NE; *Roger Gentrup*, Albion, NE; *Larry Hafer*, Martell, NE; *Russell Roerber*, Minatare, NE; *Brent Viesselmeyer*, Holyoke, CO (Coach). Not able to attend were *Alecia Abbott Fortune*, Interior, SD; and *Paula Tank Dyas*, Fremont, NE.

5. Taste the tradition

For almost 95 years the UNL Dairy Store has served as a Nebraska institution, providing premiere ice cream and cheese. Dairy Store cheese is available in a variety of gift boxes, perfect presents for any occasion. The gift box can not only contain several varieties of Dairy Store cheese but also sausage from UNL's Loeffel Meat Lab and honey from UNL's Entomology Department. If you are interested in sharing these gift boxes with friends and family this holiday season, or any time of the year, visit the Dairy Store online at the [UNL Marketplace](#). The Dairy Store will ship these packages anywhere you'd like; just bring in your gift list and address book and they'll do the rest.



6. UNL CASNR mobile app keeps alumni connected

The College and CASNR Alumni Association have a free mobile app available. The app brings you a great reference entitled *life after school explained (the definitive reference guide)* providing tips and humorous guidance on real-world issues like taxes, etiquette, engagement rings, home buying, investing, retirement and much more of interest to alumni. If you want sports scores and campus news you can select from a variety of social media feeds including UNL football news, Daily Nebraskan (during the school year) and CASNR Facebook.

The app is designed for iPhone, iPad, Android, Blackberry, iPod and Web (desktop). Search your app Store for “UNL CASNR Crib Sheet” on mobile devices or visit <http://www.mycrubsheet.com/unlcasnr> on the Web for free download.

Keep CASNR in your pocket! Take us with you.

7. Upcoming events in the School of Natural Resources

Contributed by Kelly Helm Smith, Communication & Drought Resources Specialist,
School of Natural Resources

Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium and Family Weather Fest, March 31, 2012

This annual event features speakers, book signings, exhibits, and much more to help families prepare for severe weather by being well-informed. It's 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Hardin Hall, on the northeast corner of 33rd and Holdrege streets, on UNL's East Campus. Parking and admission are free. For updates, please visit <http://snr.unl.edu/CPSWS/index.asp>

Companion Animal Science and Wildlife Career Day, March 15, 2012

This is a day of exploration for high school students interested in a career with companion animals or wildlife. It will feature career panels with directors and experts from the zoo, a pet food company, and Game and Parks, a student panel talking about internships and careers, and educational sessions on animal anatomy and physiology and on wildlife. The day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is free, with lunch provided. It takes place on UNL's East Campus. If interested, please contact Dr. Lisa Karr-Lilienthal, lkarr-lilienthal2@unl.edu, 402-472-6458, or Sue Ellen Pegg, spegg2@unl.edu, 402-472-7471.

Talk by Ecologist and Conservationist Thomas Lovejoy, April 26, 2012

Thomas Lovejoy, from George Mason University, has agreed to present a seminar for the School of Natural Resources and UNL on April 26. Lovejoy has had a distinguished and influential career in international conservation and environmental policy. He is currently the biodiversity chair at the Heinz Center for Science, Economics and the Environment and served as president, 2002-2008. He has advised U.S. presidents, the United Nations and the World Bank, and founded the public television series “Nature.” Check the School of Natural Resources' website in April for details of his talk: <http://snr.unl.edu>

Weather Camp 2012, Monday, June 11-Friday, June 15

Weather Camp is a week-long day camp for students ages 11-14 at the time of the camps. Campers will use instruments to make their own weather observations, meet National Weather Service forecasters, learn about Nebraska weather, from tornadoes to blizzards, visit the Emergency Management Office, visit a TV weather studio, and more. Weather Camp takes place

at Hardin Hall, 33rd and Holdrege streets on East Campus, where UNL's School of Natural Resources is based. Applications will be available starting in January 2012. Check <http://snr.unl.edu/lincolnweather/weathercamp/index.asp> for more information.

8. Department of Food Science and Technology collaborates with Indian government, institutions

Contributed by Matthew Standley, Administrative Support Associate, the Food Processing Center

Amidst growing University of Nebraska dedication to the development of India, the Department of Food Science and Technology continues rewarding relationships with Indian government and academic institutions. [Continue](#)



Dr. Rolando Flores (right), UNL Professor and Head of the Food Science and Technology Department and Director of the Food Processing Center, with colleagues

9. Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication Emeritus asks 'If not me, who?'

Source: Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication *ALEC in Action* newsletter

Lifelong passions of teaching and helping others develop leadership abilities are intertwined for Laverne Barrett, ALEC professor emeritus.

He also feels responsible to lead when and where he can himself.

“My first love is teaching,” Barrett said. “Leadership is about teaching. We all have different gifts – mine is working with people.”

Barrett, who taught in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication from 1980 to 2009, said leaders first “need to understand their own behavior” before critiquing others.

Growing up on a Pennsylvania dairy farm, where mealtime was for eating and not for holding discussions, Barrett planned to become a soil conservationist. Then he discovered he liked to study people, he said, and “understand why they do what they do.”

Barrett came to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln with a vision for a graduate doctoral leadership program, which began in 1989. Barrett still chairs the committees of several Leadership Studies doctoral students.

He said among his favorite memories of being part of ALEC are the brown bag lunches where faculty, students and staff ate, talked, laughed and cared about what was happening with each other.

Caring about what is happening for Nebraskans and Nebraska is why Barrett has decided to put his leadership skills to work as a candidate for the Nebraska Legislature's District 23, which encompasses Butler, Colfax and Saunders counties.

"I'm following my own advice to get involved, asking 'if not me, who?'" he said. He added he wants to run "a campaign where no one is a loser," as he plans to work to bring people together and be positive in his messages and communications.

Barrett chairs a local committee that advocates responsible government, noting, "We're doing what people thought they should do, but never got around to it."

He conducts leadership workshops for prison employees in several states, and is on the board for the Center for Rural Affairs. He also has served as a leadership consultant to universities in Chile and Mexico.

Making jams and salsas from his garden and orchard are spare-time activities, along with hoeing "for hours at a time."

– Cheryl Alberts



Leverne Barrett, Courtesy photo

To see the fall issue of *ALEC in Action*, go to [ALEC](#)

10. Birthing pavilion at the Nebraska State Fair



2011 Nebraska State Fair Birthing Pavilion

by Racheal Slattery, School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences



Volunteer staff for the 2011 NE State Fair included members from the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA) with additional help on weekends from members of the UNL Pre-Vet club. SVMBS staff were **Racheal Slattery** and **Dr. Richard Randle**. The species of livestock at the birthing pavilion this year were: sheep (provided by Eric Stehlik, Extension Educator from Dorchester), poultry (Animal Science Department), swine (donated by Waldo Farms from DeWitt), and dairy cattle (Steve Wolf, owner of Wolfden Dairy near Kearney).

During the fair, 4 sows farrowed, 4 cows calved, 3 sheep lambed, and chicks hatched continuously, so there was always baby livestock for the public to see. We were fortunate to have 1 sow farrow, 2 ewes lamb, and 1 cow calve with the public present, giving the staff several opportunities to communicate with the audience and explain what was happening.

The NE State Fair is a great opportunity to talk with the public about the Agricultural industry. That may be through explaining the birthing process or answering questions that they may have about equipment or facilities that are used in the industry. It's an excellent way to get accurate information out and correct any misinformation affecting the public's perception of common agricultural practices. Another important function of the birthing pavilion is to give students hands-on experience in both veterinary technique and public communication.

11. Bob Kerrey to deliver next Heuermann lecture

LINCOLN, Neb. — Former Nebraska Gov. and U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey is the third speaker for the new Heuermann Lectures in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"Conflict and Resolution on the Missouri River" is his topic at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in Hardin Hall at 33rd and Holdrege.

"The Missouri River has been both sustaining and tormenting animal and plant life forms for millions of years," Kerrey said. "The first humans to deal with the river lived nomadic lifestyles without ownership traditions and issues, making it rare physical structures built inside the river's flood boundaries would be at risk in spring and summer when the water rises."

That changed with the arrival of Europeans.

"They were drawn to the new land precisely because ownership was possible," Kerrey said. "They were farmers, ranchers, builders, dreamers, developers and boosters. [Read more](#)

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