

Briefs...

Rotary Club of Omaha West has a new president, Karen Carlson. Carlson is president and CEO of Easter Seals Nebraska. She is succeeding Bill Jetter, vice president of sales and chief marketing officer with Medico Insurance Co., who will serve as advisor to the board. Other officers are vice president and president-elect Dan Ferris, Grace/Mayer's Employee Benefits Division; secretary John V. Morey, financial adviser with Raymond James Financial Services; and treasurer Randy Kathol, Orizon CPAs LLC. Club directors for 2011-12 are Dick Sturgeon, Omaha State Bank; Susan Thomas, Omaha Creative Institute; Brad Johansen, Farris Engineering; Matt McKeever, Copple, Rockey, & McKeever P.C., L.L.O.; Deb Neary, Midlands Mentoring Partnership; Kent Templien, X-eqt; Joe Finnegan, Wells Fargo Bank; John Fettig; and Nuzhat Mahmood, Farm Credit Services of America.



Carlson

Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers and Ahl associate Renee Eveland has received the 2011 Nebraska Defense Counsel Association's first annual Rising Star Award. This award is presented to a Nebraska attorney practicing for 10 or fewer years who has exhibited skill in defending businesses and individuals in civil matters with the highest degree of professionalism and ethics and who has also exhibited leadership, mentoring and community service activities outside the practice of law. Eveland practices primarily in the areas of civil defense and appellate litigation. Eveland became a partner at Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl, LLP, in 2011.



Eveland

Southeast Community College's pharmacy technician program's chair Elina Pierce participated in a National Assessment of Educational Progress Judgmental Standard Setting Study in St. Louis. The conference involved pharmacy technician and nursing faculty whose goal was to set minimum standards of preparedness for their particular field in reading and math.



Pierce

The American Advertising Federation Omaha, a professional organization of advertising agencies, has elected a new board of directors for 2011-2012. Officers include: Michael Goldsmith, Lincoln Financial Group, president; Kerry Heinrich, H&A Media, first vice president-treasurer; Michael Johnson, Swanson Russell, second vice president-Meet the Pros; Ashlee Purcell, Redstone, chairperson and membership. Directors include: Greg Ahrens, SKAR Advertising, Megan Bergman, Ervin & Smith Advertising & Public Relations, Gil Cohen, Omaha Publications, Cheri Duryea, Lortz Direct Marketing, Jaylene Eilenstine, All Makes Office Equipment Co., Beth Greiner, Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation, Shannon Johnson, Ervin & Smith Advertising & Public Relations, Carrie Kentch, Omaha World-Herald, Jeffrey Maciejewski, Creighton University

Bryan Mohr, Bozell, Jennifer Peters, C&A Industries, Inc., Lori Shields, Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce, Nicole Steier, Crossroads of Western Iowa, Patrick Stibbs, On the Spot Productions, Matt Wilson, SKAR Advertising.

Gov. Dave Heineman has appointed Mike Baker of Trenton, Neb., to a three-year term on the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board to fill the newly aligned District No. 4, which represents the 28 westernmost counties in the state. Baker is a lifelong farmer, having been raised on a family farm. He attended McCook Community College and finished his college education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln receiving a bachelor's degree in agronomy and a minor in agricultural business. This past year Baker was the largest participating farmer in the Pheasants Forever, "Focus on Pheasants" program, which targeted farmers producing milo in Southwest Nebraska.

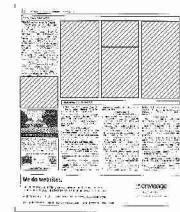
Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy has been elected by the nation's Lieutenant Governors to lead the National Lieutenant Governors Association. Through NLGA, the nation's lieutenant governors discuss shared concerns and seek to influence national dialogue. NLGA is the professional association for the officeholders first in line of succession to governor in all 50 states and the U.S. territories.

Voice and Data Systems is now providing its customers with Virtual Hosted

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Office systems designed to help small to midsize businesses take advantage of the



latest in cloud-based technologies. Virtual Hosted Office systems provide secured access to company data and applications from anywhere in the world. The driving forces behind this growth are increased profitability and enhanced IT infrastructure security.

Jackson Lewis LLP has five Omaha members who have been recommended leaders in their field in the 2011 edition of Chambers America's Leading Lawyers for Business. These five members are: Christopher Hoyme, Joseph Dreesen, Kelvin Berens, Timothy Loudon and Randal Limbeck. In addition, the office was ranked for its work in the field of labor and employment.

Community Health Charities of Nebraska awarded Linda Robinson Rutz of Lincoln with its annual Partners in Health Award. The award recognizes those that actively promote the ongoing awareness of health and wellness, and serves as a model of how individuals, commerce, government or industry and the health sector interact to improve the quality of life for those in the community.

Edward Jones financial adviser Mike Sigmond and branch office administrator Sue Worthington in Omaha at 144th and Blondo streets have ranked within the top 25 percent of the country for excellence in client service at Edward Jones.

Olsson Associates has named its latest class of interns. This year, the firm has 29 interns who are working in more than a dozen teams across four states — Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and North Dakota. The Nebraska area interns are: Andrew Barone, Omaha survey, Iowa State University; John Diediker, Lincoln traffic, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL); Taylor Hanny, Lincoln geotech, UNL; Michael Henrichs, Omaha land development, UNL; Steven Jensen, Lincoln geotech, UNL; Christopher Klosterman, Sarpy special inspections, University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO); Joshua Marcum, Omaha transportation, UNO; Nicholas May, Grand Island construction services, UNL; Alexa Metcalf, Lincoln water resources, UNL; Michael Olson, Lincoln airports, UNL; Adam Pelican, Lincoln water/wastewater, UNL; Caleb Pharris, Lincoln environmental assessment, UNL; Tessa Phillips, Lincoln land development, UNL; Lauren Ripa, corporate finance and accounting, UNL; Mekita Rivas, corporate communications, UNL; Brian Schuele, Omaha land development, UNO; Jeffrey Slattery, Lincoln mechanical/electrical,

UNL; Matthew Smith, Lincoln geotech, UNL; Angela Stevenson, corporate human resources, Southeast Community College Lincoln; and Steven Walters, Lincoln environmental assessment, UNL.

Omaha Community Foundation's Sara Boyd has been selected as one of 12 participants for Career Pathways, a one-year national program focused on developing promising leaders in philanthropy. Boyd is vice president and chief operating officer of the Omaha Community Foundation. With Career Pathways, Boyd will engage in facilitated leadership preparation, self-directed career planning, research presentations, site visits, executive coaching, mentoring and leadership projects. The goal of the program is to offer participants like Boyd the tools and resources to make a greater impact in the philanthropic community.

Oasis Staffing has opened a new Omaha office located at 8710 F Street in the Plaza 87 office center. Scott Schneiderman with CBRE/Mega served as broker representative for Oasis securing a five-year lease with Denny Sciscoe of the Lund Co. and representing the building owner.

SCORR Marketing has partnered with its website developer, Efinity Technologies. SCORR Marketing now offers advanced interactive services and an in-house website development team, which provides services in website design, website hosting, website SEO enhancement and Virtual Site Management.

Tigerpaw Software, a developer of business automation and service management software, has received a 2010 Communications Solutions Product of the Year Award by TMC, a global, integrated media company. This is the 13th time that Tigerpaw has received an honor from TMC.

United Benefit Advisors, a member-owned alliance of independent benefit advisory firms, has increased the organization's membership to 145 member firms. UBA launched 10 years ago.

Stephen Center, an emergency center in Omaha, has received an eBay Foundation grant of \$4,864. Funds will be used to buy new dining room furniture for the shelter. The grant was made possible as a result of Ann Rollag, Robin Quick and Shari Javorsky, PayPal employees, who recommended the organization for funding through eBay Foundation's GIVE Team program.

Cargill has donated \$2,000 to the Friends of Boyer Chute and DeSoto National

Wildlife Refuge to support an environmental project for student education. With Cargill's donation, FBC DNWR will purchase bird-watching equipment, insect kits, motion cameras, canoes and other equipment needed to provide students with an environmental learning experience. Activities included in the environmental project are created to provide memorable and interactive outside classroom experiences.

Sherma Jones, co-owner of Idea Bank Marketing in Hastings, attended an Online Marketing Summit in Chicago where she attended nine intensive workshops covering the latest digital marketing tactics. The training included online best practices in social, email, integrated marketing and digital engagement.