

## REGIONAL LANDSCAPES

### Briefs ...

**Alden Aust** is the recipient of Omaha by Design's Laurels Award, which recognizes an individual, organization or business that has contributed significantly to the creation of great public spaces in the metro. He is recognized as Omaha's first planning director.

**Steve Sawtell**, president of Voice and Data Systems, has been invited to participate in discussions on the state of the industry at the Technology Assurance Group Convention in San Diego, Calif., March 27-29.



**Kim Davidson**, president of Garden Creations of Omaha, has received the Distinguished Nebraska Certified Nursery Professional of the Year Award at the Nebraska Green Expo. Davidson is a certified landscape designer, Nebraska certified nurseryman and member of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers.

Six **Farris Engineering** engineers have passed LEED exams and are now LEED accredited professionals. The engineers are Paul Fisher, Kip Lathrum, Brad Kennedy, Anthony Niederhauser, Tim Rajewski and Heather Stoneall.

The **OPPD Board of Directors** has selected its officers for the year. Newly elected officers are Fred Ulrich, chairman of the board; John Green, vice president; N.P. Dodge Jr., treasurer; and John Thompson, secretary.

**Verizon Wireless** invested \$25.8 million in its Nebraska network in 2008. Enhancements include six new cell sites, upgraded equipment on 17 existing cell sites, the installation of 16 backup generators and an expansion of the company's 3G wireless network.

The **Pacific Life Foundation** will distribute nearly \$250,000 in grants to 19 nonprofits and 12 schools in the Greater Omaha area.

School-Link Technologies, a California-based provider of technology solutions for school foodservice programs, has chosen **Anderson Partners**, an Omaha-based business, as its marketing firm.

The **North Omaha Development Proj-**

**ect** has outlined its 2009 goals, which includes the development of North Omaha Business Park II, a complement to the North Omaha Business Park at 24th and Paul streets.

**Omaha Marine Center**, located at 9610 L St., has been ranked among the top 100

marine dealers by Boating Industry Magazine for the fourth year.

**LS Realty Group** has completed a lease deal to move the Asthma and Allergy Center to a 7,800-square-foot location at 3504 Samson Way in Bellevue.

Bancwise Realty of Lincoln is now a member of the Coldwell Banker franchise system and will be known as **Coldwell Banker Bancwise Realty**. The office is located at 5960 Vandervoort Drive, Suite 120, and is owned by Larry Zitek.

**FASTSIGNS** of Omaha will offer Dynamic Digital Signage, an electronic display that can constantly change with features such as video, text, images and animation.

Lincoln Christian School has won the **Eakes Office Plus** "Extreme Office Make-over" competition. The school will receive an \$8,000 prize package including Hon office furniture, an HP laser printer, Fellowes shredder and collection of Eldon and Rubbermaid desk accessories.

Omaha's **Henry Doorly Zoo** will offer a job fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 8 at the zoo for summer positions. Interviews will be conducted for various positions in the guest service departments. For information visit [www.omahazoo.com](http://www.omahazoo.com).

**TS Bank** and the **Council Bluffs Chamber Advanced Business Clinics Education Series** will sponsor the Basic Supervisor Series Program for new or prospective managers. The program includes six sessions and begins on Feb. 12 with a 30-minute conference call and ends in May. For information call (712) 325-1000.

The **Aksarben Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals** is accepting applications for its Administrative Professional of the Year until Feb. 27. For information call 707-2370.

The Register's **Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa** has chosen Council Bluffs as its starting point. The ride will take place July 19-25. For information call (712) 328-4650.

