

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Green Vision & Green Thumb Winners Inside!**
- **Neighbors Help a Neighbor!**
- **Keeping NebraskaLand Days Beautiful**
- **Next Household Hazardous Waste Date Set**

## A Clean City is Important Your Safety is More Important

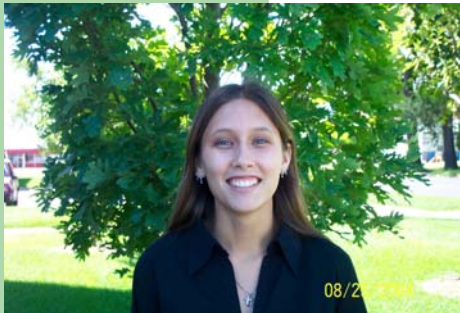
The Rural Road Fall trash walk is coming up! We will be assigning over 200 miles of roadside to numerous organizations. We need to inform all of our participants of important safety issues for these walks because safety comes first! Here are some nation facts along with some safety concerns.

Roadside litter still to this day is a multimillion-dollar problem in every state. Aside from financial concerns, roadside trash can create environmental damage and becomes a major safety issue for the state workers, volunteers, and inmates who have to walk alongside busy highways to clean it up.

The people doing the cleanups should avoid potentially dangerous/hazardous materials or any object found in the right-of-way that appears to be of questionable nature. Such items include dead batteries, animal carcasses, syringes, and any containers with unknown substances.

Recently, the Minnesota Department of Transportation told volunteers that help with cleanups that cigarette butts are ok, soda cans are not a problem and they shouldn't worry about food wrappers. But don't mess with coffee filters! The reason why they are telling volunteers this is because of safety issues with cleanups. They discovered coffee filters are often used in the illicit production of methamphetamines and may remain tainted with deadly chemicals after they're tossed aside. The growth of meth labs are a problem in rural areas. Some labs are in cars and the people leave contaminated items behind. If any volunteers run across meth lab evidence such as ammonia or propane tanks during their cleanup they are advised to contact the police. Many people probably wouldn't even think twice about not picking up a coffee filter because it seems like a very harmful item to individuals, so if you or anyone you know is going to do a cleanup it is always a good idea to check out safety issues first and make sure you have the necessary safety vests, boots, gloves, goggles, etc. to help prevent injuries among yourself and others in the group.

We look forward to working with all of our organizations this fall and we appreciate everything they do to make our roadsides look clean.

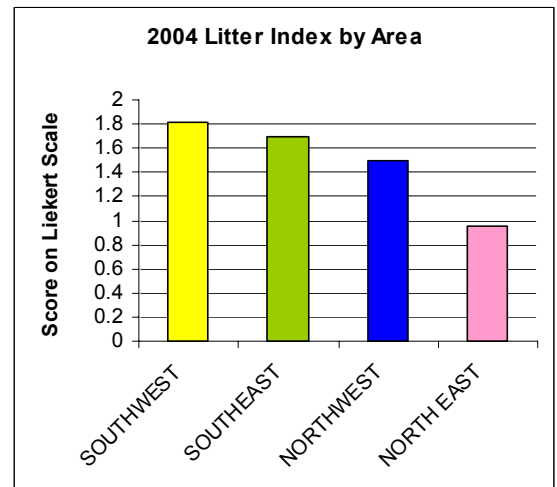


**KNPLB welcomed Jennifer Collins as the new Program Assistant in June of 2004!**

## Litter Index Down Again!

The Litter Index was down again for the 4th year in a row! KNPLCB began utilizing the Litter Index in June of 2000 to measure the amount of litter in the community. The Litter Index uses a 4 point Leikert Scale to measure litter. A score of 4 is Extremely Littered and a score of 1 is No Litter. North Platte scored a 1.49.

The Litter Index route is the same year after year to provide numbers with meaning. If you are interested in signing up to be a Litter Index judge, please call the KNPLCB offices. The Litter Index is held each June.



# Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Neighbor Helping Neighbor volunteers gave one homeowner a fresh new perspective this July. Volunteers spent 4 days scraping, priming, and painting Clara Mora's home near the Senior Center. The home had not received a proper fresh coat of paint in over 30 years! The tiny home took an entire day just to scrape...but the smile on Clara's face was worth every sore wrist in the group. Volunteers and donations are always needed for these projects. Habitat for Humanity volunteers pitched in over the weekend to keep the project moving. A big thank you to Chuck Scripter and

his team of volunteers! KNPLCB would also like to recognize and thank Jennifer Hanenborg for her assistance in making this event possible. Call the offices to sign up as a



## Keeping NebraskaLand Days Beautiful

What better time to Keep our Community Beautiful than during our peak tourism time. NebraskaLand Days Events draw thousands of visitors to our community. Keep North Platte & Lincoln County work to encourage & interact with residents with visitors to stop littering before it starts. This year, volunteers helped

to staff a booth on recycling at the Kids Fun Festival. George made a visit to the Kiddie Parade and volunteers decorated bikes from the 'Borrow-A-Bike' program and rode the parade route handing out litter bags to on-lookers. The new city litter vac and the larger street sweepers were utilized after the parade to assist in cleaning



*KNPLB Board President Mary Derby staffs our booth at the 2004 Kids Fun Festival*

## TOGETHER WE MAKE RECYCLING WORK!

Please help us keep the 24 Hour Recycling sites beautiful.

- ◆ NEVER leave items outside of the recycling trailers.
- ◆ If the bin is full, please utilize another location or hang on to your items until the trailer has been emptied.
- ◆ Bring your inkjet & laser



print cartridges to our offices at 715 S. Jeffers on the 3rd floor or drop them off at the UPS Store.

- ◆ Be sure to check that you are ONLY recycling Plastic with the numbers 1 or 2 printed on them. Check your container for a recycling triangle with a number inside. Lids on these bottles

should be removed.

- ◆ Breakdown your cardboard to make more room for others!
- ◆ Magazines will be accepted inside the Senior Center during regular office hours.
- ◆ Please do NOT leave non-recyclable items at the site. The cost for the disposal of these items falls on our volunteers.
- ◆ Remember to buy items with recycled content!



Ward 1: Bob Spady

Ward 2: 1st United Methodist Church

Ward 3: Adams Bank & Trust



Ward 4: Senior Center



# Congratulations



Ward 1 Winner at 1001 East B  
Dianne & Rick Kolkman



Ward 2: 2021 Birchwood:  
Dr. Stuart McConnell



Ward 3: 3301 West 2nd  
#22: Sister Jean Macke



Ward 4: Mark & Rita Hernandez  
at 2121 West 9th



County: Larry & Linda Montross  
at 9386 East State Farm Road

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The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held Saturday, October 9th from 9am-1pm at 1402 North Sycamore.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS include pesticides, herbicides, flammables, paints & paint thinners, used oil, antifreeze, household cleaning chemicals, batteries, mercury, and computers (\$5.00 charge per monitor). Tires will also be accepted free of charge until 300 ton maximum is met.

Materials should be delivered to the site in a sturdy, disposable containers labeled according to the contents and no larger than 5 gallon or 50 lbs. KNPLCB reserves the right to reject any materials.

**Help Keep North Platte & Lincoln County Beautiful by becoming a KNPLCB Member. All donations are tax deductible. Simply Detach and Mail Your Address Label with this portion of the newsletter and your contribution!**

**Membership categories:**

- Student/Senior Citizen..... \$ 10.00
- Individual/Family..... \$ 25.00
- Business/Benefactor ..... \$250.00

The mission of Keep North Platte/Lincoln County Beautiful is to educate and interact with the public encouraging beautification, a litter free environment, and waste reduction through recycling. Major funding through the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality



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