

HAMMER HONORED: BRIDGE DEDICATED

The dedication of the new bridge crossing north 27th Street turned out to be an appropriate time to honor Elaine Hammer, founder of the Great Plains Trails Network and a major force in the development of trails in the Lincoln area. After the recognition of the many organizations and individuals responsible for the new bridge, the Mayor announced that the new span would be officially named the Elaine Hammer Bridge.

Elaine was genuinely surprised by the honor which was also enjoyed by (Picture at right, left to right) granddaughter Amina, son Mark, daughter-in-law Carol, Elaine, husband Dr. Richard and Mayor Beutler.

A bit of background on the honoree. Elaine spent her school years in Dayton, Ohio, but, surprisingly, indicated that she didn't bike a lot as a kid. She received a degree in biological science from Drake University and advanced training in medical technology from Iowa Methodist Hospital. She met her husband, Richard who was an intern at the hospital and they were married in 1959. The Hammer family arrived in Lincoln in 1968. They have three grown sons and five grandchildren.

Elaine's interest in biking had its origin when she accompanied her sister on rides in the Breckenridge-Frisco-Vail, Colorado, area—the first of which was a 25-miler. Later, as a member of Star Ventures, a city community development program, Elaine had a vision of a web of trails for Lincoln that might mimic the ski trails of Colorado. To work toward that goal, Elaine founded the Great Plains Trails Network and recruited the first 27 board members.

Among GPTN's accomplishments she mentions a few highlights: The successful campaign to gain passage of the bond issue in 1989 that provided funds for the acquisition and paving of the MoPac from 34th to 84th and paving of the Rock Island from A St. to Old Cheney. The eight families who put up their homes to secure a loan for the acquisition of the MoPac East. And, of course, the new bridge, named in her honor, a key segment of the MoPac West trail.

She feels that Lincoln's trail system rates quite highly among mid-sized cities and hopes that we can be more successful in marketing trails as a recreational destination and quality of life factor. Among improvements she mentions the need to improve older trails and continue to seek connecting links.

One interesting feature she mentions is that the original Star Ventures plan called for a downtown "trails center" which is now being planned as a part of the Antelope Valley project in the Union Plaza Park.

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THE ELAINE HAMMER BRIDGE

(aka "The Colonel Bogey March")

As has been the tradition at trail dedications Beth Thacker composed these lyrics to commemorate the occasion.

Wel-come to the Elaine Hammer Bridge
 Acclaim for a twenty year voy-age
 Networking, planning, building
 The many tra-ils that Lincoln enjoys

E-laine, she's built a trail or two.
 E-laine, she's built some bridges too.
 So mount up, take note and count up.
 The trails she's helped bring to Lincoln and you.

Boosalis, Rock Island and Mo-Pac,
 Murdock, Oak Creek and Bison too.
 Highlands, Tierra-Williamsburg
 Jamaica North, Billy Wolff and Home-stead.

E-laine, she's built a trail or two.
 E-laine, she's built some bridges too.
 So laud her, stand up, applaud her
 For bringing tra-ils to Lincoln and you.



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NANCY'S NOTES

The great trails/great weather combination has certainly worked well this season. Let's plan on a gorgeous active Fall. Participants, volunteers and audience are welcome/needed for a variety of events in the coming months. Please consider taking some time to join us.

The Trails Census will be conducted September 17 and 20. This year, the commuter/recreation usage statistics will be reported in a nationally accepted survey. This refinement will be helpful to future community planning and trail development for Lincoln and other cities.

There is a Discovery Ride planned for the Homestead Trail September 13 and looking ahead, the exciting Market to Market Relay will be October 10.

Finally, the Union Plaza Park in the Antelope Valley project will include a facility showcasing trails activities. GPTN has committed to raise \$250,000.00 toward the construction cost. The building will incorporate sustainable/green construction features and provide restrooms and gathering areas complementary to the surrounding park. Additional space will be available for occupancy under lease. The fundraising campaign will kick off shortly.

Hammer Honored Continued

Over the years Elaine and members of her family have biked all over the world. Of the twenty or so trips, nearly three-quarters of them have been in foreign countries. On one memorable occasion in Thailand she recalled that the day's journey included travel by long boat, elephant, and, of course, bicycle.

Elaine and cycling friends try to get out on the trails at least once a week to enjoy various circuits.

Some of her activities are the sort that don't gain a lot of recognition. She receives all membership dues and records payment, maintains mailing lists, labels and mails newsletters, serves on the city Pedestrian/Bicycle Committee, has hosted the December board meeting (party) and is a major participant in Trail Trek planning and operation. She served on the Planning Commission for 12 years, and is a 2-term board member of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District and has helped in planning that agency's many projects.

The honor is truly deserved and we congratulate Elaine not only on the recognition but also on her many accomplishments.



TRAIL TREK 7 SOME CHANGES, FAMILIAR FUN

The date was a week after Father's Day, there were new routes—all crossing the new bridge—and a new starting point but the 800 plus participants enjoyed some popular features from past events. Good weather, snacks along the way, a noon barbeque and a chance to win a new bike—combined with the dedication of the new Elaine Hammer Bridge--made it a memorable event.

The changes gave participants an opportunity to experience trails in the northern section of Lincoln and the Antelope Valley project. Some indicated that they enjoyed the “easier” routes that had fewer hills. Over \$4,000 was raised for local trails projects.

Five Secretary of State employees, with their families and friends, formed a team of twelve members for this year's Trail Trek Family Festival & Fitness Ride

The team won one of 8 bicycles provided by Bike Rack and Cycle Works. The bike they won is a new Trek 7.2 fx, with a 17.5" frame. The five employees decided to have a drawing, with each SOS employee having one chance for each of their family and friends. The participants (and the number of family members) were: Margaret Bohy (4), Colleen Byelick (3), Allyn Liethoff (2), Dale Arp (2) and Danny Neugebauer (1).

The Secretary of State John Gale drew the winning name, that being Margaret's son Matt. Matt's current plan for the bicycle is to donate it to a raffle in Valentine, NE. Margaret's niece, at 18 months, was diagnosed with cancer and is now doing well at 2-1/2. Having a survivor in the family has heightened awareness of efforts to find cures, and support the Relay for Life.

Also, just for being one of more than 750 participants, Danny Neugebauer, another Records Management staff member, also won a bicycle... one of 12 used as door prizes.

Thanks to this year's sponsors: Lincoln Journal Star, HyVee, KLIN, Bike Rack, GPTN, Snyder Physical Therapy, 1 World 2 Wheels.



DISCOVERY RIDE ON THE BILLY WOLFF SOUTH

On Saturday, August 22, GPTN held its third “discovery ride” of the summer exploring the new Billy Wolff South Trail. About a dozen bikers gathered at Holmes Lake on a surprisingly cool August morning. We headed south on the Billy Wolff Trail, crossing under 70th Street and then east along the dog run. The new section of the trail begins at the far end of this neighborhood park and travels south with an underpass under Pioneer Blvd., east on Pioneer to Lucile Street and then south to the Antelope Creek. From this point the trail meanders along the creek with underpasses at 84th and Old Cheney Roads. Originally this project was called the Antelope Creek Trail. But with the Antelope Valley Trail system under construction and the old Antelope Park, there were simply too many antelopes at play. So the project has been renamed as simply part of the Billy Wolff Trail.

Altogether the new section of Billy Wolff adds about five miles of trail extending to Highway 2 at 91st street just southeast of the Nebraska Heart Hospital. Much of this trail has been open for a couple of years, but had been bisected by the old Pine Lake Road embankment. With the project to widen Pine Lake to four lanes underway (which included an underpass for the trail) the completion of an unbroken trail is in sight. We were able to traverse the underpass but had to cross some construction to continue on

the 91st street.



This new trail is one of the few completed in recent years without the aid of a G P T N fundraising project.

Much of the funding came as a by-product of road expansion projects. When Pioneers, 84th and Old Cheney were widened to four lanes, a box culvert storm drain large enough to accommodate the Antelope Creek at flood stage had to be included. Tweaking the design a bit to accommodate a trail added only a small amount to the project. In addition, the new road projects also include some funds to “mitigate pedestrian issues.” The new mega-intersections, such as Old Cheney and 84th, are great for cars but not pedestrians. What parent would let a child walk even three blocks to school if it meant crossing both of these highways. The trail and underpasses are the solution. Property developers also granted easements for the trail construction. Twenty years ago most developers were skeptical about trails, but then realized that home buyers, especially those with children, saw trails as an amenity which actually increased property values. When Joe Hampton developed Williamsburg and

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THE NEBRASKA TRAILS FOUNDATION

By Ross Greathouse

“Picture a bicycling-hiking trail linking metropolitan Omaha and Lincoln, with users crossing the Platte River on an abandoned railroad bridge and stopping at state recreation areas en route” began the first paragraph in an article written by Fred Thomas in the Omaha World Herald on July 30, 1982. The article went on to describe the abandoned Rock Island right-of-way and showed a map of the bridge and the state parks near it.

This was the news that began a flame burning within the out-of-doors folks. I was a past president of the Lincoln Track Club and was joined by members of Audubon groups, bike clubs, Scouts, Y groups, officials of our state and its cities and counties, wildlife naturalists and wellness groups.

In 1983 we began to meet at Trail Ridge, a ski hill north of the Platte between Lincoln and Omaha and formed the Nebraska Trails Council which was incorporated in November of 1984. The incorporators were Jan Burch, Carol Gebhard, Gary Gebhard, Elaine Hawco, John Pabst, Tom Vandenack, Raymond Weinberg, Scott Yahnke and me. We soon realized that we would require foundation status if we were to raise money. Subsequently we incorporated The Nebraska Trails Foundation with those incorporators being Dale Capek, Roberta Lewallen, Raymond Weinberg, John Wupper, William Griffin and me. Weinberg was the first president.

Our first effort, “The Trail of Two Cities” on the abandoned Rock Island right-of-way failed when the Waverly Co-op and a group of Sarpy County farmers purchased the right-of-way for an amount which surpassed our offer of \$600,000. NTF had been pledged \$600,000 by a fiber-optics company which wanted to utilize the right-of-way for cable. Late in 1998 we were able to acquire the old Rock Island bridge which crossed the Platte at South Bend. It was restored and ceremonially dedicated and opened on June 1, 2002 (National Trails Day.) Later the Foundation and GPTN acquired the MoPac from Lincoln to Wabash and continued this dream.

The Nebraska Trails Foundation has participated in raising approximately 3.2 million dollars for trail projects. Our partners in these endeavors have been the Great Plains Trails and Eastern Nebraska Trails Networks; City of Beatrice; Lancaster County; the Cooper, Lied, Kiewit, Merrick County and many other foundations; and numerous businesses as well as hundreds of individuals and families who help us with nearly every project. This is an incomplete listing of what has become an enormous number of public and private trail-builders.



NTF and its partners have assisted with over 25 trail projects. This 26-year effort by dozens of public and private interests has resulted in approximately 650 miles of trails in Nebraska with many more potential miles in existing comprehensive growth plans. Without the thousands of hours of volunteerism, this result could not have been reached. Thanks to all for this continuing effort.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL CENSUS

GPTN is preparing to conduct our 20th annual census on trail use. This year’s census will be a different format than in past years. We will be collecting data not just on trail use, but also on cyclists and pedestrians using streets and sidewalks across Lincoln. We will also be doing two separate counts – one weekend day, Sunday September 20th, and one weekday Thursday September 17th (Tuesday September 22nd will be used as an alternate in case of rain). The count periods are much shorter than our traditional day-long census, lasting only from noon to 2 pm on Sunday and 4 pm to 6 pm on the weekday.

Why the change in the way we are doing the census? This methodology will allow us to submit data to a national database being compiled for the National Bicycle & Pedestrian Documentation Project sponsored by Alta Planning and Design and the Institute of Transportation Engineers. By meeting their standards, information will be available to agencies nationwide making it possible to assess the benefits of investment in alternative modes of transportation. You can find further information on the project at bikepeddocumentation.org.


If you have questions or can help with the census on either September 20th or September 17th (alternate day September 22nd) please let us know by contacting Dave Scoby at 420-5885 or sending by sending an email to gptn_census@windstream.net.




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I wanted to thank you for getting the information on Lincoln's bike paths to the Atwood Inn on our behalf. We had a wonderful visit to Lincoln & the information you supplied was invaluable in helping us select a bike route that gave us a great overview of Lincoln. We had a beautiful day & we rode over 25 miles solely on the bike paths. It was also wonderful to be able to ride directly from the Atwood Inn without having to drive to a trailhead. This is something we are unable to do at home.

I requested the same general biking information from five different cities we are visiting on our six-week trip. Your reply representing Lincoln & its bicycling community was the only reply I received. This will forever leave a wonderful impression of Lincoln & its people in our minds.

Should you or any of your friends ever be in the East Tennessee or Great Smoky Mountains National Park area, I will be more than happy to return the favor.

Thanks again,
Sharon & Bill Brewer
Knoxville, TN

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Hi, we are bikers and members of the Great Plains Trails Network. We receive the newsletter, and I thought you might be interested in a poem for a future issue. I wrote this poem after biking on the MoPac in the fall. It was published in *Illuminations*, the Southeast Community College literary magazine. Just thought it might be fun to share with people who appreciate the imagery of bike trails. If you don't publish poetry, that's fine, too.

We moved to Lincoln from Iowa City, and we think the bike trails are a vital attraction for this area. Keep up the good work!

Milkweed Pod

Between a dusty road and sagging fence,
rustling prairie grasses surround
a solitary milkweed plant.
The silver brown pod,
curves like a horse's nostril
then flares to catch the scent of fall,
and exhales a silken cloud
that drifts across open pastures.

Claudia Reinhardt
Lincoln, NE 68520

ANTELOPE VALLEY ACTIVE LIVING CENTER

The City of Lincoln is continuing to move forward with developing an Active Living Center that will be located on the Southeast corner of 21st and "Q" Street. The facility will provide approximately 2500 square feet for bicycle retail/rental space, restrooms to serve the plaza area and approximately 1150 sq. ft. for public meeting/gathering space.

The facility will be designed to meet LEED certification standards that will include a green roof, water collection system, and other green design components. The floor of the facility will be the same as the pavers on the plaza and roll-up doors will provide the opportunity for the facility to open up to the plaza for special events and other programming activities during good weather, or remain closed when the weather isn't as good.

We continue to work through the funding for the facility that, once finalized, will allow the facility to be completed along with the plaza in 2011.

SAFETY FIRST (LAST & ALWAYS)

Some recent accidents on the trails have reminded us of the need to reemphasize safety and courtesy practices for trail users. Every utility has its rules to minimize the risk of injury and trail users need to be aware of what is expected.

1. Share the trail. Stay to the right. Pass only on the left—after checking behind. A rear-view mirror is a big plus.
2. Be aware. Keep your eyes open and ears unplugged.
3. Yield appropriately—bikes to pedestrians / runners, bikes and pedestrians to horses.
4. Bikes pass only at moderate speed—trails are not for racing—after announcing your presence. A loud "on your left" or sounding a bell far enough before passing that both parties have time to react is the standard.
5. Helmet use for all bikers (and skateboarders??). Head injuries can be devastating.
6. Keep pets on a short leash. Pick up after them.
7. If you motor to a trailhead, lock your car and put valuables out of sight—maybe in the trunk.

Do your part and help make everyone's trail use a positive experience.

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TRAIL BRIDGE RAILING

Interstate cooperation was the theme on Saturday July 25 when 9 trail folk from Lincoln NE made the trip to Marysville to help local trail builders complete the railings on two bridges on their trail. These visitors had honed their skills on numerous bridges on the section of the Homestead Trail that extends from Lincoln to Cortland—and will eventually connect with the Beatrice and Marysville sections.

As in those earlier projects, much of the credit for this project goes to Lynn Lightner who laid out the plans, ordered the materials, recruited the volunteers, supervised and even furnished some of the tools and transportation.

Except for Lightner, who left early, the Lincoln volunteers departed at 6:00AM and arrived at about 7:30AM after some difficulty finding the trail. The weather was pleasant, the Marysville people were fast learners and, with their assistance, the two bridges had rails shortly after 10AM.

Most of the crew then adjourned to the Wagon Wheel, some for a late breakfast, others for an early lunch. As appetites were taken care of the joint crew had a good time exchanging trail information and experiences.

The Lincoln personnel indicated that they enjoyed Marysville's hospitality and the opportunity to assist in what it is hoped will become a great trail joining the two cities

LINCOLN CREW: Lynn Lightner, Ross Greathouse, Albert Maxey, Phil Hovis, VT Miller, Jay Dirksen, Dale Arp, Bill Wehrbein, Jason Albers



Of the many hurdles that rails-to-trails advocates confront, the basic one is fear—fear by landowners of outsiders, fear by park managers of unexpected costs or liability, fear by politicians of trying something new. Virtually all these fears have proven groundless.... — PETER HARNICK, *Converting Rails to Trails*, 1989

BIKING UP NORTH

by Joice Vannier

Inside Passage of Alaska was the bike tour destination of four Lincoln area women during the first week of June. The tour included three days each in the areas of the cities of Juneau, Haines and Skagway. Usually we cycled in the mornings and participated in other activities in the afternoons.



Marynelle Greene, Joice Vannier, Sharon Mohatt, Sue Guild.

Highlights in the Juneau area were biking to the northern end of nearby Douglas Island, kayaking in a scenic cove surrounded by mountains and visiting the Mendenhall Glacier in the Tongass National Forest.

Lodging in Haines was at the historic Halsingland Hotel, the commanding officers' quarters when Fort Seward was active from the early 1900's until the end of World War II. One morning the lovely glacial-fed Chilkoot Lake was our biking destination, followed by a kayak tour looking for wildlife. A raft float through the Bald Eagle Preserve on a glacial river was on the agenda the following day.

Our next stop was Skagway, a popular port for cruise ships. While there we boarded the White Pass & Yukon Route narrow gauge railroad for an awesome trip over the summit to Fraser Station in British Columbia, Canada. From there we biked back to Skagway descending 15 miles from the 3292' summit to the sea. A mountain bike tour of Dyea, a historic Gold Rush ghost town, was on the agenda the following day. Later we hiked on Chilkoot Trail, the major access route to the Yukon goldfields in the late 1890's.

Transportation between cities was by ferry on the Alaska Marine Highway through the spectacular Lynn Canal. We all have fond memories of our ten days in Alaska and our exciting adventures while there. For more information on this tour or other Alaska bicycle tours, contact Sockeye Cycle Co. at www.cyclealaska.com.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS MAY – AUGUST 2009

Welcome to new members: Nate & Dana Haecker, Chad Hanthorn, Larry & Jeri Brainard, Wil Thames, Lynn Marienau, Dirk Brom & Kimberly Russel, Nick Gove, Neal Brickner, Brett & Katie Bieber, Aaron Carnes, Don & Sue Sylwester, Maggie Dayton & Jason Davis, Cathy Oltman, Mark J. Taylor.

Thank you to renewing members: Cynthia Sorrensen, Todd Carlile, Julie Marshall, Rex & Joy Walton, Richard E. Spangler, Jr., Dennis & Rosemary Hicks, Warren & Mary Luckner, Bob Patterson, Cathy Seybold, Georgia Glass, Clyde Johnson, Chris Zygielbaum, Thomas Kraft, Walt Stroup & Ellen Paparozzi, Dottie & Bob Shapiro, Lynn & Susan Johnson, Lower Platte North NRD, Bill Larson, Palmer Johnson, Charles M. Peterson, Bob & Carol Workman, Tom & Candy Henning, John & Jan Blumer, Bob Boyce, Ruth Rodden, Bruce Bundy, Vicki Miller & Mary Lou Meier, Travis A. Wagner, Lynn Roper, Peggy Newquist & Duane Reese, Lee Taylor, Bob Mancuso, Dan & Lynn Steinkruger, Jack Broderick, Dean & Narua Eusebgayerm Alan Jacobs, Steve Stromberg, Nancy Harr, Dogu & Dianne Kuppig, Barbara DiBernard, Craig & Norma Williams, K.M.Kane, John & Nancy Olsson, Catherine Angle, Joanne Allen, George & Barb Green, Corey & Jeanette Stull, Troy Hansen, Alicia Helminck, Dary & Kris Bohac, Joe & Mary Swoboda, Monica Vandergrind, Deb Eislaeffel, Marth Stoddard, Sharon Doll, Jay & Diane Dirksen, Fred & Mary Ann Guggenmos, Bob & Mary Ann Stallings, Larry Worth, Steve & Patsy Meyer, John & Gloria Strope, Fred & Carol Ochsner, Gary & Karen Esau and Craig Roper, Dan & Becky Caldwell, Chris Calkins, Foster & Kim Collins, Jon & Margot Peterson, Wayne Simpson, Les Smith, John & Martha Eischeid, Dorothy C. Anderson and Joeth Zucco and Cassidy & Madison Whitney.

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Wolff Discovery Ride Continued

included a trails system, this was a clear recognition of a change in the view of developers.

Discovery Rides are designed both as social events and as a way to keep GPTN members informed on trail issues. This ride succeeded on both accounts. We were very excited about this new trail, one of Lincoln's best. Earlier concerns about mud in the underpasses seem to have been addressed, and there were only a few wet spots in the Old Cheney underpass. After returning to Holmes Lake we adjourned to a nearby coffee house where we enjoyed refreshments in an outdoor patio and discussed our "discoveries."

The final discovery ride of this year will be on Sunday, September 13 on the Homestead Trail. Bikers should gather at the Saltillo Road trailhead at 10:00 am.

Derrick Hermanson, Kathy Krone, Mr. & Mrs. T.W. Spradin, William M. Wehrbein, Mike Hoffman and Amy Speigel, Norma Goltl, Ron & Darlene Tussing, Kelsey Romshek, Dane Wedergren, Jim & Judi Cook, Peggy & Eli Chesen, David & Janet Isaacson, Ann Bleed, Gene & Judy Klinkman, Austin & Nancy Lewis, Dave Swartz, Carla Otreodosky, Dlae & Sherri Hielsen, Ron & Beth Goble, Gary Zellweger, Tani & Dave Stempson, Nebraska Sports Council, Ed Lincoln, Tom Nider, Ron & Connie Gormley, Conrad Carol Woerner, Rich Peters, Dave Armknecht, Jay Schluckebier, Kevin & Diane Klein, Francis Moul, Rod & Debbie Basler, Alfred Berchtold, George E. Gammel, John Whitmer, Rosalind Morris, Jim & Rosalind Carr, Jan & John Gradwohl, Rich & Ursula Goodban, JoAnn Churley, Suzanne Schiad, Dennis Hoffman, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Duxbury, Stan & Carol Fraas, Nadine Skupa, Howard Foreman, Charles & Carolyn Gregorius. John & Cyndi Woollam, John Thacker, Chris & Vicki Sommerich, Mark C. Miller, Jack & Dottie Mathews, Scott Patterson, Terry & Pam Schoonover, Steve Heusel, Don Vantassel, Julie Cole, Tom Vandenack, Pat Bracker, David Rutz, Stephen Ramsay, Kris Thoms, Victor & Loree Kirilloff, Alisa & Bruce Sandahl, Judy Garlock & Tex Richters, George Hansen, Dick & Jody Pitsch, David Feingold, Steve Henrichsen, Mark Orr, Richard A. Russell, II, Judith DeGraff.

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NEW WEBSITE

In an effort to keep up with the demand of a web presence, GPTN will soon be revealing a new and improved website. While most of the information on the current site will be retained, much of it will be updated and a new, fresher look will be revealed. There will also be some new features such as a blog, image gallery, and other resources to facilitate communication among GPTN members and the general public. One major feature of the redesign is the ability for people to join or renew their memberships with GPTN through the website. Website design is being done by local developer Enjoy Creative. The new site should be up and running in a few weeks. Stay tuned.

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