



SENCA recognizes 55 years of service (1966-2021) and honors May as Community Action Month



Investing in our Neighbors Improving Lives Strengthening Communities

SENCA Celebrated Nebraska Transit Week April 11th - 17th

Governor Pete Ricketts signed a proclamation that named April 11th - 17th as Nebraska Transit Week. This is an annual event that recognizes Public Transit throughout the State.

SENCA operates two Public Transit programs, one in Pawnee County and one in Richardson County. Both programs are open to the public and provide low-cost rides to residents who live within each of the designated service areas. Local riders utilize transit services for medical appointments, to purchase groceries, go out to lunch, run errands or even to visit family and friends.

During this past year COVID-19 changed a lot of how each of us normally go about our daily lives. However, SENCA Transit, and it's faithful crew, remained in operation, with only a few minor changes, to ensure the individuals who rely on the program would continue to have access to services.

Lois, a rider from Richardson County shares: "The Handi-Bus (Richardson County Transit) is great transportation for the senior citizens of this rural community. Responsible drivers handle handicapped situations in a caring manner. The needs of others are met with respect and recognition of situations at hand. Service to others is most important."

Eleanor, another rider from Richardson County shares: "I had heard of the Senior Center and of the Handi-Bus (Transit) but I was still able to drive my vehicle and cook at home. At the age of 78 I was driving my vehicle when I was hit by another car, I was ok but it totaled by vehicle and my life changed. I am now 79 and enjoying the Handi-Bus (Transit) and the meals at the Senior Center. The folks are all so kind and helpful to all of us. We are blessed to have these services."

Pawnee Transit Driver Named 2020 Star Performer

Pictured: Pawnee Transit Driver, Ric Helms. As a result of Ric's on-going dedication during the COVID pandemic, Ric was honored as an agency Rising Star during 2020 and selected as SENCA's 2020 Star Performer. Thank you Ric. Congratulations!



Community Leadership Scholarship Winners Congratulations 2021 Graduates!

SENCA is pleased to announce this year's winners of the Community Leadership Scholarship award. Congratulations scholarship recipients and all area graduates!

Each year SENCA is investing in area youth by providing six \$400 scholarships to graduating seniors for post-secondary education. The scholarships are heavily weighted in community service. One senior from Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson counties, SENCA's six core county service area, is selected by a review committee to receive a scholarship. Each year applications are provided to all area high school guidance counselors. Applications are also available on-line at www.senca.org.

The scholarship program was started in 2013 and to date, SENCA has awarded over \$20,000 to support area graduates. This year's winners are:



Jason Kettlehake
Johnson County Central



Trey Lamkins
Weeping Water HS



Reagan de Koning
Pawnee City HS



Thayer Armbruster
Falls City HS



Meadow Rightsell
Auburn HS



Sydney Wellsandt
Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca

SENCA's 15th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament is still scheduled for Saturday, June 19th at Kirkmans. To pre-register please call 402-862-2828.

For more information regarding outreach programs, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), Job Skills, or community related services such as outreach, nutrition and transit, please contact Pam Armknecht, Community Services Director, at 402-862-2411 extension # 108 and visit www.senca.org or www.facebook.com/Senca