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Happy Father's Day



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 16

JUNE 2019



## 2019 BEE SAFE SAFETY FAIR



Catherine Tilghman, a student from Creek Valley, straps in for a ride in the crash test machine with the Nebraska State Patrol office.

Since the late 1990's, every three years, Wheat Belt holds a Safety Fair for Fourth and Fifth grade students in our service territory. We feel the need for safety education never goes away, and presenting safety in a fun, fair-like atmosphere, provides students an opportunity to enjoy the learning experience while retaining the lessons.

This year's fair was held at our downtown annex on Friday, May 3rd, from 9:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The whole office was abuzz (pun intended) with children, teachers, aides and presenters. Approximately 180 students from Bridgeport, Creek Valley,

Leyton, Sidney and the Panhandle Homeschool Co-op, joined us for the 2019 "Bee Safe" Fair.

The fair involves a coordinated effort from several organizations throughout the area. Nine, 20-minute safety-related sessions were presented, lunch was served, and we also had a Special Treat Station of Cotton Candy and Laffy Taffy Ropes. The catch phrase, "We are better together," certainly rings true for this group of presenters, and Wheat Belt is very grateful for their support and participation.

We have dedicated this issue to the fair, and hope you enjoy the pictures. If your school or organization would like us to do a presentation on electrical safety, please feel free to contact us. (Continued on 12-B, C & D)

### Wheat Belt Connection

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### Drawing Winner

Yolanda Hruska

Congratulations to Brian Armstrong, our April "Lucky Winner!" He has been a Wheat Belt customer since 1995. Brian and fiancé, Ali Deems, have five children ranging from eight years of age to 21. He keeps extremely busy farming with his father on their multigenerational farm. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and fishing.

Brian received a \$50 credit for his prompt payment. If you would like to be included in our next drawing, and avoid the \$5 delinquent fee, please send your payment before the 18th of the month. For your convenience, we offer several options: Automatic Bank Draft, Automatic Credit Card or Pay Your Bill Online using our secure Auto-Pay system. We also accept payments over the phone. Please give us a call or visit [wheatbelt.com](http://wheatbelt.com), select the Customer Services menu.

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## Quotes to Ponder

"Since I have gotten older, I have found the voices in my head remind me of my kids when they were young, when they are quiet, I don't know what they are up to."

Unknown

"I am so old, I can remember when it was ok to drink from the garden hose!"

Unknown

"I'm going to stop asking, **How dumb can people get**, because it seems they are trying to rise to the challenge."

Unknown

"We have always had a wireless connection, it is called prayer."

Unknown

"I thought growing old would take longer, you shouldn't have to put up with injuries from sitting too long or sleeping wrong - it just isn't right."

Unknown

Flag Day is June 14 - "I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty and freedom."

John Thune

"Blessed is the father that teaches his children through his own good actions." Unknown



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**Tim Lindahl**  
General Manager

Tim's Tidbits

**2019**  
**Bee Safe**  
**Safety Fair**



Dominic Brown from Sidney Public Schools listens intently to Operation Lifesaver regarding railroad safety.

**Children are never too young to start learning about safety and the dangers around them. Repetition is the best way to be prepared to react to a dangerous situation automatically.**

**Young children often do not realize the consequence of an unsafe act. The presenters have taken the time to develop a short program that is packed full of information, and also leaves time for a few questions.**

**The presentations are kept short so as to keep the children's attention, and we appreciate the presenters willingness to go through their programs multiple time.**



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Karissa Benavides, Athletic

**Creek Valley:** Cooper Reichman, Academic

Sam Grabowski, Athletic

**Garden County:** Carmen Arceo-Fenn, Academic

Connor McCord, Athletic

**Leyton:** Janessa Carley, Academic

Danielle Higgins, Athletic

**Sidney:** Allison Nesbitt, Academic

Arik Doty, Athletic



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