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#### Nebraska Farmers Union 108th Annual State Convention "108 Years of Leadership"

December 3, 2021 Second Ever Virtual Convention No transportation, lodging, outside meals, or registration costs Builders Club & NEBFARMPAC Donations are gratefully & cheerfully accepted **"Registration is still required"** 

#### Friday Morning, December 3, 2021 (Register Here)

- 9:30 Call to order: Convention Convenes, Welcome, Pledge, Prayer, Past Convention Minutes (All Members)
- 9:45 NeFU Foundation Elections-- John Hansen, NeFU Foundation Secretary
- Election of At-Large Member to NeFU Foundation, 1 year term (Ron Meyer is the current director)
- 10:00 NeFU Foundation & Education Report—John Hansen
- 10:15 Nebraska Farmers Union PAC report—Vern Jantzen
- 10:30 Refreshment Break Sponsored by: Nebraska Rural Radio Association (What's in your refrigerator?)
- 10:40 Farmers Union Midwest Agency, LLP report—Jeff Downing, General Manager

#### 11:00 NeFU Elections: Report by Elections Chair, Vern Jantzen (Members Only)

- Call for additional nominations for NeFU President (2022-2023)
- Election of NeFU President
- Introduction of candidates for NeFU Delegates to NFU Convention (all Delegates vote) February 27-March 1, 2022 National Farmers Union Convention, Grand Hyatt, Denver, CO
- Elect Top Six NFU Convention Delegates--Vote for 1, 2, or 3 candidates (Top 3 vote getters are Delegates—next 3 are Alternates)
- Districts 2, 4 & 6 caucus for additional NeFU District Director Nominations (2022-2023-2024)
- Election of District 2 Director (District 2 Delegates only vote)
- Election of District 4 Director (District 4 Delegates only vote)
- Election of District 6 Director (District 6 Delegates only vote)
- 12:00 Noon Luncheon: Sponsored by Farmers Union Midwest Agency, LLP Help yourself, eat on your own, remember to tip the server and compliment the chef!

#### Friday Afternoon, December 3, 2021 (All Members) (Register Here)

- 12:30 NeFU President's Award presentation to: Jim & Carolyn Knopik, retiring District 2 Director
- 12:35 NFU President Rob Larew, NFU Government Relations Report
- 1:30 A Preview of the 2022 Legislative Session
  - Senator Carol Blood, LD3
  - Senator Myron Dorn, LD30
  - Senator John Cavanaugh, LD9
  - Senator John McCollister, LD20
- 2:15 NeFU Policy Consideration (**Delegates Only**)
- 3:15 NeFU President John Hansen, NeFU President-Convention Wrap Up

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Nebraska Rural Radio Association

2021 Report

By

Tim Marshall

The Nebraska Rural Radio Association currently stands at 14 radio stations located in 5 markets in Nebraska. The markets that the NRRA has stations in are Scottsbluff, Lexington, Holdrege, West Point and York. In addition, the NRRA has an office and studios at Innovation Campus in Lincoln.

In 2021 the NRRA switched it Fiscal year to a Calendar year and with that change, the Annual meeting will now be held in Lexington in June. Previous years the Annual meeting was held in November.

Last year, three new Board of Directors were elected to the NRRA Board. Those new directors are:

Chuck Folken of Leigh Richard Johnson of Kimball

Tracy Zink of Indianola

These three join the other six Board members, who are: Ben Steffen of Humboldt Bart Beattie of Sumner Dennis Fujan of Prague Rich Lackaff of Bassett Jim Ramm of Atkinson Doug Saathoff of Trumbull.

2021 has been a good come back year for the Association and its stations. The NRRA was able to come through 2020, with a full staff. That has made 2021 seem like a more normal operating year.

We continue to serve our mission of "Serving the Men and Women of Agriculture and Rural Nebraska" with a renewed passion.

We appreciate our partnership with the Farmer Union and your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jim Marchell

Tim Marshall CEO Nebraska Rural Radio Association

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## **2022 NFU CONVETION DELEGATE CANDIDATES**

District 3— Darrel Buschkoetter

District 4— Don Schuller

District 4-Marci Regier

District 6— Mike Williams

District 6— Andrew Tonnies

District 7—Keith Dittrich

#### Vote for one, two or three candidates



Plan to participate from February 27 - March 1 , 2022 Denver, Colorado

## **2021 Senators Panel Discussion**



**Senator Carol Blood** was raised in rural Adams County, Nebraska and raised her family in Sarpy County, Nebraska. She was first elected to the Bellevue City Council in 2008, and again in 2012. In 2016, she was elected to the Nebraska Legislature to serve District 3 and re-elected in 2020. She strives to always be accessible to her constituents to make sure she is addressing their quality of life issues that have been ignored for decades, and to ensure her community remained a safe place to live and raise their families. In September of 2021, Carol Blood announced her candidacy for Governor of Nebraska.



**Senator John Cavanaugh** is an Omaha native with nearly 20 years' experience in public service and community engagement is the current Senator representing the 9th District (Central Omaha) in the Nebraska State Legislature. John worked for the Douglas County Public Defender's office, where he represented the poor and underserved of Omaha. A graduate of Creighton Prep High School, John received a Bachelor's Degree in Politics from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. John received his Juris Doctorate from the Vermont Law School where he served as a Notes Editor on the Vermont Law Review, John also received a Masters In Environmental Policy from the Vermont Law school. John serves on the Board of Directors of Mode Shift Omaha. He resides in the Aksarben/Elmwood Park Neighborhood with his wife Katie McGill and their children. They are members of Saint Margaret Mary Parish.



**Senator Myron Dorn** is a lifelong resident of the Adams area, where he has been the representative for Legislative District 30 since 2019. He and his wife, Julie have been married 42 years. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. The Dorn's are members of the Adams American Lutheran Church. He was elected in 2010 and again in 2014 to the Gage County Board of Supervisors where he served as chairman. He is a member of the Nebraska Cattleman, Nebraska Farm Bureau, Nebraska Soybean Association, Nebraska Corn Growers Association, and a lifetime member of the Nebraska Farmers Union. He has also served on the Adams Rescue Squad for 30 years, Firth Co-op Board for 20 years, 12 of which were as chairman, and on the Dorchester Co-op Board for 2.5 years. He is a graduate of Adams High School and the University of Nebraska.



**Senator John McCollister** grew up in Omaha and graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in Business Administration. He then embarked on a 35 year career with McCollister & Co, a three generation family business that manufactured lubricants for large commercial, industrial and private label customers in fourteen Midwestern states. From 1979 to 2008, McCollister served as a publically-elected member of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board of Directors, which provides natural gas and water to the Omaha area. In early 2009 McCollister was named executive director of the Platte Institute for Economic Research – a nonprofit free market think tank. In 2014 Senator McCollister was elected to the Nebraska Legislature. He is currently a member of the Legislature's Executive Board, and the Revenue, and Government, Military and Veterans Affairs. He is also the Vice Chair of the Planning Committee. During

his tenure in the Legislature, McCollister has promoted criminal justice reform, accessibility of public benefits, climate change and renewable energy legislation.



## **Farmers Union Speakers**

**Rob Larew** was elected President of National Farmers Union in 2020 at the National Farmers Union Convention. Larew served over 22 years in Congress and USDA working on agriculture policy and communication. Most recently he was the staff director of the House Committee on Agriculture where he oversaw the committee's efforts during the 2008 and 2014 farm bills. He previously served as the Director of Congressional and Public Affairs at the Food Safety and Inspection Service at USDA and worked as an agricultural aide to Rep. Collin Peterson and the late Sen. Paul Wellstone. Rob was raised on a dairy farm in Greenville, West Virginia. He graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Dairy Science and completed graduate work in agronomy from Penn State.



**John Hansen** has served as the elected President of the Nebraska Farmers Union since 1990. In his 16<sup>th</sup> two-year elected term, Hansen serves as Secretary for the NeFU Foundation and NEBFARMPAC. At the national level, Hansen serves on the NFU Budget and Audit Committee; Vice Chair of the NFU Legislative Committee; Chairs the NFU Meritorious Service Committee, and serves on the NFU Service Association Board. He is the longest serving president of Nebraska Farmers Union and the current NFU Board of Directors. Hansen serves as

Chair of the Nebraska Wind Working Group that organizes and sponsors the annual Wind and Solar Power Conference since 2008. Hansen currently serves on USDA's Nebraska State Technical Committee; Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Farm Crisis Council; and the Coalition for a Prosperous America Board. John is a sixth generation family farmer from Newman Grove, Nebraska whose Great-great -great grandparents homesteaded several miles from his homestead in 1892. John and his wife Karen have four grown and married children and five grandchildren. In addition to awards received from the Center for Rural Affairs, Nebraska Sierra Club, Nebraska Grange, U.S. DOE, Nebraskans for Peace, American Corn Growers Association, he received the KRVN "Service to Agriculture" award in 2018.



**Vern Jantzen** and his wife Dolores own and operate their fourth generation family farm southeast of Plymouth in Jefferson County. They raise corn, soybeans, wheat, and alfalfa. In August of 2010 they shut down their dairy operation after 25 years. Vern operates a custom forage bagging operation and drives truck for his brother's custom chopping business. Vern graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1980 with a B.S. in agricultural economics and then spent almost 4 years serving with Mennonite Central Committee in eastern Bolivia. Vern has made many trips to Washington, D.C. for NFU Fly-Ins and has served as a delegate to the NFU annual convention several times. He continues to serve as Chair of the NeFU Policy Committee.



**Jeff Downing** is general manager of the Farmers Union Midwest Agency LLP. Jeff grew up in a small rural town in Iowa. He and his parents moved off the farm and into town when he was 14. While in high school and college, Jeff spent his summers and weekends working for area farmers until he completed his bachelor's degree from Northwest Missouri State University in Education and Industrial Technology. Before coming to our Farmers Union family, he worked with insurance companies such as Prudential, Shelter, Liberty Mutual, and Nationwide. He has spent 11 years as a licensed producer, five years as an independent agency owner, two years as a business consultant, 10 years as a district manager, and effective April 1st, 2013, he assumed his current position as general manager of the Farmers Union Midwest Agency LLP.

### Remembering Departed Nebraska Farmers Union Members

Just as dying plants and leaves enrich the soil and rebuild its' fertility, the strength of Farmers Union rests on those who have come before. It was their planning and work and unity, which created Farmers Union, and defended family farmers for generations.

They built coops, educated their youth and their neighbors, worked for a good farm policy, and enjoyed the fellowship of their fellow members.

#### 2021 Nebraska Farmers Union Foundation Contributions of <u>\$2,055</u>

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For More information, contact John Hansen at (402) 476-8815

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- 5. When you give a gift to the Nebraska Farmers Union Foundation in memory of a loved one to honor their life, you not only memorialize them, you support the organization that continues to fight on behalf of family farmers, ranchers, and rural America.

## **2021 NeFU President's Award Recipient**



## Jim & Carolyn Knopik

For Outstanding Leadership and Service to Nebraska Farmers Union, Family Farm Agriculture & Rural America NeFU District 2 Director 2016-2021

### **Past President's Award Recipients**

#### <u>1991</u>

Raymond & Esther Lessman

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Floyd & Evelyn Herman Walter & Frances Schoenrock Laverne & Leona Plambeck

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2004 Senator Matt & Judy Connealy Max Brown

> <u>2005</u> John Stencel, III

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2008 John & Mardelle Goeller Bill Bullard

> 2009 Wayne Frost Don Eret

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#### <u>2011</u>

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#### <u>2013</u>

Roy & Mary Stoltenberg Larry & Karren Knuth Gale & Laurie Lush

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#### 2017 Art & Helen Tanderup

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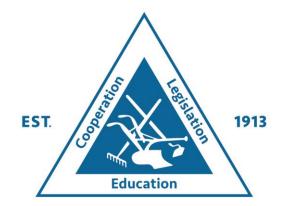


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- Ethanol adds octane and replaces cancer causing aromatics such as benzene, toluene, and xylene
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- Ethanol means cleaner air for Nebraskans to breathe
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