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Newest Nebraska Supreme Court Justice Classmates attend John Freudenberg's investiture at Lincoln

MARCIA HORA

John R. Freudenberg was enrobed as the newest Nebraska Supreme Court justice Friday, August 10, at the Nebraska State Capitol. Freudenberg said his family and friends in attendance represented a history of his life. That history included Stapleton. Among those attending were Scott Harvey, Duane Johnsen, and V.J. Brosius, all classmates from the SHS Class of 1988. Also in attendance was the Honorable C. Arlen Beam of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, who graduated from Baker Rural High School/Stapleton in 1947. Casey Connell of Arnold, who attended college with John at Chadron State College, was also present. Freudenberg thanked his wife, Connie, and their five children, who joined in enrobing him, for their support. He said his children, "the fabu-

lous five" were his life's biggest source of joy.

Freudenberg also thanked his parents, Rich and Kay Freudenberg of Lincoln, extended family and the Supreme Court justices.

The Honorable Michael G. Heavican, Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, gave the welcome, introductions and closing remarks.

The Honorable Kate B. Burdick, County Court Judge, Eighth Judicial District, Nebraska and the Honorable Russell W. Harford, County Court Judge, Twelfth Judicial District, Nebraska, offered remarks.

Harford said he had a nickname for John, "Fair Shake" Freudenberg. He said John always treated everyone with dignity and respect.

Harford also said he hoped Freudenberg's example would bolster representation of lawyers in rural Nebraska. A statewide initiative, the Rural Legal Opportuni-

ties Program aims to add to the ranks of rural lawyers by waiving undergraduate tuition at state colleges and universities and offers guaranteed placement at the University of Nebraska College of Law for students who score well on admissions tests.

Freudenberg became the newest Nebraska Supreme Court justice after 14 months as a county court judge in Lancaster County. He served as a special assistant to the criminal bureau chief at the Nebraska Attorney General's Office for a decade.

Freudenberg's background is in rural Nebraska. After graduating from Stapleton High School in 1988, he obtained his bachelor's degree at Chadron State College and served as an attorney in northwest Nebraska.

Freudenberg will take the seat of Justice John F. Wright on the Nebraska Supreme Court.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Honorable Matthew L. Acton, County Court Judge, Third Judicial District, Nebraska, administers the oath of office to John Freudenberg at his investiture at the Nebraska State Capitol on August 10.

"He was a tremendous judge and set a high standard for me to pursue. I'm incredibly excited and humbled to now follow in those footsteps. I assure everyone that I will do my best to fill the expectations that you have in me to do this job."

The Honorable Matthew L. Acton, County Court Judge, Third Judicial District, Nebraska, conducted the oath of office. "This makes two very high ranking judges who graduated from Stapleton High School. We are en-

couraging John to return to Stapleton for a "meet and greet" and invite Judge Beam to attend. The community would be able to celebrate two of their own," Scott Harvey said after returning from the ceremony.

Stapleton driver aces shoot-out

MARCIA HORA

Wayne Hora of Stapleton did something no other Sandhills Open Road Challenge driver has ever done. He aced the one-mile shoot out near Callaway with three perfect passes of 163.5, 163.5, 163.5. Not an easy task to do driving a six-speed.

Hora, who has driven in every SORC race since its inception in 2001, one-mile shoot-out, the grudge match at Thedford, and all but two Loup2Loup races, said he wasn't even thinking about matching times.

"I was just trying to dial in the fastest time I could," he said.

Hora has driven the #5 red ZR1 Corvette in every event except the inaugural SORC race. He drove a 1988 Corvette the first year. The ZR1 was owned by another SORC lifer, Bruce Younglove, formerly of Lincoln, and now living in Minnesota.

"Bruce traded the car in at Konken's in Hartington and I purchased it from Gerald and Barry Konken at their dealership."

The Corvette has been taken to Haibeck Automotive Technology in Chicago twice for performance upgrades. The original cost of the car in 1990 was \$65,000. It is equipped with a five point harness and all necessary safety equipment for one-mile shoot-out competition.

Hora competed in this year's SORC with his navigator and daughter,



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Wayne Hora won the champion matching time plaque at the 2018 one-mile shoot-out held during the 18th annual Sandhills Open Road Challenge. Hora is a SORC lifer, driving the #5 red ZR1 Corvette. It is the first time in the history of the shoot-out anyone has clocked three perfect passes. He dialed in at 163.5 - three times.

Megan Evenson of Lincoln, in the 100 target speed class. They finished 10th out of 19th with +00:04.031 from perfect.

Winning the champion matching time plaque made up for what Hora said was a miscue on his part in the race.

"I should have listened to my navigator when she said to speed up," he said.

Robbi Smith of Arnold, with his navigator, Derek Rose, placed second in the 120 target speed class with +00:00.838 from perfect.

Other local competitors were Joe Shown of Stapleton in the 110 target speed class with navigator, Robert Mann, and Allen Ewoldt of Stapleton, navigating for his son,

Cam Ewoldt of Blair, in the 85 target speed class in the Loup2Loup. They drove Cam's 1973 Plymouth Cuda.

The 18th annual SORC events were held August 9, 10 and 11, drawing over 140 cars from around the country. The only accident was in the Loup2Loup on Thursday, when Chris Bischof and Will Bischof, longtime SORC participants from Southlake, Texas, flipped their 1986 Pontiac GP 2+2. The two were air lifted to area hospitals. A report was given at the Saturday evening barbecue and awards night and both were doing well and released from the hospital. Their crew credited the EMT's and rescue per-

sonnel for their excellent work and assistance at the scene.

Complete SORC results may be found at sorc-race.com. The 19th annual running of the SORC will take place August 7-10, 2019.

Hunter Safety Class Scheduled in Thedford

Firearm Hunter Education is a program ensuring that safe, respectful and responsible hunters participate in the sport of hunting in Nebraska. This program is mandated by the Nebraska Legislature, administered by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and taught by dedicated volunteer instructors. Students are taught a set of standards, established by the International Hunter Education Association. By meeting these standards the Nebraska Hunter Education Program is recognized and honored on the entire North American continent.

Everyone born on or after January 1, 1977 who hunts any species of game, game animal or game bird in Nebraska using a firearm or crossbows is required to carry proof of completion on their person while hunting. All hunters must also have a habitat stamp (ex-



cept for those exempted) on their person while hunting in Nebraska.

Anyone younger than 11 may take the course but will not be certified. They must also be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Anyone under 18 must give instructor a signed and completed Parental Release Form before the course begins. The course will be held in Thedford on October 13th and 14th from 1:00-6:00 p.m. CT at the Upper Loup NRD office, 39252 Hwy 2, Thedford. You must register online at www.outdoornebraska.gov.

Garage Sale Day Scheduled In Thedford

A community garage sale day is being planned for Thedford, Saturday, September 8. All sales start at 8:00 a.m. (unless otherwise noted in the ad).

Sales will be held at the following locations:
Kris Rasmussen: 406 Locust Street, Friday and Saturday.
Judy Mulligan: 404 Walnut Street.

Leigh Reiser, 39227 Cow Country Road.
Tonya Nix: 108 N. Maple.
Bridget Licking: 601 Cattle Drive Lane.
Heather Maseberg: 104 Maple.
Shannon Ahlstrom: 505 Walnut Street (Sargent Insurance office).
Lisa Eng: 710 Williams Street.
Thedford Art Gallery:

Hwy 2.
Thomas County Fairgrounds: Joni Warren, Judy Rath, and many other organizations and families.

See the advertisement in this week's issue for complete garage sale listings. Be sure to attend Thedford's community garage sale day for some great bargains.

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Statement by Steve Nelson, Farm Bureau, Regarding U.S. and Mexico Trade Agreement

"The recent announcement that the U.S. and Mexico have reached an agreement on provisions of a trade deal is good news for Nebraska farmers and ranchers who

have been anxiously awaiting positive news on the trade front. While this is clearly progress, it's critical that Canada come back to the negotiating table. It's time for our

countries to resolve these issues and lock in an updated trade agreement to eliminate uncertainties in these markets and expand market access for our farm and ranch families."