

Investing in our Neighbors Improving Lives Strengthening Communities

SPINS 2023

Transit Serving Southeast Nebraska Communities

Many adults living throughout SENCA's primarily rural, six county service area of Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson, have a valid drivers license and own at least one vehicle. Most of these individuals are at ease driving their vehicle to-and-from work, taking children to school, making the necessary trips to the store or various appointments as needed. However, there are individuals who reside throughout our communities who don't have a driver's license, own a vehicle or maybe no-longer feel comfortable in driving.

SENCA partners with the counties of Richardson and Pawnee to ensure local residents have access to safe, affordable transit services. Transit allows a variety of individuals, especially senior and/or disabled residents, to remain independent and meet their personal needs while supporting their community and local businesses.

Lois, a resident of Richardson County, is a faithful transit rider, referring to SENCA Transit as the "Handy Bus". "It is great transportation for the senior citizens of this rural community. Responsible drivers handle handicapped situations and the needs of others with respect."

During SENCA's 2021-2022 fiscal year, transit provided 4,424 rides to residents living within the two counties served by the program. In addition to in-town rides, both transit programs have regularly scheduled rides throughout each of their own counties, neighboring communities and rides that even go to Beatrice, Lincoln and Omaha.

Rides need to be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. To schedule a ride in Richardson County, please call 402-245-3664, in Pawnee County, please call 402-852-2208.







Community Leadership Scholarship Winners for 2023



Since 2013, SENCA has invested more than \$26,000 in post-secondary scholarships to graduating seniors throughout the agency's six core county service area. Scholarships are heavily weighted in community service. SENCA's goal is to award six \$500 scholarships each year, one per county, to graduating seniors residing in Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson.

SENCA scholarship applications are emailed to all area high school guidance counselors, typically in January each year. Completed applications are due in March. Applications are also available on-line at www.senca.org.

Congratulations to all 2023 High School graduates!

This year's scholarship winners are:



Samantha Burch Weeping Water Cass County



Madison Lytle Pawnee City HS Pawnee County



Abigail Hodges Johnson-Brock Nemaha County



Kailyn McMann Palmyra Schools Otoe County



Emily Lytle Pawnee City HS Pawnee County



Alexis Miller Falls City Public Richardson County

SENCA Recognizes Events, Specific to Agency Programs, During April, May and June

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- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Fair Housing Month
- Volunteer Appreciation Month
- Week of the Young Child April 1-7, 2023
- Nebraska Transit Week April 9-15, 2023

May

- National Community Action Month
- SENCA's 57th Anniversary Tuesday, May 2nd

June

Saturday, June 10th - SENCA's 17th Annual
 Benefit Golf Tournament, Kirkman's Lakeview Golf
 Course. 4-person scramble, 18 team limit. Cash
 Prizes! Pre-register online at www.klgcgolf.com

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 Kay Wissmann, Community Services Director, at 402-862-2411 extension # 108 and visit www.senca.org or www.facebook.com/Senca1