Governor Pete Ricketts signed a proclamation that named April 5th - 11th 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.

Since March the Covid 19 pandemic has changed a lot of how we normally go about our daily lives. However, SENCA Transit, and it’s faithful crew, have remained in operation, with a few minor changes, to ensure the individuals who rely on the program still have access to services. Rides outside the community to locations such as Beatrice, Lincoln and Omaha have been suspended until further notice. In addition Transit team members are doing health screenings on all potential riders before services are provided. This continues to be done to help ensure the health and safety of our riders, our staff and the community.

Even though the number of rides has been impacted during the pandemic, there are still those faithful riders who rely on Transit to get them where they need to go! During Transit Week some of these riders were recipients of special prizes or recognition. Falls City $5 daily winners include: Richard King, Dolores Oliver, Sean Kelley, Clara Pagnano and Glenn Bice.

The $20 winner was Beverly Kimmel, who is pictured with Falls City Transit Manager, Julie Phroper.

To learn more about Transit or to schedule a ride, at least 24 hours in advance, please call Pawnee County 402-852-2208 or Richardson County 402-245-3664.

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 $18,500 to support area graduates.

Carrie Beethe
JCC HS

Kole Brack
Weeping Water HS

Shawna Boverhuis
Pawnee City HS

Madison Littrel
FC Sacred Heart HS

Rebekah Nelson
Auburn HS

Dannielle Schutz
Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca

SENCA’s 14th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament is still scheduled for Saturday, June 20th at Kirkmans. To pre-register please call 402-862-2828.