



TEN OUTSTANDING YOUNG OMAHANS

# Junior Chamber of Commerce announces the 2017 honorees

The Omaha Jaycees has announced the Ten Outstanding Young Omahans for 2017.

The Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce, better known as the Omaha Jaycees, has been honoring young professionals since 1933, making it the longest-running Jaycees project in the world.

Individuals were nominated by their peers and selected by a panel of nine judges. The 10 honorees will be recognized at a Feb. 13 banquet.

The Omaha Jaycees has been a leadership training organization for those ages 21 to 40 since 1921.

Here are this year's Outstanding Ten:

**Matt Darling** is the vice president of donor services at the Omaha Community Foundation. He works with the many people who donate



to the foundation to address needs of the greater Omaha community. Before joining the

foundation he owned and operated several small businesses, including a co-ownership of Paramount Parking Inc., and served as chief financial officer for Platinum Real Estate Group. He is a Leadership Omaha graduate, board member and treasurer of the Omaha Central High School Foundation, co-chair of the Aksarben Floor Committee, former president of the Nebraska Master Naturalist Foundation and former president of Suburban Rotary.



## DEATH

### Michelle Ronne

*York resident, 49*

Michelle Ronne, age 49, of York, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017. She was born Nov. 7, 1968 in York to Norman E. and Sharon K. (Albro) Green. On June 8, 1991, Michelle was united in marriage to Ross Ronne in York.

Michelle was a real estate broker and co-owner of Green Realty and Auction in York.



Ronne

She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in York. She was a York Chamber

Ambassador and Co-Chair of Yorkfest. She was also heavily involved in the following organizations: York Rotary Club, CASA, York County Development Corporation, Blue River Board of Realtors. She enjoyed gardening and reading, but most of all, loved her family and spending time with them.

She is survived by her husband, Ross of York; daughter, Breanne Ronne of York and her fiance Eric Egr of Wahoo; son, Evan Ronne and daughter, Morann Ronne of York; mother, Sharon (Roger) Es-senburg of Fountain Hills, Ariz.; sister, Kristi (Kelly)

Bukaske of York and nephew, Tyler Dewey and his fiancé, Carlee Beaver of York. She is also survived by her grandmother, Evelyn Luthke of York; father/mother-in-law, Max (Karla) Ronne of York and brothers-in-law, Greg Ronne and Marc (Judy) Ronne, both of York.

She was preceded in death by her father and her brother, Scott.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:02 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in York with the Reverends Mike Neidow and Ben Kaiser officiating. Interment will follow

in Greenwood Cemetery, York.

Visitation will be held from 1-8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. The family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

The family *please* requests that in lieu of flowers and plants, memorials be given to the family for later designation.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.metzmortuary.com](http://www.metzmortuary.com). Metz Mortuary, York is handling arrangements.



YORK

# Rotarians complete unique project

YORK – York Rotary members took a great idea and turned it into a gift for families that need a little help making ends meet.

Birthday Bags filled with supplies parents need to put on a festive party for their child were filled with hats, cake mix, plates, gift card for a present and more.

The thought behind the project and its goal is to make it easy for parents to do a nice party for their child. Every little kid loves and deserves a birthday party.

The bags were taken to Blue Valley Community Action to be given away by the staff there.



Courtesy photo  
Displaying Birthday Bags are York Rotarians: (clockwise from left) Richard Callahan, Steve Fillman, Bob Hose, Karla Ott, June Klute, Dave Langner, Jay Colburn and Gordon Fillman. Not pictured: Steve Postier.



## Rotary club hears about music ambassadors

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Tammy Partsch, musical accompanist at Lourdes Central Catholic School and staffer at Nebraska City Tourism and Commerce, treated the Rotary Club to a European tour of sorts at their Nov. 8 meeting, through the eyes of local high school student members of Nebraska Ambassadors of Music (NAOM).

Partsch said her son Luke, who plays several instruments, received a brochure in the mail two years ago from Voyageurs International Ltd., a travel agency that organizes tours, most often to Europe, for Ambassadors of Music chapters around the

country. The seed of an idea was planted.

In June of this year, Partsch and seven Nebraska City high school musicians spent four days in Fremont, Neb., for orientation and rehearsals, joining 250 other Nebraska teenagers. The 16-day tour in four buses took the group to England, Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy, and Austria.

The Ambassadors performed four concerts. There were three ensembles: a string orchestra, a concert band, and a choir. Students could participate in just one ensemble, or in choir and one of the other groups.

The first stop was London, with a visit to Windsor Castle and a choral

concert in Wesley Chapel, the church of John and Charles Wesley, founders of the Methodist Church. The choir sang the beautiful "Sicut cervus" by the Renaissance composer Palestrina, a four-part motet based on verses from Psalm 42.

Concertizing continued later that afternoon in Cassiobury Park northwest of London. Visits to the London Eye ferris wheel and "The Phantom of the Opera" topped off the day.

The next day found the group at the White Cliffs of Dover, then on to Paris for hot dogs in Montmartre, a lightning-quick two hours at the Louvre, and the Eiffel Tower.

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Seeing the city's many refugees living in improvised camps made of blankets hung on cords was also a powerful experience for the Nebraska group.

The drive across France (which "looked a lot like Nebraska...so did Germany") brought the group to Chillon Castle near Montreux and Lake Geneva, Switzerland, followed by a concert at the Rococo-era Wilton Basilica in Innsbruck, where the choir sang a "spectacular" version of "Amazing Grace" as well as an outdoor concert surrounded by the Alps.

Rounding out the trip were a choral performance at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, Italy, a visit to Dachau concentration camp in Germany ("Lunch was pretty quiet after that," said Partsch), and final performances of "Sicut cervus" and "Amazing Grace" in the Franciscan church in Gothenburg, Germany—"a fairy-tale city," where the band also performed in the town square, to a standing ovation.

Partsch encouraged those interested to learn more about the trip and see photos and video to seek out the Nebraska Ambassadors of Music Facebook page.



**TOP ROW FROM LEFT: Patrick O'Neil, Logan Bakula, Aubrey Bando, Fernando Dominguez, Luke Partsch, Piper Monson. BOTTOM LEFT: Chloe DuBois.**

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