

# Albion students excel in UNL family business management

By Kim Young

Four Albion students attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln recently finished their family business management class. Nick Kayton, Abby Ketteler, Ryan Hagemann and Alex Wolf were enrolled in the class. All four students are from families who are in business in the Albion area.



Abby Ketteler

"The class," stated Professor Dave Specht, "is about the unique issues that families in business face, and it is helping these students to make informed career decisions about when, if and how they should enter the family business."

"This class was a guide for students who were thinking about going back to the family business. We learned the pros and cons of each decision as well as several issues that will most likely come up along the way," stated Ryan.

This class just completed its second semester at UNL. It had 18 students in the first class and 32 for this spring's class.



Ryan Hagemann

The class had many guest speakers throughout the spring semester including Sid Dillon with Sid Dillon car dealerships; Angie Mudheisen, president of Union Bank and Trust; and Dave Wimmer of Wimmers Meats.

Robert Duncan of Duncan Aviation also spoke to the class. Duncan Aviation is the largest privately owned aviation maintenance company in the United States.

Nate Dodge of N.P. Dodge Real Estate, was another class speaker. N.P. Dodge Real Estate is the oldest real estate company

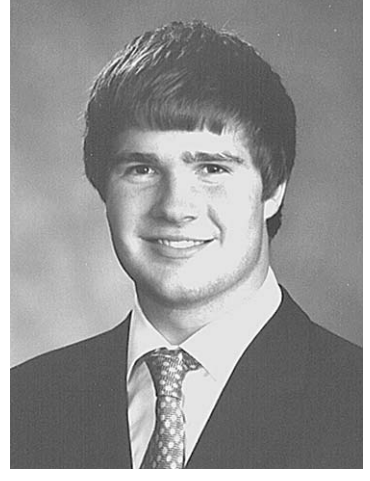
in the United States. After each of the guest speakers, the students used personal reflections journals to tie the lectures into their own lives. "The firsthand experience from these guest speakers taught us more than any textbook could," remarked Abby.

Professor Specht and the students discussed communication issues and estate planning. The students also had to complete a four-generation genogram project in order to know their family roots.

The students were encouraged to build their personal leadership skills that they wanted to acquire.

The class was featured in *Business Week* on Monday, April 12, and articles about it have appeared in the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

"The class has been a lot of fun," commented Professor Specht. "The Albion students have represented the town well."



Nick Kayton

Professor Specht, noted that students need to know that there are opportunities here in the midwest. "Whatever you want to do, you can do it here in Nebraska."

Ryan and Alex took the class because they heard from several students that it was interesting and enjoyable.

"My favorite part about the class was learning from the guest speakers that came in and shared their own experiences in the businesses with us," commented Alex.

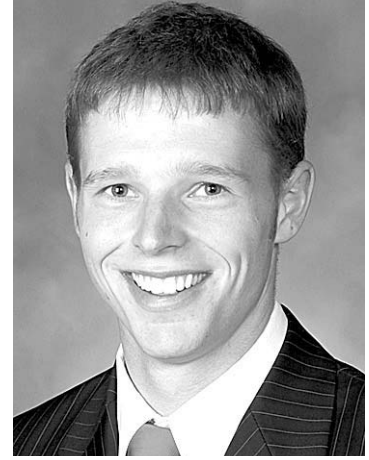
Nick noted, "The main thing I took away from the class is that there are many variables that go into becoming a successful businessman. Yet, a common theme among everything we learned was that all of the successful businesses people that came and talked to us really stressed how customer service and the business's employees are the most important aspect of their businesses."

All four of the Albion students commented that the class exceeded their expectations and would highly recommend this class to other students.

Nick is the son of Tim and Karen Kayton. His family owns Kayton International. He is a junior in agricultural economics at UNL.

Abby is the daughter of Bill and Sharon Ketteler. Her family owns Ketteler Farms. She graduated from UNL with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. She will be returning to UNL to complete a Master of Arts in the elementary teaching program.

Ryan is the son of Karen and



Alex Wolf

Jerry Hagemann. His family operates a vegetable pickling business. He graduated from UNL May 8 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business management with a minor in marketing.

Alex is the son of Jay and Susie Wolf. His family owns Wagonhammer Ranches. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics at graduation May 8.

## Governor thanks Nebraskans for using e-file

Gov. Dave Heineman Tuesday congratulated Nebraska taxpayers for using e-file options to report state income taxes for tax year 2009. Approximately 79 percent of the total individual income tax returns were e-filed for tax year 2009.

"The ability to file and pay taxes online is another way our state is providing the services Nebraskans want, while also helping ensure greater efficiency in government," Gov. Heineman said. "By e-filing, taxpayers and tax preparers helped reduce costs at the state level."

Nebraskans helped the Nebraska Department of Revenue meet the 79 percent threshold by e-filing approximately 678,700 returns electronically. This is up from 70 percent in 2008. According to Tax Commissioner Doug Ewald, the goal for 2010 taxes will be an e-file rate of 85 percent.

Commissioner Ewald said, "I want to thank tax preparers and individual taxpayers for embracing e-filing options this year. E-filing is quicker and more efficient; it speeds up tax refunds, reduces the risk of errors, and provides immediate confirmation that a return has been received."

# Primrose

by Mary Voboril

## Happy Hour meets

Six members and one guest met on Tuesday, May 11, at the home of Tudy Kolm at Cedar Rapids. Cards were played and prizes won by Rose Burda, Virginia Spike and Marion Jones. Wilma West won the door prize. The hostess Tudy served a dessert at the end of the day. The next meeting will be with Rose Burda.

Joe and Mary Voboril and Jerry and Annie Hellbusch of Cedar Rapids are great grandparents to Grady Dean, son born to Tim and Kendra (Hellbusch) Hausmann of Sidney on May 11, 2010. He weighed six pounds and 14 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long. Tim and Becky (Voboril) Hellbusch are grandparents.

Joel, Brandi, Teddy and Josie Hemmingsen were Friday supper guests of Jewell and Paulette Hemmingsen.

Harold and Janice Buettner spent Thursday to Saturday with Jim and Pam Cunningham and children at Yankton.

On Saturday evening, Joe and Mary Voboril attended the graduation reception honoring their grandson Miles Wynn at Albion. Among other relatives attending were Jack and Kathy Wynn of Newman Grove, Doug and Tracey Beller and family of Lindsay, Tracey Oberhauser and family of Lindsay, Becky and Luke Hellbusch of Sidney, Natalie, Patrick, Brad and Nathan Fitzsimmons of St. Edward, Kassie Voboril, Shianne and Austin of Albion, Todd, Amber, Miles, Alec and Sydney Wynn, also of Albion.

On Saturday, Paulette Hemmingsen visited Dustin, Tamara and Mason Hemmingsen at Fullerton and their guests Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dupsky, their son Brad and grandson Dillon of Platte Center.

Robin Buettner, Barry Smith, Noah and Claire of Lincoln were Saturday overnight visitors of Janice and Harold Buettner.

Elaine, Pepper and Ann Boden attended the graduation reception for Ryan Figgner held at the home of Rick and Michele Figgner on Sunday afternoon.

Bridget and Reg Dobson spent Saturday at Lincoln and had a visit with John and Gaylene Hadwick.

Saturday overnight and Sunday guests of Paulette and Jewell Hemmingsen were Tamara, Dustin and Mason Hemmingsen of Fullerton.

On Friday, Dick and Maurine Fitzsimmons visited with Pearl Fitzsimmons at Cedar Rapids.

Jerry and Philamae Towey attended the graduation reception honoring Sara Buettner, daughter of Kim and Dave Buettner, held at the Community Center at Primrose on Saturday evening.

Kelly and Jocelyn Peterson of Madison were Thursday overnight guests of Sophie Smith. On Friday, they all went fishing at Sherman Dam. Kelly and Jocelyn returned to their home on Friday night.

Sunday dinner guests of Amber, Todd, Miles, Alec and Sydney Wynn at Albion were Kathy and Jack Wynn of Newman Grove, Tracey and Doug Beller and children of Lindsay, Troy and Amy Wynn and children of Auburn, Tracey Oberhauser of Lindsay, Becky and Luke Hellbusch of Sidney, Lisa and Don Weakland of Lincoln, Brad Fitzsimmons of St. Edward, Joe and Mary Voboril of Primrose. The group then attended the commencement exercises at Boone Central Auditorium. Miles Wynn was a member of the graduating class.

Mike Fitzsimmons of Dannebrog visited Dick and Maurine Fitzsimmons and Pearl Fitzsimmons at Cedar Rapids.

Jodi and Steve Roan and kids were Sunday lunch guests and visited at the home of Bill and Kathy Martinsen.

Jewell Hemmingsen attended the graduation ceremonies at Albion on Sunday and the reception honoring Alex Shafer following.

Last Sunday, Reg and Bridget Dobson attended the graduation for Sarah Spencer at O'Neill.

Jerry and Philamae Towey attended the graduation reception honoring Colton Boesch, son of Tracey and George Boesch, following Saturday graduation at Cedar Rapids.

Mary and Joe Voboril attended Graduation Mass at St. Michael's Catholic Church at Albion on Sunday, May 16, 2010. Their grandson Miles Wynn, son of Amber and Todd Wynn and brother to Alec and Sydney Wynn, was a member of the honored class. He also served as one of the Eucharistic Ministers at the mass. Among other relatives attending were Kathy and Jack Wynn of Newman Grove, Tracey and Doug Beller and children of Lindsay, Becky and Luke Hellbusch of Sidney. Mary and Joe visited with Agnes Meysenberg, former Primrose resident, following mass.

# VIPS informed with story on 'bionic' eye

Albion Area VIPS (Visually Impaired Peer Support) group met Thursday, May 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the activity room of the assisted living.

Eleven members gathered and signed cards for two faithful individuals who have missed the last few meetings due to limitations caused by pain.

Reader Carol Buckles shared a number of puns that started the meeting with hearty laughter. This was followed by a Lighthouse article from "Sharing Solutions."

It was a careful explanation of the latest technological efforts to restore vision. Nothing short of a "bionic" eye, it is in the experimental stage. The article related the experience of one woman who is trying it. She is exchanging complete darkness for some light and vague images that allow her to move about more safely. There appears to be real promise in this development.

Donna Smith gave a brief report on highlights of recent experiences in Washington D.C. She accompanied her husband, Norm Smith, whose 101st Airborne Company liberated a concentration camp at the end of WWII. Liberators were honored by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum as part of the 2010 Days of Remembrance Ceremonies.

Refreshments were served and a social time was held. The next meeting will be on June 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the nursing home community room.

## Cedar Rapids Garden Club visits Albion

Members of the Cedar Rapids Garden Club traveled to Albion on May 3, 2010.

The group gathered at Zion Lutheran Church where Rev. Sy-dow presented a slide show about herbs. He also accompanied the show with songs and a guitar.

The slide pictures of the various herbs showed the plants, blossoms and seeds.

Members of the garden club dined out at a local restaurant during the noon hour and then went to a local garden center to seek out new varieties of their colorful plants.

Mitzi Fox invited the group to proceed on to her home where they viewed her gardens. While there, she shared pasqueflower seedlings, various colored flag iris rhizomes and other plants with the members.

The members will travel to Grand Island for the June 7 meeting.

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