



ESU #17 Summer Newsletter



That's the Way We've Always Done it!

It is interesting to visit with people and listen to their perspectives regarding change. While youth are expected to be flexible in their thinking and look at things from a variety of viewpoints, as we age we are sometimes less accepting of change. A Benjamin Franklin quote states, "When you're finished changing, you're finished."

I believe this is an important concept to remember, especially in the world of education. Teachers often expect students to adapt to the expectations of their classroom, but are reluctant to change themselves.

When I consider my own career, I have made a number of changes. My career in education began in Class I rural schools in Keya Paha and Cherry Counties. After spending 14 years teaching in six different Class I schools, my husband and I moved our family to the Bassett area and I was hired as a resource teacher at ESU 17. During my last 14 years with the ESU, I have worked as a K-8 resource teacher, transition coordinator, early childhood educator, and ILCD facilitator. For the past three years I have been Superintendent at Keya Paha County Schools in addition to my duties at ESU 17.

Needless to say, with each change I have had to make adjustments, but have also been fortunate to learn new skills and expand the network of people who have served as resources in each of these positions. I am pleased to continue my affiliation with ESU 17 and the community of schools that it serves. Although this does constitute a change for me as far as my job assignment is concerned, I am fortunate to continue my work with an excellent group of educators.

Geraldine Erickson
ESU #17 Administrator

August 10.....The Write Tools
August 12.....All Staff Opening Day
October 4,5,6.....APL Instructional Skills

[Register for Events Here](#)

Welcome New Staff Members!



Jordan Maurer, Speech Language Pathologist

Jordan graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Education in Communication Disorders from the University of Nebraska, Kearney in May 2014. In August of 2014, Jordan continued her post-baccalaureate education at the University of Nebraska, Kearney. Jordan completed a school internship at Burwell Public Schools and a clinical internship at Family Physical Therapy in Kearney, NE and graduated with her Master of Science in Education in Speech-Language Pathology in May 2016.

Jordan was born and raised in Bassett, Nebraska and is excited to be returning to the area that she grew up in! She is engaged to Bryant LeZotte and is planning a fall wedding. In her spare time, Jordan enjoys wedding planning, landscaping, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.



Robyn Wright, Early Childhood Special Education

In 2008, Robyn graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Nebraska Wesleyan University. For the past 8 years, she has taught at Ainsworth Community Schools both as an elementary classroom teacher and a primary level resource teacher. Robyn continued her education through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and graduated in December 2015 with her Master of Arts degree in Early Childhood Special Education.

Robyn was raised on a ranch in southern Rock County. She and her husband, Josh, live in Bassett with their sons Jaxton (5) and Bentley (3). When not working, Robyn enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, and golfing.

Wellness Winners

EHA Challenge for the month of June:

EHA Wellness competitors recently worked their way through the Tour de

Brighten your smile!



France by sleeping, eating, and exercising! Winners of the \$25 gift cards include:

ACS: Tamara Hancock

KPCS: Lucas Wroblewski

RCPS: Tricia Buell

To sign up for the next wellness challenge, click the link below.

[Register for a challenge](#)

Dennis Radford and Shawnee Latimer Retire

ESU 17 staff and board members took a few moments during closing day to say farewell to a couple of good friends that we have come to know and appreciate over the years. Dennis has retired after 14 years of service to ESU 17 and a career in education, school psychology and administration. Shawnee has been a speech pathologist with ESU 17 for 22 years. Both will be greatly missed, and we wish them well in their retirement!





You'll be saying "Cheese!" on Opening Day!

We will be updating staff photos on opening day! Our photographer is a true professional, so dress to impress on 8-12-16!



How will you contribute?

Have you been to a workshop lately? Been inspired by another teacher? Did you present at a conference? Share what you know with the rest of us in our next newsletter!

[Share what you know!](#)



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