

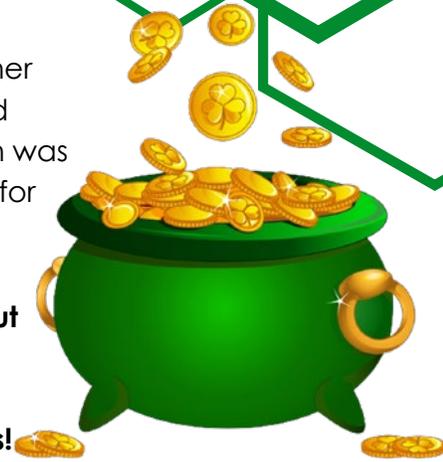
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MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

On Monday, March 21, over 200 people across the state gathered together for the **NROC Broadband Event**. CNEDD had 35 people, representing 17 different communities, attend either at one of our four host locations, virtually, or at another host site across the State. Each group had a wide range of people, from elected officials to business representatives, and everything in-between! Much discussion was had and more will come, as this is only the first step in improving internet access for communities across Nebraska. If you were unable to attend, the materials and



(Ord Location Attendees)

presentations will be made available soon. Keep a lookout for opportunities and conversations happening in and around your communities!

Valentine's Housing Market Ever Increasing

On Friday, March 11, 2022, Valentine held a ribbon cutting, celebrating the addition of **two new houses** to their ever-growing market. Both houses will be for sale, in the coming months, to income qualified buyers.

A **total of \$200,000** was invested into these new units, with funding coming from the **DED Rural Workforce Housing Fund, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA)**, and the **City of Valentine**. The total cost to build these two homes was \$280,000 each.

In attendance to the ribbon cutting were **Lt. Governor Mike Foley, Valentine Economic Developer, Mike Burge**, representatives of the **Nebraska Department of Economic Development Sheryl Hiatt and Morgan Pearson**, three **CNEDD staff**, along with **numerous citizens of Valentine**. The Lt. Governor was first to speak, saying how much fun it was to spend time in the City, as well as, *"Where is the workforce going to live? Right here, in this gorgeous, high-quality home. We just need to replicate this over-and-over again, all over this great state."*

For the full story, go to our website at:

<https://cnedd.org/community-success-stories/>

Left to Right -
Mike Burge (Valentine Ec. Dev.)-
Lt. Gov. Mike Foley - Morgan Pearson (DED) -
Judy Petersen (CNEDD) - **Trevor Bukaske** (B-Squared
Fine Homes) - **Amber Ross** (CNEDD) - **Dodi Osburn**
(Realter) - **Kerry Bukaske** (B-Squared Fine Homes) -
Pete Hale (Valentine Resident)



"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'" — Robin Williams