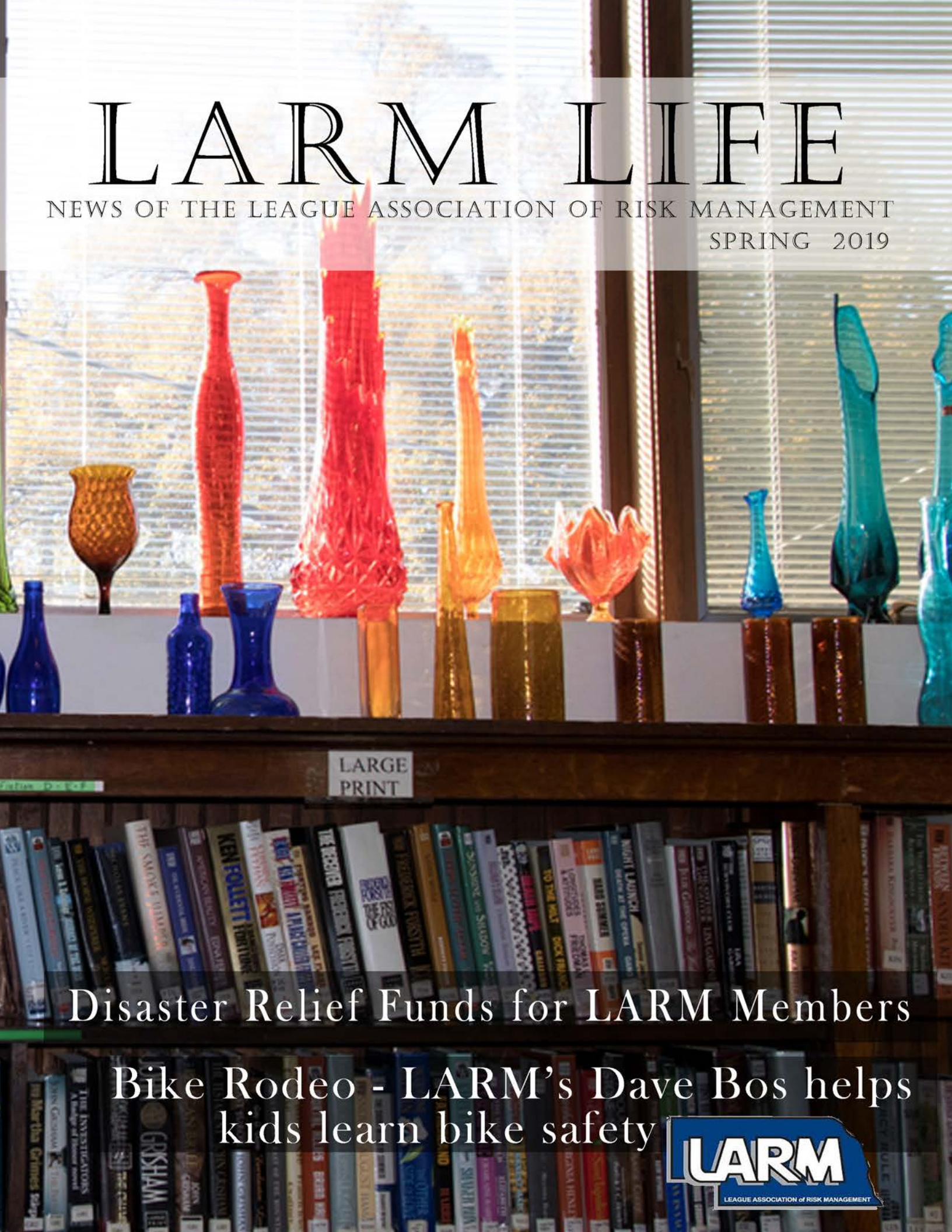


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Bike Rodeo - LARM's Dave Bos helps
kids learn bike safety





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Beth Bonderson has been the Clerk for the Village of Hoskins for 10 years.



Lane Danielzuk has served as the City of Gering Administrator since 2008 and has worked in city government for almost 30 years.



David Hunter has been General Manager of the Auburn Board of Public Works in Auburn for 13 years.



Shannon Stuchlik has been with the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District since 2012.



Andrew has been a member of the Valentine City Council for six years.

Cover photo was taken in the Harvard Library. Librarian Sharon Steenbarger has been collecting colorful vases for many years and enjoys displaying them in the 1916 library in Harvard.



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\$500 of Disaster Relief funds are available to LARM members who qualify

NEWS FROM THE *Executive Director*



It began as a prediction that we may be getting a storm called a “bomb cyclone” in Nebraska.

By the end of the week on March 16, 2019 most of Nebraska had gotten slammed with either a blizzard, ice chunks the size of semi-trailers, torrents of rain or all three of the above.

LARM provides flood coverage for some of our members but many of our LARM communities had extra expenses like sump pumps, fuel and gravel that weren't covered by any insurance.

The LARM Board made up of David Hunter, Beth Bonderson, Andrew Ward, Lane Danielzuk, and Shannon Stuchlik wanted to provide some sort of aid for LARM communities that were having their budgets stretched due to the extra storm related expenses.

They had an emergency meeting to offer \$500 in aid to LARM communities who had undue expenses because of the storm. So far 16 members have received the funds. That's Nebraska Strong - with LARM!

Stay safe and healthy!
Mike Nolan



Photos courtesy of Dannebrog

“The best way to predict your future is to create it.” Abraham Lincoln



Springtime means baby goslings in many Nebraska communities. This family is one of several that live in the David City Park. Canadian geese goslings will stay with their parents for their first year of life and will follow them back the following year to the place where they were born.



Landon Bos Memorial



The Annual Landon Bos Memorial Bicycle Rodeo in Norfolk has taught bike safety to hundreds of kids 12 and under since its inception in 2008. **The event is named after seven-year-old Landon Bos who died in a bike accident in 2007. He was the son of Dave Bos, LARM Loss Control Manager, and his wife, Corrine.**

Faith Regional Health Services partners with the Bos family and many area businesses and organizations to coordinate the

yearly event. Members of the City Norfolk Police and Rescue volunteer their services as do dozens of other volunteers from the Norfolk area.

Safety inspections of bikes are made at the Rodeo, bikes are inspected for safety with parts replaced if need be, instruction about the rules of the road are presented, and kids are given a chance to practice their bike riding skills at the City of Norfolk Pedal Park which has concrete passing lanes and traffic signs.

Annual Bicycle Rodeo



"We're so thankful to Faith Regional Health Services and all the volunteers, businesses and organizations who make this event possible. **We encourage kids to bring their bikes and their helmets to the Rodeo and we'll check them over for safety,**" Bos said.

The name of every kid who goes through the bike safety instruction is put into a drawing for a free bike to be given at the end of the Rodeo.

Special attractions at the event include tours of the LifeNet helicopter, State Patrol Safety Simulators, appearance of the Legion Riders Motorcycles and free treats from area restaurants. **This year's Rodeo will be held May 18, 2019.**

Photos courtesy of Faith Regional Health Services. Dave Bos and his son, Jackson, are pictured at the top right.

Meet LARM Board Member Shannon Stuchlik



Shannon Stuchlik represents the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) as a member of the LARM Board of Directors. He has been a member of the NENEDD Board since 2012. Stuchlik understands the necessity for economic development in Nebraska communities as he has worked for Midwest Bank for 28 years. He has also served as mayor of the City of Pierce for 16 years.

"Economic development doesn't just happen in a community. **It takes people who are committed to searching out opportunities** whether it be attracting

new businesses or obtaining grants that will help sustain existing businesses. Housing, business loans and community planning and development also are part of the equation. **That's where an economic development district has the staff and resources to help communities,**" Stuchlik said.

Community Development Block Grants have recently been awarded to cities across Nebraska including Wakefield, Columbus, and Wayne.

"Like LARM, economic development districts are there to help your community thrive," Stuchlik said.

For more information go to www.nenedd.org



Five of the 164 LARM members are Nebraska landfills. They include the KBR Solid Waste Committee at Ainsworth, the Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska near Chadron, the Loup Central Landfill near Elba, the Southwest Nebraska Solid Waste Agency near Imperial, and the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition based in Norfolk.

Although landfills aren't like Nebraska municipalities in that they don't have libraries, water treatment plants and police departments, they do have lots of equipment, facilities, vehicles and staff to insure.

Jeff Selden is Manager of the Loup Central Landfill north of Elba, Nebraska and oversees a landfill that brings in 100 tons of Central Nebraska trash each day from 24 area communities including a transfer station located in Burwell. The 160 acre landfill was built in 1996 and includes a construction demolition debris site. Seventeen different test wells monitor the ground water at the landfill.

After the recent disastrous Nebraska storm in March, the landfill was open extra hours and weekends to handle the overflow of flood debris.

"We've got great community support and we're happy to be here to serve Central Nebraska," said Selden.

LARM's Landfill Members



Pictured top from left: Jeff Selden; Daniel Koperski,
Pam Jerabek Bottom left: Jeff Selden

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in Kearney, Nebraska
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Learn with LARM Risk Management Seminar

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Our Changing Nebraska Weather and more

LARM members and non-members are welcome.

This information will be useful for anyone who is interested in municipal safety and risk management:
elected officials, city managers/administrators, city clerks, office staff, maintenance staff, law
enforcement, fire departments

Register at <https://larmpool.org/conference.html>. Please send \$25 per person before June 14, 2019 (It's \$40 per person after June 14, 2019) to LARM Seminar, 1919 South 40th Street, Suite 212, Lincoln, NE. Questions? Contact Diane Becker at 402-314-6827 or diane.becker@larmpool.org. **Free safety vest to all attending!**



On March 12, 2019 Nebraska communities across the state were hit with an unprecedented widespread storm – some termed it a “bomb cyclone”. Homes, businesses, roads, bridges and other vital infrastructure across the state were damaged or destroyed. Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts in consultation with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency issued an emergency declaration for the state effective March 12, 2019. Communities have since incurred extra expenses for clean-up efforts, sump pumps, generator rentals and other disbursements.



Pictured is LARM Board member Dave Hunter(right) presenting a \$500 Disaster Relief check to City of Louisville Mayor Roger Behrns



In considering how to aid LARM members, LARM Board members approved \$500 in Disaster Relief Assistance funds available for individual members affected by the March 12-14, 2019 storm. To be approved for the \$500 in relief funds, a community must be a LARM member and must submit receipts for materials or services incurred solely as a result of the storm. The receipts must be dated between March 12, 2019 and May 12, 2019 and sent to diane.becker@larmpool.org prior to June 12, 2019. Go to www.larmpool.org/disaster-funds.html to submit your application for the assistance funds. Deadline to submit receipts is June 12, 2019.



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