

# Fourth

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Eddins said the Jaycees will offer free shuttle bus rides from Lincoln East High School, 70th and A streets, and also a "Lock Your Bike Corral," which will be something like a coat check, where you pay \$1 to have your bike kept, and turn in a ticket to retrieve it.

According to Fire Chief Ron Peery, other displays include private displays at the Lincoln Country Club, near 27th and Van Dorn Streets, and at Hillcrest Country Club on 94th and A streets.

Another public display includes Capital Beach, located in southwest Lincoln near O Street.

But for those who still want their own celebration, at 8 a.m. Friday, the yearly buying and selling frenzy of fireworks will begin.

Peery said about 45 retailers have filed permits to sell fireworks.

Sparklers, fountains, torches, color fire cones, star and comet aerial shells and color wheels are legal, provided they don't have an explosion.

With plenty of public and private Independence Day celebrations available, Lincolnites won't have far to go to ooh and ahh the night away.



James Mehling/DN

# Huskers give helping hand to Omaha man

OMAHA (AP)—A man who used to ride bulls and horses and rope calves until brain cancer sapped his strength found a helping hand at the Nebraska football office recently.

Perry Donner, 42, needed help moving a few weeks ago from Burwell to Hickman, a village 10 miles south of Lincoln. He called the Nebraska football complex and asked for a man he'd never met, Assistant Coach Frank Solich.

"I guess I needed the help, and I didn't know who else to call," Donner said. He called the right place.

Solich supplied three players: George Achola, a former Cornhusker I-back out of Omaha Creighton Prep, and current NU backs Andre McDuffy of Euless, Texas, and Scott Davenport of Port Chester, N.Y.

Achola, McDuffy and Davenport supplied the muscle for the move, turning down Donner's offer to pay them.

"And I made some friends," Donner said.

Achola has been back for lunch. Donner has called McDuffy and Davenport and watched them work out at Memorial Stadium in the Huskers' summer passing league.

"He's a cool guy," Davenport said. "He's an easy oneto get along with."

Donner speaks haltingly, tires easily and carries just 140 pounds on his 5-foot-10 frame. He says doctors removed all but a small part of his brain tumor 1 1/2 years ago, and they think radiation and chemotherapy got rid of the rest. He hopes to get the energy someday to return to work and get back on a horse.

"He's a little frail for a 42-year-old," Achola said. "You can tell he's had a hard time."

But he struck a chord with Achola.

Before he fell ill, Donner was studying to be a paralegal at Omaha's Metro Community College. Achola will enter Creighton University's law school in Omaha this fall.

"He's got books on law, veterinary medicine, civil rights," Achola said. "You can tell he's a well-read person. That kind of person appeals to me. They can tell you things you don't already know."

McDuffy said he enjoys Donner's company for another reason.

"I'm the type of person who keeps to myself," he said. "He's bringing out the other side in me. He gets me conversing all the time. I think that helps me a lot."

NU players have done volunteer work for years. But Solich, who coaches running backs, said his players decided this year to do even more.

When fullback Dave Fiala of Milford heard that Donner was looking for help, he suggested a call to Solich.

"There are a lot of positive things that get done by players that go unnoticed," Solich said. "To be honest with you, we had not intended for this to be a publicity-type thing. We just wanted to do some things."

McDuffy and some other Huskers helped someone else move this spring — Gina Simanek Mountain, the woman beaten in January by Husker back Scott Baldwin.

Baldwin was found not responsible by reason of insanity in a court action against him in the assault.

"It's too bad what Scott Baldwin went through," Donner said. "And it's too bad what the other ball players went through because of that."

"I figured I'd be one person who can just step out and say, 'Hey, let me show you three guys and the good they did.'"

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# Byrne

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Nee agreed and said Byrne is a "good manager, a great communicator."

In a statement released at the news conference, Nebraska Football Coach Tom Osborne said he supported the judgment of the search committee and staff, and called for all parties to unite behind Byrne for the good of the university.

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