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NEWS AND NOTES

CHARLES E. BESSEY AWARD

Great Plains Research is pleased to announce the article by David B. Loope and James B. Swinehart entitled "Thinking Like a Dune Field: Geologic History in the Nebraska Sand Hills" is the winner of the Charles E. Bessey Award for the best paper in natural sciences published during the volume year 2000. This paper was a featured article in Volume 10 (1). The annual award includes a cash stipend of \$250.

LESLIE HEWES AWARD

The winner of the Leslie Hewes Award for the best paper in social sciences published in *Great Plains Research* during the volume year 2000 is "Death and Disability in the Heartland: Corporate (Mis)Conduct, Regulatory Responses, and the Plight of Latino Workers in the Meatpacking Industry" by Ana-Maria Wahl, Steven E. Gunkel, and Thomas W. Sanchez. This article was published in Volume 10 (2), the special issue on Latinos on the Great Plains. The annual award includes a cash stipend of \$250.

GREAT PLAINS RESEARCH JUNIOR SCIENCE AWARD

Great Plains Research presented a \$100 first place award for scholastic research on a natural or social sciences topic in the Great Plains to Michael T. Jacobsen of Laurel-Concord Public School. His paper, "Antibacterial Effects of the *Allium* Genus," was presented at the Nebraska Junior Academy of Sciences annual meeting on 20 April 2001 at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

CALL FOR PAPERS

15 February 2002

Rural Sociological Society's 65th Annual Meeting will be held 14-18 August 2002 at the Congress Plaza Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. Theme: The Community Effect in Rural Places. Contact: Fred Lorenz, Program Chair, Iowa State University, 203 East Hall, Ames, IA 50011; (515) 294-8314; e-mail: <folorenz@iastate.edu>; website: <ruralsociology.org/>.

CONFERENCES

1-10 November 2001

Geological Society of America's Annual Meeting will be held at the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts. Call: (303) 447-2020 or 1-800-472-1988. E-mail: <meetings@geosociety.org>; website: <www.geosociety.org/meetings/2001/index.htm>.

6-7 November 2001

National Arbor Day Foundation's Fourth National Conference will be held at Arbor Day Farm/Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, Nebraska. In cooperation with Land & Water Magazine, the fourth national conference on "The Practice of Restoring Native Ecosystems" provides a forum for sharing information among the various professions involved in the emerging discipline of restoration ecology and gives practitioners access to the latest information gathered by ecologists and other scientists studying restoration issues. The National Arbor Day Foundation, 211 North 12th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-1497. (402) 474-5655. Website: <www.arborday.org/programs/conferencereg28.html>.

7-9 March 2002

Center for Great Plains Studies' 26th Annual Interdisciplinary Symposium will be held at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska. Theme: Great Plains Migrations. The program will emphasize human migrations and migrations of flora and fauna. Featured speakers are Michael Forsberg, John C. Hudson, Paul Johnsgard, and Elliott West. Co-chairs are David Wishart and Mary Liz Jameson. Contact: Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1155 Q Street, P.O. Box 880214, Lincoln, NE 68588-0214. (402) 472-3082. Website: <www.unl.edu/plains/events/2002symp.html>.

19-23 March 2002

Association of American Geographers' 98th Annual Meeting will be held the Westin Bonaventure Hotel and Suites in downtown Los Angeles, California. Website: <www.aag.org/AnnualMeetings/intro.html>.

16-20 August 2002

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton Chicago, Hilton Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois. Theme: Allocation Processes and Ascription. Contact: Janet Astner, Meeting Services Director, American Sociological Association, 1307 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005-4701, USA; e-mail: meetings@asanet.org; fax (202) 638-0882; website: <www.asanet.org/convention/2002/index.html>.