

NET Television Adds Local News and Public Affairs Specials to Friday Night Lineup

LINCOLN, Neb. (Aug. 18, 2010) -- NET Television is creating a place to showcase its local news and public affairs productions during its Friday night lineup on NET1 and NET-HD beginning Sept. 3. The NET News programs will air each Friday at 7 p.m. CT and repeat at 10 p.m. CT.

NET Television's Manager of Content Distribution Terry Dugas explains that, "NET has, for decades, produced highly respected documentaries. Finding these programs among the clutter of channels available on cable and satellite is a challenge. Providing a regular time for our award-winning news and current affairs programs will make it easier for Nebraskans to learn of, and view, these programs."

Also beginning Sept. 3, the regularly scheduled Friday night news and current events series will move one hour later to accommodate the change. "Washington Week" will air at 8 p.m. CT, "Need to Know" at 8:30 p.m. CT and "BBC Newsnight" at 9:30 p.m. CT.

The first NET Television production on Friday, Sept. 3, will be "Nebraska's Astronaut -- The Clay Anderson Story" at 7 and 10 p.m. CT. "Paths of the Displaced," a documentary about refugee Sudanese teenagers in Nebraska produced by a then-high school student, will air on Friday, Sept. 10, at 7 and 10 p.m. CT.

On Friday, Sept. 17, a new half-hour NET News production premieres at 7 and 10 p.m. CT. "Nebraskans Before the Battle: Soldiers and Families Prepare for War" examines life for members of a Nebraska Army National Guard unit and their families. Viewers go behind the scenes to glimpse the training required for modern-day urban war, including a "theatre immersion" exercise in Wyoming. The documentary also examines how soldiers and loved ones are impacted by the strain of long, multiple deployments, and how the military is changing the way it prepares soldiers and families for the non-combat aspects of deployment.

A rebroadcast of "Prairie Wind: Nebraska's Energy Harvest" airs Sept. 17 at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. CT. "Prairie Wind" explores Nebraska's wind energy potential; the legislative, technical and cost issues; and how local communities and individuals could benefit.

An episode of the "Nebraska Stories" series airs Friday, Sept. 24, at 7 and 10 p.m. CT. The show features the story of a South Sioux City athlete competing in the Special Olympics held in Lincoln in July, a report on the recruiting of a talented young musician from Greece and an essay about being "lost on the Great Plains" by geographer David Wishart.

NET1 and NET-HD are part of NET Television, a service of NET. For complete program schedules, visit NET's website at netNebraska.org/television.

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NET1 is Nebraska's first public television broadcast service and includes PBS and award-winning, locally produced public television programming. NET1 programming is also obtainable on Dish and DirectTV satellite networks in available areas; **NET2** offers live coverage of the Nebraska Unicameral, and other news and public affairs programming; **NET3** is a 24-hour channel featuring the most popular how-to, travel and lifestyle series; and **NET-HD** presents high-definition digital broadcast programming displayed in a wide-screen format.