Bacon, Vargas to debate Oct. 13 at OPC luncheon
By Gary Willis
Communications Committee

Second District Republican Congressman Don Bacon and Democratic nominee Tony Vargas will debate the issues Oct. 13 at the Press Club.

Bacon defeated Steve Kuehl and Vargas defeated Alisha Shelton in the May primary. Their 2022 race is being watched around the country. Voters will decide in the Nov. 8 election.

Bacon, 59, has served in the House of Representatives since 2017. Before holding public office, he was an Air Force officer, rising to brigadier general and wing commander at Ramstein Air Base and Offutt Air Force Base before his retirement in 2014.

Vargas, 38, has been a member of the Nebraska Legislature since 2017. The former schoolteacher and Omaha School Board member represents the 7th District, which covers all of downtown Omaha and much of southeastern Omaha. He has a master’s degree in education.

The luncheon debate, from noon to 1 p.m. and open to the public, is sponsored by the Press Club and the League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha. The cost is $19 per person.

For reservations, call the Press Club at 402-345-8008 or make online reservations at omahapressclub.com (click RSVP in the upper right-hand corner of the website).

Doors will open at 11 a.m. Serving begins at 11:30. If you have special dietary restrictions, please let the club know when you make your reservation.

WOWT Channel Six is our partner for the debate. The moderator will be Channel Six anchor/reporter Brian Mastre. WOWT will record the debate and make it available for public viewing on various platforms.

Parking is suggested at the DoubleTree parking garage. It’s free for OPC members, who should bring their tickets to the club for validation.

UNO sports boss will headline Oct. 27 Forum
By Gary Willis
Communications Committee

Adrian Dowell, University of Nebraska Omaha athletic director, will be the guest speaker at the OPC Noon Forum on Oct. 27.

Dowell was named vice chancellor/director of athletics by UNO Chancellor Joanne Li on Nov. 15, 2021. In his role, Dowell serves on the Chancellor’s Cabinet with oversight of UNO athletics, an NCAA Division I program including 16 varsity sports and spirit squads. He also serves as the chief executive of Baxter Arena.

Dowell has already made an impact in his position at UNO. Since December, he has made two major coaching hires: Chris Crutchfield as men’s basketball coach and Donovan Dowling as men’s soccer coach. Additionally, the department has undergone a comprehensive restructure, consequently experiencing increased revenues, attendance, community events and operational efficiencies.

Prior to Omaha, Dowell served as assistant vice president/associate athletic director after joining the Creighton University staff.

New OPC payment options: website and smartphone
By Todd Andrews
Communications Committee

Think about it: Nowadays, QR codes are as ubiquitous as Nike Air Force Ones and as pedestrian as Velveeta. Pulling out one’s smartphone, tapping the camera app, and scanning what looks like Picasso’s own cubist postage stamp is practically as common an act as breathing.

And now — wonder of wonders! — QR codes are even popping up on your OPC bills, too. They’re part of a pair of high-tech payment options being implemented at the club to help maximize convenience for members.

Next time you’re dining on the 22nd
Otis Twelve roast gets laughs by the dozen

By Elaine Allen
Communications Committee

Otis Twelve is still alive and working as the morning host on Omaha's classical radio station KVNO, much to the surprise of one of his roasters, Patrick Stibbs, who was a 21-year-old when he first worked with Otis as an overnight DJ at KEZO, Z-92. “I was surprised 42 years later that he’s not dead. Otis is so old that his Social Security Number is 2,” Stibbs joked.

Otis, whose real name is Douglas Vincent Francis Wesselmann, became the Omaha Press Club’s 169th Face on the Barroom Floor after being roasted by Stibbs, another Z-92 colleague, as well as one of his golf buddies, a Field Club Fourth of July Parade co-host, and two members of his former band, Ogden Edsl Wàhàli Blues Ensemble Mondo Bizzario Band. Before the Face unveiling, his son, “Vincent Twelve,” delivered a hilarious rebuttal in his dad’s place.

“This is not the first time Otis’s face has been on the barroom floor,” former Ogden Edsl band member Bill Carey joked. “We spent a lot of time hanging out at the Starlight Lounge.” Otis was a founding member of the band when he was a student at Creighton University in the late 1960s. Carey and another band mate, Bill Frenzer, roasted Otis by telling stories and showing a vintage video of their antics on the road or, as Carey described, “couch surfing across the continent, boldly playing improvised humor.”

Frenzer also brought up Otis’s age. “I remember when Otis Twelve was Otis One. Now look at him. He’s in Local Personality Valhalla,” he said.

Frenzer also read a special tribute from Otis’s Z-92 co-host, Diver Dan Doomey, who wasn’t able to attend the roast. “One could see his potential for creating trouble” when they were students at Creighton. “He told jokes into a microphone instead of a beer glass,” Diver Dan wrote. He also poked fun at Otis’s longevity in radio, “Otis is a dreamer… incapable of facing the fact… it’s over!”

In addition to local radio and musical antics with his band, Otis was roasted for his golf game. Retired Omaha World-Herald managing editor C. David Kotok poked fun at Otis’s “Equal Opportunity Rules. Otis’s rules applied not only to him but to everyone he played with,” he said. “If a ball landed behind a tree, Kotok recounted, Otis would kick the ball out. “If he sliced it into the woods, Otis would drop it within bounds, and say, ‘It ought to be about here.’”

When it came her turn to roast Otis, Carol Schrader, former KETV reporter and anchor and Otis’s co-host of the Field Club Fourth of July Parade, joked, “I haven’t been a token woman at any event since 1974.”

Carol roasted Otis by telling family secrets, as related by his daughters and wife, Deb. One of his daughters, Maddie, told Carol about the time the family went to Disney World, where she hoped it would be an “Otis-free zone.” But no. “Someone recognized him and he stopped to talk to them. It took a long time … a long time … a long time,” Schrader recounted.

The best jokes of the night were delivered by Otis’s son, Vince Twelve.” His rebuttal theme: “How dare you roast this man?”

In reviewing the evening’s list of roasters, Vince said, “My dad doesn’t care who’s talking as long as it’s about him.” He poked fun at the delay of the Press Club’s Face Committee to honor his father. “Todd and Tyler’s Face has been here for 16 years. What took you so long?”

As the laughter subsided, Vince added: “I’m saving all my ‘A’ material for the eulogy.”

Taking a cue from the roasters, Vince joked about his dad’s age and longevity in local radio, “My dad will be speaking into a mic as long as someone will let him.” He asked rhetorically, “Who knew where the real money is at? Classical music radio,” referring to Otis’s 16 years as morning host for KVNO.

Vince told the audience, “Nothing is more important to my dad than family … except the Chiefs.” Turning serious at the end, he said Otis Twelve is known to his family and his friends for his “strength of character, love of family and fellow person.”

Jeff Koterba, Omaha cartoonist and Otis’s substitute as KVNO’s morning host, took the podium at the end of the evening to unveil Otis’s Face, saying, “I’ve been a fan of yours since I was a young’n.” As Koterba described his work, he told Otis, “Your life has been so rich and you’ve brought so much joy.”

Otis took the mic for the last words of the evening, commenting on the Face. “I always look better in caricature,” he told Jeff. With a nod to his KVNO colleagues and listeners in attendance, he said, “I’m so proud to work at KVNO. I couldn’t be happier to be part of the community.”

As he wrapped up his remarks, Otis thanked his son for his rebuttal and then thanked his other family members and his wife, Debbie, aka “Dagmar,” for putting up with him for more than 45 years.
TWO FACE EVENTS COMING IN NOVEMBER

After postponement due to COVID, Meadows will be honored Nov. 3

By Tom O’Connor
Communications Committee

The original Face on the Barroom Floor event for Othello Meadows III was scheduled for March 21, 2020 – just 10 days after the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 as a pandemic.

The Omaha Press Club had no choice but to postpone the event. Now, nearly 32 months later, Meadows will get his rightful place on the Press Club floor when he becomes Face No. 170 on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Four months after the pandemic was declared in 2020, Meadows accepted a new position as managing director, portfolio strategy and management, for Blue Meridian Partners. As always, his focus remains the same – to revitalize the community by helping people in the most need.

Blue Meridian Partners is a pioneering philanthropic model for finding and funding scalable solutions to the problems that limit economic and social mobility for America’s young people and families in poverty. The company brings philanthropists together to pool capital and invest in strategies to dismantle structural inequities that have long excluded people of color from power and opportunity.

Through its five investment portfolios, Blue Meridian Partners has pooled more than $3 billion and provided more than $150 million in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to his work with Blue Meridian, Othello continues to own and operate The Meadows Group, a neighborhood redevelopment consulting firm, and he also serves on several boards in the Omaha area.

From 2011-2020, Meadows served as president/CEO of Seventy-Five North Revitalization Corp., an Omaha-based community revitalization and development organization. From 2009-2011, he was executive director of the Omaha Workforce Collaborative, a nonprofit designed to restructure our community’s workforce development efforts.

An Omaha native, Meadows graduated from Creighton Prep High School in 1994 and was one of the star players on the basketball team that won the Class A state championship. He earned a full-ride scholarship to play NCAA Division I basketball at East Carolina University, where he was a three-year starter.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from ECU in psychology, then went to North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham for his law degree.

His four roasters all will be coming from out of town:

• Emcee – Damon Nash, founder, DNash, LLC, Charlotte, North Carolina;
• Ben Ebong, senior group product manager, Intuitive, and founder/president, BEREADY, Atlanta (an Omaha native who played basketball at Davidson College);
• Saida Grundy, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology, African-American studies and women’s and gender studies at Boston University; and
• Justin Miller, attorney, Morgan & Morgan, Atlanta. Miller practiced law with Meadows in Atlanta after Meadows started his own law firm.

Peterson, who also is a college baseball analyst for ESPN, was honored in 2015 as the OPC’s 147th Face on the Barroom Floor.

Gov. Pete Ricketts to be honored Nov. 10

By Tom O’Connor
Communications Committee

The original Face on the Barroom Floor event for Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts was scheduled for June 16, 2022, but one day before the event, both the governor and First Lady Susanne Shore came down with COVID-19.

The rescheduled event, which is by invitation only, has been set for Thursday, Nov. 10. Ricketts will become Face No. 171.

The event will feature two iconic roasters – Gary Sadlemyer, longtime morning show host on KFAB-AM will serve as emcee, while Larry the Cable Guy, arguably Nebraska’s most famous comedian since Johnny Carson, will provide his superstar presence.

Sadlemyer was Face No. 115 in 2008. He has emceed numerous Omaha Press Club events over the years, including the Omaha Press Club Show, the Hall of Fame banquet and the Face on the Barroom Floor for Kent Pavelka, which generated one of the largest crowds ever for a Face event.

Larry the Cable Guy, whose real name is Dan Whitney, was Face No. 113 in 2007. A native of Pawnee City, Nebraska, Larry’s movie credits include “Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector” and “DeltaFarce.” He has been one of the stars on the Blue Collar Comedy Tour and its subsequent series – Blue Collar TV.

Two other roasters will join in the festivities. They are:

• Rick Bettger, owner of Omaha Car Care, a prominent auto service center with four locations; and
• Scott Cooney, a Chicago native who owns several health care businesses in Omaha and Lincoln and now lives in Logan, Iowa.

The roasters will take aim at Ricketts, who is completing his second four-year term as governor this year. A native of Nebraska City, Ricketts is the oldest of four children of Joe and Marlene Ricketts. Joe Ricketts is the...
Full house salutes six new members of OPC Hall of Fame

By Gary Willis
Communications Committee

John Chapman and presenter Mike Plews

JOHN CHAPMAN

John received his award from Mike Plews, retired WOWT (Ch. 6) chief photographer. Chapman started his career at KMEG-TV in Sioux City, Iowa. There, he anchored news breaks as well as reported on stories. Chapman then moved to KTIV-TV in Sioux City, where – like many young reporters—he worked mostly as a one-man band filling in as an anchor on the news and sports desks. Believe it or not, he even delivered the weather and served as weekend assignment editor.

Chapman was hired by legendary WOWT news director Steve Murphy in 1986. During his tenure at Channel 6, John has covered everything from parades to politics. He spent the early part of his career at WOWT splitting his time between news reporting and anchoring the weekend sports desk. He has won numerous awards for telling news and sports stories. Chapman jokes that he hopes his career will last “as long as Mike McKnight’s.”

Lewis Jordon, former Omaha World-Herald writer, and past president of the Omaha Press Club and OPC Foundation, presented the award to John Chapman, family representative.

PAUL HAMMEL

Paul Hammel, senior reporter for the Nebraska Examiner, received his award from Terry Pettit, former Nebraska volleyball head coach. Hammel began his career as a writer for his student newspaper in Ralston and as a sports reporter for the city newspaper, the Ralston Recorder. His first scoop was revealing that Rolling Stone magazine had been removed from his school library by Ralston High School administrators because it ran ads for bongs.

Paul started his professional career reporting for the late, great Omaha Sun and later, editing the Papillion Times newspaper. He joined the Lincoln Journal-Star as a sports enterprise reporter, and then as a roving reporter covering southeast Nebraska. In 1990, he was hired by the Omaha World-Herald as a legislative reporter and worked for more than 30 years for the “voice of the Midlands.”

During Hammel’s career, he’s written stories about every corner of the state of Nebraska. He covered the State Capitol and some of the state’s most sensational murders, and uncovered misconduct by some of the state’s highest officials. Paul has won awards for reporting from Great Plains Journalism, the Associated Press, and Suburban Newspapers Foundation. He is a member of the Nebraska Hop Growers and a volunteer caretaker of Irvingdale Park in Lincoln.

JAMES DENNEY (POSTHUMOUS)

Jim Denney was a fixture around the Omaha Press Club and was a past president. He was a performer and, for several years, producer for its annual gridiron satirical show, the Omaha Press Club Show. The show proceeds provided scholarships to area journalism students. He was also a founding director of the Omaha Press Club Foundation.

Jim combined reporting and photography, bringing stories about people from his native Nebraska and its neighboring state, Iowa, to readers of the Omaha World-Herald, especially its Sunday Magazine of the Midlands.

Denney was born in Fairbury, Nebraska, and his booming voice made him well-known throughout the region. His journalistic work awakened his interest in history, leading him to serve on the board of the Nebraska Historical Society and other history-focused groups. Jim co-authored one of the first books about Nebraska football, “Go Big Red,” telling the story of legendary coach Bob Devaney. He retired from the World-Herald in 1990 after 37 years with the newspaper.

Denney died in 2011 at age 86. In his memory, his family sponsored a series of college scholarships for journalism students. Steve Jordon, former Omaha World-Herald writer, received his award from John Prescott, previous Hall of Fame recipient. Back in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Bill Kelly knew in the 4th grade that he wanted to be a television journalist. He wound up in Nebraska and is now a senior producer with Nebraska Public Media (formerly NET). He’s glad he made the move to Nebraska.

After reporting stints in Indiana and Kansas, he had the good fortune of landing at WOWT in the era of news legend Steve Murphy. Between reporting on City Hall and elections, Murphy let Kelly produce his first documentary, reviewing the legacy of the state’s most famous killers, Charlie Starkweather and Carl Ann Fugate.

Since joining Nebraska Public Media in 1990, Kelly has produced more than 20 documentaries on everything from a crooked crime scene investigator to the 2019 Nebraska floods. Bill addressed a Press Club Noon Forum with his documentary, “And the Floods Came.” It was a gut-wrenching — yet hopeful — documentary about the 2019
floods and all the lives, businesses, livestock, crops and more that were affected.

Kelly is especially proud of the weekly news program “Statewide” and projects that invite civic engagement and the lively, respectful discussions of public policy issues. Recently, regular reporting on the state’s NPR stations supplemented Kelly’s long-form TV work. He likes covering the courts and serves on Nebraska’s Bench/Media Committee, working to maintain and expand broadcast coverage of the state’s judicial branch. He also has written numerous humorous skits for the OPC Press Club Show over the years.

ANNE WALSH

Anne received her award from Scott Moore, senior vice president, corporate relations, and chief administrative officer for Union Pacific. During her 31-year career at Union Pacific, Anne led internal communications efforts connecting 30,000 employees in 23 states, building engagement by helping them understand their role in serving 10,000 customers. Reaching the diverse, unionized workforce required managing numerous electronic, video and print communications, as well as extensive executive outreach events. These efforts were closely aligned with the company’s social media, brand management and media relations strategies. Walsh retired in 2016.

Anne has served as board president of the Omaha Press Club, A Time to Heal Cancer Foundation and the Association of Railway Communicators, as well as board member for the Gateway student newspaper at her alma mater, the University of Nebraska Omaha. Anne is a contributor to Legacy Preservation, a leading publisher of family and business histories. She previously served on the Omaha Press Club Foundation as trustee and currently serves on the OPC Communications Committee, writing articles and covering club events for the newsletter.

The Hall of Fame audience was also treated with a reuniting of Shamrock & Kolaches, composed of Jim Fogarty and John Prescott, who serenaded Walsh with their version of “South Omaha Bridge” as she received her award.

DAVE WINGERT

Dave Wingert received his award from Patrick Combs, general manager of Boomer Radio. Known as “Wingy” to his many radio listeners, Wingert discovered his passion for radio as a teenager in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. He went to college at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and volunteered to work for WOUB-FM, the public radio station located at the university. Eventually he auditioned to be the morning radio host and got the job.

After he graduated in 1970, he was “paid to play” on-air for a dozen or so radio stations in Seattle, Kansas City, Des Moines and most stations in the Omaha area. Wingert worked for 20 years at KLSY-FM in Seattle hosting the midday shift, then worked for the Jones Radio Network on a nationally syndicated show called “Dave ‘til Dawn.” His show ran for six years and was heard on almost 100 stations across the country. After the show ended, he realized it was time to go back to Nebraska.

Dave was inducted into the Nebraska Broadcasters Association as a “Legendary Radio Personality.” Wingy swears he’s never had as much soul-satisfying fun as he’d had hosting mornings on Boomer Radio the past six years.

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in 2014 as the assistant athletic director and senior director for development.

Dowell earned a Bachelor of Science degree in health and human performance - sports management from Roanoke College, where he was captain of the basketball team.

Dowell also worked at the NCAA National Office in Indianapolis. He was a member of the Division I Men's Basketball staff, which administers the NCAA Basketball Tournament and the Final Four.

He also received a master's in business administration and a master’s in sports administration from West Virginia University in 2011

Lunch service for the Noon Forum begins at 11:30 a.m. for $19 per person. The program starts at noon and concludes at 1 p.m. Call 402-345-8008 for reservations. Or email opcchrchristine@gmail.com. Reservations must include an OPC member number or credit card. Non-members are welcome.

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By Hunter Samuels
OPC President


These are the phrases that are legally required to be included in every piece of writing published on the internet in the month of October.

And with that out of the way, let’s talk about what you’re really here for: what’s happening in Q4 in the Omaha Press Club.

The next few months are filled with events suiting anyone’s fancy, beginning with the Oktoberfest Winemaker’s Dinner on Oct. 7, leading through the congressional debate on Oct. 13, Noon Forums, and so much more. Remember, OPC members can reserve space in the club at no charge, so as you begin holiday party planning, be sure to keep us in mind.

Beyond attending the events, of course, there are plenty of ways to get involved in the club. Every event wouldn’t be possible without a team of generous hospitality team members. The promotion of said events requires valuable contributions from our Marketing/Membership and Communications Committees. And the events themselves are all planned by our Education and Face on the Barroom Floor Committees.

As someone who understands how much work goes into all of these areas of planning and execution, I am incredibly grateful to each and every one of you who have been a part of those groups – the Omaha Press Club would not be where it is without you. Thank you for your time and dedication to making this place so special.

For anyone who is interested in joining any of those committees, I’d love to get to know you and see how we can team up on some of the exciting things happening in the club, so please don’t hesitate to contact me at hsamuels@rmhcomaha.org. I’m more than happy to meet for lunch, a cocktail, or even, if you insist, a pumpkin spice latte.

OPC steps up its game in festive 4th quarter

Omaha's FBI chief, Eugene Kowel, will address Nov. 17 Noon Forum

The FBI has been in the headlines recently after its controversial search for classified documents at the Mar-a-Lago home of former President Donald Trump.

Eugene Kowel, the special agent in charge of the FBI’s Omaha Field Office, will headline the Omaha Press Club Noon Forum on Nov. 17.

Kowel joined the FBI as a special agent in 2005 and was assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force in the New York Field Office, where he led criminal and counterterrorism investigations. Kowel completed deployments to Iraq in 2008 and Afghanistan in 2009 in support of the FBI’s counterterrorism mission.

He was promoted to supervisory special agent in 2010 and worked in the International Terrorism Operations Section, Counterterrorism Division, at FBI Headquarters in Washington. In 2013, Kowel was named the supervisory senior resident agent leading the Savannah and Brunswick resident agencies in Georgia. He was promoted in 2016 to assistant special agent in charge in the Los Angeles Field Office. He led 10 squads investigating violent gangs, transnational organized crime, violent crime, and crimes against children.

In 2019, he was named chief of staff and section chief in the Intelligence Branch at FBI Headquarters. In the fall of 2020, FBI Director Christopher Wray appointed Kowel to head the Omaha office.

Kowel graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in political and social thought and earned his law degree from New York University School of Law. He served as an assistant district attorney in New York City before joining the FBI.

Join us for lunch at the club on Thursday, Nov. 17. Food service begins at 11:30 a.m. for $19 per person. The forum runs from noon until 1 p.m.

For reservations, call the Press Club at 402-345-8008 or make online reservations at omahapressclub.com (click RSVP in the upper righthand corner of the website). Non-OPC members are welcome.

Nov. 15 event to launch drive for Rudy Smith Scholarship

The Omaha Press Club Foundation and the family of the late Omaha World-Herald photojournalist Rudy Smith have announced a drive to create a scholarship in his honor.

The creation of a Rudy Smith Scholarship, which would be awarded annually to a college student pursuing a career in journalism, will be the focus of the OPC Foundation’s fall 2022 annual appeal for its scholarship program. While details of the scholarship are still being worked out, it will likely be designated for a student of color.

Smith died in 2019. He was 74.

The scholarship drive will formally kick on Nov. 15 with a reception at the club from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Douglas County Treasurer John Ewing and his wife, Vivian, will be reception hosts. The Ewings are also honorary chairs of the 2022 campaign.

Rudy’s family, including wife Llana, have already put forward a donation to kick off the drive. Now Rudy’s former colleagues, OPC members and others in the community will have an opportunity to contribute to making it a reality.
Fall is the best … nice days, cool nights, great sunrises and sunsets to see from our downtown windows, colors galore and soon-to-be fireplace crackling…. and a club full of private banquet parties. Thank you to all the Omaha Press Club members for the patronage. There are still some open dates for those who are thinking about having a little fun; we’re just an email or a call away.

This fall brings the Oct. 7 Winemaker’s Dinner, Oct 13 Congressional Debate during the lunch hour (soon to be sold out), Nov. 3 and Nov. 10 Faces on the Barroom Floor honoring Othello Meadows and Gov. Ricketts. Then comes the Past Presidents Dinner on Nov. 16 – an evening featuring a very nice meal and lots of lively storytelling. Before you know it, holiday parties will be in full swing as 2022 departs and 2023 arrives. Do not delay your reservations and miss out, as space is limited.

A newsletter reminder: Your OPC News is paperless and conveniently accessible on the Press Club website. When you receive an invoice at the beginning of each month, there is a link to the newsletter to read up on the latest events. Just go to the home page of omahapressclub.com at the top right corner labeled “newsletter.”

A parking reminder: Our two-hour validation continues at the DoubleTree garage (16th and Dodge). No need to bring your parking ticket with you as we give you an individual ticket for you to scan (a two-step process, instructions on the back) when you leave the garage. For your guests who are parking at their own expense, the Central City parking garage and street access are still available. Building entrances are open during regular daytime business hours, but at night you will need to buzz in. There are black boxes at the entrances to the First National Bank building with a direct connection to security. The process is simple; push the button and tell them you are going to the Omaha Press Club.

- Christine Villamonte
Restaurant and Events Manager

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founder and former CEO of TD Ameritrade and was recognized by the OPC in 2012 as Face No. 132.

In 2009, the Ricketts family trust bought the Chicago Cubs baseball team. In 2016, the Cubs won the World Series, breaking a 108-year drought.

Pete Ricketts’ top accomplishments as governor include:
• Delivering $12.6 billion in tax relief to Nebraskans;
• Leading Nebraska through historic floods in 2019 and the COVID-19 pandemic, where Nebraska’s response was ranked No. 1 in the nation;
• Dramatically reducing the rate of state spending growth; and
• Developing Nebraska’s workforce by improving operations, cutting red tape, and expanding international markets for Nebraska’s farmers and ranchers.

Thanks in part to Ricketts’ leadership, Nebraska won the Governor’s Cup for the most economic development projects per capita three years in a row from 2016 to 2018.

Ricketts and Shore have been married for 24 years and live in Omaha. They have three children: Roscoe, Margot and Eleanor.

‘FACE ON THE BARROOM FLOOR’ – GOV. PETE RICKETTS
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