



Rural Housing Service • Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program

Small Town Nebraska Grows by Six

Andrew and his wife, Christianna moved their family of four children to Plainview, Nebraska, a community of just over 1200 population, adding six more residents. The family had been renting in another small community until Andrew changed jobs and began driving truck. With the flexibility of driving truck, they were able to change the location of their home and be closer for family to enjoy the grandchildren.

Just two weeks and a couple days short of his 28th birthday, Andrew Bennett became a homeowner for the first time using a Single Family Housing Direct Loan provided by Rural Development. Andrew also worked with the NeighborWorks Northeast Nebraska down payment assistance program.

They found a grand two story house built in 1900 that accommodated their family. They have many plans and dreams for the home and have already been working on move in fixes. The first item added was the new fence for the children.



A new fence for the four children to play safely.

The Bennett's oldest child will be entering Kindergarten at the Plainview School in the fall. The other children will follow in years to come. Small town Nebraska communities benefit from the addition and retention of young families. Homeownership is a key factor to accomplish this.

Obligation Amount: \$100,000 Loan

Date of Obligation: April 20, 2017

Congressional District: Representative Smith, District 03; Senators Fischer and Sasse

Partners: NeighborWorks Northeast Nebraska for Down Payment Assistance

Demographics: Homeowner, Low Income, Family

Impact: Affordable housing for a young first time homeowner family.
