

Dear Editor:

While browsing through the photos on the website promoting the City of Grant, I couldn't help noticing one common denominator—there is at least one tree in every picture.

No doubt about it—well maintained, attractive trees are definitely a selling point when it comes to promoting a community.

What would Grant be like without trees? Windier, drier, noisier, hotter in summer, colder in winter, and just a whole lot less attractive.

The City of Grant shows its commitment to community trees by having met criteria as a Tree City USA for the last 15 years.

Community members might soon have an opportunity to be part of a living legacy, through a unique project started by Grant Tree Board President Jon Forney. He is currently attempting to germinate several hundred acorns gathered from a stand of bur oak trees in southwestern Nebraska.

Bur oak is a spectacular species—majestic, long lived, and one of the most drought resistant trees.

If germination is successful, he hopes to make the seedlings available for planting in the community.

What a great opportunity for residents of Grant and surrounding area—to be in on the creation of a new generation of trees that will be enjoyed for decades to come. There's nothing more "grass roots" or in this case, "tree roots" than that!

Arbor Day, the last Friday in April, a holiday established in the state of Nebraska, is the ideal time to plant a tree. This is a great activity for a family or organization, whether commemorating a special event, loved one, or just enjoying an activity together.

Please consider investing in the future of Grant by planting a tree in your yard.

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