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Correction

In "The Price of Progress" story in April, we neglected to identify George Raymond, who is a business manager for Chipco Professional Products. Sorry about that, George.

Ryan Krings loved climbing trees as a kid. Still does. Lincoln, Neb.-based photographer Jason Nabb didn't have to talk Krings into climbing the hardwood on our cover to take this picture.

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