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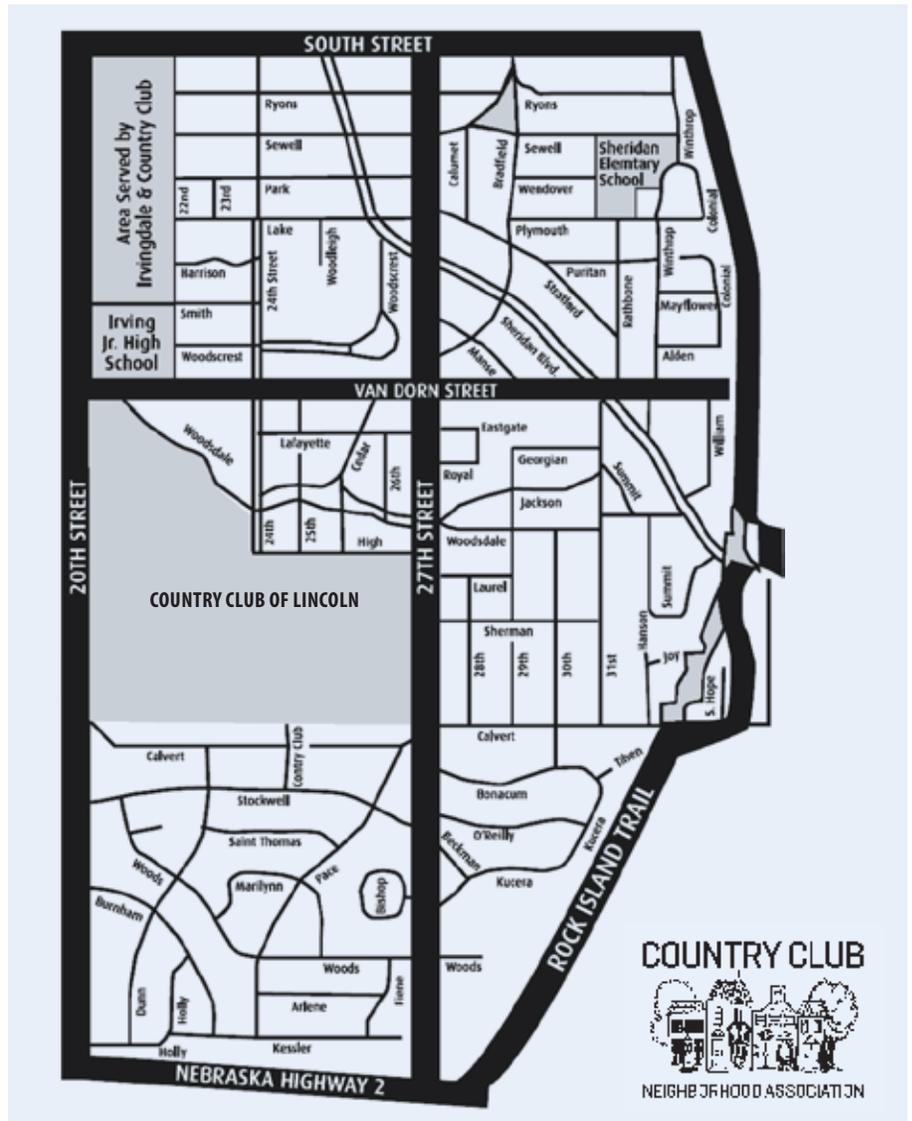


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President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL neighbors and friends!

The neighborhood looked wonderful for the holiday season. I am always impressed with the number of people who travel through our streets to look at our decorated homes. Congratulations to the winners of our best holiday light contest. Pictures of the homes are included in this issue.

The CCNA has big plans for 2017. We would love to see more people get involved in all that we have planned. The easiest way to help is to attend our neighborhood meetings. This year we will meet on the third Tuesday of every month, except for the months of June and December. The meetings are held at the Irving



Anna Eickholt, CCNA President

Recreation Center and begin at 6:30 p.m. In recent meetings, we have discussed a number of ways to improve our neighborhood, including adding street signs, increasing street lighting, and similar changes. We encourage other ideas from our neighbors.



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NEW BOARD MEMBER

Mary Monahan

MARY MONAHAN GREW UP IN northeastern Wyoming. She and her husband lived in New Jersey and Arizona before settling down in Nebraska with their three kids; Rosie, Violet and Owen. The family of five enjoys walks and bike rides around the neighborhood together.

One of the reasons that the family adores Lincoln so much is the neighborhood. She explains that moving is never easy, but this move was. "Our neighbors were so welcoming. Whether it was someone stopping to introduce themselves when we were in the yard, inviting us to a play date or asking us to dinner, it made a huge difference!" This is part of the reason

Mary wanted to be on the board.

Her desire to give back to her community motivated her to plan more fun events for the neighborhood. With her background in planning professional events at Princeton and currently planning Macaroni Kids events, the social chair position

"I love planning our neighborhood events, and I'm humbled by the incredible response that we get."

seemed like a perfect fit for her. "I love planning our neighborhood events,



The Monahan Family

Photo by Toni Pohlen Photography

and I'm humbled by the incredible response that we get from neighbors when I ask for help in putting together an event." She describes the members of Country Club as being extremely dedicated and very passionate about their neighborhood. According to Mary, Country Club wouldn't be as wonderful as it is without the people.

Welcome to the board, Mary. Country Club is very fortunate to have you!

What's Your Story? Help Celebrate Sheridan's 90th Anniversary



THIS YEAR, AS SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY MARKS ITS 90th anniversary, the school's theme is "What's Your Story?" Parents and grandparents who attended Sheridan are encouraged to share memories and photographs from their school days.

Sheridan staff are also looking for former alumni who are willing to serve as guest readers at their 90th birthday celebration, to be held at the school on Tuesday, March 28. Alumni are invited to read to classes and share their stories throughout the school day.

If you are a Sheridan graduate, please write down what you remember about your favorite tradition or story and send it to Sheridan Librarian LaVonne Hanlon at lhanson@lps.org or let her know if you're willing to serve as a guest reader at their birthday event. Alumni can also drop off photos at the school's office so they can be scanned and saved. Look for upcoming articles celebrating these shared recollections!





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FEATURED BUSINESS

White Elm Brewing Company

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CRAFT BREWERIES HAVE BECOME increasingly popular among beer enthusiasts. Some travel far and wide to expand their library of unique beers. In Lincoln, White Elm Brewing Company has created a new option for those seeking the newest craft brews. For owner, Kolby Wood, opening the brewery wasn't only a business opportunity. Growing up in Crete, Kolby spent some time in Denver but relished the chance to come home and harness his experience to bring something new to the Lincoln area.

Kolby's unique homebrew caught the attention of Matt and Martha Lee Heyne, who excitedly backed his venture after tasting it for themselves. The recently opened brewery boasts an impressive selection of particular specialties. Wood explains, "We brew and sell our craft beer with a focus on farmhouse and modern American styles sold in our own taproom, various restaurants, bars throughout town, and soon-to-be available in cans at your package and grocery stores."

This isn't Wood's first experience with running a brewery, though. In Denver, Colorado, Wood ran a group of Irish pubs, not only managing the business, but working as a steward in the community. Lincoln enticed Wood and his wife to move home from

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Denver in 2014. With it's slower pace, it offered the couple more time for raising their children while Wood continues pursuing his passion for beer.

Wood has also found that the Lincoln community shares his love for small breweries. He notes, "The Lincoln community has been incredibly supportive of us, and its love for local businesses is rarely found in other cities." This support has led to growing opportunities for Wood's brewing expansion. "The Lincoln beer

scene offers a large amount of top-tier breweries, and we are lucky to add our offering to the mix. We have a focus on more esoteric styles like Saison, Grisette and Biere de Garde, while still offering interesting takes on stouts and hop-forward beers with our barrel program rolling out soon."

It's indeed a daunting task, but Wood's background makes him suitable for the job. Before opening White Elm, Wood had accumulated more than 15 years of home brewing experience. He also bolsters crucial professional and educational experience in culinary arts and restaurant management from his time at the pubs in Colorado, which puts Wood in a unique position to excel at his craft.

White Elm Brewing Company is proving to be a growing and successful craft option that Lincoln is sure to love. The brewery is located at 720 Van Dorn Street and open during the following times:

- Tuesday–Thursday: 4 p.m.–10 p.m.
- Friday: 3 p.m.–12 a.m.
- Saturday: 12 p.m.–12 a.m.

IN MEMORY OF ROGER DODSON

By Dr. James R. Schaffer



ROGER DODSON, A BELOVED neighbor and friend, passed away on Oct. 24. Dodson was one of Nebraska's most notable broadcasters, but his friends in the Country Club neighborhood remember him for his generosity and warm spirit.

"It's our responsibility to be good citizens," he said. Roger played an important role, for example, in the Neighborhood Lighting Project, persuading City Council members to get on board.

Another part of his service involved leading a drive to restore the Sunken Gardens, a beauty spot that had fallen on hard times.

Roger and his wife JeNeane, with the help of another Lincoln steward Mike Seacrest, raised \$1.7 million in just four months to restore the Gardens. "Lincoln is a generous city," he says. A quick look from Capitol Parkway at 27th Street will reveal just what they accomplished. Surveys show that 90% of Lincolniters stop by the Gardens at least once a year.

Roger's own professional career in radio was extraordinary. After college, Roger broke into radio as an announcer. By 1980 he was working as general manager at a Grand Island station. On a warm afternoon that June he noticed some ominous-looking clouds. He invited people on the street to gather in the station's basement where they would be safe from a storm.

"I felt touched by a presence," Dodson says, "and felt a remarkable calm come over me."

For the next five hours Dodson was on the air, warning people to seek shelter and relaying messages from city and state officials. Seven tornadoes would hit the area that day, killing five and injuring 200. Dodson's voice was the only one on air that evening.

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For the next several weeks, Roger interviewed Mayor Bob Kriz on the air each morning to discuss how the cleanup was going, when the water would be safe to drink, and whether the electricity would be on. Later, he was recognized by the governor for "saving so many lives."

Roger often played the role of a traveling ambassador for radio, visiting 50 states and 142 countries to help people build radio stations and improve their programming. At one point owned several Midwest stations with his partner, the country star Charley Pride. Pride, the son of a Mississippi sharecropper, recorded

39 No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts.

Not too many years ago Roger learned that Pride would be performing in Omaha and asked whether he could get tickets for his family. The tickets arrived and the Dodsons headed to the show. At the conclusion, Charley came to the front of the stage and said that he wanted to dedicate the last song to Dorothy Dodson, Roger's mother, and then sang "Amazing Grace." It was touching moment, to say the least.

Roger thought that he might continue his public service after retirement by joining the City Council. He announced his candidacy in December 2012 and planned his first official campaign event for Feb. 16, 2013. But fate had other plans.

That morning Dodson experienced a stroke, a difficult one that compromised his ability to walk. It did not, however, quench his spirit.

"Watch your ego," Dodson said, "mine's too big." But his ego was just big enough to have wide-ranging, thoughtful opinions. "The answer to everything is education," he said, perhaps thinking of his daughter Alesia, who is a kindergarten teacher. She told him "that every child must have a good experience as they start school." Their son Whitney continues the family love of broadcast as an account executive at Lady Bird Johnson's KLBJ in Austin, Texas.

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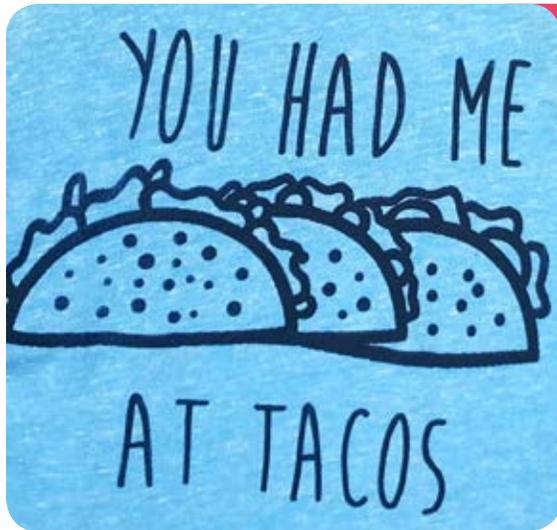
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We decided to move to the new Firethorn Resort community and are excited to be living in our new home. And this process has reminded me how important it is to look to the experts, because you don't go through construction every day.

Tell me more...

One of things that jumps out at me is the specialization our builder offers. We met with his electrician, his plumber and his carpenter. We also met with Nick Vondrak of gvKustom Kitchens for the cabinets. These people are all experts in their respective fields.

So how does this translate to your business, Custom Blinds & Design?

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LET THERE BE LIGHT!

by Maggie Stuckey, Treasurer

PERHAPS YOU HAVE NOTICED that South 27th Street between Calvert and Woods Boulevard seem a little brighter these days. You are not mistaken! CCNA recently approved the installation of additional lower-level, “acorn” style lighting to appropriately illuminate this portion of our neighborhood.

Since 2003, CCNA has worked with Lincoln Electric System and the City of Lincoln to establish Ornamental Lighting Districts throughout our neighborhood and install consistent, appropriate illumination. When a special lighting district is approved by the Lincoln City Council, it allows for street lighting different than standard lighting, often identified by decorative features. This special lighting comes at a significant additional cost, which is paid for by CCNA.

CCNA recognizes there are many pockets of our neighborhood that would see great benefit from additional lighting for safety, beauty, and consistency. We will continue to prioritize additional lighting efforts in the years to come. It is thanks to your annual CCNA dues that we are able to advocate for and fund important projects like this one. Thank you!



FEATURE FAMILY

Melanie and Matt Rauert

Matt and Melanie Rauert's journey began west; about 130 miles to be exact. Over thirteen years ago, the two met while attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney. They were just freshmen at the time, but within two weeks they knew they were meant to be. At first, Melanie recalls that she was a little stand-offish towards Matt, but that soon changed.

"We were dating less than two weeks when he confessed that he felt he was supposed to marry me. I was thinking the same thing, and we've been head over heels since!" Melanie says. Sure enough, the two married soon after graduating and now, eight and a half years later, have a home in Lincoln and are raising their four children.

At almost eight years old, Marylynn is the oldest of the bunch and loves helping take care of her brothers. Lawrence, almost five years old, is now in preschool and loves helping out his dad. Benedict is three and a half years

old, who is the brown-eyed charmer of the crew. Then there is George, the youngest of the family and a complete sweetheart at one and a half.

Melanie and Matt moved to a small town outside of Omaha for two years, but always knew Lincoln was the place that they wanted to settle down and raise their family. Soon enough, they made their way to Nebraska's capital and landed in the Country Club neighborhood. The interesting part? This wasn't exactly by design.

When they decided to move to Lincoln, the first house Melanie and Matt had under contract, one that wasn't in the Country Club neighborhood, fell through. They then had to move to their next option. Although unplanned, Matt and Melanie are forever grateful that it happened. Melanie describes that, "we couldn't be more thankful for how our first home buying experience worked out. We wouldn't want to live anywhere else in Lincoln and absolutely love our

home and our neighborhood!"

When asked about some of their favorite parts of the Country Club neighborhood, Matt and Melanie had a little trouble. "It's hard to pick just one! We love the big, established trees that give the neighborhood a

“We wouldn't want to live anywhere else in Lincoln and absolutely love our home and our neighborhood!”

peaceful, beautiful look throughout the seasons and a very homey feel. The convenience of the proximity to miles of hiking and biking trails is just wonderful and something our family takes advantage of multiple times a week," Melanie explained.

It isn't just the scenery that draws this bunch to the area, though. "Our neighbors are fantastic. We feel fortunate to be surrounded by so many kind neighbors! We have met many people that are original owners of their homes or who have been in the neighborhood for decades. We have enjoyed listening to how their lives have been shaped by this neighborhood."





Although they treasure their relationships with everyone, one made a particularly large impact on Rauert family. “When we first moved here our next door neighbor, an elderly widower, quickly became a good friend. He was always willing to loan a tool and gift us with his garden’s bounty. We’ll never forget how he gave each of our kids an affectionate nickname.” Unfortunately, that man passed away a year ago, but his impact for the family is still felt today. Melanie remembers how “his immediate friendliness and the way he embodied neighborliness inspired us to reach out to other neighbors, old and new, to establish the type of solid and respectful relationships that make a group of houses a neighborhood.”

With a growing family and a wonderful neighborhood community, the Rauert’s are also glad that their career choices allow them to spend plenty of time at home. Melanie focuses on caring for and teaching her children along with helping Matt with his eBay business, The Green Bureau, from their home.

Matt began his business by selling odds and ends in college, but began growing to the point that he was ultimately able to work on it full time. He describes the benefits of being self-employed revolving around the freedom of how he can spend his time. “My work is all about lifestyle for our family. I’ve previously worked as a professional, and found that I lived my real life from

Friday evening to Sunday. Our business affords quality time with each other far more frequently and regularly. I am home with my wife and children each and every day and that is an opportunity that not many are able to take advantage of. It really motivates me to continue succeeding in our business.”

When thinking about her life, Melanie recalls a quote by G.K. Chesterton that says, “The most extraordinary thing in the world is an ordinary man and an ordinary woman and their ordinary children.” When Matt and Melanie look to their family and neighborhood, they see this idea come to life, extraordinarily so.



THE MAKING OF A TRADITION – THE CHRISTMAS EVE

LUMINARIES

For more than 30 years, people throughout the neighborhood and from afar and around the city would come to the Country Club neighborhood on Christmas Eve to experience the glow and awe of the luminaries lining many of the boulevards and streets. Traveling up and down Sheridan Boulevard, Bradfield Drive, Calumet Court, Stratford Avenue and other festive streets, you could see hundreds

of people either walking or slowly driving with their headlights dimmed enjoying the ambience of the season. Music would be playing, twinkling lights summoning the imaginations of both young and old while the beckoning luminaries lit the way.

But this luminary tradition didn't just happen. As with most things, there is a story to be told. And now, the story...



Twas a day in 1983 when a young family with five children moved into the stately, three-story, yellow colonial house at the intersection of Bradfield Drive and Stratford Avenue. The John and Joan Campbell family had moved here from St. Louis and were quickly embraced by all of their new neighbors. They participated in neighborhood picnics, parties and holiday events.

Shortly after moving into their new home, the Campbells were invited to join Dr. Ralph Ludwig and his wife, Hope, along with several other neighbors for cocktails. It was a fun evening shared by Ray and Marti Lineweber, Dennis and Nancy Haberstick and John and Jan Blumer. During the course of the evening, the discussion turned to the holidays and the beautiful neighborhood and how in 1976 Ray Lineweber started the annual tradition of decorating the trees on the boulevard with sparkly lights. Having experienced the tradition of the Christmas Eve luminaries in St. Louis, the Campbells suggested that Stratford Avenue do the same thing in addition to the already decorated boulevards. A new Stratford tradition was born!

The idea of the luminaries for the upcoming 1983 Christmas Eve quickly took hold. The group used the Stratford Rag, their little neighborhood newsletter, to promote the luminaries and explain what would be happening—little white bags filled with sand and an eight-hour votive positioned in the middle of the sand would be delivered to every Stratford home by 10:00 a.m. Christmas Eve morning. All bags with the candles lit needed to be out in front of every

house by 6 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Everyone participated. Adults, children, young and old joined in! It became a joint neighborhood effort. The boulevard had already been decorated with beautiful twinkly lights and the music set to play. Now, bags were filled, candles positioned and neighbors' station wagons filled with their Christmas Eve deliveries.



And the tradition continues to this day!

The memories of that first year remain special to the original founders of the Stratford luminary tradition. Jan Blumer recounts with fondness that some years were sunny and mild, while others had them working in blizzards. But every year, all of the candles were lit and the cars and walkers would stream down Stratford Avenue after dusk. One year, they made a math problem and counted how many cars passed in one minute. Multiplying accordingly, they realized that thousands of people enjoyed the Stratford luminaries on just that one night.

Another special memory involved the music students who lived down the block. They organized a live

performance of Christmas carols on the boulevard. Another time, a group of people in Dickens-like costumes strolled the avenue. And, of course, when the neighborhood children got their driver's licenses, there was no shortage of young people loading the station wagons with the luminaires and delivering them to each house.

Unfortunately, in October 1997, a blizzard destroyed many of the trees on Stratford Avenue and, as a result, dimmed the holiday lights. The luminaries, however, have continued ... and spread to other streets. Today there is hope that the boulevard will again be lit as Stratford Avenue has just been resurfaced with new curbs, and the boulevards will soon begin the installation of new landscaping. Will it bring back the lights? We can't be sure. But what we do know is that the luminaries will continue.

So, boys and girls, friends and neighbors, this is the Christmas story of the luminaries and how they came to be. We're sure that year in 1983 santa had something special for those wonderful neighbors who have brought so much joy to the neighborhood.

Thank you to Mrs. Hope Ludwig and to your husband, Dr. Ralph Ludwig, who we are sure looks down from heaven every Christmas Eve and smiles.

Thank you to Mrs. Joan Campbell Foote and to your husband, John Campbell, who is with Dr. Ludwig smiling down also.

And thank you to Ray and Marti Lineweber, John and Jan Blumer and Nancy Haberstick for being at a cocktail party in 1983 with some new neighbors. Together you all gave us the tradition of the Christmas Eve luminaries.

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LSE CHORAL BOOSTERS

TWO CHOIRS FROM LSE WILL BE traveling to San Francisco over Spring Break to learn, perform and have fun. (The two groups are Court Choir, a varsity mixed ensemble and Queen's Court, a women's ensemble.) So, the members of those groups are working to raise money to help pay for their trips. As an alternative to selling things, we thought that the kids could go out into the community and rake yards in exchange for donations. We had over two dozen households request our service. We then had kids sign for several crews and headed out into the yards. It took us a LOT longer than we expected on each house so we ended up raking over several days. The homeowners were appreciative and generous. Some even provided us with cookies and beverages. It was a great experience and I think the kids had fun.



A CANOPY OF FUN

The Railyard is a popular hotspot in Lincoln. During football season, it's a madhouse packed with people ready to watch their Huskers. Now that football season has wound down, the Railyard has become different sort of madhouse.

The Railyard Ice Rink opened December 2, 2016. The Ice Rink will host a holiday movie series featuring Christmas classics such as Elf, It's a Wonderful Life, A Charlie Brown Christmas, Jingle All the Way and Frosty the Snowman played on the Cube (the giant TV at the south end of the Railyard).

After the holidays are over, the ice rink will open for another two months in order for fans to get their fill of Husker basketball. Men's and women's basketball games will play on the big screen for people to enjoy with free admission for all ages.

The rink will also host broomball on Monday nights in January and February (during which times the rink will be closed to the public).

Birthday parties are a huge hit at the Railyard Ice Rink, and the Railyard offers seasonal passes for those ice skating aficionados to soak up the fun all winter long.

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 Saturday: 12:00 PM – Midnight
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Christmas Eve: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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HOURS OF OPERATION DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY:

Monday: Closed for broomball league
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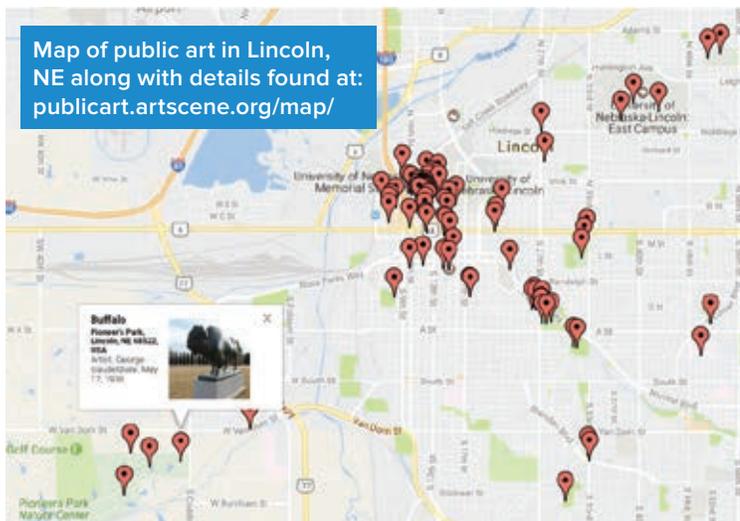


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you joy, or to find your new favorite, visit the public art digital archive at publicart.artscene.org and explore all that Lincoln has to offer. The site, created by the Lincoln Arts Council, is a catalog of Lincoln's public art. Allowing you to view the collection, locate art based on location so you can find art near you. You can even add to the archive by uploading your own photos.

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FRESH FLAVORS

The holidays have come to a close, but unfortunately, the cold weather is here to stay. The bright side of the cold weather is the comfort food! Here are a few easy recipes to help you keep you warm during the brutal winter months.

GUINNESS BEEF STEW

Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium onions, rough chopped
- 2 celery sticks, rough chopped
- 2 medium carrots, rough chopped
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon dried sage (or thyme)
- 1 pound stew beef, cubed into 1-inch pieces (chuck or bottom round)
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 16 ounces ale, Guinness or stout
- 14.5 ounces canned diced tomatoes
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350-degrees F.
2. In a Dutch oven or heavy bottomed oven-proof pot with tight fitting lid, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add chopped onions, celery, carrots, bay leaves and sage; cook, stirring occasionally for about 10 minutes.
3. Add cubed beef, sprinkle in flour and stir to combine. Cook, stirring for about 30 seconds. Stir in ale, canned tomatoes, brown sugar, salt and pepper. Stir to combine. Bring to a boil.
4. Stir, remove from heat, cover and transfer to 350-degree F oven. Cook for 3 hours, until meat is tender. Remove lid and continue to cook for an additional 20 minutes. Remove bay leaves before serving.

LOADED SMASHED SWEET POTATOES

Ingredients:

- 2 strips thick bacon
- 3 large sweet potatoes, cut into quarters
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ½ cup sour cream
- 4 ounces cheddar cheese, grated
- Fresh chives
- Salt and pepper



Directions:

1. Cook bacon until crispy, either in a skillet or baked in the oven. Once the bacon is crispy, let cool and chop into bits for topping. Set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 350°F. Cut off the ends of the sweet potatoes, then cut them into quarters. Pour olive oil on a baking sheet and rub potatoes on both sides to coat. Sprinkle potatoes with salt and pepper.
3. Bake potato pieces for 25-30 minutes until they are fork tender. Then let cool briefly until you can handle them.
4. Use a small plate to smash each potato down a bit. Return smashed potatoes to baking sheet.
5. Bake smashed potatoes a second time for 10 minutes to crisp them up a bit.
6. Remove potatoes from oven and top with sour cream, shredded cheese, crispy bacon bits, and fresh chives.

MINT OREO TRUFFLES

Ingredients:

- 1 (15.25 oz) package Mint Creme Oreos
- 8 ounces (224g) cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- 12 ounces high quality semi-sweet chocolate
- Optional: sprinkles and green candy melts



Directions:

1. Process the Oreos (the entire cookies, filling and cookie) in a food processor or blender. Pulse until crumbs are formed.
2. Using a hand-held or stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the Oreo crumbs with the cream cheese until combined. The mixture will be thick and sticky.
3. Using your hands, roll into 30-35 balls. Place balls on two large plates, a parchment paper lined baking sheet, or a silicone mat-lined baking sheet. Freeze the truffles for about 30 minutes. (Freezing the balls is the most important step of this recipe. If they are not cold and solid, the melted chocolate will not coat the balls properly.)
4. Coarsely chop the chocolate and melt according to package directions. Working with 1 truffle at a time, coat in chocolate (drop the truffle in the middle of the melted chocolate. Swirl the chocolate all around it with a fork. Pick up the truffle with a fork - do not pierce it, simply pick it up on top of the fork's prongs. Tap the fork on the edge of the bowl to allow the excess chocolate to drip off). Place on a lined baking sheet. Top with sprinkles while chocolate is wet or drizzle with the melted green candy melts, if using.
5. Refrigerate truffles for at least 10 minutes so the chocolate sets. Truffles must always be chilled and will stay fresh for up to 5 days in the refrigerator.



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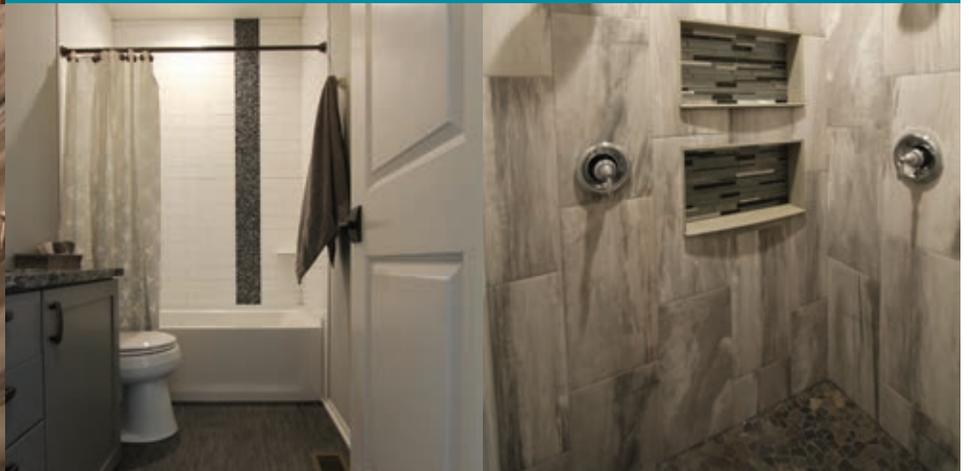
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THIS YEAR, SILVERHAWK AVIATION, located at the Lincoln Airport, will be celebrating their 25th year in business, specializing in aircraft aviation, repair, and fueling. The company began in Seward, but growth drove them to eventually expand to Crete. Their business continued to boom and take off, which allowed Silverhawk to take the leap to Lincoln in the late 90's and settle into their current location.

President of Silverhawk Aviation, Mike Gerdes, and Director of Business Development, Schuyler Risk explain that their operation is unique because of its ability to encompass every segment of aviation. This can be broken down into four primary categories:

- 1. Aircraft Charter:** Silverhawk provides on-demand aircraft charter with access to more than 5,000 airports across North America and the Caribbean. The growing fleet of aircrafts offer the versatility to complete any flight that clients need, statewide and nationwide.
- 2. Aircraft Maintenance:** Silverhawk Aviation is one of the most respected aviation maintenance facilities in the Midwest. They inspect and repair aircrafts ranging from midsized

jets to single-engine Cessnas. Silverhawk Aviation is a world leader in Beechcraft King Air maintenance and upgrades, giving owners increased performance and enhanced value in their aircraft.

- 3. Aircraft Avionics:** Aviation technology is constantly evolving, providing pilots with more and more technology for safer flight. The avionics department at Silverhawk works closely with aircraft owners and pilots to install, upgrade, and repair flight instruments in order to provide the latest advances in safety and customer comfort.

- 4. Fueling:** The mid-continental location of Silverhawk in Lincoln makes it an ideal fuel stop for aircraft flying across the country.

Although business will take him all over the country, Mike's favorite part about being with Silverhawk Aviation is being a little closer to home. He explains that the joy of working in Lincoln lies with the opportunity to "work with people like ourselves: honest, hard-working, and friendly." With just under 80 employees, this speaks for Silverhawk's ability to find people that embody their culture. Being from

Johnson, Nebraska, Mike values the people in the Lincoln community and says that many of Silverhawk's staff are "Midwesterners who grew-up in Nebraska and love aviation."



Although many members of the staff have local roots, a job with Silverhawk may take them anywhere. Mike notes how this can lead to some unique experiences. "In the winter when we fly clients from the upper Midwest, which could be at -20 degrees, to destinations in the southern US or the Caribbean, where it is 80 degrees, we will sometimes see temperature swings of 100 degrees or more."

"We have stayed with it because we see the positive impact we have on people's lives."

Silverhawk Aviation serves a wide range of clientele in every profession, and some require privacy that leads to special circumstances. "During high-profile coaching searches, we have sometimes needed to enplane and deplane the coaching candidates at remote locations on the airport or in hangars to protect their privacy." With over 110,000 flight hours and over 3 million miles flown over 25 years, chances are the flight staff at Silverhawk have seen it all.

Still, for Mike and Schuyler, it isn't about the exotic experiences. For them, going into the aviation industry was simply about helping the people they do business with.





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More than 1,500 adults have said "yes" to OLLI at UNL and are enjoying dozens of courses, events, trips and travel, and many other member-only opportunities. No one is a stranger for long at OLLI. Everyone who joins has the same desire to learn in the company of peers and friendships are made easily.

With more than 190 courses offered in five-terms throughout the year, there is a wide range of topics from which to choose. Typically, courses are six-weeks long, 90 minutes per meeting, once per week. Shorter courses and one-time classes are also available. Best of all, there are no tests and no grades.

A \$50 mid-year membership is a bargain and includes a \$30 credit toward a course or event.

Term 3 runs from January 23 through March 4, 2017.



Course Examples

Courses are taught by University of Nebraska professors and emeritus professors, as well as other scholars and professionals from the community.

To celebrate Nebraska's 150th anniversary of statehood, OLLI is offering classes, trips and events tied to Nebraska's history. OLLI's theme is "Out of Many, One Nebraska." And course, there will be many more classes on a variety of subjects.

Here are a few examples of courses being offer in Term 3:

- "New Seductive Scamming, Fleecing and Deliberate Deceptions" will bring together representatives of agencies and organizations that deal with new and various scams, frauds and schemes.
- "Mari Sandoz: Preserving and Remaking Her Legacy" explores the life and work of this Nebraska author.
- "Race: The Power of an Illusion" tackles the theory of race by tracing the idea back to its origin as a social construct, not a biological fact.
- "Taking Control of Your Financial Future" is designed to help individual comprehend the principles for successful retirement.
- "The Cutting Edge of Medicine," presented by six Lincoln physicians, will increase your understanding about some of the hottest topics in medicine.
- "Samurai: Men of War, Men of Peace" examines the unique cultural contributions of Japan's famous warrior class.

Special Interest Groups

An OLLI Special Interest Group is a group of members who have a hobby or special interest in a particular topic and want to share experiences with others. OLLI members do not need to register and there are no fees to participate. New groups are forming all the time. Special interest groups range from topics on the German language, international affairs, politics, meditation, science and technology, book clubs and more.

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What's Happening

JANUARY

12 Days of Downtown Lincoln Sunday, January 1

The 12 Days of Downtown Lincoln are illuminated for the holiday season. Each December, five golden rings, two turtle doves, a partridge in a pear tree and more are lit up and displayed at various locations. Find all 12 scattered around the P Street District, O Street and the Haymarket District for the perfect holiday photo-op.

Where: Haymarket District

When: Time varies

Cost: FREE

Cabin Fever Antique Show Saturday, January 7

Come out to the Lancaster Event Center for one of Lincoln's finest antique shows! For just \$4, browse some of Lincoln's best antiques.

Where: Lancaster Event Center, 4100 N. 84th Street

When: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Cost: \$4.00 Admission

Aaron Holz Solo Exhibition "Portraits"

Tuesday, January 10

For over a decade, Aaron Holz has worked with portraiture. Principally using friends and family as subjects, Holz's portraits display an uncanny likeness of character while creating paintings that are as much about description as they are process. This exhibition is a public celebration of the completion of Graham Kiechel's portrait and it is also an opportunity to publically view commissioned works for the first time.

Where: Kiechel Fine Art, 1208 O Street

When: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Cost: FREE

31st Annual Chocolate Lover's Fantasy

Saturday, January 14

On Saturday, January 14th, 2017, The Historic Haymarket will be filled with the sweet smell of chocolate from! The 31st Annual Chocolate Lover's Fantasy fundraising event brings professional & local chefs together with chocolate connoisseurs, to raise money for The Historic Haymarket District!

Where: Haymarket District

When: 7:00 PM

Cost: \$35.00

Mothers & Sons

Friday, January 20

At turns funny and powerful, Mothers and Sons portrays a woman who pays an unexpected visit to the New York apartment of her late son's partner, who is now married to another man and has a young son. Challenged to face how society has changed around her, generations collide as she revisits the past and begins to see the life her son might have led. This is a timely and provocative play that explores our evolving understanding of family in today's world.

Where: Lincoln Community Playhouse, 2500 S. 56th Street

When: 7:30 PM

Cost: \$25.00 Adults, \$15.00 Students

Railyard Ice Rink Skating

Tuesday, January 24

The Railyard Ice Rink is a seasonal outdoor ice skating rink that has become a special wintertime tradition. Come with your family and friends to skate and enjoy a hot beverage or a bite to eat from any of the Public Market or Railyard businesses. The Railyard Ice Rink is open seven days a week, with private party rentals, group rates and gift certificates available to purchase.

Where: The Railyard Lincoln, 350 Canopy Street

When: 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

Friday, January 27

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Where: The Lied Center for Performing Arts, 12th and R Street

When: 7:30 PM

Cost: TBA

Lincoln Stars vs. Fargo Force

Saturday, January 28

Come out to the Ice Box and watch the Stars take on the Force for a little Saturday night family fun!

Where: The Ice Box, 1880 Transformation Drive

When: 7:05 PM

Cost: \$16.50-\$50.00

FEBRUARY

Thank You for Being a Friend Thursday, February 2

Blanch, Dortha, Roz and Sophia are all here in this wisecracking golden musical comedy complete with a wicker-filled Miami bungalow where the girls are content with their retirement. But when pop superstar Ricky Martin moves next door, his loud outdoor escapades shake-up their normal "affairs" and soon the quartet of cheesecake-loving retirees find themselves in an all-out comical brawl at the annual Shady Oaks Retirement Home Talent Show where singing, dancing and comedy ensues. Don't miss this "live" episode making its Lincoln debut.

Where: The TADA Theatre, 701 P Street

When: 7:30 PM

Cost: TBA

Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra presents Baileys & Brahms Saturday, February 4

The Washington Post says Zuill Bailey's cello playing is "as rich as melted chocolate." Bailey joins LSO for a performance of Dvořák's transcendent Cello Concerto in B Minor. The concert closes with Brahms' final symphony, his Symphony No.4 in E minor, with allusions to Beethoven and Bach, whose works he studied. Join us for a hot chocolate bar, complete with Baileys for adults!

Where: The Lied Center for Performing Arts, 12th and R Street

When: 7:30 PM

Cost: \$15.00-\$30.00 Adults, \$10.00 College Students

Jeff Dunham Perfectly Unbalanced Friday, February 10

International comedy sensation Comic/Ventriloquist Jeff Dunham has performed in front of sold-out audiences worldwide showcasing the undeniable power of induced laughter. Dunham along with his cast of hilarious characters are set to embark on the second leg of their hugely successful "Perfectly Unbalanced" Tour. The show is packed with new surprises and old favorites.

Where: Pinnacle Bank Arena, 400 Pinnacle Arena Drive

When: 8:00 PM

Cost: \$37.50-\$49.50 Adults, Free for Children 2 & Under

Investigate: Second Saturday Science Lab Saturday, February 11

Join us in the science lab at Morrill Hall to investigate the topic 'Veterinary Science'.

Where: Morrill Hall, 14th and Vine Street

When: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: Free with regular museum admission

Into The Woods Thursday, February 16

Venture back Into the Woods with the TONY AWARD®-WINNING musical classic mounted with boundless imagination by New York's Fiasco Theater. Including dazzling songs like "Children Will Listen" and "No One Is Alone," this extraordinary musical explores the power of wishes and what really happens after they come true.

Where: The Lied Center for Performing Arts, 12th and R Street

When: 7:30 PM

Cost: TBA

Exit Laughing Saturday, February 18

When the biggest highlight in your life for the past 30 years has been your weekly bridge night out with the "girls," what do you do when one of your foursome inconveniently dies? If you're Connie, Leona and Millie, three southern ladies from Birmingham, you do the most daring thing you've ever done. You steal the ashes from the funeral home for one last card game, and the wildest, most exciting night of your lives involves a police raid and a whole new way of looking at all the fun you can have when you're truly living.

Where: Lincoln Community Playhouse, 2500 S. 56th Street

When: 2:00 PM

Cost: \$25.00 Adults, \$15.00 Students

Elephant & Piggie's "We Are in a Play"

Wednesday, February 22

Get ready for a musical experience straight from the pages of Mo Willems' beloved and award-winning children's books. Elephant Gerald and Piggie sing and dance their way through pachydermal peril and swiney suspense. Direct to Lincoln from the Kennedy Center, you'll be doing the "Flippy Floppy Floory" dance all night long!

Where: The Lied Center for Performing Arts, 12th and R Street

When: 7:00 PM

Cost: TBA

Little Ladies Date Night Friday, February 24

Calling all dads, grandpas, papas, uncles, big brothers or any guys who have a special little lady that deserves a fun night out. You'll make memories to last a lifetime as you build, create, learn, and play with that girl who holds a special place in your heart.

Where: Lincoln Children's Museum, 1420 P Street

When: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Cost: Members: \$20.00 per couple, \$5.00 extra little lady, Nonmembers: \$30.00 per couple, \$10.00 extra little lady

MARCH

MAMMA MIA! Friday, March 3

A mother, a daughter and 3 possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget! Have the time of your life at this smash-hit musical that combines ABBA's greatest hits, including "Dancing Queen," "S.O.S.," "Take A Chance on Me" and "The Winner Takes It All," with an enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship.

Where: The Lied Center for Performing Arts, 12th and R Street

When: 7:30 PM

Cost: TBA

Lincoln Stars vs. Team USA Friday, March 10

Come out to watch the Lincoln Stars take on Team USA!

Where: The Ice Box, 1880 Transformation Drive

When: 7:35 PM

Cost: \$16.50-\$50.00

Superhero Day Saturday, March 11

Heroes, real and imaginary, will visit Lincoln Children's Museum on Superhero Day. Meet all of your favorites, including Batman,

Superman, Captain America, popular princesses, and more!

Where: Lincoln Children's Museum, 1420 P Street

When: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Cost: Free for members, regular admission for nonmembers

The All-American Boys Chorus Tuesday, March 14

The All-American Boys Chorus regularly appears with entertainment's top performers including recent events with Josh Groban, Tony Bennett, the Vienna Boys Choir and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. With a vast musical repertoire that spans from classical masterpieces to pop music, come see America's most beloved boys choir.

Where: The Lied Center for Performing Arts, 12th and R Street

When: 7:30 PM

Cost: \$24.00 Regular, \$12 Student

Sesostris Shrine Circus Wednesday, March 15

72nd Annual Shrine Circus!

Where: Lancaster Event Center, 4100 N. 84th Street

When: 7:00 PM

Cost: \$15.00-\$17.00

Snow White

Friday, March 24

In addition to our annual Nutcracker production, Lincoln Midwest Ballet Company presents a spring ballet every few years. In 2012, Cinderella joined Snow White as one of the Lincoln Midwest Ballet Company's rotating spring ballet productions, and this season LMBC will again present the delightful ballet Snow White.

Where: North Star High School, 5801 N. 33rd Street

When: TBA

Cost: TBA

Mr. Popper's Penguins Friday, March 31

It is hard enough for Mr. Popper, a simple painter, to support his family. The addition of 12 penguins makes it impossible to make both ends meet - until Mr. Popper has a splendid idea. He will turn the talented penguins into a traveling vaudeville act! And that's exactly what he does. The entire family will delight in the adventures of Mr. Popper and his performing feathered friends.

Where: Lincoln Community Playhouse, 2500 S. 56th Street

When: 7:30 PM

Cost: \$15.00

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