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Love, Italian Style

By Deena Winter

It's Wednesday afternoon, and Valerie Bergo has left her day job as a school counselor and is now behind the counter at Caffe Italia, an Italian bar/restaurant in the Country Club Neighborhood. She has a half-dozen pans filled with cheese, and is about to begin peeling lemons for the pasta in a lemon sauce with brussel sprouts that will be on the menu Friday night at the Caffe.

Meanwhile, her husband Mauro is behind the other counter across the room, where he's been hustling around since 6:30 a.m. – selling his homemade white chocolate and cherry scones, biscotti, latte and cappuccino in the morning, Italian sandwiches, appetizers and salads for lunch and authentic Italian espresso drinks and desserts in the afternoon.

The Caffe has been open nearly seven years, during which it has become treasured by many in the neighborhood for its authentic Italian fare and owners who know many customers by name.

Valerie and Mauro struck up a friendship - and that's all Valerie thought it was, until three months later when he returned to Lincoln to visit again "with entirely different intentions," Valerie says, smiling. Within a month, Mauro said to Valerie, "we should get married."

It's small, and the Friday meals are served on a first-come, first-served basis until they're gone – so if you come too late you may have to settle for a sandwich.

Mauro does his best to recreate the northern Italy fare he grew up on – making his own gnocchi, using family recipes and creating new ones all the time.

"We're always trying new things to see if there's something we can recreate," Valerie said. "He comes up with things on a daily basis." Not everybody "gets" that Caffe Italia is Mauro

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Looking Ahead to 2011

By Dan Marvin



A couple of years ago the Country Club Neighborhood celebrated its 100th anniversary. It was an opportunity to look back at the remarkable history of our neighborhood. Several activities were organized as part of the centennial year's celebration; historic walks, newsletter articles on the history, a home tour, and a Christmas get-together. But the true success of the neighborhood has been its ability to look forward.

For 2011 the board has worked on a number of projects. First up was the power line project along 27th Street. **Lincoln Electric System, earlier this year, began putting all of the power lines along 27th street underground.** Placing these lower voltage lines underground has aesthetic and reliability benefits that your board supports. In conjunction with this project, the board approved the addition of lower pedestrian lights attached to the new black light poles. These decorative lights will be going up in 2011 and will enhance the neighborhoods entryway corridor.

Sheridan Boulevard will get a face lift in 2011 as well. Sheridan was platted over 100 years ago and has been one of the featured streets in the neighborhood since it was constructed. The City will resurface Sheridan and replace much of the curbing along the boulevard. Most of the curbs are nearly as old as the street and some are covered by asphalt

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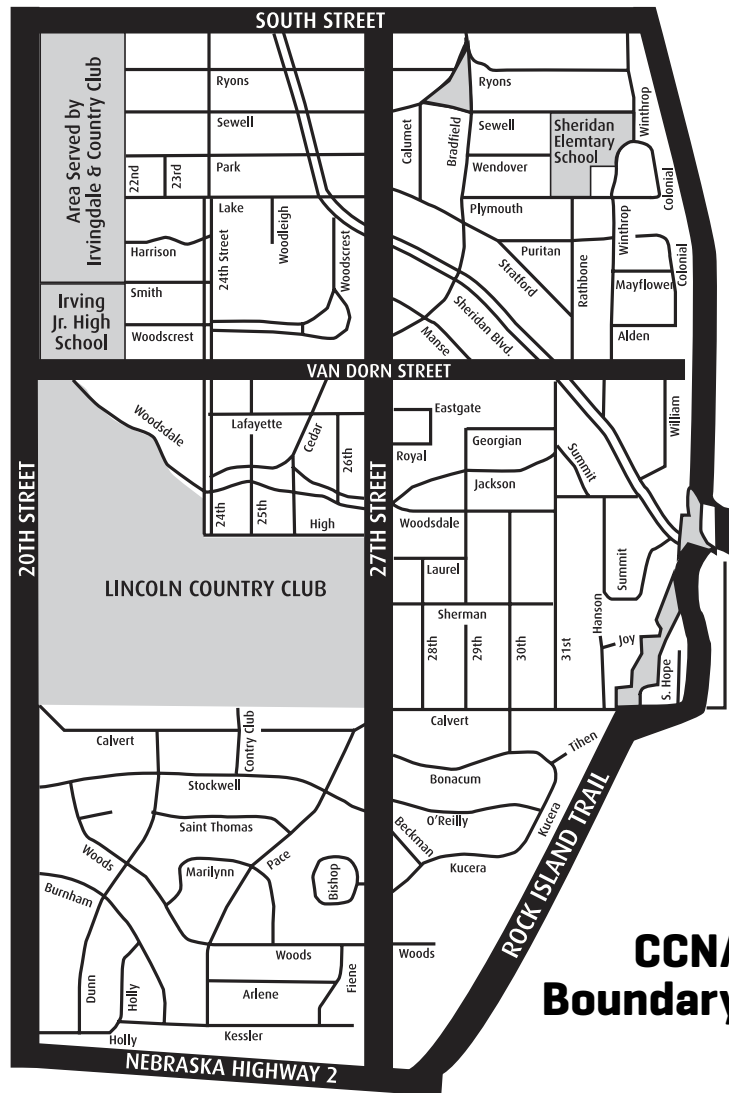
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as the elevation has risen. Neighbors and the board have worked with Public Works to re-pave Sheridan while respecting its historic character.

None of these and the other improvements are possible without the dedicated efforts of the board. The Social and Activities committee has attended school open houses and is planning a Valentine's get-together for the neighborhood (see enclosed information). The Parks & Beautification committee has been active in the Sheridan and 27th street projects. The Communications & Membership committee meets monthly to provide content for the quarterly neighborhood newsletter. Finally, the Community Relations committee meets regularly to keep abreast of city-wide issues that impact our quality of life.

As you fill out your 2011 dues statement please, feel free to contact your committee chairs or if you have any questions e-mail info@ccnalinc.org. As a volunteer organization your time is greatly appreciated. **The CCNA membership contribution is critically important to the neighborhood (the rate has not changed for nearly 20 years) and contributions above 25 dollars are tax deductible.** Your time, the board's time, and your financial assistance are what sustain our neighborhood. It's a formula that has been working for over 100 years.

From the Webmaster

In the month ending January 15, 2011 there were 67 visits to our website by 62 unique visitors. Our facebook page is up to 31 members.

It is almost that time of year for me to update the BizLinc section of our website, the section that highlights your business or businesses. Please be sure to send in an updated business card with your membership renewals, as cards can change from year to year, and I do not automatically leave last year's card on the site. The best way to be sure your card is posted is to include it annually with your renewal. If you don't have an extra card to spare, just add a note with your renewal to let the membership committee know to leave last year's card up on the site. I know there is an area on the renewal form for the cards, but it is harder for me to miss an actual business card or a sticky note as I begin the process of scanning cards. The annual update usually begins in March, and the cards will stay posted on the site until March of 2012. Your first card is free, and additional cards are only 5 dollars each if your household has more than one business to promote.

Our website address remains ccnalinc.org, and the link to our facebook page can be found there as well. Have a wonderful 2011!

-Stephen Haudrich

Special Events Committee Report

The Special Events Committee has been working hard planning a Valentine's Day Dinner on Feb. 12 at 6:30 pm at Windsor Stables, downtown.

All Country Club residents are invited to bring along a friend or sweetheart and enjoy a 10-ounce sirloin or a fillet of almond/pecan encrusted salmon.

Cost is \$35 per person and includes dessert and a drink coupon.

Invitations were mailed with membership renewal packets in early January. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Joyce Norris at 435-0267.

The committee is also beginning to plan the upcoming fall Country Club Tour of Homes set for September. If you would be willing to open your home for the tour, please contact Cathy Beecham at 802-2536 or Kay Maxwell at 473-3613 or 730-2595.

The committee is also discussing forming a book club. If anyone is interested in joining, please email or call Kay at bmaxwell@neb.rr.com or call 475-3613.

20th Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

It's not too early to start planning for the 20th Annual CCNA Neighborhood Garage Sale. It is always held the first Saturday in May. This year the garage sales will be held May 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact Kim Kaufman at 477-2680 or starr3989@aol.com to sign up and for more details.

Yard Sign Etiquette and Laws

It's still winter, but soon they will begin to sprout like dandelions – illegal yard signs.

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The city of Lincoln has a sign ordinance that spells out where signs are allowed and the fines that go along with the illegal posting of a sign. Here are the rules:

- No sign may be placed in the public right-of-way – between the sidewalk and curb or where a sidewalk might be. (Although the city has been lenient in allowing open house signs just before and after an open house.)

- No sign can be placed on public property – street lights or poles or trees. (Yes, people have nailed garage sale signs on trees!)

- No signs in any boulevards or parks.

- If you put a sign in someone's yard, you must ask for their permission. If the property owner declines, respect their wishes and do not put a sign in their yard. Please don't puncture their sprinkler system or you will have to pay for the repair.

- If you are having trouble with an illegal sign, call the police non-emergency number 441-6000.

If you see an illegal sign, you may take it down.

The Country Club Neighborhood's new black street poles are painted and taping signs to them will remove the paint. Don't spend your garage sale proceeds having the poles repainted.

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow

“LET IT SNOW” makes beautiful lyrics for a song, but snow itself can be quite unpleasant if you are not prepared. Here's what you need to know:

- City Ordinance requires that you remove snow from sidewalks within 24 hours if more than an inch of snow falls. If you have sidewalks – either in front or behind your house – this is especially important if you are on a walk-to- school route. You can be reported and fined for violating this ordinance.

- City ordinance prohibits you from depositing your snow on a boulevard or public way. It is very difficult for cars at an intersection to see oncoming cars if you have a “snow mountain” between the sidewalk and curb. You can be fined for violating this ordinance.

- Snow routes – It's always ideal to keep vehicles off the street, especially when it snows or is icy. It keeps your car safe from other sliding vehicles and from being trapped when the plow comes by. Great time of year to make sure your vehicles are off the road and in your driveway.

Home Tour Raises Funds for Matt Talbot

Longtime Country Club Neighborhood residents B.J. and Doni Hirt helped kick off the holiday season with a benefit for Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach on Sunday, November 14. B.J. and Doni opened their home at 2323 Woodscrest for a fundraiser to support this important cause.

The benefit included a house tour, silent auction and holiday greenery sale. Over 75 people attended the event and generously opened their wallets to help support Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach.

As many volunteers in our neighborhood know, in spring of 2010 Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach moved to its new location at 2121 North 27th Street. Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach serves Lincoln's homeless and working poor through outreach, advocacy, education and the provision of food and shelter. The benefit helped raise funds for the program's capital campaign, and the Peter Kiewit Foundation matched all donations to the cause, bringing the total proceeds to over \$4,000.

It's not too late to contribute. The Peter Kiewit Foundation will continue to match funds up to \$100,000 for all donations made to the Matt Talbot Capital Campaign. Donations can be sent to Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, P.O. Box 80935, Lincoln, NE 68501, or contact Executive Director Susanne Blue at 477-4116 or susannemtk@windstream.net for more information.

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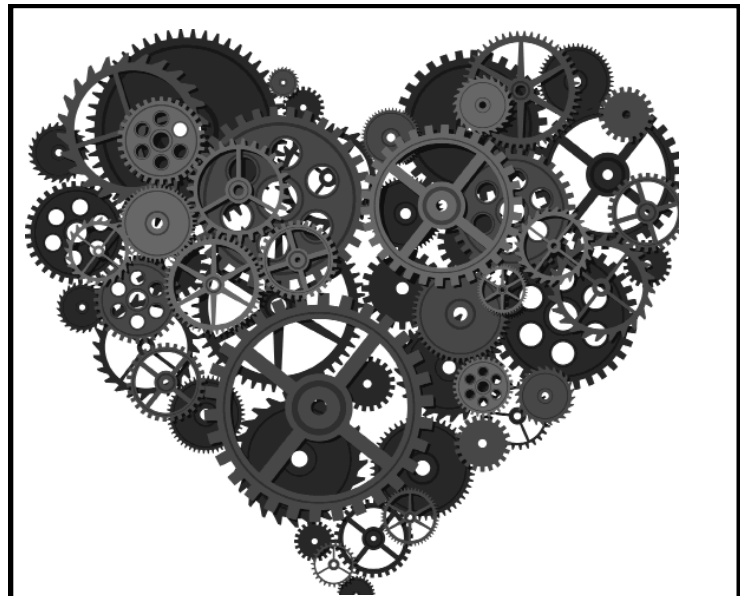
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- Written many grants to replace and add trees throughout the neighborhood.
- Annually contributed money to the Parks and Recreation Department to have additional mowings and turf maintenance for our 43 boulevards, three parks and Highway 2 entrance areas to our neighborhood.
- Worked with the city and utilities to make sure all property owners whose yards were disturbed during the 27th Street project will be put back into good order when the work has been completed.

With the city budget having had to tighten its belt the last several years, there are a couple of changes that will affect us:

- Tree planting – the city no longer plants trees in the public right-of-way. Instead, they will give a \$50 voucher towards the planting of approved trees. During this last year, CCNA has paid the difference in the

trees that were planted and ordered by CCNA.

- This year, CCNA will be taking an inventory of properties that still need street trees and then begin a grant writing process for any trees that need to be planted in 2012.
- City trees and tree trimming have been reduced considerably by city officials. Not yet knowing exactly how the new volunteer-heavy system will work, if you have problems with a city tree, call Parks and Recreation's forestry division.

CCNA will do our best to strive for a level of excellence with all of our parks, boulevards and green spaces. We hope that you will strive for the same level with your own yard. Together we will continue to make this a beautiful place to live.

• Boulevard, parks and other green space mowing/maintenance – In the late 1990s, the CCNA was instrumental in securing private bids for our boulevards and other green spaces. Surprisingly, the costs came in much lower if done by the private sector. Parks and Rec has then been able to save money and we were able to get additional service. We have worked closely with Jerry Shorney and Dave Bomberger of Parks and Rec and will continue to do so. They have been excellent to work with and we hope the same level of service will continue.

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How Our School Became a Community Outreach Project

By Hugh McDermott, Principal, Irving Middle School



Over the course of the last few years at Irving Middle School, our parent organization, Irving Parent Teacher Student Organization brainstormed and surveyed our parents to come up with a fundraiser that would be somewhat different than we had done in the past. We were looking for something different than selling magazines, chocolates or candles and wrapping paper.

We use our fundraising money as the IPTSO budget which supplies our students and staff with student enrichment activities, books and ma-

terials for our media center, upgraded teacher technology equipment, and registrations and fees for student conferences and contests. These are the "extra things" that our regular school budget just doesn't cover.

Last spring, we contacted Mr. Tim Tesone of Team Development Marketing, Inc. based out of Colorado. Tim has worked with some of our feeder elementary schools but in a slightly different way. Our fundraising had a different twist. We wanted our families and relatives around the country to support our goal of putting forth 1,500 hours of community service. We called our project "Irving Community Outreach" to reinforce the importance and value of community service with our students at home, at school, and in our Lincoln community. We believed this would be a positive approach to fundraising while supporting the educational goals for our school. Over the course of a month and a half (Nov. 2-Dec. 22) we challenged each student and staff member and Irving families to render as many collective hours as we could toward community service, both away from school and within school. IPTSO and others sponsored and coordinated lots of different activities that students, staff and parents could participate in during this time.

The fundraising part was easy. There were no products to sell and no door-to-door solicitations required by our students. Students personalized five letters to friends and family that promoted our Irving Community Outreach campaign. These letters asked for sponsor donations and pledges of support for each hour of community service we performed over this time frame.

We informed our parents about community service opportunities, posted several community projects on a bulletin board outside the office. We asked students to sign up to participate for their community service. Students were given a yellow card to keep track of their service hours. We were hoping every student would give back to the community at least two hours of service to others.

The timing of our Community Outreach project was right before Thanksgiving. Again, we usually do our fundraising about a month into the school year. One of the reasons for holding our fundraising till November was to incorporate our annual Tom Rutz Memorial Food Drive in cooperation with the Lincoln Food Bank and the Center for People in

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Need. Students were allowed to convert cans of food into minutes of service time. Some of the community service activities were:

A Children's Board Book Drive—students and staff collected Board Books and then students walked these over to a neighborhood Headstart program and delivered them and read to young children.

A Capital Humane Society Project—on a Saturday morning over 30



students volunteered their time and efforts to help walk animals, clean the grounds around the center and do other needed work.

Irving Recreational Center Holiday Card Project—students at the rec center made homemade holiday cards for residents at two of our neighborhood adult care facilities: Lancaster Manor and Milder Manor nursing homes.

The Northeast Family Resource Center—many students spent a couple hours after school to go and paint and clean at the Northeast Family Center. Our students met new friends and other students and had a great time helping.

Fire Station #8 Smoke Alarm Reminder and Park Clean-up—Several students spent time going around the neighborhood providing leaflet reminders for neighbors to change their smoke alarm batteries during the holiday season.

Irving School and Irvingdale Park cleanups—We mulched and cleaned up several areas around our school and the local park on multiple days.

Center for People in Need—This was a pinnacle activity for our students as we bused well over 130 students back and forth in three different shifts on Nov. 20 to help stock and hand out food for those in need as well as perform other helpful tasks at the center. One of our parents then went on to organize a return to the Center with students on Dec. 20 to volunteer to hand out toys to those in need. At the school level, here were some of the activities and events that Irving students and staff did to volunteer:

Some classes wrote letters to the veterans thanking them for their service to our country and to us in honor of Veteran's Day. An assembly was held honoring many local veterans and their families.

Some classes made and delivered "tray favors" for the residents at neighborhood adult care centers.

The 8th grade vocal music students performed at the Cotner Center for elderly adults.

Student Council made posters and had a "spirit week" whereby each day of the week had a different theme to boost community volunteer service involvement. In early December, the Student Council made

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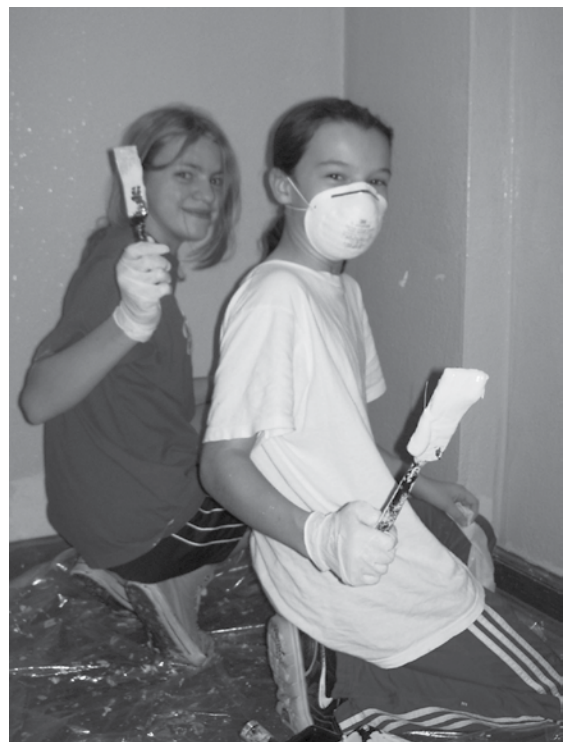
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Our school-wide food drive raised over 4,483 pounds of food for the Food Bank and the Center for People in Need. This converted into 74 hours of volunteer time at one minute per donated food item.



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Power Lines Going Underground on 27th Street

Up until recently, 27th Street from Interstate 80 to Yankee Hill Road had all of the power lines buried and streetlights that are not on wooden poles – EXCEPT through our neighborhood.

When 27th Street was reconstructed through our neighborhood in 1999, the Country Club Neighborhood Association tried to get the lines buried and streetlights installed. LES was cooperative, but Time Warner Cable wanted CCNA to pay \$200,000.00 to bury their lines and the phone company wanted a non-refundable \$14,000.00 for a feasibility study which would then be applied to a cost of \$144,000.00.

CCNA did not have \$344,000.00 – so the lines stayed above ground and the streetlights stayed on the wooden poles.

Thanks to the lobbying of Councilman Jonathan Cook and then Planning Commissioner Dan Marvin, a plan was adopted to bury so many miles of overhead lines per year. This has been done around various parts of the city and it was now our turn for 27th Street.

FINALLY!

The construction along South 27th Street this year has been a welcome sight. The color of orange, “Road Closed” and “Detour” signs have never been more beautiful. From South Street to Calvert the various utilities have been busy. About 95% of the overhead lines have gone underground and the wooden-pole street lights will have been replaced with gleaming black poles. Once Time Warner and Windstream have their lines underground, LES will come back and take out the old, wooden poles that are marked with an X.

CCNA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT

In 1997 CCNA adopted a street light design that replicated the original lights found throughout the neighborhood when it was first developed. You can still find some of these light on Calvert west of 27th Street and in Bishop Square. If you look at old pictures of Rathbone Village and other parts of the neighborhood, you will see that originally the street lights were the Grandville design, not the wooden poles or the style that you now find on Sheridan or other boulevards. The neighbors of the Woodsdale area east of 27th, Royal Court and Eastgate have all petitioned and adopted the new streetlight design – what an improvement!

CCNA wanted to continue this design along 27th Street and add more light towards the sidewalks for pedestrian walking. We could not afford the cost difference between the LES supplied lights and the ornamental lights adopted by the neighborhood association, but we could afford a modification that will probably be even better. The CCNA Board of Directors voted to allocate CCNA funds towards the addition of 20 arm brackets and Grandville luminaries (to match the adopted CCNA streetlight) to be placed about midway up the new street poles. While this will not cover all of the new poles, it will be a start.

Look for the wonderful project to be completed by early spring, 2011.

Want to Contribute?

Your CCNA dues and the proceeds from various fund raisers have provided the funds for the South 27th Street/Van Dorn beautification project. We would like to continue adding more lights, but need your financial support. We would appreciate any tax-deductible contribution that you can make. Please clip the form below and mail today – thank you!

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doing his level best to recreate an authentic northern Italian bar – a place where you can stop and get a cappuccino or Mauro’s homemade scones or biscotti.

The Friday night meals are not necessarily what people might have had in New York or southern Italy. For example, if you order meatballs, you’ll get meatballs and marinara – without pasta.

“This is Italian home cooking,” Valerie said. “We challenge the perception of what Italian food is. ... According to Mauro, you’d have a hard time finding meatballs and pasta (in northern Italy).”

Another difference: “We use garlic, but not as much,” Mauro said. Mauro was born in Adria, a town of about 20,000 in the Veneto region of Italy, but spent most of his life in

Milan, where he owned a restaurant/pizzeria for eight years. Mauro finds it interesting that Americans are working to get away from fast food and back to so-called “slow food,” while in places like Italy they never got away from it.

“I was appalled when I realized how big of a deal the Farmer’s Market was in Lincoln”, Mauro said. Such markets are held year-round, once or twice a week in every Italian town. Most Italians stop by little independent stores to pick up breads, pastries and meats and cheeses on a daily basis – something they’ve been doing for centuries, Mauro said.

They call them ““Il negozio sotto casa,” – or “the store beneath your house.”

Sounds idyllic – which begs the question: Why did he leave?

One word: Valerie.

Mauro’s brother, Davide, met and married an American model in Italy, Tafe’ Sup, and they settled in Lincoln, where they manage the Post & Nickel and recently bought Doozy’s. Tafe is a former student of Valerie’s, and she and Davide introduced Mauro to Valerie at a Lincoln wedding in the summer of 1998.

Valerie and Mauro struck up a friendship – and that’s all Valerie thought it was, until three months later when he returned to Lincoln to

visit again “with entirely different intentions,” Valerie says, smiling. Within a month, Mauro said to Valerie, “We should get married.”

“I thought his English was bad,” Valerie says. But he knew exactly what he was saying.

Mauro had never been married, nor interested in getting married until he met Valerie.

“You feel it,” he said. “I was 42 and had never felt that.”

They were married in February 1999 in what Valerie calls “a real leap of faith.”

“He was just one of the most optimistic people I’d ever met,” she said. “My gut was right.”



He worked for his brother at the Post & Nickel for about five years before they decided to open Caffe Italia at 2110 Winthrop Road.

Now Mauro puts in about 80 hours per week – manning the counter from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. most weekdays – and Valerie spends her Wednesday and Friday nights helping prepare and serve the Friday night authentic Italian meals. Valerie is methodical and took awhile to adjust to the pressure of running a restaurant, while Mauro thinks fast on his feet and knows how to improvise.

“He taught me to take things in stride,” Valerie said.

They think their best dishes are pumpkin cannelloni with fried sage, Mauro’s mom’s lasagna and his sister-

in-law’s pesto lasagna. By the time the restaurant closes at 3 p.m. on Saturdays, they shop for groceries and collapse at home.

“Saturday night finds us with a rental movie on the couch,” Valerie says.

Running the restaurant prevents them from getting back to Italy more than every other year, and Mauro gets homesick sometimes. They hope to some day spend more time there.

But Mauro has no doubt he made the right choice when he returned to Lincoln for Valerie.

“Totally,” he says.



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Husker Fanatics Photo Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Craig Connolly for being selected as our winner of the "Husker Fanatics" Photo Contest! Check back in the May issue for the winner of this month's contest, "Winter Fun."



Neighborhood Snapshot Page

Send us your photo for a chance to win a \$25 giftcard!

We are creating a new neighborhood snapshot page and we need your help!

In the May issue, look for photos of your friends and neighbors to be featured in this magazine. Each issue will have a theme and we're asking for you to send us your family photos that relate to the theme.

The theme for this issue is **"Winter Fun."**

Take a picture of you, your friends or your neighbors enjoying Winter and send it to photos@fppub.com [make sure you include "Country Club" in the subject line]. It could be sledding, decorating for the holidays, ice skating, or even building a snowman.

Each person who submits a photo will be entered into a drawing for a **\$25 gift card to Cappy's.**

The winner will be announced on the May snapshot page.

The submission deadline for this issue's contest is **April 15th, 2011.**



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KZUM Music & More!

By Jill Mathis

Think back to 1978 when Jimmy Carter was president and you were listening to the Bee Gee's on the radio and never missing an episode of All in the Family. That was about the time when a group of individuals came together to form KZUM, a community-based radio station right here in Lincoln, Nebraska. Community radio was - and still is - a grass roots form of media and musical expression which is financially supported by our membership from around the world. KZUM also receives grants and holds annual fundraisers, such as our Fall and Spring Pledge Drives, Summer Music & Book Sale and Poker Run.

Born out of a desire to listen to a commercial free, non-genre specific station, KZUM is a patchwork of programming powered by one hundred volunteer programmers (DJ's) and managed by a small staff of four and an 11-member volunteer Board of Directors. For these one hundred individuals, KZUM nourishes their spirit for community service, as well as creative expression to bring non-commercial artists and varying musical styles to the airwaves.


KZUM's uniqueness starts at being Nebraska's only community radio station. The Lincoln community (including Nebraskans that no longer call Nebraska home) proves KZUM's value by its continued support of the station year after year. This sustained support demonstrates how as a community, we greatly value diversity. If you are a lover of the Blues, then you are likely tuning in. But did you also know that we are also home to Jazz, Folk, Reggae, Western Swing, Indie, Alternative Rock, Grateful Dead shows and World Music? Additionally, where else can one be exposed to Celtic and Polka on a weekly basis!

However, KZUM is more than just music. For 33 years, KZUM has continued to serve our Lincoln community by providing a diverse platform for personal and political opinion, national and world news and importantly a source for New Americans to stay connected to their roots through programming in their native language. By offering programming in Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese, KZUM creates a sense of cultural connectivity for these listeners.

So, if you have never tuned in, or if you have not checked us out in awhile, we invite you to stop by! We are still located on the LEFT side of the FM dial at 89.3 and in HD. Our programming schedule is available at www.KZUM.org. Come on.....come and see what we do and let us be 'The Heartbeat of Your Community!'

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Southwest District Update

By Councilman Jonathan Cook

The Country Club Neighborhood Association and I have worked together successfully over the years on many issues. I thought I'd take a moment to talk about some of the issues from this past year that are important to the Country Club Neighborhood.

When a serious City budget shortfall threatened some important neighborhood services, I worked with the Mayor's Office to make sure South Branch Library and Irvingdale Pool were funding priorities. Our local libraries and pools are very important to our neighborhoods, especially for kids who walk or bike. Kids from the Country Club neighborhood have publicly advocated for both the library and the pool during budget debates, and it has made a difference!

This past year, a loophole was discovered in the city ordinance that protects homes from alcohol sales next door. I introduced an ordinance to close that loophole and strengthen the 100 foot spacing requirement, to make sure homes and neighborhoods are protected.

Stronger laws to deal with problem properties were passed in 2010. One of those new laws requires an owner who repeatedly fails to clean up problems and bring a home up to code to pay for the cost of reinspect-ing their problem property. Previously the taxpayers paid. This saves the City money, provides another incentive for owners to fix up run-down properties, and improves our neighborhoods.

In 2010 I introduced a "street art" ordinance, which allows neighborhood groups to get a permit to paint designs (approved by neighbors and city safety officials) on neighborhood streets. It provides a wonderful opportunity to bring people together and for kids and adults alike to have some fun while creating some unique artwork. A couple of neighborhoods have already had street art events, and perhaps the Country Club Neighborhood will someday join them.

Looking ahead to 2011, the burying of the power lines and replacement of the street lighting on 27th St will be completed. Most of the old wooden poles were located immediately behind the curb and were regularly hit by cars and trucks, so this will result in a huge improvement in safety. In addition, no longer will the trees along 27th St need to be butchered in order to prevent them from growing into power lines. And of course, along with greater electric service reliability in storms and fewer crashes along 27th St, the aesthetic improvements will be considerable.

Also in 2011, Sheridan Blvd will get a new road surface and curbs. Today, the curbs are almost nonexistent in places after being buried by multiple asphalt overlays and patching. This will be a great facelift for the neighborhood. The Country Club Neighborhood Association worked closely with me on the project design to make sure the historic nature of the street would be preserved.

I look forward to continuing to partner with the Country Club Neighborhood in 2011.

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We ended up with over 944 hours of community service done within the school day along with 1,926 community service project hours outside of school, giving us a grand total of over 2,870 hours of community service.



We don't yet know how much money we will make after all is said and done with this project but we were thrilled with our students and parents for their active engagement and involvement in this project. Many students came back from their community experiences and verbalized how they had learned so much. They learned that our commu-

nity is full of people who have so much need and that their efforts made a difference. They learned we are more fortunate than we thought and that we can all do more.

We are excited about the success of our Community Outreach project and we will continue to look for ways that Irving Middle School students can continue to give back to our great community. Looking down the road, there is the LPS Backpack Extra Mile Walk on April 16 at 10 a.m. at Lincoln East High School. Anyone want to help organize our efforts?

We want to thank Mrs. Patty Pansing Brooks and the IPTSO Board for all their efforts and support in making this a wonderful experience. In addition we want to thank all those Irving parents who provided rides and volunteered their time to make this a successful project.

If you would like to make a monetary contribution to our efforts during the Community Outreach project, you may do so by sending a check (made out to IPTSO) or cash to Irving Middle School, 2745 S. 22nd St., Lincoln, NE 68502.

Lincoln Electric System Will Still Bury Your Power Lines

Now is the best time to make arrangements to get your lines (electric, telephone and cable) buried from the pole to the house. Your gardens have not yet begun to flower and the lawns are still dormant. Come spring, having those lines out of sight will make everything look more attractive. So, how do you get your lines buried and how much will it cost?

- Call Roger Wohlers at Lincoln Electric System. Call him at 475-4211 or 467-7570 or 430-9513. Roger will come to your home and visit with you about the project without any obligation.

- Cost Option #1 – FREE! LES does not charge for the trenching from the pole to the house. They will bury the electric, telephone and cable all at once. All you have to do is pay to have your electrician get your electric meter ready to receive the lines from overhead to underground.

- Cost Option #2 - Ask Roger. If you don't want your yard trenched and would rather have it bored, LES will have a charge for the boring.

You will receive many benefits from having your lines buried. The most obvious is that you greatly reduce your chances of losing power by having limbs fall on the lines, squirrels filing their teeth on your lines or just a good old storm wreaking its havoc. The most "not obvious" is that the lines aren't obvious. It's so nice looking outside your house and not seeing all those wires. Give Roger a call today. The many homeowners who have already done this are thrilled.

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Women's Clinic Spotlight on Services

Dr. Stephen Swanson and Dr. James Maly have been serving women in the Lincoln community for over 30 years. Focusing on the overall goal of improved healthcare for women, their team continuously strives to learn the latest technological skills and medical knowledge.

Located at 220 Lyncrest Drive (approximately 61st and O Street), Women's Clinic offers on-site testing including digital mammography, bone density scans, ultrasound and lab work. A young woman can find comfort in receiving her first exam by a female nurse practitioner and can discuss the need for special tests or immunizations. For more mature women, providers can help manage menopause and other important screening tests. The registered dietician, who is also a certified diabetes educator, has designed several programs to help adults set goals toward a healthy lifestyle. When patients are faced with difficult situations (cancer or other serious illness) our Nurse Practitioner/Counselor can help sort out symptoms, deal with emotions, and assist with treatment decisions including medications and/or therapy.

When surgical treatment is the best option, patients will find that most operations are performed by Dr. Swanson and Dr. Maly using the laparoscopic or robotic technique. These techniques provide little or no inpatient hospitalization, allowing for a rapid recovery. Major operations, including hysterectomies, are performed with these minimally invasive techniques.


The obstetrical department at Women's Clinic provides normal and high-risk care for expectant mothers. The providers have extensive experience to diagnose and manage obstetrical problems. With close supervision and management of mom and baby, patients are confident in the care they are receiving and often say they feel like 'family'. Couples can elect to have a 3D ultrasound or participate in childbirth classes right at the office.

Women's Clinic also offers care and support for couples experiencing fertility problems. Patients work with nurses who specialize in fertility services and consult with Women's Clinic physicians as well as their associate partner, Dr. Doherty, a reproductive endocrinologist, to receive fertility care.

The Clinical Research Department is involved in national research trials that test the effectiveness of new and current medications. By participating in a clinical trial, patients can receive study-related exams and medications at no cost.


Family Health Care Center was established in 2005 to extend health care to women and their entire family. Located at 2900 South 70th Street, this family practice serves men, women and children.

If you have any questions about the services offered at Women's Clinic of Lincoln, PC or would like to become a patient, please call their office at 402-434-3370 or visit their website at www.womensclinicoflincoln.com.



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Do You Have Rock Star Employees?

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Step back, put the guitar back on its stand, and think about your company. Is your organization the rock star of your industry? Do your vendors recognize you as the leader in the products you're distributing? Do your customer service associates offer excellent service?

How about you? Do your clients trust you to deliver, each and every time you step into the limelight? Do you push yourself to perform at 100% in order to fulfill your destiny and empower others?

If you have to ponder the responses to these questions for more than five seconds, it might be time to assess the overall quality of your "rock band." After all, even in the video game "Guitar Hero," the audience "boo's" you when you offer a less than stellar performance. Consider the following tips to earn a four star rating at your company:

IDENTIFY THE RIGHT PEOPLE.

Recruit outstanding team members. Know what you expect of individuals in their roles. Assess potential candidates and find out how their strengths and weaknesses fit within the organization.

GROW THE RIGHT PEOPLE.

Invest a certain amount of time and money into growing your rock stars. You may be sitting on a gold mine of employee potential. However, your people might need a little help to develop that potential.

KEEP THEM AT YOUR COMPANY.

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