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*Read about how the
Lincoln Cares Program
and the CCNA are
bringing electricity to
this park!*

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Your CCNA Board

The Country Club Neighborhood Association formed in the summer of 1985. It was a loosely formed group called to action in response to the potential widening of 27th Street – to look somewhat like 27th Street north of South Street. This group of proactive neighbors then decided to form a neighborhood association – hire an attorney to write by-laws, file with the City and the State, adopt a mission statement and a logo ... and the rest is history.

So, for twenty-three years, your CCNA Board of volunteers have given of their time and energy in order to protect and enhance our neighborhood. They attend regular meetings. They study ordinances/projects/government actions that may have an effect on our neighborhood. They advocate for all of you. They help to protect the largest investment most of us will ever make – our homes.

Your current CCNA Board has over 70 combined years of volunteerism for your neighborhood. It has been very rewarding. You have read their names listed in the newsletter. The CCNA Chronicle thought you should see who they are. If you see any of them around the neighborhood, say “Thank You!” – They deserve it.

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2008 CCNA Important Dates

February 18th, Tuesday

CCNA Neighborhood Meeting
 St. Matthew's Church, 24th & Sewell
 7:00PM - Everyone's Invited

ANNUAL MEETING

March 18th, Tuesday

CCNA Neighborhood Meeting
 St. Matthew's Church, 24th & Sewell
 7:00PM - Everyone's Invited

April 15th, Tuesday

CCNA Neighborhood Meeting
 St. Matthew's Church, 24th & Sewell
 7:00PM - Everyone's Invited

The CCNA meets the third Tuesday in the months of February, March, April, July, September, October and November at 7:00PM. Meetings are held at St. Matthew's Church located at 24th & Sewell Streets. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

2007 was a very special year for our neighborhood – our 100th Anniversary. It was a fun year filled with lots of activities for everyone. We were also able to showcase our neighborhood through our Tour of Homes. The most fun I had, however, was working with all of the talented people who gave of their time and talents for the Country Club Neighborhood Centennial and CCNA in general.

The “people” in our neighborhood are why I became involved with CCNA twenty-three years ago. This is truly a special place to live. We have a sense of community that cannot be rivaled. I love our neighborhood and am committed to maintaining our history, integrity and values.

I invite you to join in this commitment. It will be very rewarding. I will be retiring as the CCNA president in March, but will continue to serve on committees that are my passion. CCNA needs more volunteers to be members of the Board and chair and serve on committees. I am extending to each and every one of you the invitation to serve. Give me a call, send a note or an email and we will welcome you aboard.

Thank you for letting me be so involved in CCNA. This has definitely been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

Fondly,



Linda Wibbels
CCNA President

19TH Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, May 3rd

(Rain date: Saturday, May 10th)

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100th Anniversary Holiday Gala

December 1st was a magical night at The Lincoln Country Club. Decorated in a holiday theme, the ballroom was filled with CCNA neighbors of all ages and from every part of the neighborhood. They came together to celebrate their neighborhood. Everyone had a fabulous evening and said that it should be done again sometime in the future.

Mayor Chris Beutler was a special guest and made a toast to the neighborhood. Ed Zimmer, a historian and with the Lincoln Planning Department, gave a slide presentation with commentary during dinner. It was fascinating to hear about our neighborhood beginnings. Other special guests included Mr. Lynn Johnson, Mr. Jerry Shorney, Mr. Steve Schwab and Mr. Dave Bomberger who are all with the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Pace Woods, whose family began the development

of our neighborhood in the early 1900's, was also a special guest. Members of the Lincoln Fire Department, 17th and Van Dorn Station, also made a special guest appearance and were given a round of applause.

The success of the evening was made possible by the hard work of the Holiday Gala co-chairs, Judy Liggett and Liz Shea-McCoy. These two special ladies created the delicious menu for the sit-down dinner, solicited donations for the Silent Auction held during the evening and arranged for “Pam and the Pearls”, a talented band, to provide the music for everyone's dancing and listening pleasure. Liz and Judy were assisted by the rest of their committee members – Cynthia Woods, Nelle Woods Jamison, Cynthia Reed, Kay Maxwell and Tamara Cass – in making the Anniversary Gala a very memorable event.

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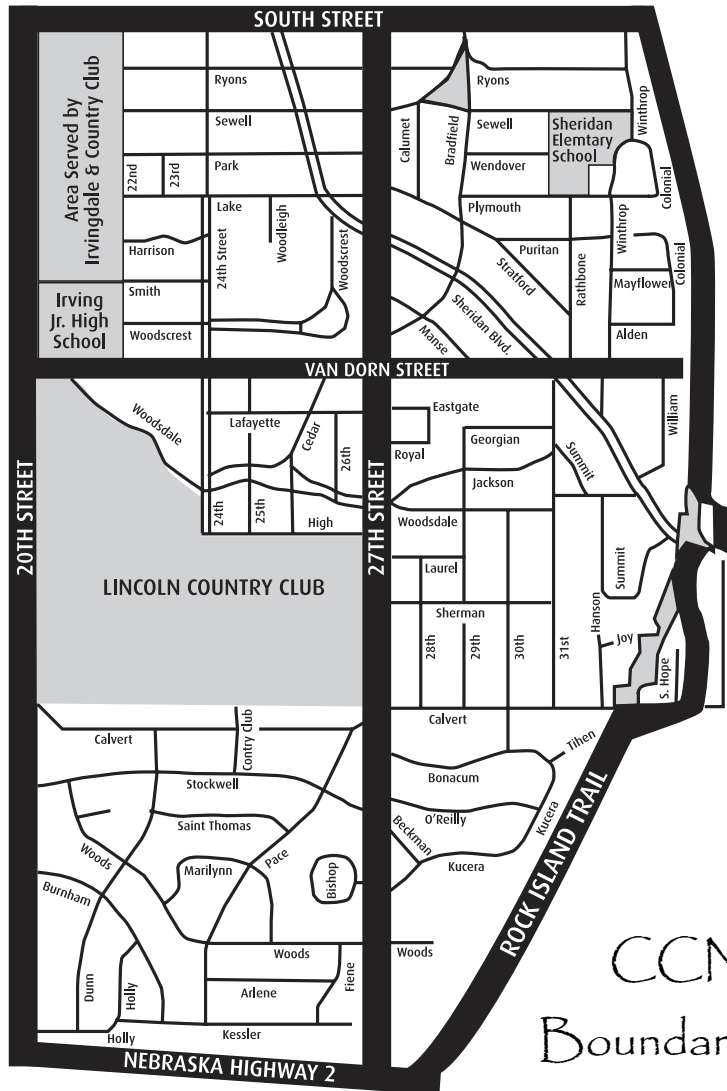
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Thank you for serving your neighborhood!



CCNA
Boundary Map

CCNA Chronicle Publishing Schedule

February

May

August

November

Members and readers who have questions, comments or suggestions may call the individual(s) responsible for the area(s) of concern.

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School NEWS

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Congratulations to the winners of the Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest!

Ten essay writers were awarded a \$50 savings bond and breakfast at McDonald's. This year, four of the winners were invited to the State Capitol on Jan 18th for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration to read their essays as part of the celebration.

ALEXIS A.

5th grade
Fredstrom

DAVID B.

5th grade
Brownell

ANNA N.

5th grade
Eastridge

ROBIN R.

5th grade
Eastridge

EMILY R.

5th grade
Eastridge

KATIE R.

5th grade
Eastridge

The following winners were part of the Martin Luther King Jr Celebration at the State Capitol and read their essays as a part of the ceremony.

WILL H.

5th grade
Eastridge

UNY S.

5th grade
Brownell

ARIANNA M.

5th grade
Eastridge

BRIANNA M.

5th grade
Hickory Hill
Papillion Lavista
District

Action, Drama, Roll It!

The students and faculty at Irving Middle School have been participating in the making of a very important film/DVD called "Stories of Us - Bullying". The topic of bullying is a very real one and we are pleased to be participating in such a project that we hope will help many students and teachers across the United States. Over the last five weeks, Mr. Chris Faull, an Australian film maker, has been working directly with the eighth grade drama students and their teacher, Mrs. Dixie Gaer. These students have put together and then acted out a series of incidents in which they portray some of the bully situations middle school students might witness or be a part of at school

Mr. Faull is working with Dr. Susan Swearer, UNL Associate Professor of School Psychology and national bullying expert, in developing this project with the students. The end project will be the DVD and teaching instructional materials which will be helpful for other teachers and schools to use throughout the United States. Mr. Faull has produced a similar DVD in Australia and was invited to make a U.S. version. Irving was chosen as one of the two middle schools to participate in this project.

Our drama students have learned a great many things working through the process of developing the script, acting out the scenes and working with an outstanding professional, Mr. Chris Faull. The rest of the school's student body was told of the project and "extras" were used throughout the actual week of filming which took place in the school and the Irving Recreation Center.

We are anticipating the excitement of a "launching" of the finished project. This will happen at a special premiere showing at The Ross Theatre at UNL on Monday, April 7th, 7:00 P.M. For more information about this project, please contact Mrs. Gaer or Mr. McDermott at 436-1214.

We are very proud of all of the Irving Middle School students and their achievements during first semester. We are looking forward to just as rewarding and successful second semester.



News from McDonald's®

McDonalds is proud to honor the winners of the Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest.

Thank you to all the individuals who submitted essays.

Congratulations to the winners!

School Days, School Days, Good old golden rule days...

The Country Club Neighborhood Association contains Sheridan Elementary School and Irving Middle School inside our boundaries, but we also have CCNA students who attend schools in their district, but outside our boundaries: Elementaries – Beattie, Prescott, Cathedral of the Risen Christ (K-8) and Rousseau; Pound Middle School; Southeast High School and Lincoln High School.

Our schools and our students contribute to the pride and the health of our neighborhood. CCNA supports our students as they may be our future neighbors. We first presented articles about our neighborhood schools in the last issue of the CCNA Chronicle and it was very well received. If you have an article you would like to contribute to the *CCNA Chronicle*, please mail or email to CCNA.

Sheridan Elementary

The school year continues to move very smoothly at Sheridan Elementary’s “south campus”, but everyone is looking forward to moving back to the 3100 Plymouth Avenue location. The administration and staff are thankful for the support and commitment from parents, students and community members who value excellence in learning during this 2007-2008 school year.

Because of a generous donation from a private donor, Sheridan students and staff attended a wonderful performance at the Lied Center on December 5th. “Pincus and the Pig: A Klezmer Tale” was the first trip to the Lied for some of the students. Everyone was awed by the experience and very grateful to the private donor.

Sheridan’s Winter Concert was held at Irving Middle School on January 24th. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the musical program and was amazed to hear the progress in the students’ musical ability. *(story continued on page 9)*

Rousseau Elementary

LEARN, THINK LEAD – the mission at Rousseau School is developed from these simple, yet powerful words. The staff, students and parents worked hard to ensure the students continue to LEARN academic subjects and skills. THINK interdependently and LEAD with character. As published in the *Lincoln Journal Star*, the recent reports on the Rousseau students’ achievement is evident that everyone is continuing to work hard and follow the mission of the school.

As we enter the second semester of the school year, it is appropriate to reflect back on the accomplishments of first semester:

- The “before and after” school opportunities continue to grow – did you know the Morning Walking Club collectively traveled over 875 miles to Rousseau Elementary in Rousseau, Kentucky? Many thanks to the PTA and its members for helping with these great programs.
- The PTA’s annual fall fund raiser was a great success – thanks!
- Hundreds of books were purchased at the Scholastic Book Fair in November
- Broadway visits Rousseau! The Missoula Children’s Theatre, led by Rousseau students, performed January 25th.

The second half of the year will be just as busy with education and PTA sponsored activities – additional “before and after” school classes, a February to mid-March reading program called “Books and Beyond” and the ever popular FUN NIGHT.

The recent school boundary changes will have a significant impact on the student enrollment at Rousseau for the next academic year. The school enrollment is projected to be considerably less than the current enrollment of about 580 students. We’ll miss all the great students the their families, but we’re excited about what Rousseau has to offer and encourage everyone to come and learn more about what Rousseau is all about.

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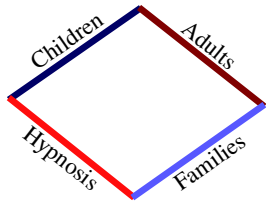
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(Sheridan Elementary News, continued from page 7)

As second semester begins the best sounds in an elementary school are the voices of our primary students as they take off in the area of reading. Grandparents were invited for a special afternoon with their grandchildren. Students read, sang and visited with their grandparents. One grandfather said, "How did this happen? My granddaughter is reading so well. I am so proud of her." We enjoy these celebrations as students begin to build a love of reading. All of Sheridan Elementary looks forward to a lot of learning and many special events as the year continues. We expect to continue our high academic achievements as published in the *Lincoln Journal Star*. We appreciate the continued support of the Sheridan Community.

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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.

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Annual Reminder About Those Pesky Illegal Signs . . .

Speaking of garage sales, this is the time of year that people violate the City sign ordinance. No sign – garage sale, real estate, political, etc. - shall ever be placed

- On public property - street lights or poles, traffic poles, trees or in the city right-of-way which is between the sidewalk and the curb OR if there is no sidewalk, where the sidewalk would normally be.
- If you want to put up a sign on private property, you must get permission from the property owner. Remember, if you place a sign and puncture a sprinkler system (which has happened several times) you are responsible.
- Absolutely NO SIGNS on any of the boulevards or intersection corners. Not only is it unsightly, these illegal signs have been known to be the cause of fender benders and other traffic accidents. Don't be the guilty one.
- If you do put up a sign with the permission of the private property owner, it should be put up the day of the sale and taken down immediately after the sale.
- If you have work done on your house, please have the contractor follow the sign ordinance and also have the contractor take down the sign after the work has been completed. There are still several signs up from work that was done last fall. After a while the ill will exceeds any advertising benefits.

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No, our mailbox is not closed. The Post Office apologized and asks that you do the following with your returned dues statement envelope - and, you do not need to put on a new stamp:

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By Christine Vanderford, Esq.

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Many people cringe at the term "pre-nuptial agreement." With this term there comes an association of distrust or disbelief that the marriage will last. However, pre-marital agreements can be created to make both you and your partner feel comfortable, containing as many or as little provisions that you wish to have.

Estate planning documents should be created to state your wishes to provide for your new spouse but are especially needed to make sure you provide for any children from a previous marriage. Estate planning documents can be molded to your specific situation to include testamentary trust and guardianship language for your minor children to be sure their inheritance is distributed in a proper manner, but more importantly to ensure they have the proper guardians caring for them.

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HAVE YOU BEEN "Set Up?"

by Ted Eschliman, co-owner, Dietze Music

Guitars are hot! Seems everyone likes to dream of playing guitar, or at least slinging one in "Guitar Hero" stance. Guitars, like any other musical instrument can be a gateway to many dreams come true, at most a catalyst for an active social life in a band, at minimum something to be enjoyed intimately in the privacy of home. And of course, great for all ages, young and old.



In the old days, a guitar was something you'd only find in a music store (maybe a pawn shop), but nowadays, they can be purchased in a department store, craft store, even in some truck stops.

One might think it's great to have so many options, but let us register an important warning you'll need to heed

if you or your children want to get the most out of playing guitar

The Set-up...

Understand guitars like any other commodity can be made well and they can be made cheap; usually not within the same instrument. You wouldn't go out and buy a lawnmower that only does front yards but not side and back, so why buy a guitar that won't play all the notes? You might not be aware of this, but the way some of these instruments are made, you can't play the entire instrument. A poorly set-up guitar can actually be excruciating to play. There's a delicate, precise balance of height and tension that goes on with the way the instruments are strung. Strings have to be set close enough to the fretboard to push easily for a beginner, but not so close that they buzz.

Considering the jostling of instruments shipped in mass quantities can render guitars unplayable, it's rare that even one packed very well is optimally adjusted for a player. Even a poorly made guitar can be made to play to its best by a little professional help, and this is where your local music store shines. We inspect our guitars BEFORE you they get to the showroom.

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Linda Wibbels, GRI

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Valentine's Day Dining

By Chad Winters

Valentines Day is looming....are you ready? If not, your foodie Country Club neighborhood grocer is here to help. Fear not! Leon's has everything you need to make this Valentines Day one to remember. Why not cook a delicious meal for that special someone that will be both memorable and romantic?

Start with the famous Butcher Block Meat Department at Leon's. Every piece of mouthwatering steak that comes across our counter is hand trimmed, "aged to perfection" USDA CHOICE BEEF. There is just no substitute for quality, and if you add in the knowledge of a real butcher you wind up with the perfect centerpiece for any meal.

The choices don't end there, in fact at Leon's they are just beginning. Do you prefer Italian? Leon's has over 105 different pasta sauces to choose from, and most of our artisan pastas are imported from Italy. Why not gnocchi? It is easy and we have over ten different flavors of it on hand.

You'll need a great wine for a meal this special, and again Leon's is ready to serve you. In early December our store manager Topher Vorhies decided that it was time to reevaluate what we were doing in the Leon's wine section. "I just felt like what was going in that section was not on par with what we were doing in the rest of the store," Topher says.

He began by getting rid of slow movers, and then by adding an additional shelf to the set he was able to bring in over 128 new types of wine. "My focus was really three tiered. First, I brought in the best selling wines in the state of Nebraska under \$10 a bottle, wines that were really turning so that we could buy them in quantity to keep the deals hot for our customers," says Vorhies.



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"Then we really worked hard to find great wines from small producers that we bought right to keep them in the \$10-\$20 range. Wines that when you taste them seem like they should be \$30 or more," he said. "Lastly, we added some really fine wines, and now we have a great selection to fit any occasion or budget and our customers love it."

In February, Leon's will be featuring E.Guigal Cotes du Rhone Rouge. This is a French wine that is a blend of three grapes; Syrah, Grenache and Mourvedre. A great wine for a romantic evening that is easy to drink and surprisingly smooth.

All that is missing now is dessert, and for that your Foodie friends at Leon's suggest chocolate fondue by Emmi. It is easy to use and available in both our produce department or on our cheese island. It can be anything you want it to be, just decide what you want to dip! Happy Valentines Day!



About the Author: Chad Winters is one of the owners of Leon's Food Mart and a self professed "foodie." He is the gourmet food buyer and travels across the country, the Internet and the world to find new and exciting foods for his customers. He has worked at Leon's for 21 years, starting as a sacker and holding just about every post ion before buying the store with his business parter, Roy Toy, who is also a meat expert and "foodie." Chad loves to cook and share his "foodie" passion with others.

Bringing Electricity to Pocras Park

The 2007 rejuvenation of Pocras Park was jump started by a generous donation from the Pocras/Kenyon family and Lincoln Parks & Recreation contribution. Since last summer, additional trees, bushes and landscaping have been added. This park not only provides fun and entertainment for everyone, but is also an asset to this area.

At the current time, there is no electricity to Pocras Park or the gazebo by the new playground area. Having electricity for lighting the gazebo is not only a safety factor, but also allows for multiple uses. In 2007 CCNA pledged a matching grant of \$4,000.00 towards the \$8,000.00 needed.

CCNA is very pleased to report that we have received the matching grant of \$4,000.00 needed for providing electricity and lights to Pocras Park. Because of the hard work of City Councilman Dan Marvin and LES's "Lincoln Cares" program, we now have the additional \$4,000.00 needed. Look for the electricity and lights to be installed late spring or early summer.



Lincoln Cares Program and CCNA

Lincoln Cares, the community donation program that supports Lincoln park and trail projects, recently approved \$4,000.00 to complete funding for the lighting project at Pocras Park. Since 2003, Lincoln Cares has funded similar park projects all over town, thanks to donations from generous LES customers totaling more than \$650,000.00.

Thank you to everyone who adds a dollar each month to their LES bill. Remember, every dollar donated to Lincoln Cares doubles, thanks to our corporate matching sponsors—TierOne Bank Foundation and Cabela's CLUB.

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The pictures on this page say it all – the October 21, 2007 CCNA Autumn Tour of Homes was a huge success. It was a beautiful autumn day and over 2100 people came out to tour five Country Club neighborhood homes.

The visitors to each of these homes had wonderful comments about the homes and the neighborhood – what a beautiful way to showcase our neighborhood!

CCNA is very grateful to the neighbors who so kindly opened their homes for the tour:

Bob and Barb Bartle
2232 Van Dorn

Tiffany Heier
3100 Van Dorn

Mike McCoy and Liz Shea-McCoy
2700 Sheridan Boulevard

The net proceeds from this event and the other 2007 100th Anniversary events will go towards neighborhood beautification. The 100th Anniversary committee will be making recommendations to the CCNA Board.

If you have a suggestion, please feel free to drop a note or email CCNA.



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Date: 2/9/2008
Times: 7:30 p.m.
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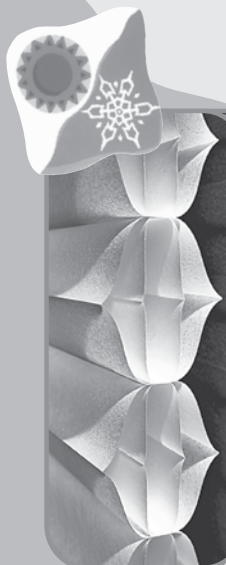
Cost: Free
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CHOCOLATE CREAM CHEESE SUGAR COOKIE BARS

1 box (15 oz) sugar cookie mix
1 pkg (8oz) cream cheese softened
1/4 c butter, softened
1/4 c Hershey's Cocoa
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla
powdered sugar (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix cookie dough according to pkg directions; spread in 9 inch square baking pan. In small mixer bowl, beat cream cheese and butter until light and fluffy. Stir together cocoa and granulated sugar; add to butter mixture. Add egg and vanilla; beat until smooth. Spread cream cheese mixture over cookie batter. Bake 40 minutes or until no imprint remains when touched lightly. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Sprinkle powdered sugar over top. If desired. Cut into bars; cover; refrigerate.
Makes about 16 bars.

ROCKY ROAD BROWNIES

1/2 c butter or margarine
1/2 c unsweetened cocoa
1 c up sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup all purpose flour
1/4 c buttermilk
1 tsp vanilla
1 c mini marshmallows
1 c coarsely chopped walnuts
1 c semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease an 8 inch square pan. Combine butter and cocoa in medium sized heavy saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly until smooth. Remove from heat; stir in sugar, egg, flour, buttermilk, and vanilla. Bake 25 minutes or until center feels dry. (Do not overbake or brownies will be dry.) Remove from oven; sprinkle marshmallows, walnuts and chocolate chips over the top. Return to oven for 3 to 5 minutes or just until topping is warmed enough to melt. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into 2 inch squares.
Makes 16 brownies

ENERGY SAVING TIPS for your Home

- 1 Dry your clothes on a drying rack or indoor clothes-line. Use the dryer only to fluff already dry clothing.
- 2 Use the energy settings on all appliances (dishwasher, refrigerator, microwave, etc).
- 3 Replace incandescent bulbs with fluorescent. They can help you save up to 75% on electricity.
- 4 Shut off the lights when you leave a room and make sure the lights are off when you leave your house.
- 5 If you have one or two rooms in the house that you use sparingly, shut the door and vent to that room so you aren't heating an empty space.
- 6 Caulk windows and replace weather strips on doors.
- 7 Adjust your thermostat in the evenings or purchase an programmable thermostat to run at a lower temperature when you're sleeping or away from the home.

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