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Board Members on the bike trail. (Back, L to R) Peter Frazier- Koontz, Susan Vacarro, Dan Marvin, Joyce Norris (Front, L to R) Paul Vaccaro, Bob Beecham, Cathy Beecham, Bill Norris (Not pictured: Lori Haudrich, Steve Haudrich, Rifka Keilson, Carrie Knight, Kay Maxwell, Jane Williams, Mary Lynn Schaffer, Alice Epstein, and Cynthia Woods)

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Feature Story

Summertime in the Neighborhood

The beauty of living in a 4-seasons climate is that when summer arrives, we go outdoors and celebrate. Our neighborhood comes alive with bike trails, swim pools, tennis courts, jogging, baby-strolling and just plain walking along the boulevards and sidewalks. The smell of patio grilling and grass mowing is in the air. Graduation parties and garage sales happen every weekend. And the 4th of July concludes with the Country Club's fireworks display after dark.

Here is a partial calendar of events for our neighborhood:

- **April 25** – bike trail clean up assisted by 18 volunteers from UNL.
- **May 2** – all neighborhood garage sale –see balloons on streets.
- **May 3** -- Lincoln Marathon runs along Sheridan Blvd. and S. 20 St.
- **May 5** – election of City Council – get out & vote (remember the library!)
- **May 10** – Near South Neighborhood Assn tour of homes
- **June 4** -- last day of public school + graduation week
- **June** – contact City Park and Rec for tennis, swim lessons and pool times
- **June 11** – Walking Tour with City Planner Ed Zimmer (see box on page 13). Meet at Woodscrest (26th & Sheridan) median at 6:30 pm.

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2009 CCNA Summer/Fall Meeting Schedule

July 21st, Tuesday

CCNA Neighborhood Meeting
Irving Rec Center, 2010 Van Dorn
7:00PM - Everyone's Invited

September 15th, Tuesday

CCNA Neighborhood Meeting
Irving Rec Center, 2010 Van Dorn
7:00PM - Everyone's Invited

October 20th, Tuesday

CCNA Neighborhood Meeting
Irving Rec Center, 2010 Van Dorn
7:00PM - Everyone's Invited

November 17th, Tuesday

CCNA Neighborhood Meeting
Irving Rec Center, 2010 Van Dorn
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 Irving Rec Center located at 2010 Van Dorn Street. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

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Letter from the CCNA President - Bob Beecham



Bob Beecham - CCNA President 2008-2009

As you can see from the photo, I've moved out of the winter cave and am taking down the Christmas lights. Our neighborhood looks great in May and we have a lot of fun summer activities to anticipate. May is the month of garage sales, graduation parties, city council elections (May 5), the Lincoln marathon and neighborhood clean-up.

A recap of winter news:

Thanks to departing board members Linda Wibbels, Doug Ayars and Dick Johnson. The new board members are Cathy Beecham (former President of Near South Neighborhood Assn), Dan Marvin (retiring City Council member), and Alice Epstein, PhD (former Kansas school principal and superintendent).

Because of CCNA efforts, we were recognized by the Preservation Association of Lincoln (PAL) with an award for Stewardship which is given for continuing stewardship in maintaining the historic integrity of a building, district or site. The PAL recognized the CCNA for our support of the Boulevards Historic District and for recognizing the historic value of our neighborhood.

Our summer projects include some work items and some play items. We are meeting with Mayor's office about resurfacing Sheridan Blvd. using economic stimulus money. We are fighting to keep South Branch library open.

Some play items include another historic neighborhood walk narrated by City Planner Ed Zimmer: Meet Thursday, June 11, 6:30 pm, on the east end of the Woodcrest median. Refreshments

follow the 90 min walk.

We are hosting free nights of family swim on Thursdays in June 25 and July 23 (page 15). This party is co-sponsored with Irving Rec Center. We are now holding our Board meeting at the Rec Center and it's a great place for meeting and lots of fun for youth. See the article of the list of summer "all ages" classes offered at the Rec Center.

The Board is planning a concert series at Pocras Park on Thursday evenings in September—more details in August newsletter.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter articles this issue. Ruth Thone, former Nebraska First Lady, writes about 26 years in her home. I asked Dave Hansen, President of the Lincoln Country Club, to tell us a bit more about the club, which is the namesake of our neighborhood and the benefactor of an amazing 4th of July fireworks show.

-- Bob Beecham

PS - Please note our email address has changed to: ccna.lincoln@gmail.com. Feel free to call me or if you want to visit, you are welcome to attend the CCNA meeting July 21, 2009 at 7:00 at Irving Rec Center (no summer meeting in June or August). Autumn meeting is September 21, 2009.

Special thanks to 18 UNL Pound Residence students who volunteered as part of a service project called "The Big Event." As you can see from the photos they braved the rain to scour the trail from South Street to Highway 2 and found a lot of trash.



UNL Students (Pound Residence Hall) clean up trash on the Rock Island Trail



UNL Students (Pound Residence Hall) at the Rock Island sign

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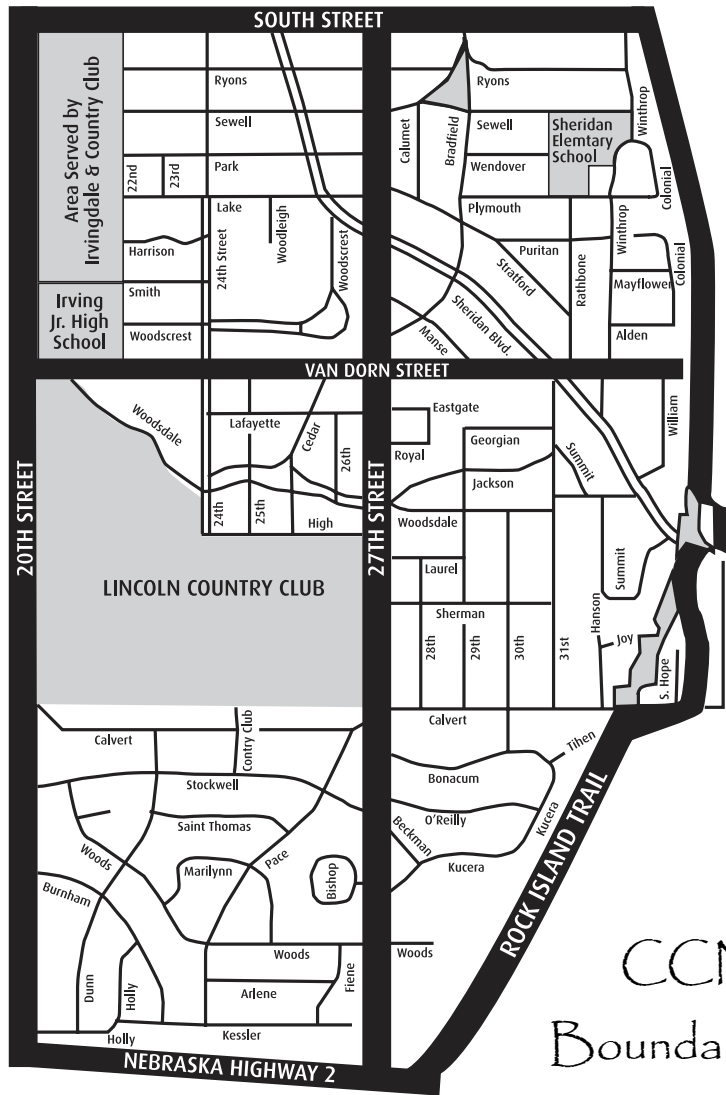
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Meet Three New Board Members!



Dan Marvin returns to the board. Dan was a board member from 1992 to 2002 and during that period served as treasurer. Dan has served on the Lincoln City Council for the past several years.



Alice Epstein has lived at 3144 Sheridan Blvd. for 11 years. She has a bachelor's degree and master's degree from the University of Nebraska and a PhD from the University of Kansas. She has been a teacher for over 15 years and a school administrator for over 15 years. She and her husband, Mike, enjoy living in the Country Club Neighborhood.



Cathy Beecham and her husband, Andy, recently moved into the neighborhood, along with their two daughters who are enrolled at Sheridan Elementary. Cathy has a long interest in historic preservation. She has a master's degree in archaeology and currently serves on the Preservation Commission and on the Preservation Association of Lincoln Board. Cathy has been the President of the Near South Neighborhood Association.

(Summertime in the Neighborhood, continued from page 2)

- **Free family swim nites** at Irving Pool, 20th & Van Dorn—sponsored by CCNA
 - **June 25** – 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm
 - **July 23** -- 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm
- **July 4**—neighborhood parades, pot-luck suppers and fireworks.
- **August 19**– School starts
- **September** – coming events: Free concerts Thursday nights at Pocras Park

Neighbors RECOGNIZING Neighbors

Good Neighbor Nominee:

Ray and Marti Lineweber - 2942 Stratford

Submitted by: Ross and Joyce Hecht, 2724 Stratford

Reason for Nomination: Many citizens of Lincoln know that Stratford Avenue is ablaze with Christmas lights during December. On Christmas Eve it becomes even more beautiful with luminaries placed the full length of the curving boulevards, which attracts a constant procession of slowly moving cars, vans and buses. Ray and Marti Lineweber have made this pilgrimage possible for about 30 years. They obtain and distribute the paper sacks and sand in which residents place the glowing votive candles that burn all night.

This is only one of the thoughtful things that Ray and Marti do for their Stratford neighbors.

Good Neighbor Nominee:

Troy Gold -- 2515 Calvert St

Submitted by: Trudy Burge, 2524 Calvert Street

Reason for Nomination: Troy watches out for his neighbors. He's often the first to volunteer help. His friendly attitude and concern for the general well-being of the neighborhood certainly contributes to a positive atmosphere.

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Time: 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm

No fee – sponsored with the Irving Rec Center

Questions? Call Dan at Irving Rec Center

441-8728. See you there and swim safe!

Good Neighbor AWARD NOMINATION Form

What is a good neighbor? We see examples every day. Walk down any street in the CCN and you will see residents improving the physical environment by building additions or by improving their landscape. You will also see neighbors checking on the elderly couple next door or helping a new neighbor move into their home. It is these kinds of acts, both big and small, that we want to recognize with CCNA GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS.

The purpose of the Good Neighbor Award is simple: to let others know what great neighbors you have and to encourage folks to continue to make the neighborhood a great place to live and work.

Some of the following would be considered grounds for nomination:

- Improving or maintaining landscaping
- Improvements to homes
- Improves the friendliness of our neighborhood
- Good deed doers
- Making the CCN a better place to live
- Contribute to the beauty of the CCN

Nominees will be recognized in The Chronicle and formal recognition will occur at the CCNA annual meeting each March. Let's pass this spirit along and encourage good stewardship and acts of kindness! www.ccnalinc.org

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Address of Nominee:

Reason for the Nomination *(send attachments or photos if you wish):*

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Meet the Neighbor: Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 South 24th Street

In previous issues we've introduced several notable neighbors. This time we wanted to highlight the namesake of our neighborhood—the Country Club of Lincoln (CCL). We talked with our neighbor Dave Hansen who is current president of the CCL Board.



Dave, can give me a little history of the Country Club?

It was founded in 1903 as a 9-hole golf course located at 7th & Washington Street. In 1922 it moved to the present location and it really was out in the country, there were no houses built yet.

What is the CCL?

18 holes of golf with practice range, tennis courts and fitness center. We have formal and informal dining and a full ballroom with

banquet facilities as well as a wine cellar.

Is the Club for youth or adults?

Both. In June we open the newly renovated (at a cost of \$1.7 million) swim pool complex and outside dining area. We offer swim teams and sports lessons for youth. We focus on family sports and activities.

Who pays for the upkeep of the grounds and facilities?

No tax dollars are used; it is privately supported by approximately 500 members.

How are members selected, any restrictions?

There are no restrictions on race, religion, age or gender. Current members nominate new members, but we can arrange an introduction if you are interested.

What type and cost of memberships?

Regular —access to everything with free golf – initiation fee \$5,000 to \$10,000. Plus monthly dues.

Social —access to everything except golf.—initiation fee \$1,500. Plus monthly dues.

Contact Deb Jacob at 423-8502 and she will provide information and arrange a tour or a round of golf or lunch or dinner.

Can non-members use the CCL?

The club is available for use by the public. However, you must have a member sponsor you or your event. A guest fee is charged for use of banquet room, golf, or facilities.

How does the Club benefit the neighborhood?

First of all, we're proud to be a real estate anchor in the neighborhood and we strive to keep our grounds in beautiful top condition to enhance all surrounding property values. We put on a huge 4th of July fireworks show at dusk every year that people can enjoy from their own front yard. And for years we have employed the youth of the neighborhood—in the dining rooms, for banquets and weddings, at the pool and tennis courts and on the grounds. We're also a dues paying member of the CCNA!



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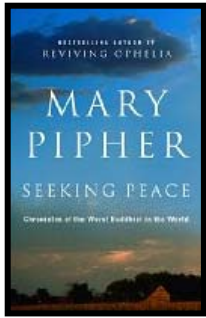
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CCNA Book Corner

Each issue we will feature a book written about or by a CCNA neighbor.



Seeking Peace By Mary Pipher

Our neighbor and esteemed author Mary Pipher just released a new nonfiction book. "Seeking Peace" is a personal reflection on her life's endeavor to find peace. Coming from a therapist who helps others find their inner calm, this book is personal yet applies to every reader.

Mary fascinates us with a thoughtful read about growing up in Kansas in the 50s with busy parents. She found her voice in college and attended grad school at the University of Nebraska where she met her husband Jim. They are psychologists who practiced in Lincoln and lived quietly in the neighborhood with their two children. That all changed when her book "Reviving Ophelia" became an overnight best seller and changed her family's lives. The challenges of her Cinderella story are revealed.

"Reviving Ophelia," the book that chronicles the difficulties of young girls growing up, is now a play produced in Lincoln by the Angels Theater Company at the Loft at the Mill, 8th & P Streets. It runs from today thru May 24. Call 474-2206 or tickets \$5 at the door.



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- South Branch serves lower income families
- South Branch is one of the most ECONOMICALLY viable libraries.

It is in times like this that a low cost operation should be favored, not censored.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

- Contact the mayor, city council, library director with a personal message
- Join the Save South Branch Library on Facebook

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The most current information on Save South Branch is on its web page at www.savesouthbranch.com and on the Facebook group Save South Branch Library. Fourth graders went to the streets in support of South Branch. Now all of us need to take action to save the South Branch Library.

Please, invite your neighbors and friends to help keep a valuable and prudent public asset. The most effective thing you can do is write to our elected officials.

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Dan Marvin

The CCNA asked Mayor Beutler his intentions regarding the South Branch Library and the Irving Swim Pool. Nothing guaranteed. Your action still needed! Read his response.

Dear Country Club Neighborhood Residents,

Thank you for your support of the South Branch Library. I appreciate your passion for your library and its importance to your neighborhood.

The national recession is causing a decline in our City sales tax base and property tax base. We are concerned that the City will have to operate with considerably less revenue than last year while coping with increased service costs. The Library Board prioritized its offerings in response and recommended the closure of two libraries, including the South Branch, if they are forced to operate with severely reduced revenues.

We are just beginning budget discussions in the Mayor's Office and examining our revenue projections. I will offer my budget to the community in June. The City Council will hold public hearings and deliberate over the summer. The budget will be finalized in mid-August.

I hope to include the South library in my budget proposal to the

community. Lincoln is a community that values its quality of life and libraries are an important contributor. Unfortunately, our revenues aren't keeping pace with the increased costs of services, resulting in over 110 job cuts in City government over the last two years. The upcoming 2009-2010 budget is showing signs of being even more challenging. Many important City services may not be funded if we can't find the community consensus necessary to solve our revenue problems.

I understand there also is concern about Irvingdale Pool. The operation of this neighborhood pool is funded for the 2009 season.

I hope you will take a new survey about the budget on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov. Your input is very valuable to us. I also urge you to educate your co-workers, neighbors, and friends about the City revenue situation and the importance of libraries and pools to the community. I remain hopeful that if we work together, we can find solutions to help us preserve the City services that are important to Lincoln's quality of life.

Sincerely,

Chris Beutler, Mayor of Lincoln

The Sneezin' Season



After being cooped up during the months of cold, blustery winds and snowy weather, most people long for the first signs of budding spring. They are the people without spring time allergies.

For the 35 million others, spring brings on the runny nose, itchy eyes, scratchy throat, the sneezing and wheezing - all

symptoms of what's commonly called "hay fever". These symptoms interfere with work and school performance as well as sleep. Staying inside may not provide the relief allergy sufferers badly need, especially if the quality of the air in the house is poor. Hay fever isn't the only condition affected by poor indoor air quality, asthma and sinus conditions are also made worse.

Thankfully for those with allergies, sinus problems and asthma - a simple improvement to the air quality in their home can greatly impact the effects these conditions have on them. Today thousands are finding increased relief from these issues by simply removing the allergens and irritants from the air they breathe.

In an average home the airborne

contaminant levels are 70 times worse than that of the outdoor air. Air quality enrichments such as air duct cleaning and air purification can help lower the effects of allergies and help clear up sinus

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Guest Columnist

“The Old Neighborhood”

by Ruth Raymond Thone

(Ruth Thone is a writer, teacher and mother of 3 daughters. She was the First Lady of Nebraska from 1979 to 1983 and lived in Washington DC from 1971 to 1979 when her husband Charles Thone was Congressman from Nebraska First District).

Little did we know, during that crunch time of finding a house in January 1983, we'd come to love this house on the corner of Woodsdale and 31st. Charley (then Governor) was at the Sun Bowl in El Paso when we made the offer and concluded by telephone.

We were moving from that large lovely house owned by the State of Nebraska at 14th & H, not only to another house but to a new life of heavenly quiet and days and nights of our choosing. I was worried I'd never learn to navigate the curving streets in this part of town because downtown the streets are numbered and lettered.

Our middle daughter Marie, visiting from Boston, said she knew we were to buy this house when she saw the wallpaper in the dining room, which matched hand-made pottery dishes she and her sisters were giving us for Christmas. Amy, in her first year of college at UNL and her last in Lincoln, came occasionally to do her laundry and told us she liked the new sofa but too bad it didn't



Ruth and her husband, Charley

match a single other piece of front room furniture. The cats bounced from the stairs onto the rug in the front hall, loving sliding around where they might be let out and/or could get pets from visitors. We went through the drill of walking them around the house several times, in order to get them to recognize their new house.

After we moved into our house in the Country Club neighborhood, it seemed like everyone grew up around there. Our house was the “old Lau house,” although two other families had lived here since Margaret Lau. I remember “the old Chesen house” where Irv Chesen grew up at 2900 Woodsdale, which is now home to Margaret and Fred Rickers. Jobie and Dick Russell, still living in “the old Woodruff house” at the northwest corner of 29th and Woodsdale, came right over to welcome us with baked sweets and Penny Kirk Bradley, then living in the big modern house on the southeast corner of our

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Woodsdale-facing block brought over coffee and cups.

Years later we are fiercely protective of our perfect house in the perfect neighborhood, Charley insisting that he is never leaving. We've been so comfortable and happy here --our cupboards and drawers full of 26 years of stuff that we lugged in here. Our corrections and additions to these minutes of our lives include occasional housepainting, constant gardening, repairs, a lovely railing along the sidewalk, an extra bathroom, new carpet and kitchen counters. In recent years those sure signs of old age—hand holds and railings.

On my 70th birthday, seven years ago, I had a tea for my favorite women friends. It took me two weeks to move the piles of stuff so there was room to set out tea cups and chairs. Thus our house is not decorator-ready but certainly perfect family-friendly home, even when the girls come home.

When I used to walk at night, I recognized people mostly by their dogs, not remembering names. 30th street has a 4th of July party and one year Charley was Uncle Sam in the parade, leading the little kids up and down the street. Each 4th of July we go to Omaha during the day and return late at night, ooh-ing and aah-ing over the fireworks lighting up the neighborhood night sky. Such a sense of welcome gladdens our hearts every time we come back to our once-new and now-old house.



Country Club Historic Homes Walking Tour on June 11

Back by popular demand! Join your friends and neighbors for a relaxing stroll through our beautiful neighborhood on Thursday, June 11, 2009. The walk will be led by City Planner and Historian Ed Zimmer and will feature historic homes in the Sheridan and Woodscrest area. Last summer over 150 people enjoyed two historic walks through the neighborhood.

DATE: June 11, 2009

TIME: 6:30 PM

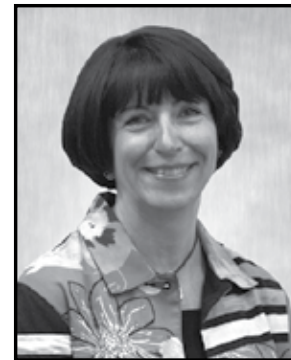
PLACE: Meet at Woodscrest median (south of 25th & Sheridan)

OTHER: Refreshments following the walk



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Maude Rousseau Elementary School



As we reflect back from the start of the year, the progress of the Rousseau students is outstanding again this year and we thank you for your support of our school.

Students just finished the Books and Beyond program, designed to get the students to spend more time reading to enhance their educational experience. Each student is encouraged to read outside of class and record their efforts on a weekly basis, with weekly and 6-week rewards.

March 17, the students and staff at Rousseau were thrilled to host author Kate Klise. She wrote "Regarding the Fountain", which is our One Book One Rousseau selection this year. All the students K-5th grade met Ms. Klise to learn about how and what inspires her to write, as well as information about her childhood. Her sister Sarah, an illustrator, provides the illustrations for all of the books she writes. Ms. Klise lives in Missouri and writes chapter books, picture books and also writes for People magazine.

Rousseau participates in Destination ImagiNation to encourage students to access their creativity, learn problem-solving skills, and experience successful teamwork strategies. Our teams competed in local and statewide competition to find solutions to various challenges. To learn more about Destination Imagination by visiting the online site: <http://www.idodi.org/>.

The highlight of the spring season is Fun Night -- a fun filled evening and much anticipated event for all the students. So many parents volunteer and it's the kids' favorite event.

During the summer Rousseau will be closed for construction.

To learn more about Maude Rousseau, please visit the school's web site at <http://rousseau.lps.org/>. By the way, the Rousseau families actively collect General Mill's "Box Tops for Education" cut-outs -- please just drop them by the office when you have a chance. Thanks again for your continued support.

Sheridan News



You're invited to an Open House and Art Fair on May 7th from 6:00 – 8:00 at Sheridan to thank the community for supporting the wonderful renovations that were completed the last school year.

The PTO will sponsor a silent auction during this event. Tour the building and see the beautiful mural students have created this year. Student art work and music will be featured. Art classes will also be offered for students to enjoy.

We held a Bike Rodeo April 27, the Boy Scouts facilitated -- to teach safety while riding their bikes.

Several guests visited in April to help celebrate National School Library Month. Mayor Chris Beutler and other local celebrities read to students in the media center on April 27th. (Continued on page 15)

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.

When driving, be careful of student traffic. School hours can be as early as 7AM and as late as 4PM. 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. If you have an article you would like to contribute to the *CCNA Chronicle*, please mail or email to CCNA.



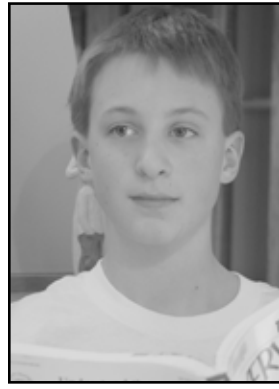
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(*Sheridan Elementary News, Continued from page 14*) Lincoln native and author, Brandon Sanderson, discussed with fourth and fifth graders his latest book series. These books “Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians” and “Alcatraz Versus the Scrivener’s Bones” have huge appeal to upper elementary and middle school readers.

This year is continuing to be a good year for our students. Our PTO’s continued support makes a huge difference and allows us to continue to enrich our students’ lives with visits from artists, authors and musicians. Have a healthy and safe summer.



Country Club Featured Student



Alex Schueth

Alex, son of Doris and Lyle Schueth, 2234 Sewell Street is a sophomore at Pius X High School where he carries a 4.0 GPA. In addition to his academic accomplishments, Alex plays French horn in the symphonic band, pep band, and marching band. He competes in forensics where he lettered as a freshman after participating in the extemporaneous, impromptu, and thematic divisions. Alex has been an altar server at Blessed Sacrament, a member of the Pro-life Club, and is completing work on his Eagle rank in the Boy Scouts. For exercise, Alex enjoys golf and snow skiing. Future plans include college where he wants to pursue a degree in nuclear or mechanical engineering

when he completes high school.

He loves his Sewell Street neighborhood for many different reasons. He enjoys walking his dog in the numerous parks and watching him find all the different scents. Alex points out that there is a good spirit in the neighborhood and that neighbors often gather informally to talk when one is outside working in nice weather. He made the point that two people start talking and that others will soon join them. On the Fourth of July, there are numerous parties followed by amazing fireworks shows. He also appreciates the way neighbors rally around and help take care of each other when they are sick.

Alex is known and respected by all his neighbors and we are proud that he lives in the neighborhood.

Irving Rec Center Offers Summer Programs for Youth and Adults

The Irving Rec Center at 20th & Van Dorn will again sponsor Day Camps!

Grades K-4, from 7am – 6 pm, 10 weeks from June 8 to August 14.

- Mid level grades 5 – 7, 10 weeks.
- Both camps cost \$95.00 per week.

Each week includes one field trip, 2 days swimming, tennis games on the nearby courts, activities of individual and team challenges, hobbies and team sports. Last year the camps filled completely, so act fast – call 441-7954 to register.

FREE ACTIVITIES OPEN TO PUBLIC:

- **Computer Lab**, Mon – Fri, from 1-3 pm. Seven computers available with assistance available.
- **Youth activities.** Drop in for pool, air hockey, foos-ball and video games from 1-7 pm M-Thurs and 1-6 pm. Fri.

ART CLASSES:

ALL AGES – Fees \$ apply:

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| • Jewelry making | June 8 M-F, 2-3 pm. |
| • Ceramics 3D | June 15 M-F, 2-4 pm |
| • Pottery | June 22 M-F, 2-4 pm |
| • Drawing | July 6 M-F, 2-3 pm |
| • Print Making | July 6 M-F, 2-4 pm |
| • Watercolor | July 20 M-F, 2-3 pm |
| • Collage/Mixed Media | July 27 M-F, 2-3 pm |
| • Photography | July 27 M-F, 2-3 pm. |



POLICE REPORT: Simple Crime Prevention: Lock Garage Doors

Filed by: Capt Kim Koluch, LPD

Spring has sprung and we all know that with warmer weather comes an increase in certain property crimes like burglary and larceny. Yes, apparently even criminals like the comfort of a warm cozy fire on a cold winter's night. The good news is, in both cases you have the power to drastically reduce or eliminate your chances of being the victim of a crime.

Larceny from a parked vehicle is the number one property crime in Lincoln, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost property and damage each year, and we know from experience that certain vehicles make better targets. For example, a car parked on the street is more likely to be broken into than a car parked in the driveway. If valuables are left in plain sight criminals are not shy about breaking out a window, and if a car is left unlocked it is easily ransacked. Over the past few years we have also seen an increase in larcenies from parked cars where the perpetrators can predict how long the car will be left unattended. For example people parking at fitness centers or trailheads to walk or run usually tuck their wallet or purse under the front seat, and are predictably gone for an hour or two. Parking in a driveway is good and parking in your garage is better, keep valuables in the trunk or glove box and lock your car.

In 2008, Southeast Team officers worked 236 residential burglaries resulting in reported losses of \$349,681.00 and damages of \$21,286.00. Of those 236, entry was made through an open or unlocked door 108 times and 74 of those were open garage doors. If we could just get people to close their garage doors we might have prevented nearly 31% of the burglaries reported.

The really good news for the Country Club neighborhood is that you have a very active neighborhood association that stays current and informed about crimes in the neighborhood. You can stay more informed about what is going on in your particular neighborhood by getting Crime Alerts. These alerts are available by going to the LPD web page <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/police/> and clicking on "Crime Alerts" under "Online Services," and then simply follow the prompts.

If you have questions or concerns about what's going on in your neighborhood, you can contact me at lpd454@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov or 441-7755.

A NATURAL OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Owners say their dogs get excited when their car turns onto the gravel road leading to AK Kennels. Owners and dogs prefer the personal home like atmosphere of AK. The 5 fenced acres of woods, spring fed creek, mowed and natural grass areas are supplied with toys, water, shade, and shelter. Each dog is given a 6x6 kennel in the house, exercise, playtime, rugs, toys, treats etc. for one price. No extra charge for special needs.

Our mission is to have a peaceful dog community where dogs can have a natural outdoor experience and become an accepted member of our pack. Using a leadership approach, owner Vicky Moser uses her 13 years of experience to guide dogs in improving their manners and social skills. Dogs tend to go home with better manners, tired and dream of another visit to AK.

Each morning groups of dogs are taken out back. Whether old or young, small or large, all dogs head for their favorite spots. The creek, a favorite squirrel tree, or the right stick are some of the natural activities the dogs enjoy. After playing, they find a nice spot for a pack nap. Weather permitting, The dogs stay outside for the rest of the day.

JOIN US FOR DOG RUN DAY

Thursday May 28, 6-8pm

Meet other dogs and owners who frequent AK. Vicky will be available for tours and to answer your dog training questions.

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- 3 C diet 7-up
- 1 small box frozen strawberries
- 1 large can crushed pineapple, undrained
- 2 small cans mandarin oranges, drained
- ½ C sugar
- 3 mashed bananas.
- Optional: other fresh fruits—sliced peaches or red grapes, cut in small pieces.

Ladle into small CLEAR plastic party cups and freeze on trays. Before serving, thaw 30-60 minutes and serve with a spoon.
Makes 12 - 15 servings.

About the Chef:

Every 4th of July Eleanor Wood prepares a brunch for her neighbors on O'Reilly Drive, after the street parade. Eleanor, who just finished her 3rd year at Gustavus Adolphus, graduated from Lincoln SouthEast and someday hopes to attend culinary or baking school; at the moment she is studying math and accounting.



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The arts also enrich grown-up creative thinking in business and governance, expression, recreation and—believe it or not—economic strength. In Lincoln, the arts contribute more than \$36 million to the economy and support the equivalent of 1,081 full-time jobs. The arts are one reason people choose Lincoln for business and living, which further supports our economy.

“Art is an exclamation point in people’s lives,” says Deb Weber, executive director of the Lincoln Arts Council (LAC), referring also to the exclamation point in the LAC’s logo. Located in the old City Hall at 10th & O, the LAC is our town’s official arts advocate organization, providing grants, consultation, technical assistance and training to support all Lincoln arts organizations.

Deb believes the arts are part of a strong economy in another way, too. “We need to think differently about the economy to solve our problems, and who better to help us than artists. Their

creative thought process could help us come up with incredible solutions.”

The LAC is funded by grants, donations and inexpensive memberships. When you make a donation of \$25 or more, you receive a “Spark Card”, which supports all the arts and gives a discount on many activities.

Deb extends a challenge to Lincolnites to join and give specific donations for a new LAC Web site. The site will serve as a clearing house of information about events and activities of all Lincoln arts organizations, making the best use of every dollar given.

“We need a robust site to draw people from outside Lincoln,” Deb says. “Visitors spend three times as much on the arts as local citizens. With donations for a new site, you can leave a legacy that fuels the artistic and economic strength of our city for many years to come.” If you would like to help, mark your donation “LAC Web Fund.”

To learn more—or to find enriching arts events to attend—visit the “old” LAC Web site at www.artscene.org or call 402-434-2787.

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How to Have a Green Lawn and a Lower Water Bill

By Judson Byleen, owner Judson Irrigation



Spring of 2009 has arrived and now is the time to get out in the lawn and landscape to begin favorite outdoor activities once again. In the minds of many are thoughts about the economic landscape as well. Fortunately, here in Nebraska we are not feeling the effects to the degree seen elsewhere.

With this in mind let’s talk about how you as a homeowner can save dollars on your water bill while maintaining a healthy and great looking landscape. For us in Lincoln with our heavy clay soils, most people overwater both their turf and plantings

Clay soils have a very slow intake rate (.10 inches/hour) which means that as water is applied it will begin to run off quickly onto sidewalks or streets. By using cycle and soak we mean applying no more than .10 inches of water and then waiting an hour before applying another .10 inches. This allows the first application to soak into the soil before another cycle begins.

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option which has been available for the past couple years is the installation of an ET controller. These controllers automatically program themselves with cycle and soak capabilities and make seasonal adjustments in your watering schedules as well.

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