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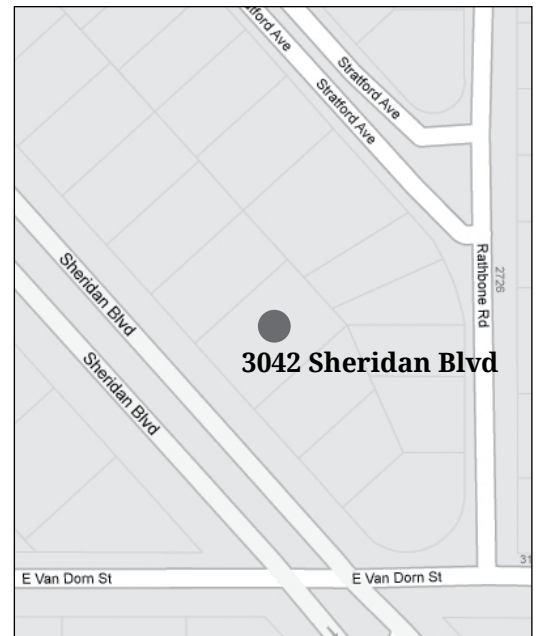
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## Every house has a story (or two)

by Ed Zimmer

One of the many picturesque houses of Sheridan Boulevard occupies a generous lot and a half at 3042 Sheridan. It was illustrated as the "Dr. J. P. Williams Res." in a 1923 picture book of Lincoln, looking very much as it does today with its rounded eaves (hinting at the thatched roofs of its English antecedents) and unusual sideways orientation, with the main entrance facing a terrace and the driveway, not the Boulevard.

The 1921 building permit for this house indicates "Jno. P. Williams" was both owner and contractor, estimating the cost of construction at \$12,000. Our illustration is from The Architectural Forum magazine of September



1922. An advertisement for a Chicago casement window company featured the Williams house and identifies R. C. Buckley of Minneapolis as its architect. Little is currently known about Buckley or how he came to design this fine Lincoln residence.

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## Chronicle Farewell Message

It was a bittersweet day for me in early June when I informed the CCNA Board of Directors that I must resign as President only a few months after assuming the office. Shortly after the last issue of this newsletter was mailed out my wife Susan and I entered in an agreement to purchase a house in Omaha where both of our daughters, our son-in-law and our six month old grandson live. We have since made the move and while we still find ourselves in Lincoln nearly every day conducting our real estate business we can no long call the Country Club neighborhood home and thus the need for me to pass on the gavel. We have enjoyed living in Lincoln the past thirteen years and in the neighborhood for nearly seven but when it became clear that our entire immediate family was going to call Omaha home for the foreseeable future a difficult decision was made easier.

Upon my resignation, as called for in the association bylaws, Dan Marvin as Administrative Vice President assumed the role of acting President. By the time you read this letter the Board will have taken action to elect either Dan or one of several other very qualified Board members to fill the vacated position. CCNA is blessed to have over twenty committed and talented Board members and I am very confident that this transition will be handled smoothly.

Before I say my final goodbye I want to update you on a tweaking of the CCNA organizational structure and operation. Having a committee structure in place in an organization such as the CCNA is certainly not a new idea. We have formed and dissolved multiple informal committees

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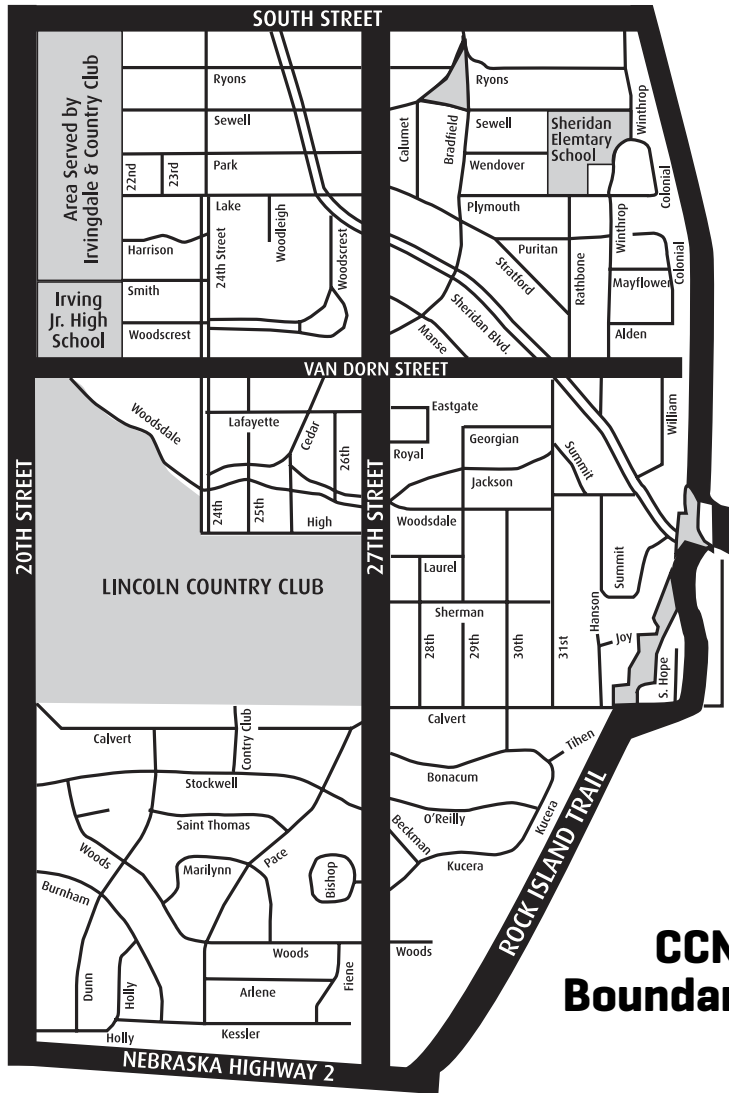
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over my time with the Board to address special activities such as our centennial celebration but for the most part the Board of Directors was the committee and the committee was the Board. Association business was initiated and implemented by the Board most often in conjunction with our regularly scheduled Board meetings. Particularly interested individuals took action between Board meetings but often time's action items seem to languish as they were discussed at one Board meeting and then the next and so on. With only five to seven active Board members we really could not expect much more. Today the CCNA has over twenty Board members and the decision has been made that the time is right to institute a more formal and hopefully more active working committee structure.

Towards that end the following committees have been established; Activities & Special Events, Projects & Beautification, Communications & Membership, Community Relations, and Finance. The vision is that at least one and probably more likely three or four Board members will sit on each committee and the general membership, in particular, is encouraged to take an active role as well. The committees will select their own leadership, establish their own meeting schedule, and provide input and reporting at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings and to the general membership through this newsletter. A very simple concept to be certain but one that has been difficult to facilitate in the past given our small numbers. You will find the first committee reports included in this issue of the Chronicle.

With that I will sign off as your CCNA President. Susan and I intend to continue, as we have for going on a year now, doing business in both Lin-

coln and Omaha and will continue to work out of the Woods Bros Realty office right here in the neighborhood. We will continue to help people sell and purchase houses in this wonderful area that we have called home for the past seven years and look forward to staying in touch with the many friends and neighbors that we have met along the way.

**Paul Vaccaro**  
CCNA Outgoing President

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# Math scores show significant increases for LPS elementary students

Lincoln Public Schools Press Release

Scores to measure mathematics proficiency have increased dramatically for elementary school students at Lincoln Public Schools (LPS), indicating significant improvements in the percentages of students who are working at or above grade level.

“We are seeing significant gains in mathematics this past school year. In fact, some groups of students are measuring increases of more than 20 percentage points compared to the previous year,” said Marilyn Moore, associate superintendent for Lincoln Public Schools. “I believe this kind of tremendous growth is due to focused, intense work at all levels, including our students, their teachers, the math coaches, principals and School District leaders.”

An astounding 99 percent of LPS third graders are working at or above grade level in math for the 2009-10 school year, compared to 90 percent the previous year – 97 percent of fourth graders, compared to 82 percent the previous year – and 98 percent of fifth graders, compared to 85 percent the previous year.

Additionally, specified groups of students – children living in poverty, children who are diverse, children who receive special education services, and children who are from immigrant and refugee families – also saw dramatic increases.

These math assessments are called “Criterion-referenced tests” (CRTs), aimed at measuring student achievement and whether students have learned the required material. These particular math CRTs are developed by LPS teachers, and the level of necessary proficiency is determined by LPS teachers, and LPS evaluation and assessment officials. The information will be reported to the Nebraska Department of Education for use in determining which schools and school districts are in need of improvement.

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Matt Larson, curriculum specialist for mathematics at LPS, has led the work that has resulted in these accomplishments. He described some of the major strategies emphasized in the past year.

**Constant and consistent assessment:** Common and consistent assessments were used throughout the School District and throughout the year – constantly checking to determine which students had learned which objectives, and which students needed additional time and instruction. Teachers met in Professional Learning Communities to review student data and formulate plans for re-teaching as necessary.

**Students remain in grade level groups:** All students were placed in

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grade-level mathematics groups. Students who were working below grade level were provided additional time and support, but were not removed from the basic instruction grade-level group.

**Classroom teaching:** Effective classroom teaching was emphasized using research-based instructional strategies. Examples included: Improvements in engaging students, improvements in the quality of the math tasks assigned to students, implementing math tasks at a high level, increases in the number and quality of questions asked during math instruction, direct instruction of math vocabulary, and more effective use of guided and independent practice to build mastery and retention.

**Math coaches:** Math instructional coaches worked with grade-level teams throughout the School District, providing teachers with research-based professional development. The coaches worked with grade-level teams in one-hour sessions held every two to three weeks.

**Commitment:** District leaders and principals committed significant time to their own professional development in effective mathematics instruction.

### Performance by specific groups of students:

Children living in poverty (who qualify for free and reduced lunch): 98 percent of third graders are working at or above grade level, compared to 82 percent the previous year; 94 percent of fourth graders, compared to 72 percent the previous year; and 97 percent of fifth graders, compared



## Fall for art this September

“The Lincoln Arts Festival is a treasure for Lincoln artists and art lovers. It stimulates Lincoln’s economy and brings us new art to purchase for ourselves or friends and family.” - Pam Baker. Whatever your likes or dislikes, one thing’s for sure, you’ll find yourself falling for art this September at the Lincoln Arts Festival.

Brought to you by the Lincoln Arts Council and the assistance of over 75 volunteers, the Lincoln Arts Festival celebrates its 10th year on September 25th and 26th at SouthPointe Pavilions Shopping Center. The festival will be home to fabulous works of art for purchase; amazing live music acts to enliven your senses along with a fun, family-friendly atmosphere complete with children’s activities, food and raffle prizes including two round trip tickets to Chicago on Amtrak with a free two night stay at the downtown Holiday Inn once you’re there.

If art is what you’re after (and we hope that you are) you’ll have the opportunity to walk through over 100 artists’ booths displaying their very best wares. About half the artists will be returning favorites while the other half are new participants with exciting, innovative pieces to share. Affordable pricing on valuable pieces allows you to fall for art while keeping your budget in tact. If you’re looking for a great piece for that blank wall, a unique “off the registry” gift for a family or friend or just something fun for your coffee table, garden or earlobes, the Lincoln Arts Festival is the place to find it.

Back due to popular demand will be an interactive center full of fun and surprises for your budding artists outside and inside Barnes and Noble. Children will have the chance to participate in several different art activities under the guidance of area artists and arts educators.

Many of the arts activities will tie directly to literature available in Barnes and Noble. Both of these interactive arts areas allow your children to fall for art while they develop their creativity, and will yield self-created keepsakes to take home. Color, design, music and literature come to life! There will also be special appearances by local performers to add extra zest to the children’s activities. The kid’s interactive centers are graciously supported by the Kinder Porter Scott Family Foundation, with the cooperation of Barnes and Noble. Even if your little ones aren’t in tow, be sure to swing by for your sneak peak at the future of the Lincoln art scene.

While you’re making the rounds at the Festival, please say thanks to our generous Producing Sponsor Performance Toyota, our co-Event Sponsors Great Western Bank and Ameritas Life Insurance, the sponsor of our Patron Program Nebraska Heart Institute and the sponsor of artists’ hospitality Russ’s Market. The Lincoln Arts Festival is your chance to Fall for Art—don’t let it flutter away without you!



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# Prevent heat-related illnesses as summer winds down

Lancaster County Health Department Press Release

Summer is winding down but the temperatures still remain in the upper 80s and 90s. These temperatures, combined with extremely high relative humidity levels, will make work and play outside dangerous and possibly life-threatening for young children, older adults, and people with chronic illnesses such as respiratory disease and heart conditions.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department encourages everyone to become familiar with the signs of heat-related illness and to practice preventive measures to reduce their chance for heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

“People suffer heat-related illness when the body’s temperature rises and precautions are not taken to prevent it,” said Mike Heyl, a Health Educator with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. With so many outdoor activities taking place during this heat advisory, basic preventive measures should be followed. These measures include:

- Drink plenty of water. Individuals should increase their fluid intake by drinking 2-4 eight ounce glasses of water each hour during strenuous physical activity.
- Stay out of the direct heat of the sun as much as possible and stay in a cool environment whenever possible. Avoid being outside during the peak sun hours of 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. Schedule outdoor activity carefully.
- Wear appropriate clothing and sun screen. Choose light-weight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing and wear a broad-brimmed hat to shade the head. Select a sun screen SPF of 30 or more to protect your skin from the sun. Apply the sun screen a half hour before going outside.
- Infants and children are susceptible to dehydration and especially at risk during times of high heat and humidity. Be sure they drink plenty of fluids - especially water, stay in a cool place, wear loose-fitting light-weight clothing, and avoid direct sun exposure.
- Never leave children in a vehicle with the windows rolled up. Children’s body temperature rises 3 to 5 times more rapidly than an adult’s body temperature in a car with the windows rolled up.
- Adjust to the environment slowly, pace your physical activity, STOP any activity and get into a cool area away from the direct heat of the sun if you become lightheaded, confused, weak, or faint.
- Avoid alcohol and caffeine as these promote fluid loss.
- If you do not have air conditioning or a cool place to be, consider going to a library, a movie theater, shopping mall, or other air-conditioned public location.
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Symptoms of heat stress include clammy, sweaty skin, light-headedness, weakness, and nausea.

Victims of heat exhaustion should be treated by moving them to a cooler area and by removing restrictive clothing. If conscious, individuals with heat exhaustion can be given cold water to drink. Salt tablets, unless under a doctor’s orders, should be avoided. Plenty of rest will help the victim. Heat Stroke is a more serious condition and should be treated as a medical emergency. Symptoms include hot skin, body temperatures above 103 degrees Fahrenheit, rapid breathing and pulse, incoherent behavior, mental confusion, convulsions, or unconsciousness. Victims of heat stroke need to be moved to a cool place and medical assistance must be summoned immediately.

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**One of the many picturesque houses of Sheridan Boulevard occupies a generous lot and a half at 3042 Sheridan. It was illustrated in a 1923 picture book of Lincoln, looking very much as it does today with its rounded eaves and unusual sideways orientation.**

selling it in 1930 to Edward and Florence O'Shea of O'Shea-Rogers Motor Company and Cornhusker Radio and Television Corp., the owners of KOLN-TV, Lincoln's first TV station. The Williams moved just around the corner to 2930 Van Dorn Street, built for them by Ed Bstandig in 1929 and designed by Lincoln architect N. Bruce Hazen.



## Community Relations Committee

The Community Relations Committee (CRC) provides contact with other neighborhood and city organizations in an effort to keep the board and members apprised of trends and decisions which may impact on the Country Club Neighborhood. Recent meetings attended included the Mayor's Roundtable and the Lincoln Policy Committee. Peter Frazier-Koontz chairs the CRC.

The CRC will also focus on problem properties which exist within the neighborhood. These are properties which may be long standing vacancies, homes in dire need of repair, and buildings and grounds which are in violation of city code. We will work with the owners and the various city departments in addressing these concerns.

At the same time, we want to recognize property owners whose grounds are developed and maintained such that they make all parts of the neighborhood beautiful for those who walk or drive through it. We plan to divide the neighborhood into six "districts" for purposes of nominations and will then select one winner from each district. The Community Relations Committee will announce the criteria for selection in the next newsletter and will begin accepting nominations. As you drive through our neighborhood, notice which homes have the kind of "curb appeal" that we all enjoy. Look for additional information in the next newsletter.

## From the Webmaster...

In the one month period ending July 17th, there were 80 visits to our website by 72 unique visitors. The most recent updates to the website include links to our facebook page and to the LES site related to the burying of power lines along 27th Street. As always, past issues of the Chronicle newsletter are available for viewing, as well as our BizLinc business card section. I have also updated the many links to various community organizations and entertainment opportunities in the Lincoln area. The website also will keep you up to date on upcoming meetings.

Our facebook group is now up to 14 members, and I would certainly encourage anyone who is interested to join. As mentioned above, there is a link to facebook on our website, ccnalinc.org. Once we get more members, I foresee using the facebook page to announce upcoming events, etc. I would also like to see discussions, such as on the LES project noted above.

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**-Stephen Haudrich**

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by Jane Williams and Laura Woodson



As residents of the double block on Sewell Street between 22nd and 24th Streets, we have been blessed with a remarkable neighbor. Lloyd Swift grew up in the house on Sewell Street and has generously given permission for us to tell his story.

Mr. Swift and his family moved to Sewell Street in 1925 when Lloyd was four years old. He was quick to say that he turned five shortly after they moved to this address. Theirs was not the first house on the block, but it was among the first. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church began with a fiber-board type of exterior until the congregation could afford to upgrade to the current stone. The houses at 2200, 2201, and 2226 were already built and occupied at the time the Swifts moved into their house. He recalled that the house at 2300 had been the model for the house at 2201. 2226 Sewell became a duplex. It is now a single family dwelling again.

Did you know there used to be a lake in the neighborhood? Lake Street was named because there had been a lake in the area south of Bryan-LGH West Hospital and the Independence Center. Mr. Swift told us that ice skating was a popular pastime during the winter months. The lake was drained because of flooding and drainage concerns in the area.

Over the years many changes have taken place. The house at 2211 Sewell was auctioned off during the hard times and purchased by the owner of 2201 Sewell who placed their bids through the then hedge between their properties. That house and many others have been improved as time passed. The area south of Sewell was open with lots of plants, weeds and flowers. The east end of the block had several lots that were still empty. At the Swift house two dwarf spruce trees were planted in the front yard. Today they tower above the house and the street. No one guessed that a dwarf spruce could ever grow so tall.

Through the years Lloyd pursued his education



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and career. He earned his Bachelor's degree in English at UNL. He then earned a masters in English at Case-Western Reserve in Ohio and a masters in Botany at UNL. He also has a doctorate from UNL. Mr. Swift was one of the early faculty members at Ataturk University in Turkey in the 1960's where he taught plant physiology. Since he spoke little Turkish, he taught through an interpreter. At one point in his career, Lloyd taught in Alaska. He told us it was surprising to notice how big a difference there is in the feeling between 20 below zero and 40 below zero.


When asked about his fondest memories living on Sewell Street Mr. Swift smiled as he recalled quite a group of children of which he was one. Halloween came to mind. Apparently the tradition was to cause some amount of trouble instead of getting treats. Lloyd watched as some children created some havoc at one house. The man of the house came out. The other children had disappeared and Lloyd ended up being the one chased. He recalls running as fast as he could, finally running between houses to elude his chaser. As often happens the observer became the chased instead of the actors.

Mr. Swift noted that while houses had gone through different owners and many internal and external changes, the houses on our block have remained "as they ought to be". He would like to see the neighborhood stay as much the same as it is as possible. When asked what makes this neighborhood so special, Lloyd did not even hesitate. He said, "The people. The people are all friendly."



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## Find your missing pet

An article by the Lancaster County Animal Council

Your pet is missing and you have no idea where it may be. This is not the time to panic. Stay calm and follow the instructions below; your chances of finding your pet will be better.

### Don't Wait

Once you discover your pet is missing, don't wait. Organize your family, neighbors and friends into search teams. Equip each team with a current photo of your pet so you can inquire of people who may have seen the missing animal.

Have one team search the immediate area around your home. Look in your yard, alleys, backyards or neighboring houses, streets and garages. Extend your search to area parks, woods, drainage ways and schoolyards. These often attract dogs. Constantly call your pet's name. Cats may hide in small sheltered places such as under bushes, shrubs, porches and cars, or inside sheds, garages and boxes.

If you hear barking, meowing or whining, it may be your pet calling for help. It may also be sounding off about another animal or wildlife.

Another team can check with your neighbors--they may have seen it and they may be willing to keep an eye out for it. Newspaper and mail car-

riers, as well as people who make regular deliveries in your area, may be of some help. Show people the picture of your pet; it may help them place your pet and where it may have been heading.

### Contact Animal Control

In Lincoln, you can call Animal Control. Describe your pet to them. It may be possible that one of the officers picked your pet up while it was running loose or it's being confined by a citizen. Animal Control maintains lost and found records on animals which they have impounded (brought to the animal shelter), found or lost by individuals, injured animals and the unfortunate animals which were found dead on the streets.

Call us at 402-441-7904, Mon - Fri. 7a.m.-6p.m. so we can check the records of animals found.

### Visit the Local Animal Shelter

Visit the local animal shelter (Humane Society). Your description of your pet may not fit the picture in someone else's mind. Look at all the animals. If your animal is not there, leave a picture with your name and phone

number. Visit the shelter every other day. It is important to keep checking. There is a maximum holding period of 72 hours. After this time, the animal become the legal property of the Humane Society and can be euthanized. Don't let this happen to your pet!

**Place “Lost” Ads and Prepare Posters**

Place newspaper ad in lost/found section. Posters should include the following:

- At least 8.5” x 11” in size
- Recent photo of your pet
- Color, size, weight, age, sex of pet
- Other Features (scars, marking, collar)
- Where animal was last seen
- Info on how you can be contacted

Make copies of your poster and post them in prominent locations such as grocery stores, Laundromats, pet shops, grooming parlors, and veterinary establishments.

**Make Sure It Doesn’t Happen Again**

Hopefully, you will be reunited with your pet. Both of you won’t want to go through that experience again.

Try to determine why your pet ran off. Check fencing and gates. Did your dog chew through a rope? Did your pet escape through an unlatched door?

Spaying or neutering your pet may discourage your pet from wandering.

Make sure all your pets have collars with current licenses--this will help Animal Control locate you faster if your pet gets loose. A pet license is the best protection you can give your pet against a long and painful separation. An animal wearing a license tag will be delivered home to you when it is found, or if you are not home when the officer calls, you will be notified of its location.

**What Should You Do If You Find an Animal**

If you find a stray animal, remember, it’s probably someone’s pet. Help reunite the pet with it owner by:

1. Confining the animal to an enclosed area.
2. Call Animal Control (402-441-7900). Animal Control can pick up the pet and take it to the animal shelter so the owner can easily find it.
3. If you wish to keep the animal at your house, make every effort to find the animal’s owner. Call Animal Control (402-441-7904 M-F, 7-6pm) to see if someone has reported a missing pet. Keep in contact with Animal Control and the animal shelter. Look in the lost ads of your local paper. Place a found ad in the paper.
4. If the owner cannot be found, contact Animal Control so the animal can be delivered to the animals shelter for possible adoption.



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| Sept. 6    | Schools not in session    |
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| Nov. 25-26 | Thanksgiving Break        |
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to 77 percent the previous year. Children who receive special education services: 97 percent of third graders are working at or above grade level, compared to 74 percent the previous year; 90 percent of fourth graders, compared to 58 percent the previous year; and 91 percent of fifth graders, compared to 63 percent the previous year.

Children who are from immigrant and refugee families (English Language Learners): 97 percent of third graders are working at or above grade level, compared to 82 percent the previous year; 94 percent of fourth graders, compared to 65 percent the previous year; and 95 percent of fifth graders, compared to 69 percent the previous year.

### Children who are diverse:

African American: 95 percent of third graders are working at or above grade level, compared to 78 percent the previous year; 89 percent of fourth graders, compared to 65 percent the previous year; and 97 percent of fifth graders, compared to 74 percent the previous year.

Hispanic American: 100 percent of third graders are working at or above grade level, compared to 78 percent the previous year; 96 percent of fourth graders, compared to 72 percent the previous year; and 98 percent of fifth graders, compared to 78 percent the previous year.

Native American: 97 percent of third graders are working at or above grade level, compared to 79 percent the previous year; 93 percent of fourth graders, compared to 62 percent the previous year; and 97 percent of fifth graders, compared to 63 percent the previous year.

Asian American: 98 percent of third graders are working at or above grade level, compared to 93 percent the previous year; 96 percent of fourth graders, compared to 95 percent the previous year; and 97 percent of fifth graders, compared to 88 percent the previous year.

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## Realistic medical scenarios help teach healthcare students

Southeast Community College, BryanLGH College of Health Sciences and BryanLGH Medical Center are partnering to provide healthcare students access to state-of-the-art, high-fidelity patient simulators by creating the Center for Excellence in Clinical Simulation.

The Center is a collaborative effort between the two colleges and the medical center, who share a common vision to provide high quality education to tomorrow's healthcare providers. The partnership increases the number of students and clinicians that have access to this advanced learning technology and increases the number of faculty available to teach.

"It's a novel partnership," said Renee Schnieder, MSN, RN, SCC faculty. "There are only a couple of other partnerships like this throughout the country, putting a community college with a private college and a medical center. It's pretty cutting edge to put these entities together."

**"This type of learning makes for a safer and more proactive practitioner, which ultimately benefits the patient with the highest quality care."**

Students and staff from all three institutions have participated in simulated learning experiences for several years. However, the new Center, located at BryanLGH West, gives students an opportunity to train in an environment modeled after a real hospital vs. a classroom. Providing the most realistic setting possible, in addition to the high-fidelity patient simulators, allows students and practitioners to be immersed in the patient care experience and enhances learning.

"The use of patient simulators is the wave of the future in higher education. It allows students and clinicians to learn about normal and abnormal situations before they're faced with them in real life," says Jodi Nelson, MSN, RN, CNE, faculty, BryanLGH College of Health Sciences. "This type of learning makes for a safer and more proactive practitioner, which ultimately benefits the patient with the highest quality care."

There are three adult simulators, a pediatric simulator, and the newest addition – a birthing simulator named Noelle and an infant named Baby Hal. Multiple patient care scenarios can be created, ranging from basic to complex. Examples include assessing a child with asthma, administering medications, performing interventions and simulating a heart attack. Mother-baby scenarios include an uncomplicated delivery or one with complications such as hemorrhage or an unresponsive baby.

Student Chelsey Bartling, of Malcolm, got to use the new birthing simulator for the first time on March 11. "I got to deliver a baby today," she says with a smile. "The simulators provide a good learning environment. You can learn from your mistakes without hurting someone and having to learn the hard way." She feels that having access to these learning tools will make her a better nurse.

Southeast Community College students in all health programs will have the opportunity to use the Center, including nursing students, radiologic technology, respiratory care and emergency medical services/paramedic. BryanLGH College of Health Sciences nursing students, as well as nurse anesthesia students, will also attend classes at the Center. Medical Center clinicians will use the simulators for learning and competency assessment.



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