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Feature Story

Blizzard of 2009

"The Holiday Party that wasn't"

MOTHERNATURE'S COLD SNAP HITS HARD

The CCNA holiday party for December 9, 2009 was shaping up nicely. The guests had returned invitations and our honored guests included Mayor Beutler, City Council members, Parks and Recreation leaders and Police captains.

The day before the party the snow and ice started. Local weather stations predicted blizzard conditions. Schools did not open and the federal building closed at noon. Cars were stalled on So. 27th Street.

But we weren't worried; we figured that by 5 - 7 pm the next evening the storm would blow over. The decoration committee met and prepared centerpieces: lovely glass vases filled with holiday balls and an assortment of various red candles in mosaic containers, courtesy of Polly and Betsy Bowhay. Music teacher Missy Noonan from SouthEast High School reporter that the jazz singers were eager and ready to perform.

Sad to say, on the morning of the party there was 6 inches of new snow and Lincoln Public Schools closed for the second day which meant that the singers could not perform, per school regulation.

But in true pioneer spirit we decided the party would go on! The first call of the morning was to our neighbor and party guest Kim Salistean (violinist with Lincoln Symphony) to ask if she and her sons Adam (who is a singer

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FEBRUARY 2010 – from the home office:

Can you believe the size of the potholes on S. 27th street? Watch out because March is the snowiest month of all. As you can see from the photo, I've moved the home office outdoors to catch a little sun. We've been fighting a case of cabin fever and the only vaccine is sunshine. Instead of reading seed catalogues, I've been on the phone with the snow removal folks at the City (special kudos for their efforts plowing our side streets) and calling Public Works to follow up on street projects.

A large part of the success of the Country Club Neighborhood Association has been the willingness of individuals to step and take the lead on individual projects. The City of Lincoln has been supportive of neighborhoods but the government has limited \$ resources. The simple truth is that we cannot wait until the city has the time or energy to help. Every day individual neighbors step up to help each other and to dream about how to improve their little piece of the city. Whether it's scooping the walk for an elderly person next door or persistently talking to the city to bury wires along 27th street, the spirit of self sufficiency is alive and well in the Country Club area of Lincoln.

Two great examples of neighbors working to improve the neighborhood are the infrastructure projects slated to begin after the spring thaw. Burying utility wires along 27th and improving Sheridan Blvd have been goals of the CCNA for many years. Because of the efforts and persistence of many of our residents, the dreams will be coming true over the next two years.

Burying wires along So 27th:

In the last newsletter we reported that the LES (Lincoln Electric System) was planning to bury their overhead wires along So 27th between South St and Calvert. It is intended that cable and telephone lines will also be buried at the same time. The detailed design work is nearly complete and LES will present at the CCNA regular February 16, 2010 meeting these plans:

- Display pictures of how the street

appears now and how it will look after work is completed

- Show the new streetlight design
- Have a lighting engineer on hand to answer questions
- Bring along representatives for the cable and TV companies
- Review and explain the project schedule

Work on this project is scheduled to begin this summer. This is a very exciting project and will result in a significant improvement in the appearance of the So 27th corridor. Come to the February meeting if you want more details.

Sheridan redevelopment project:

Last year the city made a decision to switch funding for the Sheridan Street redevelopment project from federal stimulus money to local tax money in hopes that there would not be as many federal environmental hoops to jump through. As it turns there are still plenty of hoops to jump through, and what was originally planned as a 2010 project is now scheduled for 2011.

The City is completing a topographical survey to locate and document all of the features along the street; including historic and environmental features such as hedges, trees and elevations. In addition, the survey looks at curbs, gutter and ramps. Once all of the survey results have been documented and cleaned up, the city will load the data into their computers and begin the detailed design work.



Bob & Jan Beecham put final touches on the newsletter.

The detailed design process not only includes drawing and computer aided drafting but also the process of consulting with other city departments and with residents who will be impacted by the project. The CCNA Board has invited the city to set up a meeting in early 2010 in order to share information with residents along the street. The city will also meet with some individual property owners. Those meeting have not yet been scheduled. Stay tuned.

This is my last message since Paul Vaccaro takes over as President at the March 2010 annual meeting. I'll still be helping with special projects and hope to see all of you at the CCNA meetings (open to all) or strolling the bike path soon as spring arrives!

Sincerely, Bob.

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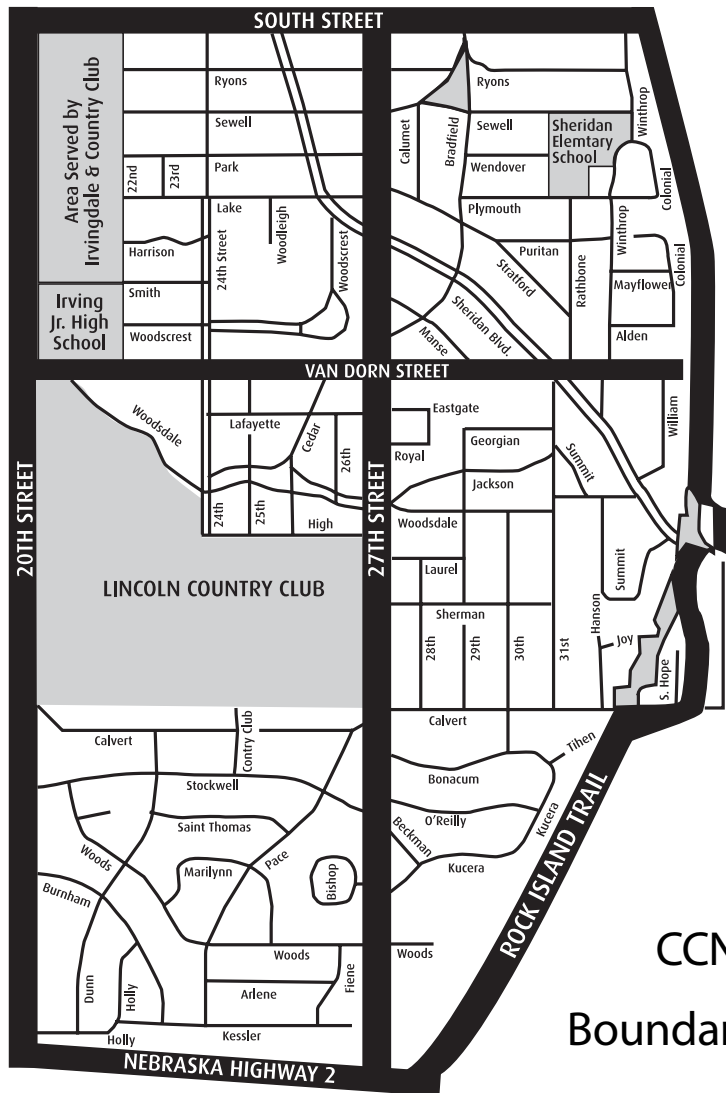
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for the LSE Ars Nova group) or Tom (who plays trumpet) could improvise with some music. Kim said she didn't know if Jackson Blvd would be plowed, but she would think about it.

The next call was from the Mayor's office, and we assured them "yes the party is still on." Due to the unfortunate loss of LSE entertainment, we asked if Mayor Beutler could make some remarks (declined) or lead Christmas carol signing (declined). Then we asked if he could give our neighborhood priority for snow plowing, especially Jackson Blvd so Kim Salistean could get to the party!! His assistant politely demurred and suggested we offer the guests "more bubbly."

The third call was to Lindsay at the Country Club that we were arriving with the centerpieces at noon. She said, "Oh, I had you on my list to call—the Club is closed today."

Thank goodness for e-mail because we were able to get the word out within an hour that the party was cancelled. At least we hope no one went to the party!

In addition to the party that wasn't, there are all the fashions not worn and conversations that didn't happen and, sadly, romances that never got started. By the time the snow stopped, schools were closed for three days. And a mere 10 days later another blizzard hit, paralyzing the city for three more days. We had a total of over 20 inches of snow and no inkling of the blizzard to follow in January 2010.

Do you have an idea for a feature story in the Country Club Neighborhood Association Chronicle Publication? Send an email to ali.schwanke@fppub.com or call 420-7880.



2010 CCNA Winter/Spring Meeting Schedule

February 16, 2010, Tuesday
CCNA Neighborhood Meeting
Irving Rec Center, 2010 Van Dorn
7:00PM -Everyone's Invited

March 16, 2010, Tuesday
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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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Fire Station 8 at 17th & Van Dorn Reopens After Renovation

by Captain Guy Pinkman, Lincoln Fire and Rescue

Fire Station 8 located on at 2760 South 17th Street was temporarily closed for two months to repair a sewage leak in the crawl space. We are pleased to say that as of November 29, 2009, firefighters returned to staff the station.

In September 2009 our firefighters noticed a stinky odor that they compared to the smell of a dead animal. They had smelled this earlier in the year but the department felt we had it resolved. This time it was more intense and intolerable. So we closed down and moved our people and equipment from Station 8 to nearby stations

After thoroughly assessing the structure, it was determined that there was a sewer spillage from one of the restrooms that flowed into the crawl space below the building. This crawl space housed the ductwork of the HVAC. We called in specialist who took two months to assess and repair the mess. The ductwork was moved and the crawl space was ultimately sealed off from the structure. With new carpet and new dry wall, our firefighters returned to Station 8 on November 29, 2009.

Our station has three shifts of six firefighters. Each person is also an EMT (emergency medical technician) and each shift has a paramedic. As you can see from the photo, Engine 8 and Medic 8 have returned to their home station.

Truck 8 is still being housed at Station 4 until the end of the winter weather.

Station 8 is a very important component to an effective public safety response system for and an indispensable community anchor. The firefighters are glad to be back in the area they serve and hope to make a positive difference in the lives of those in the community.



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Easter Egg Hunt

Simple idea for Children creates annual tradition
14th year for Sheridan Blvd. block party

by Mary Beth Rice

Creating a sense of community and enriching friendships in your neighborhood can be as simple as planning a family event or two to entice a gathering. The main purpose is to have fun and forge stronger relationships, but supporting the greater Lincoln community can be a wonderful side benefit. Two family friendly ideas are planning an annual Easter Egg Hunt each spring and hosting an ice cream social on a warm summer evening.

Stroll down Sheridan Boulevard between 31st and Woodsdale on a Saturday morning during this year's Lent and you might just see the Easter Bunny riding in his 1962 red Cadillac convertible, fire extinguisher shooting out the back, creating a dramatic entrance to the 14th Annual Sheridan Boulevard Easter Egg Hunt.

The hunt began a few years prior on 30th Street and traveled a few blocks north when we moved our growing family to 3185 Sheridan Boulevard in 1996. As a way to meet neighbors and develop friendships, the hunt has continued each year; a self-perpetuating event where any family can participate just by dropping off a dozen plastic filled eggs for each of their kids prior to the hunt. We open up our yard along with our neighbors the Swansons, Bruness, and Kasemans each year on a sometimes chilly Saturday morning. The kids make a flyer each year and we put them in our neighbor's doors who then spread the word to other friends, family, and neighbors down the way...

Growing a bit larger than life a few years ago, neighbor and friend,

Joel Sartore, volunteered to show up as the Easter Bunny if we provided the material for his gracious wife, Kathy, to make a costume. (I am not sure she was initially consulted on this?) Now the Bunny shows up in his convertible and has become the main attraction for dozens of children. A donation request for Matt Talbot Kitchen was initiated a few years ago to enrich the event even more. On a nice day, folks bring cookies, coffee and snacks and families gather and visit. On some of the chillier, rainier, snowier hunts, children scatter, gather eggs and quickly disappear into their homes for warmth and comfort.

In addition to the spring Easter Egg Hunt, each summer we host an ice cream social. Folks gather in our backyard to enjoy ice cream and watch the summer snowman, Will E. Melt, slowly slip away. Money and clothes are collected to share with neighbor Willie Schaefer, a retired school teacher and founder of Willie's Underwear Project; a program providing children's clothing assistance to LPS school nurses. A small snow man is created each winter out of a "Blizzard Day" snowfall (We have had a few of those this year?!) and tucked away in our freezer for safekeeping. Once a flyer is created and distributed by the kids, three batches of homemade ice cream are frozen, and a double batch of Grammy Barb's hot fudge is on the stove, the 'man' comes out, is dressed up and welcomes all who come for a cool treat on a hot sticky summer night.

These two events cost little in way of time and money but go a long way to enhance the incredible neighborhood in which we live. Be creative and make your event simple. The recipe on the next page is for the infamous Thumb Print Easter Cookies that always adorn the Easter Egg Hunt prize table, rain, snow, or sunshine . . . Enjoy!



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- 1 egg
- 8 c. of flour

Frosting:

- 3-4 T. water
- 2 c. powdered sugar
- ½ t. vanilla
- pinch of salt
- various food coloring choices

Beat sugar, butter, shortening, salt, and vanilla until creamy. Mix in egg. Slowly add the flour, mixing just to combine. Divide the dough into parts the size of a baseball, and then form each part into a long roll about 1 inch in diameter. Wrap in plastic and chill one hour. Cut into ½ inch slices and have kids press their thumbs in the center of each cookie. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until edges are slightly golden. Cool. Make the frosting, adding the water one tablespoon at a time until the mix is thick enough not to run and thin enough to flatten in the center. Divide into bowls and add food coloring to each. Dab frosting in each indentation. Makes a zillion cookies! They freeze well too.



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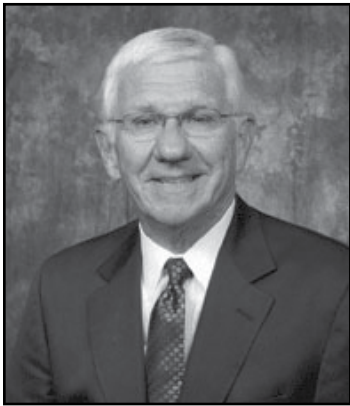
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Remembering Our Friend and Leader

OTIS YOUNG, Minister of First Plymouth Church



Otis Young, our neighbor, good friend, and pastor died in early December 2009, shoveling snow after the first heavy snow. A memorial service was held December 15 and he was saluted with many news stories and much deserved recognition. He touched lives with his unique blend of common sense, compassion, faith and humor.

Memorials will go to the Otis Young Lecture Series.

In a newsletter last year we reviewed his book "Reach Out and Live." You can get a copy at the Bishop Heights True Value Hardware store, 4200 South 27th St.

“Life is good. Be happy now. Let it go.” - Otis Young

Here is short list of Otis Young Proverbs:

- *Trust everyone, but cut the cards*
- *Things do not have to be perfect to be good*
- *The art of leadership is the art of knowing what to overlook*
- *Nothing is so firmly believed as that which we least know*
- *Most people do not know what they want in life but are sure they haven't got it.*
- *One of the most time consuming things in life is to have an enemy.*
- *Don't talk unless you can improve on the silence.*
- *No matter how many alterations, cheap pants never fit.*
- *Be kind. Everyone you meet is carrying a heavy burden.*
- *You're getting old when you stoop to tie you shoes and wonder what else you can do while you're down there.*
- *It is easier to act yourself into a new way of thinking than to think yourself into a new way of acting.*
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Winter Health Tip

An estimated 80 million American adults (one in three) have one or more types of cardiovascular disease (CVD), according to the American Heart Association. February is heart health month. It's a great time to take a health inventory.

Identify risk factors you can control: high cholesterol, diabetes and high blood pressure. The decisions you make about tobacco use, your weight, nutrition, exercise and managing stress all seriously increase your chances of CVD. Often, working on one risk factor can help control another. For example, exercising more can help you lose weight.

Next, implement heart-healthy lifestyle changes. Maintain a change for three weeks and you're more likely to stick with it in the future. It can be daunting, but in the right environment, you can succeed. MadonnaProActive has programs and

experts focused on helping individuals make healthy changes for life. Programs like MedFit, ProActive Health and LifeBalance for Health are specifically designed support programs for people facing serious health concerns. MedFit is a 10-week medically supervised class for people with chronic medical conditions. ProActive Health for Men and ProActive Health for Women are small group, eight-week, gender-specific classes that balance nutrition with exercise and support through education. If you've had a cardiac event, such as a heart attack, coronary stent placement or cardiac surgery, you would benefit from joining ProActive's LifeBalance for Heart program. It's a Medicare-approved cardiac rehabilitation program that is also covered by private insurance. The program is nationally accredited by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

Registered dietitian/licensed medical nutri-

tion therapists can offer flavorful ways to modify snacks and meals. A certified wellness coach can work with you to identify a meaningful and realistic plan to achieve your goals. Personal trainers with CVD-specific experience are professionals who create exercise plans to challenge you without putting you in added danger. And ProActive's class schedule includes a full-range of options, like stress-relieving yoga and meditation, to easy-on-the-joints aquatic classes, and leave-you-smiling dance workouts.

Take the steps to improve and maintain your health because, even if common, there's nothing "routine" about operations related to CVD.

Monica graduated from Bryan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and earned her bachelor of science in nursing from Nebraska Wesleyan University. She has worked at Madonna ProActive since June 2006 where she continues her focus on cardiac care nursing.

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Originally published in the Family Matters newsletter, written by Social Worker team at Lincoln Public Schools. www.lps.org

Children need about ten hours of sleep per night. Sleep deprivation can lead to behavior problems, attention problems, parent-child conflict, and can affect their success at school.

What should parents do?

Sleep schedule. Your child's bedtime and wake-up time should be about the same time everyday. Do not vary the schedule by more than an hour on weekends.

- **Bedtime Routine.** Your child should have a regular routine that includes calm activities such as reading a book or talking about the day.
- **Sleep Environment.** Your child should have a sleep environment that is comfortable, quiet, and dark. A nightlight is fine as a completely dark room can be scary for some children.
- **Things to Avoid.** Avoid high energy activities within an hour of bedtime. This would include rough play or stimulating activities such as video games. Avoid

heavy meals and excessive liquids within several hours of bedtime. Also avoid giving your child food and drinks that contain caffeine. School aged children generally do not require naps. Naps can interfere with night-time sleep. Naps should be geared to your child's age and developmental needs.

- **Television.** Keep the television set out of your child's bedroom as TV viewing at bedtime has been linked to poor sleep.
- **Exercise.** Your child should have physical activity and fresh air daily.

Share in your child's bedtime routine. Your nurturing can help your child feel secure and be more able to fall asleep. Tucking your child in is a nice way to end the day.

The National Sleep Foundation recommends these basic sleep requirements for children, adolescents, pre-teens and teens:

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BJ Hirt and grandson Evan, with cat, in the workshop

Doni and BJ Hirt met and married after college in Kansas. They both grew up on farms and share the work ethic, which means they like to keep busy! They have filled their lives

with projects, family, friends, teaching... and now furniture repair and working their antique booth.

After teaching at Wayne State College, they moved to Lincoln in 1978 to a charming house on 23rd & Smith Streets and raised their family. Doni worked as a teacher and administrator at Calvert and Sheridan elementary schools. BJ, who has a PhD in science, taught at Lincoln High School.

Their three children were academic standouts and now successful in their careers. Jane graduated from University of Nebraska in Journalism and is now the Managing Editor of the Chicago Tribune; she was a featured speaker at UNL Masters week last year. Susan attained a PhD from Stanford, was a Fullbright scholar to Germany, and now works in the international division of Talent Plus.

Mitch graduated from Dartmouth and worked in Chicago in an accounting firm where he met his wife, Lori. Just before they married, they were visiting for the 4th of July and walked by an Open House at Lake and Sheridan—they bought the house the next day. They moved to Lincoln and are raising two young sons. Mitch changed careers and now teaches math at Irving Junior High, where he attended school. Susan and her husband Brian Hirt and Mitch and Lori all live the neighborhood, within a short walk to the grandparents' large home.

Doni and BJ moved to the other side of their block 24 years ago and live in a lovely Italianate Renaissance house at 24th & Woodscrest. They have opened their home for Tours as part of the County Club Christmas events and you will see them every summer working in the yard and hosting an occasional group garage sale. They started collecting antiques many years ago and BJ is a master of furniture repair; the large detached garage is his workshop and he spends hours every day in this shop with a wood burning fire, his cat and dog, and the grandkids play there, he even has an indoor suspended swing for the youngest.

Doni works part time at the antique co-op store at 17th & Garfield. She enjoys her wide circle of friends and customers

who share her nostalgia for restoring old things. She and BJ have restored her family homestead in Kansas, it looks better now than when she was a child.

They love to take trips back to the prairie where they grew up, no TV, just working with their hands and spending time with old friends.

When asked about future plans, Doni said they will stay in their house as long as possible, they could always make the sunroom into a first floor bedroom. Last year they hosted the annual block party (Woodscrest from 22th to 24th) on the third Sunday in September, it was a gorgeous day and the Police department and Fire Fighters were invited to the potluck.



Doni Hirt at the antique co-op

Doni loves antique Valentines Cards. When she was a teacher her students made hand lettered cards to exchange, with cut out hearts and doilies. In her antiques shop, she sometimes carries the older version, lacy and sentimental.



One of Doni's favorite old fashioned Valentines Poems:

*The flower is forget-me-not
Because all year I quite forgot
To let you know how big a part
Your Friendship plays within my heart.*

Director of Libraries Shares Her Top Picks for 2010

Need ideas for a good book?

Lincoln City Libraries recently updated our website information at lincolnlibraries.org--take a look at "Books, Movies & More!" You'll be guided to a variety of lists and other information. I refer to this feature often, and love how the lists connect directly to our catalog. Since our libraries offer free holds, place one if you need a book sent from one library to another.

I always watch for the American Library Association Notable Books list (included on the awards list in "Books Movies & More"). For several years, I've read the books on this list, and made presentations to organizations and book clubs.

Here are three favorites from the 2009 list. "A Voyage Long and Strange" by Tony Horwitz is a nonfictional historical romp. Horwitz describes the European explorers who were in America between 1492 when Columbus landed, and 1620, when the Pilgrims did. He was inspired to do this research when

he visited Plymouth Rock, and heard several fellow tourists confused about what happened there. Horwitz set out to learn what Americans should know about that time period. He writes in an engaging and sometimes hilarious way, inserting himself often into the telling.

Another historical nonfiction is "**This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War**" by Harvard University president, Drew Gilpin Faust. Her somber topic receives a more scholarly treatment. Although this topic is sad, I found it engaging partly because the Civil War is such a fascinating period. Weapons had become so destructive, with so many people hurt and killed, yet the systems of managing so many deaths were not in place. Faust provides interesting information that fills

in some of the story of the war.

In the fiction section, I loved Jhumpa Lahiri's collection of short stories, "**Uncustomed Earth**." I enjoyed a summer day mostly on my porch swing, wishing this book wouldn't end. Each story includes people of Bengali descent living in America. She chronicles their adjustments to cultural expectations and hopes for finding love. I appreciated her ability to show how everyday conversations reveal depth of character, and enjoyed the hopefulness of her endings.



Pat Leach is Director of Lincoln City Libraries and a resident of the Country Club Neighborhood. If you run into her while she's gardening at 2741 Ryons Street, you're always welcome to stop and ask for a book recommendation.

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The Westminster sanctuary reopened with a dramatic new look.

Westminster is the largest Presbyterian Church in Nebraska. This church has been the spiritual home of notable Lincoln families, since the time of its most famous member, William Jennings Bryan.

The renovation transformed the church into a modern cathedral that enhances its historic look. Westminster's sanctuary has gone from being a beautiful large church to the cathedral it was originally designed to be.

The amount of work required was complex and intricate. The chandeliers were taken down from the ceiling and retro-fitted with new lights for the general illumination. New theater-style lighting allows for variety in dramatic lighting emphasis.

The oak pews were put in storage on the other side of town while the new floor was installed. Beneath the tile, a new in-floor heating system was installed for comfort as well as for energy efficiency. The front chancel was raised and tripled in size.

Westminster in the past had great sound for the spoken word, but was challenged when it came to music. Acoustical engineers were hired to keep the great vocal acoustics while improving the musical acoustics. Westminster now offers one of the best comprehensive acoustic venues in the city.

The color schemes allow a new emphasis on the beautiful stained glass. In the old sanctuary, a light grey muted various architectural features. A new color scheme brings out the warm yellow colors in the side stained glass windows, while a dark maroon front wall highlights the blue hues in the chancel windows. The lighting in the back wall brackets the stained glass window based on the Stratford, England Church which was the spiritual home of William Shakespeare.

The wood carvings in the front of the church were carved by the same architect who did the wood carvings in the State Capitol building. These were retained and enhanced as they are highlighted now with a new contrasting wooden chancel floor.

The great wooden beams in the ceiling had been completely obscured by a dark brown ceiling and no lighting. With a new golden ceiling and new up-lighting, the beauty of the beams becomes immediately apparent. And almost completely hidden is the new fire sprinkler and emergency lighting system that now protects the sanctuary.

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