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‘Welcome to Medicare’ Workshop

March 28 in Falls City by Mary Ann Holland

The Nebraska *Senior Health Insurance Information Program* [SHIIP], a division of the Nebraska Department of Insurance, is pleased to host the “Welcome to Medicare” workshop. Medicare eligibility, enrollment, affordability and other insurance basics will be covered.

The Welcome to Medicare workshop will be held on Thursday, February 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Learning Center in Nebraska City, 819 Central Avenue. The class will be repeated on Thursday, March 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Falls City Learning Center, 116 W. 19th Street, Lower Level.

As you or a family member approaches Medicare eligibility, the task of understanding Medicare enrollment can be daunting. Mary Ann Holland, SHIIP Certified Medicare Counselor, and retired Nebraska Extension Educator will be the presenter. This event is co-sponsored by Southeast Community College and the Nebraska Senior Health Insurance Information Program [SHIIP]. You can read a more detailed description in the Winter Class Schedule 2019 of the Southeast Community College catalog recently sent to your address.

Tuition is being provided by the Nebraska SHIIP. There is no cost to attend the workshop, however participants must register to ensure adequate handout materials. To register, please visit the www.doi.ne.gov/shiip, or call 402-471-2841 at the SHIIP office. Nebraska Senior Health Insurance Information Program [SHIIP] offers free, unbiased Medicare counseling and education to help seniors and people with disabilities make informed decisions about health insurance. Services are provided statewide by 350 certified volunteers. Nebraska SHIIP is federally-funded and is coordinated by the state Department of Insurance.

Cover Photos

Left Cover Photo

Getting Bald Eagle photos could be a challenge this Spring. The old dead cottonwood with a nest near Dawson fell during the Winter. The Refuge is ‘frozen over’, and no geese means no Eagles for now. And who knows what the lack of activity near Rock Port means? “Stay tuned.”

Right Cover Photo

The Grand Opening of the new PSC Performing Arts Center, that was delayed last Fall due to weather (surprised?), will be held on May 3rd., at 6:00 P.M. Learn more and register to attend a night celebrating PSC through music and film at peru.edu/pac.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY IS A DAY FOR REMEMBRANCE

Dorothy Rieke, Julian

“Are you wearing something green? If you are not, I’ll pinch you!” Most of us recall those school days when it was important to wear green on St. Patrick’s Day.

St. Patrick’s Day, celebrated on March 17th, honors St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Today, most of us enjoy wearing green on St. Patrick’s Day honoring this important person. We also enjoy seeing parades, wearing special costumes, and dancing in the streets.

St. Patrick was born in Great Britain, kidnapped as a teenager, and was taken to Ireland as a slave. Later, he escaped and returned to Great Britain. After gaining an education, he returned to Ireland intent upon converting the Irish people to Christianity.

To his amazement, St. Patrick discovered some Christians living among those with old Celtic religious beliefs. He began incorporating some of the Christian beliefs into some pagan celebrations bringing Christianity closer to the people.

His fervent beliefs and faith converted the Irish with Christian beliefs in a “bloodless” Christian conversion.

Did St. Patrick drive snakes from Ireland? Snakes probably never inhabited Ireland because Ice Age temperatures were too low for snakes to survive. Of course, snakes could not reach Ireland by land as it is surrounded by water.

When did the first St. Patrick’s Day parade take place? Some say it was in 1762 in New York City when Irish troops in the British Army marched down city streets. Others believe the first parade was in Boston in the 1730s.

The original Irish meal for this special day has been ham and cabbage. Americans celebrate by eating corned beef and cabbage.

No matter what we do on this special day or where we go or how we celebrate makes little difference. It is the remembrance of a man who turned around and “blessed those who had harmed him.” That makes St. Patrick’s Day important.

FAMILY TREES

Devon Adams, Peru

My mother knew all the sprouts and branches of not only her family, but also of my dad's family, not to mention the family connections of most of the people in our little town. I didn't memorize the relationships because I didn't have to do that. I just asked Mom whenever the subject came up, and she replied with instant information, no reflection time needed. I had thirty-six first cousins, and one of them had fifty-two first cousins. In the time of my grandparents and great grandparents, families just grew until nature said it was time for a mother to be a grandmother. By that time she was ready to take a break. Producing eight, ten, twelve, fifteen babies was not unusual, although by the time the younger ones were born, the older ones had become experienced baby sitters.

The math explains itself in the proliferation of cousins. Some families pay close attention to their genealogy. I am greatly impressed by those who can recite the names of first, second, third and in extreme extensions, their fourth and fifth cousins. They will casually list correct names, ages and how Jane became married to their Uncle John because they lived on the same block after Jane's parents sold the farm and started the feed store on 2nd and Main in 1955. Jane met her husband when he and his dad came to buy oats the year that we had a drought that started in June and led to a dry winter with a shortage of feed for cattle. That marriage connected two prolific clans who had both settled along the Missouri River in the late 1800's. As the 1950's progressed to the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and up to the present, all of the cousins became part of a vast family tree.

For many years, succeeding generations settled within a county or two of their original families, giving them the opportunity to meet for Sunday dinners, or for yearly picnics. As time moved along, people didn't stay close to their roots anymore. Young people took jobs miles away from the 'nest,' often moving across the country, and the picnics turned into 'reunions,' allowing young sprouts to at least meet their far-flung relatives face to face. Photographs captured the memories and the images that would be savored for years to come.

Faces and traits and habits appear to travel through generations. We look at an old yellowed and stained photo and are surprised to see our own face, or the face of our daughter or son staring back at us. Spooky, but it is also reassuring because we seem to carry on past the point at which our bodies pass away.

It gets a little foggy for me after the part where I know that my parents' first cousins are my second cousins and I think that their children are my third cousins. Mom's aunt and uncle moved to California in the 1930's and made cousins that Mom never saw, although she knew all their names. Dad's nephew (who looks exactly like my dad), moved to California and married out there and had a family that I haven't met. I am related to people I've never seen. No wonder genealogical research drives people nuts.

Deep roots anchor our "trees," digging into the soil of past lives, connecting now to then, today to yesterday. Blood is the key, with its genetic implications, although we may have cousins who were adopted or came into the family through a marriage, and those are confounding complications on paper charts. In our hearts though, love is the only bond that really matters.

We all wonder who we really are, and some of us actually find out, whether we trace back our DNA or simply decide that we are who we are regardless of our heritage.

The bottom line is that we are all cousins — of each other. Humans are related because we are more alike than we are different. Outward appearances are only the frosting on the cake. The DNA is in the basic batter. Even Martha Stewart can't bake a cake unless she has the correct recipe and the right ingredients.



There's One Person...
Sheri Dowding, Syracuse

There's one person that would hug you, anytime, anyplace, for any reason or for no reason.

There's one person who would listen, without judgement or recrimination.

There's one person that would touch your face or your hand with the softness of a butterfly.

There's one person that knew all your faults and loved you anyway.

There's one person that could look at you and still see the small child in your face.

There's one person that would give you the last piece of pie.

There's one person who was known by many names.

But mostly we just called her Mom.



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Barn near Rock Port



Trumpeter Swans at *Loess Hills National Wildlife Refuge*



Nuthatch 'hanging on' in a blizzard

Poetry

by Devon Adams, Peru

CLOVER BABIES

Under the snow
are clovers waiting
to be green. Soon
soil will warm, and
roots will reach out
stringy, spindly fingers
growing deep and
strong. Four leaves
all on one stem will
hide among many
others who have
only three, as lambs
and calves and
colts and fawns
and foxes all romp
and play and sniff
the springy smells.
Happy to be alive,
they snuggle in
among the fragrant
blossoms, sleeping
to the music of the
buzzing bees.

MORNING PRAYERS

A clean blanket covered
the bare fields with a
downy softness that
was cold and white.
The blizzard had raged
through the frigid hours
of the night and you
could see the back wall
of it marching eastward.
But in the hills by the
river, a watered lemon
beam of light reached
over the horizon and
tinted the snow so that
it looked warm. Faint
clear bells began to ring,
as weary winter birds
began to test their vocal
cords and remembered
how to sing. Soon the
air was full of pretty notes
hanging on lines of melody.


BY CHANCE?

“What a coincidence!”
But think again. In the
broad spectrum scheme
of things, maybe there
are no such things.
Does an invisible web
connect all of our actions
and reactions so that
what we see as random
is not that at all? Consider
time. When you left the
house, the car keys weren’t
on the table by the door,
so you had to stop and
remember the last time
they were in your hand.
“Oh yeah, I put them in
the pocket of my blue
jacket after I ran to the
Gas’n Shop for a paper
after the daily delivery
to my porch didn’t happen
yesterday morning. Now
I’ll be late to work because
I forgot to set the alarm and
there are no spare seconds.”
You finally drive away and
turn the corner at the end of
your block just as a dump
truck runs a red light at your
next turn and slams into a
mild-mannered sedan. If
you’d been on schedule,
that would be you in the
ambulance, but because
of the previous events your
day was altered in such a
way that you are still alive.

CHARGED

There was energy
in the room that was
a living presence.
You could feel a
charge in the air that
was like an electric
current coursing from
one body to the next,
flashing invisible streaks
of emotion connecting
hearts and minds.
Performers on the stage
were making magic with
their instruments, playing
music with such passion
and precision that the
audience was in awe,
as they caught the beat
and passed it along.
As the intensity grew,
like a fire in a forge,
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WINTERLAND

So now the hope of spring
grows with faint hope, as
yet another blizzard blows
across the weary plains.
Like growth rings in trees,
layers of old gray snow
lurk beneath the last new
layer of frigid, fragile flakes.
This season has been a
journey into winter, with
each succeeding storm
being another passenger
car added to our involuntary
tour. We have exhausted
our energy to appreciate
the beauty of cold, sparkly
diamonds or greeting card
scenes. We are tired of
dodging giant icicle daggers
trying to stab us from the
eaves, and our backs are
sore from scooping the last
snow to make room for the
next one. We would make
a run for it and “get out of
Dodge,” but the roads and
the airport are closed, even
if we could get the car out
of the drifted over driveway.

BREEZY

You could say that
there is a breeze
today, but you would
be wrong. Someone
is mad somewhere
and is throwing wind
as part of his tantrum.
It careens around the
corners and whistles
through the lonesome
wires that bring power
to our lives. Very soon
those lines will be going
down as helpless tree
branches give up their
grip and grab hold of
our connections.
Dust rises in angry
clouds to block any
hope of visibility on the
highways, and early
spring pollens get a
boost in their journey
toward the halls of sinus.
But the snow is gone,
for now, maybe.

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Scale: Statue is approximately 4 feet end to end.

A dedication and unveiling ceremony was held for a new *Cat in the Hat* statue on Wednesday, February 27th. The statue will be placed in the new Sesquicentennial Plaza.

February 28, and Friday, March 1, children from the area attended a theatrical presentation of Seuss in the newly remodeled Performing Arts Center on the Peru State College Campus.

Sara Vance, Peru State teacher candidate and committee co-chair, writes, "Words can come alive with a little magic. I have been working to notify schools, teachers, and the community about the magic [Peru Student Education Association] is creating. It has been so wonderful to be a part of this experience."

The theatrical presentations included *The Cat in the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, and *Horton Hears a Who*. Performances were free and open to the public.

Emily Fellin, also a Peru State teacher candidate and PSEA committee co-chair, adds, "I really enjoy being in PSEA and being able to give back to the community. Dr. Seuss is an incredible way to do that."

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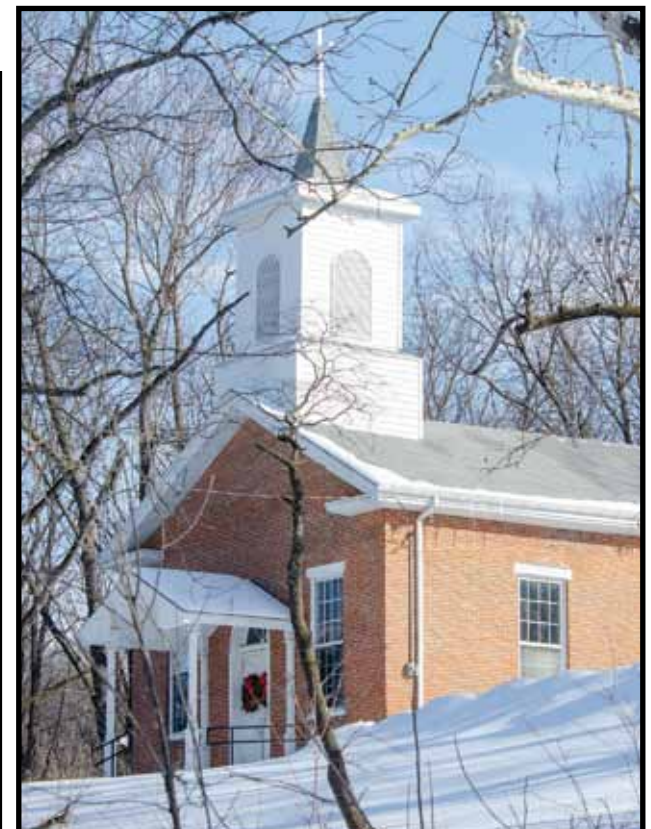
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Diary of a Part-time Housewife

Merri Johnson, Auburn

At least 32 inches this season and counting, as of 3:00 p.m. on February 16. I don't need to tell you what I'm measuring. I use a stick ruler, so I'm guessing my total is less than the actual.

The weather is usually an innocuous topic of conversation. But if you mention the "s" word these days you may just trigger an emotional meltdown by some otherwise-convivial person who has had it up to here with cold, wind, gray skies, bundling up, and shoveling.

Hubby just went out to scoop today's contribution toward this season's accumulation. It seems like way more than normal so far, and according to two climate websites I checked, it is. The average seasonal total is reported as 31 inches on one site and 24.66 on the other. With well over a month to go before the first day of spring, I think it's a safe bet that we will surpass the average by several inches.

We may not be out of the white stuff season yet, but at least we have passed the average cloudiest day of the year. That was on February 12, according to the website Weather Spark. So we have that going for us. Try to ignore the fact that our cloudy season runs officially from late October into early June, a whopping 7.2 months. Along with the precipitation that shall not be named, I think our cloudiness index may surpass the average also.

(Update: Hubby just came in and reported an unofficial three inches removed from the driveway.)

We've been watching a television show about people who live in the Alaskan wilderness throughout the winter. One couple with two small children is living in a cabin that looks to be about 200 square feet. Talk about cabin fever. Things could get dicey there before the spring thaw. Another man lives completely by himself – except for his team of sled dogs. That kind of isolation would surely make me buggy. And then there is the middle-aged woman who runs some sort of fuel station near the Arctic Circle all alone. She is definitely doing a lot of talking to herself.

What drives these people to seek out such remote, inhospitable places? Makes me feel just a tad wimpy for complaining about our winter here.



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Janet Sobczyk, Omaha 2019

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I've suspected that the birds and squirrels we enjoy watching, spy on us, too. Now I know it's true! My recent encounters with the wildlife prove it to me.

In my new house, the kitchen window faces the bird-feeders situated beside an ash tree. It's a popular spot for the squirrels, sparrows, cardinals, chickadees, and woodpeckers. The squirrels take turns stretching from the crotch of the tree to reach the black-oil sunflower seeds. In that spot they are at eye level with me watching from the window. Sometimes it becomes a stare-down contest as a squirrel nabs seed after seed, watching to see if I'll chase it away. I simply watch and smile at the antics.

When the feeder is empty, the squirrel resorts to hanging upside down by back feet from a branch to reach the suet feeder dangling nearby. At those times I could swear the look on its face is telling me, "See what I have to go through when you forget to fill the seeds?!"

Sometimes when a squirrel comes and the feeder is empty it looks directly at the window, (is it glaring at me?) then turns tail in disgust and dashes off. I dutifully fill it, but more for the birds' sake than the squirrels.

The woodpeckers seem oblivious to me during their daily visits to the suet. They focus on the food, not caring if a squirrel is nearby or not. The sparrows, on the other hand, seem aware of everything around them. It must be their survival instinct to startle at every little movement; it's fascinating to watch.

They fly in to pick at seeds on the ground that a squirrel is dropping, while waiting for their turn at the feeder. A flick of the tail sends them flocking to a nearby bush. They perch, watching for another safe moment, then return, and get scared off again. Back at the bush they hop from branch to branch nervously, hungrily. Watching their apparent anxiety gave me the idea to start throwing handfuls of tiny seed under the bush. Now the sparrows can feed in safety. And I have a close, clear view of them from the window above. It's a win-win!

One day after I started tossing their food into the bushes, I was doing dishes at the sink by the window. I looked up to see eight sparrows lined up on the deck rail watching me. I had just enough time to quickly count them before they flew off, startled that I'd noticed them.

Then, one morning I left to run errands and returned at lunchtime. I noticed a lone set of bird tracks through the fresh snow on the deck that came right up to the sliding glass door. It appeared that the bird had hopped up to peek inside then flew away. The tracks served as a reminder to fill the feeders, so I headed to the back door. Right outside the door, again in fresh snow, were more tracks that looked like the bird had been pacing. I quickly filled the feeders and tossed some into the bush, hearing bird calls that sounded like, "She's here! Dinnertime!" (Okay, I probably imagined that.) Then I headed back into the garage to grab a shovel and tackle the snow in the driveway. As the large door rose, I saw many more bird tracks right in front of the door. The poor things must have been frantic, waiting at every entrance.

Since that encounter, keeping the feeders full has become a higher priority. What used to be a cheap form of entertainment for me, now seems like a matter of life and death for them. As I sit in the warmth of my home, watching the wildlife endure this bitter winter, I feel good providing food for their survival. And it doesn't bother me at all to be watched back.



Watching...

Window On Fifth Street

Stephen Hassler, Peru

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Hubby has a nephew who runs a small resort in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Skiers and trail-mobilers are their bread and butter in the winter. The nephew's sister lives in Boston and loves the cold, too. She and her husband spent a night on a block of ice in one of those ice castles once. I suspect that if they actually had to work in frigid weather every day – as opposed to mostly playing in it – they might not like it quite so much.

Since I don't have to be outside unless I want to be, I combat the winter blahs indoors by growing micro-greens in a one-square foot container placed on a table in front of a southeast window. The lettuce plants are about two inches tall, with leaves about half the size of my pinky fingernail. They won't make much of a salad, but at least they're GROWING, as opposed to the succulents I'm overwintering that are looking pretty pathetic.

And each day from my kitchen window, I enjoy watching the birds at our feeders and bath. We've had a brown creeper lately to mix things up a bit. A pair of Carolina wrens have braved the weather and stayed all season, and two pair of cardinals are feeding together, along with all the other usual winter species.

So I take heart: the days of near-hibernation will end, and once again spring will turn the landscape from white to green. Buds will burst on trees and shrubs and lawnmowers will replace those blowers of white stuff.

What a wonderful world, don't you think?!

I often look out my window on Fifth Street and see college athletes going to practice, or members of the cross country team jogging by. To get to this point in their lives, they have been training (exercise and nutrition) most of their teen years and even earlier. I wonder sometimes how many Olympians keep up that lifestyle into retirement age. I didn't exercise beyond tennis and touch football until I was forty. In the past ten years I have become more serious, and I've learned some things that I feel obliged to share with my friends.

I have read or have been told that one pound of body fat equals 3500 calories, so burning an extra 3500 calories a week will result in the loss of one pound. That's an average of only 500 calories a day. But it's important calorie loss not be from nutritious foods, rather cut out "junk" food. Read food labels and obviously reduce saturated fat and sugar, especially "added" sugars (FYI, one tsp sugar = 5 grams). Theoretically, at a healthy weight, one would not have to diet if one didn't eat junk.

I buy fresh or frozen produce and whole grains. I minimize boxed and canned items, no processed meats. I still buy chili beans in cans and oatmeal in the box, and I eat cottage cheese (with peaches), and also greek yogurt every day. Plus, I love peanut butter. I put it on bread, bagels, and granola bars.

I seldom eat at restaurants. I'm a picky eater. I prefer my own cooking because it tastes better than "pre-made" and it's healthier. My wife was a diabetic, and I usually prepared separate meals for the two of us, so I learned some things about nutrition and diets.

As far as exercise goes, a thin guy like me probably burns more calories than an average person. Having said that, I burn about 100 calories per mile jogging. So to lose one pound from exercise, I would have to run five miles a day every day to lose one pound in a week! Anyone on a diet do that? I don't run nearly that much.

Burning 500 calories a day by exercising would be hard! On the bright side, cutting 500 calories a day from food is simple (maybe not easy). My almost plain bagel is 280 calories. Many fast foods are 500 calories or more.

There is no sugar in my house, but I do put honey in my plain Greek yogurt. I cheat with ice cream now and then, and I have a bearclaw once a year.

Generally speaking, one does not lose weight with exercise, but with dieting, unless your exercise is intense, e.g., training for a marathon. Having said that, exercise is excellent for my physical and mental health. It brings down my blood pressure and lowers my resting heart rate and it makes me feel good physically and mentally! It's great for reducing stress.

Other things I share with friends; My doctor told me Calcium supplements can increase the chances of a heart attack (eat dairy), vitamin C supplements can cause kidney stones (eat citrus), an apple a day brings down bad cholesterol (red skins are healthiest).

Check all of this out with your doctor and google. That's where I got it. In any case, eat healthy, exercise, live long.



PSC Women's Basketball





PSC Men's Basketball



ImPERUving as oNE Group writes mission and vision statement

The group collaborating under “ImPERUving as oNE” has written a mission and vision statement. The mission and vision statements were released ahead of planned committee work and were shaped by a robust community survey, focus groups and a November town hall.

The new mission statement reads, “To work together to promote a unified and vibrant community by connecting people, ideas and resources to achieve the best future for the City of Peru and Peru State College.”

The vision statement adds, “Peru will be a welcoming, thriving and engaged community with exceptional amenities that attract people to live, work, visit and learn.”

There are now five planning teams meeting regularly to pursue the work of the group. They are listed here with their conveners:

- Infrastructure – Darrin Reeves & Jason Jones
- Housing – Tim & Cindy Hoffman
- Relationships & Communication – Vanessa Sherman & Jason Jones
- Economic/Business Development – Dan Hanson, Christopher Nwafor, Justin Douglas
- Attraction & Retention – Becca Jewell & Sara Granfors

Anyone interested in serving on these committees should visit perunebraska.org/imperuving-as-one or call Amy Mincer at Peru State College, (402) 872-2239. Results from the survey, focus groups and town hall meeting are also posted on the perunebraska.org website.

ImPERUving as oNE includes City of Peru officials, Peru State College officials, city residents and business owners. The group began meeting over the summer with the goals of identifying ways the community can move toward positive change and better understand Peru’s unique characteristics, community assets and potential opportunities.

Jesse McCartney to visit Peru State Sponsored by Campus Activities Board



Jesse McCartney. Photo by Alex McDonell.

The Peru State College Campus Activities Board (CAB) will host their semi-annual celebrity concert on March 15, 2019. Doors will open at 7 p.m. with artist Jesse McCartney set to perform as part of his Resolution tour. An opening performance by DJ B-Wiz will start at 8 p.m. Jesse McCartney is a singer, songwriter, and actor. He released his first full-length album, *Beautiful Soul*, in September 2004. The debut album reached platinum status in America and Australia and gold status in Canada. The title track, “Beautiful Soul,” reached number 4 on Billboard Magazine’s Top 40 list, number 16 on Billboard Magazine’s Hot 100 list, and reached gold status in America after its release.

McCartney has released four full-length albums and four extended plays (EPs) during his eighteen-year career. He will release another album soon, which will feature his two most recent singles, “Better With You” and “Wasted.” He is currently on his Resolution tour.

In an interview with Billboard Magazine, McCartney said about his four-year music hiatus, “You do anything long enough, it can drive you mad. And I’m a perfectionist and very particular about things, so I just needed some perspective, a little balance.” Billboard Magazine commented on McCartney’s new singles, “Those who dug the bubblegum pop that McCartney created during the “Beautiful Soul” era will be the ones feeling the best upon listening to “Better With You,” as the single is reminiscent of his cheesier days.”

Concert tickets for Peru State students are free. Visit www.peru.edu/mccartney to reserve your free ticket. Peru State faculty and staff tickets are \$5. General admission tickets are \$20. VIP Meet and Greet tickets are available for a limited time. The concert will be held in the Al Wheeler Activities Center (AWAC) on the Peru State campus. Peru State is a dry campus and no food or drink will be allowed in the AWAC. Questions about the concert can be directed to the Peru State Campus Activities Board social media account @PSCCAB on Twitter and facebook.com/PSCCAB/.

Dr. Paul Turman, new Chancellor of the Nebraska State College System, visits Peru State



Dr. Paul Turman, Chancellor of the Nebraska State College System (NSCS), visited the Peru State College campus on Tuesday, February 19. Turman began as Chancellor on January 2, 2019.

Turman gave an all-campus address in the newly remodeled Performing Arts Center. His remarks focused on the shared vision between Peru State College and the Nebraska State College System.

“Having the opportunity to gain insight directly from members of the Peru State family was a great way to spend the day,” Turman said. “Thank you to everyone who came and participated in the sessions. Your input will serve an important role as we work to create our next strategic plan for the State Colleges.”

Turman met with students, faculty, staff, community leaders and friends of the College throughout the day. Four town hall meetings were hosted in the afternoon with the Chancellor answering questions on a wide range of subjects.

“The entire campus community enjoyed having him visit,” said Dr. Dan Hanson, president of Peru State College, “I look forward to Peru State being a part of his vision for the future.”



BOBCAT SOFTBALL

MARCH

SUN 17	Hastings College	Peru, NE	1 p.m. 3 p.m.
THU 21	Mount Mercy Univ.	Peru, NE	1 p.m. 3 p.m.
TUE 26	Grand View Univ.	Peru, NE	3 p.m. 5 p.m.
WED 27	Clarke Univ.	Peru, NE	3 p.m. 5 p.m.
FRI 29	Evangel Univ.	Peru, NE	1 p.m. 3 p.m.

APRIL

TUE 2	Graceland Univ.	Peru, NE	2 p.m. 4 p.m.
FRI 5	MidAmerica Nazarene Univ.	Peru, NE	3 p.m. 5 p.m.
SAT 13	Culver-Stockton College	Peru, NE	1 p.m. 3 p.m.
<i>SENIOR DAY</i>			
SUN 14	William Penn Univ.	Peru, NE	2 p.m. 4 p.m.
FRI 26	Benedictine College	Peru, NE	1 p.m. 3 p.m.



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BOBCAT BASEBALL

MARCH

SAT 2	Graceland Univ.	Peru, NE	1 p.m. 3 p.m.
SUN 3	Graceland Univ.	Peru, NE	1 p.m.
SAT 9	Missouri Valley College	Peru, NE	1 p.m. 3 p.m.
SUN 10	Central Methodist Univ.	Peru, NE	1 p.m. 3 p.m.
WED 13	York College	Peru, NE	2 p.m.
TUE 19	Sterling College	Peru, NE	2 p.m.
SAT 30	Mount Mercy Univ.	Peru, NE	1 p.m. 3 p.m.
SUN 31	Mount Mercy Univ.	Peru, NE	1 p.m.

APRIL

TUE 9	Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	Peru, NE	2 p.m.
SAT 20	Baker Univ.	Peru, NE	1 p.m. 3 p.m.
FRI 26	MidAmerica Nazarene Univ.	Peru, NE	1 p.m. 3 p.m.
SAT 27	Evangel Univ.	Peru, NE	1 p.m.
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