



A Road Less Traveled -- October 15, 2022.







Roman Gentry, Basketball Coach!
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Bobcat Volleyball received support from HTRS Middle School.
Humboldt, Table Rock, Steinauer

November!

A Message from your Publisher

The “Full Moon” will be Tuesday, November 8th. Later in the month we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving! As the publisher of “*Your Country Neighbor*,” I thank you for being a loyal reader. This year has been a time of exciting change as the “*Peru City News*” section has developed into a fond addition, not just for Peruvians, but for most readers interested in happenings in a small American town. Next month some Peruvians share their special Christmas memories. So don’t forget to pick up the December issue in fine businesses throughout Southeast Nebraska. It will be available on the Tuesday and Wednesday after Thanksgiving.

This month, in addition to your favorite columnist(s) and poet(s), you might enjoy viewing the **many photographs** in this issue, including wildflowers and landscapes in Autumn colors, Brownville’s Civil War Re-enactors, and photographs of the PSC home games of football and basketball. Plus there is a summary of PSC news, page 19.

On page 7, reporter Angela Allgood comments on the first anniversary of the “*Peru City News*” section, and on page 8 we introduce a unique private investigator; a **K9PI**, a detective whose team finds lost pets!

Finally, this being the month of Thanksgiving, I want to express my appreciation to our volunteer writers for their generous and invaluable contributions to this publication, “*Your Country Neighbor*.” I know that thousands of readers in Southeast Nebraska and beyond appreciate them.

And when you can, thank our advertisers for supporting “Your Country Neighbor.”

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and be careful if you travel.

Don’t forget to **clip the Valentino’s coupon on page 20,**
...and carry it with you!

Stephen

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Voices and Views from the Valleys of the Nemaha

Publisher & Photographer, Stephen Hassler

Plus, peruse the happenings in a Nebraska town on pages 7,8,9,12

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Covid in Southeast Nebraska

Stephen Hassler, Peru

The Food and Drug Administration authorized Covid booster shots August 31st and the CDC signed off September 1st! It is the first time the FDA has authorized an updated vaccine formula since the original shots rolled out in December 2020. The tweaked shots made by “Pfizer” and “Moderna” offer Americans a chance to get the most up-to-date protection at yet another critical period in the pandemic. They’re combination or “**bivalent**” shots — **half the original vaccine, and half protection against the BA.4 and BA.5 omicron versions** now causing nearly all COVID-19 infections. **As of October 24, 2022, Covid deaths are still averaging over 350 American deaths daily!** Use caution when and where appropriate. Don’t be shy; wear a mask indoors when among crowds. Get the life-saving vaccine!! **Do not become a statistic!**


“Positive” Cases of Covid-19 in October, 2022 in these Southeast Nebraska Counties.

<u>Date Range</u>	<u>Nemaha</u>	<u>Otoe</u>	<u>Johnson</u>	<u>Richardson</u>
10/01 - 10/12	3	8	0	5
10/13 - 10/25	7	19	4	15

To track Covid-19, google; your **county**, your **state**, **covid**.
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Wildflowers along the Steamboat Trace, October 7th.
 (Next year I'll have my plant identifier back.)



These small and delicate flowers remind me of mountain tundra.



These wildflowers and more were photographed on the Steamboat Trace.



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Diary of a Part-time Housewife

Merri Johnson, Auburn

‘Tis the season of winding down and tidying up outdoors. If you were not already in I’m-done-with-summer mode, two consecutive nights of temperatures in the twenties have likely convinced you that the growing season is over.

As usual, the fall garden we attempted this year was short-circuited by that unseasonably early hard freeze. In mid-August, I planted the remainder of this spring’s green bean seeds, thinking I might just get a crop. The seeds germinated quickly in the warm soil, they were flowering nicely, and even starting to set fruit. But then that rascal Jack Frost came along.

At first, the weatherman was just advising protection for tender plants, so I trimmed off the extremely prolific asparagus tops and tucked them all around the beans. That did the trick for a night. But then came the irrefutable prediction of the dreaded hard freeze. I swaddled the beans and asparagus tops in sheets, but it was all in vain. The few beans that had actually matured were mush and the foliage soon turned dark.

Overall, this year’s vegetable garden was only so-so, especially the tomatoes.

We did get another bumper crop of mulberry leaves, however. No matter how much we prune out of that tree year after year, it never seems to produce any less foliage. The shade it supplies on the west side of our house is great, but when those leathery leaves drop en masse, especially on a relatively calm day, they tend to get caught in the gutter screen. As much as I hate to wish for wind, it is going to take a brisk westerly breeze to dislodge those leaves before freezing rain or snow mats them into the perfect foundation for an ice dam.

Despite my whining about frozen beans and clogged gutters, I actually do enjoy this time of stripping away the “clutter,” if you will, and re-discovering the foundations of the landscape. It’s like removing an over-abundance of knick-knacks (or maybe just dusting the furniture) so that you can actually see the beauty of the wood grain in the shelf.

Those of us who are retired and have the time to ponder this season a bit may discover a sense of peace and appreciation of changing – and maybe even challenging – circumstances in our personal lives.

Maybe fall gardens are just wishful thinking. Perhaps a better use of time and energy is to take a hike in the woods and “harvest beauty” instead of a few more beans.



The Fremont, Nebraska Re-Enactors re-enacted a Civil War battle in Brownville, Nebraska during *Old Time Autumn Days*, 10/8&9.



This time, the *South* advanced causing the *North* to withdraw.



Two military units brought their own cannons. Brownville’s cannon was not used in this battle.



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The *North* defends their position.



The *South* prepares to attack.

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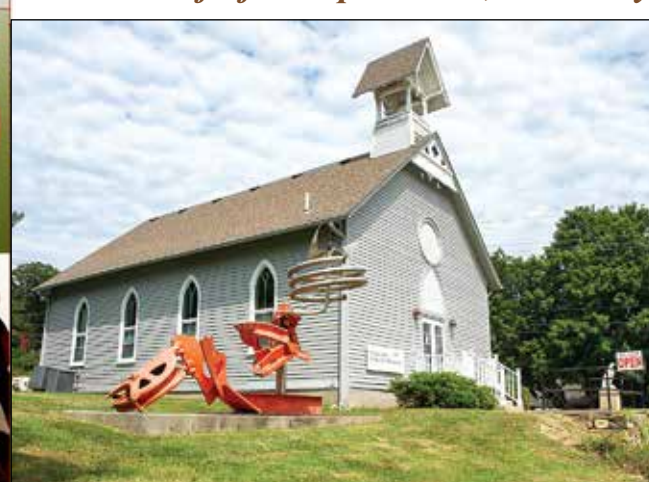
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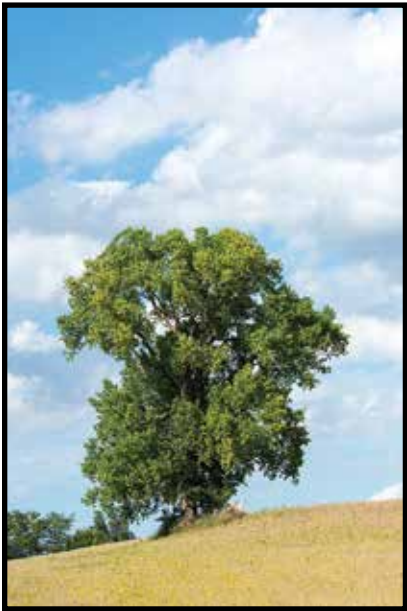
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A road less traveled, East of Peru, October 15th, 2022.



Karin TarQwyn, K9PI & York. Story page 8.



Alice’s Cottonwood on H-67.



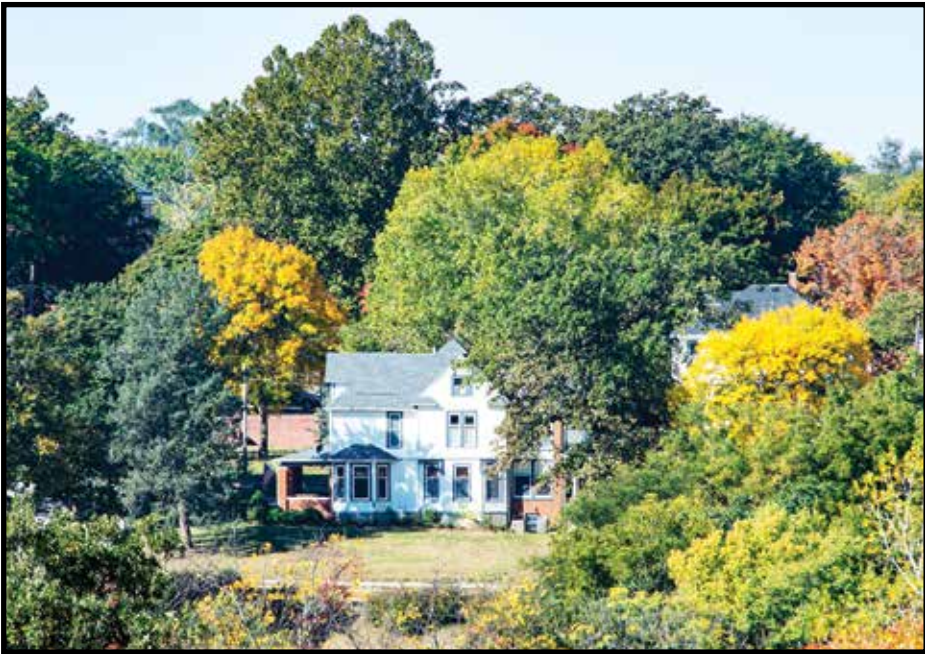
Milkweed Pods



Gazebo & Mini “Library.” Western National Bank’s ‘garden.’



St. Clara’s, in the “Hills of Peru,” October 15th, 2022.



“President’s House,” October 15th, 2022.

November Earmarks The Anniversary of PCN!

By Angela Allgood

I have always wanted to report about news in Peru. Years ago, I wrote a little newsletter called Peru News and I loved it! I loved meeting new people, I loved learning the truth and not rumors and then I put the truth to the residents of Peru. Working full-time hindered that writing project and it did not last long.

Then, one year ago, Stephen Hassler walks into the office of City Hall with an old Peru News in his hand, and asks, “Are you this Angela Allgood?” I felt proud. Proud that someone had a copy, proud that I created that, and proud to say, “Yes”. We talked a little bit and he asked if I wanted to volunteer and help him. I immediately agreed.

Can you believe it has already been one year since I have been bringing the Peru City News to you?

It has been fun, challenging, and rewarding! It has been a challenge and a reward to write about the positive things happening in Peru. I am happy to bring the positive and not the negative. News today is bad. It is negative. I love focusing on the positive. Peru is very unique. It is picturesque, and full of hidden gems.

When you have lived here a long time, you start thinking you know people and what goes on in town, but through my articles and interviews, I have learned so much more about the people of Peru, the college, even small town politics ... I have also been honored to share my passions through my articles.

Thank you for the wonderful feedback and support. I love hearing from those who are reading the PCN. I hope next year you will be able to notice more of a growth in my writing. I can only get better right?!

Next year, I hope to introduce you to more of the wonderful people of Peru and keep printing the positives.

A Forced March

By Angela Allgood

It was a beautiful Friday afternoon sitting down at the Peru Depot. At 3:00 pm I looked up and there were five soldiers walking up the trail towards me. Not a soldier from today’s army, but re-enactors of the Civil War.

They were using a map from 1893 and told me for the most part, it was accurate still. Of course the Sonoma Island was no longer there but for the most part, it was accurate.

The five soldiers were dressed in full gear and were actually marching up the trail with guns in hand. Christopher Visser, from Lincoln, stated that he had been reenacting for 33 years. He started at the age of nine! Then, there was Jeremy Hayes out of Richmond, MO, who had been doing reenacting for 25 years; Brad Anspach from Lawrence, KS, reenacting for 17 years; Brandon Keller from Missouri Valley who has been reenacting for 20 years, and then Solomon Messina from Independence, MO who started reenacting one year ago! They mentioned there were two other soldiers in their unit but they were “casualties” of the march. They were back at Honey Creek in a camp which they quickly set up with the supplies they were carrying on their march.

They left Brownville at 9 am, were at Honey Creek by noon, and arrived in Peru at 3 pm. Brad Anspach even shared that he was getting a blister on his foot. A real problem when walking so far.

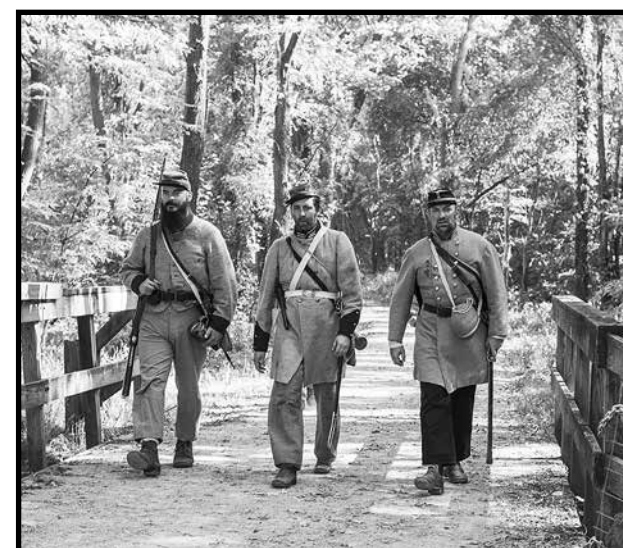
As we were talking, this same unit said that in 2014 they marched from Peru to Brownville and in 2015 they started in Nebraska City and were going to go to Brownville and planned on stopping in Peru to bunker down for the night. When they got to Peru tornado sirens were going off. They did not stay.

It was fun talking to them all. Visser shared history of his sword and they all shared moments of their different histories. They even stated that their relatives were also part of reenactments of different Infantry and Battalions.

Hopefully next year they will come to Peru again and more of our town’s people can come down and meet them.



First sighted about 1/4 mile from Peru



Crossing bridge near Depot.



Arrived at the Peru Depot Visitor Shelter

Lost dog ... Found

by Angela Allgood



Good Morning America came to Neal Park where Karin trains her dogs.



"York" is a ground scenter.



"Jet" is an air scenter.

If you go on Facebook any given day, you will see dogs missing. Either they happily escaped their chain or something more sinister happened. Dog thefts are up 40% from last year, according to the American Kennel Club, with Labrador Retrievers, Yorkshire Terriers and French Bulldogs the most targeted breeds. "It's gotten progressively worse," says Karin TarQwyn, a private investigator who specializes in missing pets.

"Hearts United for Animals" hired Karin and her dog team to find a missing foster dog. The K9PI and her K9s resolved the case. TarQwyn loved Nebraska and would move her entire operation to the cornhusker state within a year."

"An ABC film crew flew in from New York to film TarQwyn and her dog team at Peru's own Neal Park. Filming also took place in downtown Peru for episodes that aired on Good Morning America and will also be broadcast on Nightline."

There are times when having TarQwyn come to you and track your dog is necessary, then again, TarQwyn states that social media is often-times the best way. Just like going on FB and making it known to be on the lookout for your dog, your friends will share with friends, who will share with friends, who believe it or not are 100 miles away and found your dog.

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For most of us, our pets are our children and panic when they go missing. In 2004, Karin experienced the grief and panic of a pet gone missing when her own dog, Jack, disappeared. Jack was found after four months, but that fear and panic helped make the decision to switch from finding humans to finding pets.

Karin TarQwyn is one of the most recognized K9 PI's and has a book out; "**How to Find A Lost Dog / The Pet Owner's Guide**" by Karin TarQwyn (K9PI). "TarQwyn and her team travel all over the continental United States and receive calls for help from all over the world."

For more information go to <https://k9pi.com/> or <https://lostpetprofessionals.com>
Or find her on FB at <https://www.facebook.com/KarinTarQwynTheK9PI/>

Tuesday Literary Club Reads

By DiAnna Loy, Tuesday Literary Club

In August, Valerie Able presented the first two books in Mary Connealy's High Sierra Sweetheart series to our group. This month, all of our members read the third book in this series, *The Unexpected Champion*. When we met at The Whispering Pines Bed and Breakfast for our annual meeting, I facilitated the discussion of this third book. We were very fortunate to have the author join us for our meal and discussion; she had much to add.

As we start this third book in the series, the villain Raddo is dead and our group of settlers are delivering his body to the sheriff. That taken care of, the majority of the party heads home while John McCall and Penny Scott stay behind at the sheriff's request. While they are waiting for the sheriff to be ready for them, they are abducted by Luther's men. (Luther is Raddo's older brother and while he puts up a good front to the community, he is still involved in many illegal activities behind the scenes.) When John and Penny don't make it home, Penny's older brother, Cameron, reports them missing and that John has kidnapped Penny. We must remember John is new to the area and has come to locate and take Cameron's nephew, Ronnie, back east to his grandparents and is therefore not trusted.

John and Penny escape their captors. They are totally lost and wander in the woods until finding their way back to town where they immediately seek out the sheriff to report their kidnapping. When the sheriff sees them, he immediately arrests John for the kidnapping and murder of Penny. He will not believe Penny that she was neither kidnapped nor murdered by John. About this time the sheriff's wife shows up and determines that Penny was also raped and was probably with child. The only solutions available are to hang John or marry John and Penny. Neither of the young people think hanging is a good option and therefore agree to be married. The wedding is conducted immediately with the sheriff's wife and children as witnesses.

John and Penny spend the rest of the book trying to discover who kidnapped them and for what reason. All they know is that one of the kidnappers wore a pair of fancy boots. They have many adventures as they try to solve this puzzle. Their antics include dressing up as other people and swimming underwater using reeds to breathe through. At one point Ronnie's grandparents show up and muddy all the waters.

Of course, everything comes out right in the end. John decides to stay in Nevada and try to get the Pinkerton's to let him set up an office there so he and Penny can be together.

We thank Mary Connealy for spending her time with us as we discussed this book. It added depth and meaning to our discussion.

Happy reading.



Western National Bank Open House, October 26, 2022

Write-In Candidate

by Angela Allgood

Cate Wyckoff moved to Peru in 2021. After living here for almost a year, she decided she would like to run for City Council-member in November. Since we had the regular election, she had to come on as a write-in.

Cate informed me that the process for a "write-in" was not that difficult. Go to the Nemaha County Courthouse – Clerk's Department and do the paperwork they need (which was basically signing a form), then back to Peru City Hall to pay a fee of \$12.00 and that was it! Easy!

She felt good about signing up for Council-member. She said she loved research and would take her duties as Council-member seriously. She would research issues before hand so that she could make a good decision when voting.

Cate did state that she loved the way Peru is right now. The people are friendly, the town is beautiful, and she really loved it. She did say however that there were a few "maintanence" things that needed taking care of.

She and her husband follow national politics and she has a degree in International Affairs, but no real political blood. She saw an opening for Council-member and knows that without being fully staffed you are not always ready for things that may come up in the future.

Cate grew up in a small town. Her town had 100% employment rate thanks to the International Paper Mill and the Arrow Shirt Factory. Once those businesses closed down, they sunk to 100% unemployment. She said the town was tremdously hurt but it is now thriving, so she knows what small towns can go through.

If she gets voted in, she will be excited to be a Council-member and will seriously deal with Peru's issues.

Good luck Cate Wyckoff!

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Christmas Memories?

Those of you from whom Stephen has requested a "Christmas Memory," please submit before Thanksgiving in an email to;

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Your notice of acceptance or decline (as soon as possible), would be helpful.
Thank you!

Peru Progress

by Angela Allgood

- Three more families are moving into Peru
- PCIG is getting ready for Santa Claus!!!
- PCIG is looking into Meals on Wheels – A survey will be sent out at a later date
- UNL students will be working on downtown revitalization plan – More to come in future issue
- The formerly flooded area is looking a little better thanks to Zach Reeves! He has trees down, mowed the weeds down and it looks good!

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Special thanks to reporter, Angela Allgood.

History Startup

by Angela Allgood

Mom and I are always talking about the Peru she moved to, married in, and raised her children in. When she says, "When I was younger," I will sit and listen how much Peru has changed. The old fairs they used to have here, the businesses, and the joining together to get through the tough times.

Working at the City Hall, I get a lot of, "My parents used to live here," Do you know where the movie theater was?" ... Uh no. I didn't know Peru had a movie theater, but I was impressed! Or some other business.

That got me thinking. I want to bring things how they "used to be" back to Peru. Throughout the year of 2023, I will be writing about some old businesses that used to be in Peru. I had a lot of fun researching this. I interviewed people asking them what businesses they remembered and what "feeling" it brought back for them.

I hope these trips down Peru's "memory lane" will bring a smile to your face and a memory to your thoughts. If you want to share them with PCN throughout the year, email me!

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P o e t r y

by Devon Adams, Peru

RIDGES AND BONES

A frost and freeze
have stolen the color
from the blazing hills
in a blink.

Leaves came down
to the ground and
only bare branches
are left to write their
stories in black ink.
Ragged ridges define
the hills, dragging
deep ravines down
their sides to the
flat at the bottom of
the slopes. Sunrise,
with it's angled light,
outlines spines and
vertebrae, left where
they fell, eons ago.
Imaginary yes, but
easy to see in the
first blush of dawn
after restless sleep
in a chilly tent. In
dreams we can go
back to the earth's
first awakening as
a living planet.

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The sky story is telling
a tale of change that is
moving over the prairie
in a creeping curve of
curdled clouds that is
the line between Fall
and Winter.

Geese are writing in
a language of giant
V shapes as they fly
the ancient routes of
migration and print
their silhouettes like
words on a tablet.
Wild critters on alert
are poised to break
and run when they
hear the rumble of
distant shotguns and
the cold fire of rifle
bullets coming close.
A sharp edge of wind
cuts away the last
warmth as evening
settles on the rolling
hills and river valleys.

GIVING

A thought to save:
Saying thanks is
a good thing to do,
and very polite.
But it can't cure
a blue day like
giving part of your
heart away.

FAMILY QUILTS

The show's on the wall
of the hall in the church
down the street.

Cloth has been cut with
scissors so sharp that
not even a shred of a
thread is allowed to be
loose.

Edges are straight, and
patterns repeat, like the
beat of a drum from a
band on the run in the
street.

Each quilt came from a
family, with chapters
of children writing their
lives into patches and
seams and themes to
remember.

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the craft is a story that's
true of the town whose
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BY THE CREEK

Gurgles are hiding
under the ice on the
creek.

Last week, it rained
once more, before
the calendar said
no more, and now
a frigid front is here.
We're wearing two
sets of coats and
wool socks inside
big boots. Houses
have drafts down
chimneys and cracks
in floors and doors
with room for more
mice than we want
to think about, and
this is only the start.
The part of the story
about long winters
isn't here yet, but I
wouldn't bet that it
doesn't happen!

COMING IN

The air is alive with
noise, as thousands
of geese glide down
a flight path and land
on smooth evening
water. They break
their journey simply
by knowing how to
follow the maps
imprinted in their
brains. They
are as one with
ancient cousins
who traced the
same route from
season to season.
A massive buck
stands in silence,
tasting the scent
trails for a ripe and
ready doe. A fast
flash of images,
gone in the shadow
of a long, gray cloud.

Thanksgiving is for Everyone

Dorothy Rieke, Julian

Did you know that Canada's Thanksgiving celebration predated ours by more than forty years? In 1578, an English navigator, Martin Frobisher, held a ceremony where Nunavut is now located. He gave thanks for the safety of his fleet. This is considered the first Thanksgiving in North America.

Much later the Loyalists, unhappy with the colonies wanting their independence from England, moved to Canada at the time of the Revolutionary War. These people introduced turkey and some other customs from the American Thanksgiving.

Actually, Thanksgiving celebrations or harvest festivals took place in Europe for years. People celebrated being thankful for good harvests. A good harvest meant food for the year, and fulfilled other needs.

Of course, when Puerto Rico became a territory of the United States in the late 19th century, they selected the same day as ours for celebrations. They also introduced Black Friday from our culture. Turkey is served in Puerto Rico on Thanksgiving, but pork is also a popular menu item for this day. Turkey and pork are usually served with rice, plantains, and beans.

In 1789, George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation by the national government of the United States. He wanted Americans to express their gratitude for the happy conclusion to the country's War of Independence and the successful ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

For some years, each state celebrated Thanksgiving on various dates. President Lincoln saw this as a division, so he proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held in November.

Today, our nation is in turmoil again. Violence seems to be everywhere. This Thanksgiving, as a nation, we need forgiveness and gratitude. These are antidotes to the issues that divide us. We need to show kindness, offer forgiveness, and develop a deep sense of thankfulness. May you celebrate Thanksgiving with love in your heart, prosperous vision in your mind, and gratitude in your being.

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Window On Fifth Street

Stephen Hassler, Peru

Does the moon conjure up memories of your childhood, or some other special time in your life?

Through my window on 5th Street, I often spot the full moon rising from behind the bluffs of the Missouri River. That same heavenly object that I associate with a 12-year-old boy's view from the porch roof of an old farmhouse.

September was the Harvest Moon, October was the Hunter's Moon, and this month of November is the Frost Moon (or the Beaver moon), the moon during the month that marks the first “hard” frost.

At night, when it was visible, the moon would pass from left to right across the movie screen that was my night sky. I didn't know the moon had monthly names back then. It was just a bright, mysterious companion to the earth, at a time before the amazing journey of the astronauts' landing.

My bedroom was the largest room in the “upstairs.” It had a window on the west from which I strung my radio antenna wire over to the barn, and a double window on the south with screens that unhooked and swung outward so that I could climb onto the porch roof and be out in the Summer night without going downstairs.

I can't go back in life. I can only move forward, but I can look back. I can try to remember what my feelings were like during those moments; hearing the sounds of the toads croaking down by the ‘crick,’ the crickets singing in the grass, the feel of the humid night air on my skin. I try to remember because it seems to me that it was better then, a peaceful, innocent time. But really, it was just a “younger” time.

There are past events I would love to live over again. I can't smell that air or hear those sounds, but I can look at the moon, just as it was then, and with some imagination, the other senses come through.

In a small town or on the farm, there are subtle aspects of the rural life-style. The appearance of the full moon in a peaceful evening, the smell of grain being harvested, the taste of coffee at sunrise, the feel of an evening breeze.

I am appreciating the seasons more each year with the mystical fabric of rural scenes interwoven with the memories of youth. I can't go back in life, I can only move forward, but as I slow down, I can look backward over my shoulder and feel a “hello” from long ago. And turning forward, through my window on Fifth Street, wave “hello” to the future.



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Peru State College News

Men's Basketball

Picked Fourth in Heart Preseason Poll

The Heart of America Athletic Conference picked the Bobcats to finish fourth in the league with 139 votes.

William Penn was voted first place in the preseason poll as they are three-time defending Heart champions.

Last season, the Bobcats finished the season 16-15 overall and 10-9 in Heart conference play. They lost in the first round of the Heart conference tournament to Central Methodist 70-64.

For the Heart's full release click here:
<https://bit.ly/3g2clEG>

Women's Basketball

Picked 11th in Heart Preseason Poll

The Heart of America Athletic Conference picked the Bobcats to finish 11th in the conference for the upcoming 2022-23 season.

The defending Heart champion Clarke Pride was picked to repeat again as Heart regular season champions. The Poll is voted on by all 14 head coaches in the conference.

The Bobcats finished last season 12-16 overall and 7-12 in Heart of America Athletic Conference play.

For the full heart release click here:
<https://bit.ly/3Colf5y>

The women's basketball season tips off against Central Christian College on Friday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. in McPherson, Kansas.

Bob Ludwig Resigns! Roman Gentry Takes Over As Interim Basketball Coach

After five seasons at the helm, Bob Ludwig has announced his resignation from his position as head men's basketball coach. As the team prepares to open its season this weekend at home against Morningside University, Roman Gentry will take over as interim head coach.

"Before the start of the school year, I had informed my administration that this would be my last season at Peru State, as my wife and I have had plans to relocate to Florida this spring for some time now," said Ludwig. "Upon further thought, I believe it is in the best interest of the program to step down now. This decision is made easier knowing that Coach Gentry is beyond ready to lead this team. He is a great person and coach who will do an excellent job."

In Coach Ludwig's first two seasons on campus, his teams made back-to-back NAIA National Tournament appearances. They upset #1 seeded the Masters University during the 2017-18 National Tournament, advancing to the Sweet Sixteen. The following season, they won the Heart of America Conference Tournament Championship. In five years, 22 seniors that finished with the program under Ludwig's leadership obtained their bachelor's degree, with more seniors on track to do so this spring. During his tenure, the program earned individual and team academic accolades such as NABC Honors Court, Daktronics NAIA Scholar Athlete awards, and NAIA Scholar Team recognition.

"I have very much enjoyed my time at Peru State and am thankful for the opportunity this institution gave me in 2017 to live out my dream. I hope that community members will come out in support of this year's team, as the players and coaching staff are a truly special group."

"We would like to thank Coach Ludwig for his five seasons as Head Coach of the Peru State men's basketball teams," said Athletics Director Wayne Albury. "The Bobcats experienced success under his leadership, and we wish Bob and Cathy much luck in their future endeavors."

PSC Athletes Named Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes

Three Bobcat Men's Basketball Players

Two Bobcat Golfers

Nine Bobcat Football Players

Nine Peru State Softball Players

Five Peru State WBB Players

Adams and Bentley Earn Heart Football Player of the Week

On Monday, October 24, the Heart of America Athletic Conference announced their weekly football honors. Peru State's Devin Adams (Pembroke Pines, Fla.) won Heart Special Teams Player of the Week while Kile Bentley (Cairo) won Heart Defensive Player of the Week.

Bentley scored a touchdown off a muffed punt and recorded a safety. He had ten tackles on the day, three of which were solo. In addition, he also had a tackle for loss and a sack.

Adams had seven punts for 287 yards averaging 41 yards per punt. He downed four punts inside the 20-yard line. Two of the punts were pinned inside the five-yard line which resulted in two safeties that would be key in the 27-25 victory over William Penn.

This is Bentley's first POTW award while Adams has earned a DPOTW earlier in the year. You can read the Heart's Full Release here:

<https://bit.ly/3VXLxWv>

Peru State is now 4-4 overall and 2-0 in Heart North play. The Bobcats have a tough task Saturday afternoon as they host No. 2 Grand View in the Oak Bowl at 1:00 p.m.

BOBCAT BASKETBALL

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NOVEMBER

11/7	Haskell Indian Nations Univ.	7:00 p.m.
11/18	Ozark Christian College	5:00 p.m.
11/26	MidAmerica Nazarene Univ.	2:00 p.m.
11/30	Culver-Stockton College	5:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

12/3	Missouri Valley College	2:00 p.m.
12/10	Baker Univ.	12:00 p.m.

JANUARY

1/7	Central Methodist Univ.	2:00 p.m.
1/11	William Penn Univ.	5:30 p.m.
1/19	Mount Mercy Univ.	5:30 p.m.
1/25	Grand View Univ.	5:30 p.m.
1/28	Graceland Univ.	2:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

2/8	Benedictine College	5:30 p.m.
2/15	Clark Univ.	5:30 p.m.



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