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# communityCALENDAR

## THIS WEEKEND

- Cookie sale 8:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1009 G St., Eagle. Complimentary drinks.
- ProRail Nebraska Inc. fall membership meeting 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 13th and R streets.
- Tree care workshop 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 8320 South St. Info.: (402) 489-1510.
- Lincoln Citizens' Climate Lobby monthly meeting 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 8320 South St. New members welcome. More info: call Carolyn at (402) 219-3066.
- Creamed chicken/homemade Bun-

zas dinner (your choice) 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Havelock Masonic Center, 4430 N. 70th St. Public welcome.

- Under way: "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" opened Friday at the Lincoln Community Playhouse, 2500 S. 56th St. Remaining shows Dec. 9-10 and 15-17. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. All tickets are \$15 and may be reserved at lincolnpayhouse.com or by calling the box office at (402) 489-7529 weekdays between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children under 4 are not allowed at the performance.
- Last weekend: Nebraska Wesleyan

University's presentation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," concludes with shows at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in McDonald Theatre, 51st & Huntington. Tickets (\$10 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors and students) at theatre.nebrwesleyan.edu or call (402) 465-2384.

- Last weekend: Nebraska Wesleyan musical theatre students' presentation of "Christmazz Cabaret" opened Thursday, runs through this weekend in the Studio Theatre, 2710 N. 48th St. Remaining shows 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets (\$6) at theatre.nebrwesleyan.edu or call (402) 465-2384.

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## Calendar

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- Prairie Astronomy Club hosts "How to Buy a Telescope" presentations, 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Hyde Observatory at Holmes Lake. Look at different types of telescopes and have your questions answered. Observatory open 7 to 10 p.m. for regular public viewing night.
- Cornhusker Marching Band high-lights concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday on Lied Center Main Stage, 12th and Q streets. Tickets \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. For tickets in advance, call the box office at (402) 472-4747.
- Dynasty Combat Sports presents Season's Beatings, 8 p.m. Saturday at Pinnacle Bank Arena.
- Grinchfest movies, 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. showtimes Sunday at Marcus Lincoln Grand Cinema, 1101 P St. See "Home Alone" or "Elf" (each movie will be shown at 8:30 and 9 a.m.). Free admission with good-will donation of four non-perishable food items per person. (Additional donations encouraged.) All donations benefit the Food Bank of Lincoln.
- Lincoln Elks Lodge No. 80 Annual Children's Christmas Party begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Free admission.
- American Historical Society of Germans from Russia to host Christmas Open House 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at 631 D St. Museum also open the same hours. Music and refreshments provided, public invited.
- Nebraska Environmental Trust hosts holiday open house 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the historic Fer-

guson House, 700 S. 16th St. Tour the home for free. Info.: call (402) 471-5417 or email: allison.laduke@nebraska.gov

- Music students perform Sunday beginning at 1:30 p.m. at State Capitol, prior to annual Capitol Tree Lighting Ceremony. Music by Irving Middle School Choir and Lincoln East High School Brass Choir.
- Winter Wonderland story time and craft-making session 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior St.
- German Christmas service 2 p.m. Sunday at Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church, 540 D St. Christmas music and spoken word in English and German. Family event welcomes everyone who enjoys listening to and singing seasonal German music. Refreshments served. Free.
- Waverly Area Community Band presents Holiday Concert 2 p.m. Sunday in the Waverly High School auditorium. Free admission; reception to follow.
- Widowed Persons Service (WPS) Friendship Group meets 2 to 4 p.m. every Sunday at Calvert Recreation Center, 4500 Stockwell St. (Fall session takes effect Sept. 10.)
- Grief Groups meet every Sunday at Roper & Sons Funeral Home from 2 - 3:30 p.m. in our Reception Facility at 4300 O Street. This weekend: : Structured Group, facilitated by Tiffany Eisenbraun, PLMHP. This group is for those who are grieving a death that took place in the past 18 months or less. Free.
- Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society (LLCGS) offers free

assistance with genealogy and family history from 2-4 p.m. most Sundays at Walt Library, 6701 S. 14th St. For information on Sunday topics, see www.llcgs.info or call Bob McQuistan, (402) 483-6158. Open to anyone interested in genealogy.

- Bells of Grace handbell choir's 13th annual Christmas concert, 3 p.m. Sunday at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St. Free-will offering to be accepted, reception to follow concert.
- Whitehall Mansion Holiday Open House, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the Whitehall Mansion, 5903 Walker Ave.
- Winter Wonderland story time and craft-making session 4 p.m. Sunday at Bennett Martin Library, 14th and N streets.
- Christmas Program, 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Christ Lutheran Church, 4325 Sumner St.

## MONDAY

- Wreaths Across America ceremony 11 a.m. in the Warner Chambers; official wreath to be presented. See article in this issue.
- Executive Club of Lincoln weekly noon luncheon meeting at The Nebraska Club, 20th floor of U.S. Bank, 12th and M streets.
- Garden Club of Lincoln meets at 7 p.m. in Culler Middle School cafeteria, 5201 Vine St. Program: "Gardens of the World," by UNL horticulture professor Paul Read. Refreshments before and after program.

## TUESDAY

- Lincoln Sunrise Kiwanis Club

meeting 6:30 a.m. in the Flanagan Room at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, 5401 South St. Guest speaker: Lancaster County Sheriff Terry Wagner.

- Lunchtime "Music Fest" concert featuring baritone vocalist Robert Patton, 10:30 a.m. at Belmont Senior Center, 1234 Judson St. Reservations due noon Monday; call (402) 441-7990.
- Lincoln Rotary Club #14 weekly noon luncheon meeting at The Nebraska Club, 20th floor of US Bank, 12th and M streets. Guest speaker: Jody Horner, Midland University president.
- Caregiver Education Group holiday party begins at 1:30 p.m. at Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 1144 M St. See article in this issue.
- Capital City Kiwanis Club weekly dinner meeting 6 p.m. at the Cotner Center, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd.
- Free give-away 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at Calvary United Methodist Church, South 11th and Garfield streets. Free clothing (all sizes) and household items. No income eligibility requirements.
- Dance to the music of the C.J. Honnor Quartet, 7 to 9 p.m. at Auld Pavilion in Antelope Park, 3140 Sumner St. Ballroom and other varieties of dance.
- Lincoln Continentals men's a cappella chorus weekly rehearsal, 7 to 9 p.m. at Northeast United Church of Christ Social Hall, 6200 Adams St. New singers, guests welcome.
- Lincoln Chorus weekly rehearsal, 7 to 9 p.m. at Vine Congregational UCC, 1800 Twin Ridge Rd.

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### ■ WEDNESDAY

- Lincoln Sunrise Optimist Club breakfast meeting 7 a.m. at Perkins, 48th & O streets.
- Lincoln Gateway Sertoma Club breakfast meeting 7:30 a.m. at Tabitha, 48th and J streets.
- Lunchtime "Music Fest" concert featuring baritone vocalist Robert Patton, 10:30 a.m. at Lake Street Senior Center, 2400 S. 11th St. Reservations due noon Tuesday; call (402) 441-7157.
- Lincoln Northeast Kiwanis Club weekly noon luncheon meeting at Golden Corral, 3940 N. 27th St. Guest speaker: Deb Hughes, MSN, FNP, Holistic Harmony MedSpa.
- Lincoln East Rotary Club Christmas party at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 O St. No noon luncheon meeting Dec. 13 at Valentino's Grand Italian Buffet, 70th & Van Dorn.
- Advent worship services 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 4325 Sumner St. Free-will dinner served 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.
- South Gate United Methodist Church, 3500 Pioneers Blvd., hosts special worship service on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Come as you are from work and participate in a short, meaningful service with Rev. Stephanie Ahlschwede. A midweek opportunity for a brief quiet time. All are welcome. More info: (402) 489-1641.

### ■ THURSDAY

- Lincoln Northeast Sertoma Club breakfast meeting 7 a.m. in Hy-Vee Club Room, 5020 O St.
- Lincoln Center Sertoma Club breakfast meeting 7 a.m. at The Cornhusker, a Marriott hotel, 333 S. 13th St.
- Yoga classes led by a certified yoga instructor 9:30 a.m. every Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church, 7130 Kentwell Lane. Bring a mat. Free-will donation.
- Lunchtime "Music Fest" concert featuring baritone vocalist Robert Patton, 10:30 a.m. at Downtown Senior Center, 1005 O St. Reservations due noon Wednesday; call (402) 441-7154.
- Cornhusker Kiwanis Club weekly luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. at

The Venue Restaurant, South 70th & Pioneers Blvd. Info.: [www.cornhuskerkiwanis.org](http://www.cornhuskerkiwanis.org)

- Wachiska Audubon potluck dinner and program, beginning at 6:15 p.m. at Unitarian Church, 6300 A St. Jason St. Sauver of Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center presents "Twas the Birding Day Before Christmas," a lighthearted program based on his "BirdNerd" expertise in bird calls and birding by ear. Bring 1-2 favorite dishes to share along with your own table service. Drinks provided. Friends and family invited to this free public event. Silent auction ongoing.
- Living Nativity open 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Southern Heights Presbyterian Church parking lot, 5750 S. 40th St., continues 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday. Longstanding tradition features live animals and cast members. Drive through or walk up to view the manger scene. Public invited, free admission. Monetary donations to the Food Bank of Lincoln accepted, but not required.
- Christ Schools Elementary Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 4325 Sumner St.
- Nebraska Christian Women's Chorus and Nebraska Christian Men's Chorus present their annual Christmas concert, 7 p.m. at Fellowship Community Church, 8601 Holdrege St. Refreshments follow. Both choruses welcome new members each year in order to provide inspiring and uplifting music at retirement and other venues in the Lincoln area. More info. at [www.christianchorus.org](http://www.christianchorus.org)

### ■ FRIDAY

- Lunchtime "Music Fest" concert featuring baritone vocalist Robert Patton, 10 a.m. at Northeast Senior Center, 6310 Platte Ave. Reservations due noon Thursday; call (402) 441-7151.
- VA Holiday Coffeehaus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the VA Auditorium, 600 S. 70th St. Songs of the season by Dave Egr, One Man Band and VA staff members. Refreshments served; public welcome; Quilts of Valor presented. Info.: contact Terry Gillispie at 402-499-0230 or [gillispie@windstream.net](mailto:gillispie@windstream.net)

- Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club weekly noon luncheon meeting on 20th floor of U.S. Bank, 13th and M streets. Guest speaker: Reverend Jimmy Shelbourne, associate pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church. Topic: "Christmas without Hallmark."
- Lincoln South Rotary Club weekly noon luncheon at The Venue Restaurant, 70th & Pioneers Blvd.
- Closing reception 5 to 7 p.m. for the Capstone Exhibition in the Eisentrager-Howard Gallery in Richards Hall at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, featuring the work of graduating undergraduate studio art and graphic design students from the School of Art, Art History & Design. Awards announced at 6 p.m.
- Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln (YAAL) presents "The Wizard of Oz," 7 p.m. at the YAAL Theatre, 1233 Libra Drive. Additional performances 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. next Saturday and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 17) at YAAL Theatre. Tickets available online at [www.yaal.org](http://www.yaal.org) and at the door, pending availability.

### ■ NEXT WEEKEND

- Wreath Laying Ceremony 11 a.m. next Saturday at Wyuka Cemetery, 3600 O St. Guest speaker: former Governor and U.S. Senator Ben Nelson. See article in this issue.
- Ugly Sweater Contest 11 a.m. next Saturday on the sidewalk at The Mill in College View, 48th & Prescott. Free and open to everyone, lots of prizes. Info.: Rebecca Hasty, (402) 646-9202.
- Christmas Tea, 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 17) at Whitehall Mansion, 5903 Walker Ave. \$25 covers treats and beverage buffet, tour of the decorated mansion, and a gift of appreciation. Proceeds help the preservation of Whitehall Mansion and continuation of annual events. Info.: [MideKaib@aol.com](mailto:MideKaib@aol.com)

### ■ COMING SOON

- 30th annual Keelan Family & Friends Christmas Concert, 7:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 at Christ United Methodist Church, 4530 A St. Tickets \$15 at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



## Rotary Club #14 Keeps Wheels Turning at Everett Elementary



COURTESY PHOTO

Lincoln Rotary Club #14 president Jennifer Brinkman rides one of two recumbent bikes that are now part of the Everett Elementary School library, thanks to a partnership between Fuel Up to Play 60 and Lincoln Rotary Club #14. The service club is providing ongoing support to the students and families at Everett Elementary as part of their foundation priorities to support children, education and literacy. Funding from Rotary supports the Fuel Up to Play 60 program at Everett. The nutrition and exercise program launched by the National Dairy Council and the NFL, in collaboration with the USDA, is designed to encourage youth to lead healthier lives. Rotary Club #14 is also providing support to the Parent Education Group at Everett, funding the Ukelele Club this year, and has designated the playground renovation project to receive 50 percent of all funds raised at its upcoming event — Rise. Shine. Give — on Feb. 10, 2018.



## Rotary Benefit Taken To Heart



COURTESY PHOTO

Lincoln South Rotary Club, Clinic with a Heart and Kuck Motorsports worked together on a fundraiser that provided a net of over \$7,225 to the Clinic. Kay Wunderlich (left), president of Lincoln South Rotary Club and Teresa Harms (right), executive director of Clinic With a Heart, posed for the photo op. Clinic with a Heart serves the uninsured and underinsured with volunteers providing free healthcare with hospitality, dignity and grace. The fundraiser was held at the Kuck Motorsports Museum, where supporters could view the collection of rare and unique automobiles.

Lincoln South Rotary is part of Rotary International, a volunteer organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. For more details about Lincoln South Rotary visit [www.lincolnsouthrotary.org](http://www.lincolnsouthrotary.org).



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*Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays  
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**\$1000.00**

Gary & Lori Kruse

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 Pinnacle Construction

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Glenwood State Bank  
 Jim Hughes Real Estate

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 Newman's Thriftway  
 LeMar & Sharon Osterholm  
 Sargent Farms  
 Sharp Street Groomers

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 Mills County Electronics  
 Oriental Palace

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# Rotary program to discuss language classes at SECC

**Kirt Manion**  
 kmanion@ncnewspress.com

Employers be advised. The Nebraska City Rotary Club meeting at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Eagles Club at 600 1st Corso could be a game changer for your business.

Laura French, an English as a second language instructor at Southeast Community College in downtown Nebraska City could have the solution to your problems.

French said that, while many local businesses are struggling through long periods of trying to find motivated and knowledgeable workers, a group of diligent, hard working and skilled non-English speakers are bridging the language gap to make themselves available for employment opportunities.

Graduates from the Southeast Community College English as a second language program could fill those long standing job openings.

Employers with non-native English speakers already in their work force should still come to the Rotary meeting. French said, non-native speakers, when made aware of the chance to refine their English skills at Southeast Community College, could make a commitment that improves fluency and enables employers to promote them to other job openings.

French said workers at Cargill or Honeywell in Nebraska City, for instance, may have enough English to do their job, but not enough English to be promoted.

Class work at the college can help address that.

The English as a second language classes at Southeast Community College are free and are open enrollment, which means students can join anytime.

The students are first given a computer administered test that determines their level of fluency and then begin class work to improve that level.

French said, on any given day, she might work with speakers who are functional with the English language and just need practice along with students who are truly new to the English language.

For a good percentage of the speakers, it's the language barrier, not a lack of skill, that makes it hard for them to find good work.

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## ROTARY

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By graduating from the English as a second language class, speakers can then take the high school diploma they received from their former country of residence and go on to college classes. Some already have college degrees.

Program grads who don't have a high school diploma can enter into adult basic education classes to receive a GED and then go from there.

Students are required to attend two classes per month and log 20 hours of combined class time and distance learning.

French said she is amazed by the work ethic of her students. After long days at their regular job, and after having taken care of the family's needs, students come to the college setting for three hours of course work.

"It just makes me want to do everything possible that I can for them," French said. "They're just good people."

French said the foreign speakers are people who are in this country chasing the American dream and dealing with the complications that come with living in a rural area where their native tongue isn't spoken.

In metropolitan areas, there might be areas of the city where foreign speakers have their own radio station, newspaper, restaurants and cultural centers.

"Here, it's a lot harder," French said, adding that many Spanish speakers go to Omaha for doctor visits because they have a Spanish-speaking clinic.

French said she finds it gratifying to see non-native English speakers find the confidence to engage in conversations.

"You can see them being kind of surprised, 'I am talking to English speakers. We are understanding each other. It works,'" French said.

Just recently, French said that the college had its English as a second language students in a setting with English speakers learning Spanish. After the English to Spanish speakers finished their final class, they met with Spanish speakers and were able to have conversations with those native speakers.

Having that dynamic take place was fun to see and French said there is considerable interest for English speakers who would like to learn Spanish as well.

For more information on the offerings at Southeast Community College, call Cindy Meyer at (402) 323-3636.