



Mutual of Omaha Bank announces appointment in Lincoln

Roger Ludemann has been named Lincoln market leader at **Mutual of Omaha Bank**.



In this position, **Ludemann** will focus on building the presence of Mutual of Omaha Bank in Lincoln, as well as managing relationships with commercial and industrial clients. He will oversee new business development, in addition to managing existing business lending and deposit portfolios. Ludemann will be based at Mutual of Omaha Bank's Lincoln facility at 14th and "Q" Streets.

Ludemann is a seasoned banker with more than 30 years of experience in banking, sales development and marketing. Ludemann is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and is deeply involved in the Lincoln community.

Volunteer activities include, past president and member of the Downtown Lincoln Rotary Club, the Emeritus Board of Bryan Health Systems, and the Lincoln Parks Foundation Board of Trustees. Past leadership positions also include: president of the Lincoln Symphony, founding president of the Rotary Club 14 Foundation and interim executive director of the Nebraska 150 Foundation.



Teacher of the Month award to Amy Ruisinger

21-year educator
teaches at Lux Middle
School, University of
Nebraska High School

Amy Ruisinger, a 21-year educator and currently an instructor at the University of Nebraska High School (formerly Independent Study High School) and Lux Middle School, is the latest Teacher of the Month honoree recognized by the Lincoln East Rotary Club and U.S. Bank.

She previously taught at Norris Middle School in Omaha; Dawes, Culler and Lux middle schools in Lincoln; and Lincoln North Star and Lincoln Southeast high

schools.

"I've only known Amy through UNHS these last three years but she has been with us for about 19, I believe," said UNHS Principal Hugh McDermott. "Positive, effective written feedback is the key to our students' success and Amy does an outstanding job in this area," McDermott said in his nomination letter. "Both Mr. Dohmen (Lux Principal Duane Dohmen) and I are very fortunate to have Amy as a teacher.

She continues to do excellent work for Lincoln Public Schools and the University of Nebraska High School."

A native of St. Edward, she earned a Bachelor of Science in English Education from UNL and a Master of Science in Secondary Education from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

She began her teaching career with Omaha Public Schools in 1997 as a part of the University of Nebraska CADRE Project, teach-

ing one year of seventh-grade English at Norris Middle School in Omaha.

She and her husband, Bob Ruisinger, who is a counselor at Marilyn Moore Middle School, have a 15-year-old son, Riley, and a 14-year-old daughter, Kennedy.

She received \$100 each from East Rotary and U.S. Bank, with one of the awards covering the purchase of classroom materials and the other award for her personal use.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured from left: Erin Rausch Conaway, U.S. Bank; Duane Dohmen, principal, Lux Middle School; Amy Ruisinger, Teacher of the Month; Hugh McDermott, Principal, University of Nebraska High School; and Wayne Casper, chairman of the Lincoln East Rotary Club Teacher of the Month committee.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND

Lincoln Area Railway Historical Society hosts 2018 annual spring show 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Lancaster Event Center, 84th and Havelock Ave. Adult admission \$7, ages 12 and younger free with a paid adult, seniors \$6. (\$1 discount for anyone bringing a can for the Food Bank of Lincoln)

Lincoln City Libraries and Wachiska Audubon Society invite families to free Lincoln Bird ENCOUNTER from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Gere Branch Library, 2400 S. 56th St. Wachiska Audubon to offer fun activities, games, visits from live raptors and pictures of birds drawn by Dr. Paul Johnsgaard, local author, illustrator and world bird authority. Free for all.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees meet at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beacon Hills, 5353 N. 27th St. Information: Carl, 402-464-2598.

Denton American Legion Auxiliary #355 hosts annual Tea and Silent Auction Saturday beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Denton Community Center, 7115 Lancaster, Denton. Admission (\$10) includes tea and condiments, tea cakes, fruit, sandwiches and other treats. Silent auction 11:30 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. Proceeds to send a high school girl to Girls State.

Safe Haven open 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Saturday on lower level of St. James Church, 2400 S. 11th St. (enter through east door). Provides a safe and sober environment for individuals who are working towards making a transition back into society after incarceration, or are working towards or maintaining their sobriety, or for anyone seeking fellowship in a safe and sober place. Have conversations, play games, watch sports on the big screen. Program is staffed by trained volunteers, but anyone can visit anytime.

Under way: "The Firebird: American Ballet Theatre with the the St. Louis Symphony," opened Friday evening, continues 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Lied Center Main Stage, 301 N. 12th St. Tickets: at box office or 402-472-4747.

Under way: Nebraska Wesleyan University's performance of Lisa Kron's "Well" opened Thursday evening in Miller Theatre, Elder Memorial Speech and Theatre Center, 51st Street and Huntington Avenue. Remaining shows Feb. 17 and 22-24 at 7:30 p.m. p.m. with matinee shows Feb. 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for seniors and children; buy at theatre.nebrwesleyan.edu or call 402-465-2384.

Lincoln City Libraries celebrates Dental Health Awareness Month with dental care story time for preschool-age children 1 p.m. Sunday, Eiseley Branch Library, 1530

Superior St. Free; no registration required
 Widowed Persons Service (WPS) Friendship Group meets 2-4 p.m. every Sunday, Calvert Recreation Center, 4500 Stockwell St.

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.

"Safe Travels" a youth safety program for young people and their families, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St. LPS Officer Sara Genoways will present a session on Internet Safety; Taylor Mead, UNL music education major will tell her story of a few seconds of distraction behind the wheel lead to a serious injury accident; Dr. Meredith Martin from Nebraska Bullying Prevention and Intervention Initiative at UNL will talk about how to spot bullying and strategies kids can use to counteract bullying. Free.

MONDAY

Sunrise Toastmasters Club weekly meeting, 6:30 a.m., Gianna's Java and Gelato, 2241 O St. Information, 402-416-4342.

"Loss of a Loved One Drop-in Grief Group," meets every Monday, 10-11:30 a.m. and every Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m., The Harbor Coffeehouse, 1265 S. Cotner Blvd. Call 402-486-8546 for confirmation of dates.

Fallbrook Kiwanis Club meets noon-1 p.m. at Concordia University location, 570 Fallbrook Blvd., Suite 203. Bring your own lunch.

Due to Presidents Day, Executive Club of Lincoln will not meet Feb. 19. Weekly noon luncheon series resumes Feb. 26 at The Nebraska Club, 20th floor of U.S. Bank, 12th and M streets.

Lincoln Torch Club monthly meeting, optional social time at 6 p.m.; dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m., The Nebraska Club, 20th floor of U.S. Bank, 12th & M streets. Presentation "With Friends Like These" with Carole Levin. All welcome. RSVP to mmoul2@allophone.com.

TUESDAY

Lincoln Sunrise Kiwanis Club meeting, 6:30 a.m., Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Flanagan Room, 5401 South St. Guest speaker: Amy Rodgers, Dental Sleep Apnea Center

Joy Loverde, national aging expert and author of *Who Will Take Care of Me When I'm Old*, presents complimentary educational seminar, 10:30 a.m., Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 O St. and 6:30 p.m. program at The Seasons at Eastmont, 6305 O St.

Refreshments served. Call 402-261-0094 to RSVP.

Lincoln Rotary Club #14 weekly noon luncheon meeting schedule resumes at The Nebraska Club, 20th floor of US Bank, 12th and M streets.

English language volunteer tutor orientation, 1:30 or 5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Literacy, Ninth and G streets. Tutors needed for English language learners and native speakers of English working on increasing their literacy skills. Register at www.lincolnliteracy.org or contact Victoria Welles at vwelles@lincolnliteracy.org or 402-476-7323.

Capital City Kiwanis Club weekly dinner meeting 6 p.m., Cotner Center, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd.

Cosmopolitan International Club meeting, 6-7 p.m., Panera Bread, 201 N. 66th St. Info: Julie Brezenski, 308-850-8013.

Madonna Adaptive Sports & Recreation Bowling Night for anyone with a disability, 6-8 p.m., Parkway Lanes, 2555 S. 48th St. \$5/bowling, \$3/shoe rental. To register call Rick Haith, 402-413-3722.

Free give-away 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday, Calvary United Methodist Church, 11th and Garfield streets. Free clothing (all sizes) and household items. No income eligibility requirements.

"Facing the Future after an Unexpected Death," a free presentation by Dr. Bill Hoy, 6:30-8 p.m., Bryan East Campus, Plaza Conference Center, 1500 S. 48th St. Register at bryanhealth.org/calendar or call 402-481-8886.

Dance to the music of Skylark, 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday in February, Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park, 3140 Sumner St.

Mozart's Coronation Mass, Youth Masterworks Festival Concert, 7 p.m., First-Plymouth Church, 2000 D St. Free admission, freewill offering.

Lincoln Camera Club monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd. Public invited.

Lincolnaire Chorus weekly rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., Vine Congregational UCC, 1800 Twin Ridge Rd.

Jam session 7-10 p.m. at Fraternal Order of Eagles—Lincoln Auxiliary 147, 500 W. Industrial Lake Drive. \$4. Food served (club menu) 5:30-7 p.m.

Lincoln Continentals men's a cappella chorus weekly rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., Northeast United Church of Christ Social Hall, 6200 Adams St. New singers, guests welcome.

Husker men's basketball team plays host to Indiana, 8 p.m. at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

WEDNESDAY

Lincoln Sunrise Optimist Club breakfast meeting, 7 a.m., Perkins, 48th and

O streets.

Lincoln Gateway Sertoma Club breakfast meeting, 7:30 a.m., Tabitha, 48th and J streets.

Dental Health Awareness Month presentation 10:30 a.m., South Branch Library, 2675 South St. Free tooth care products.

Lincoln Northeast Kiwanis Club weekly noon luncheon meeting, Golden Corral, 3940 N. 27th St. Program: Sharing by new members.

SouthPointe Kiwanis Club noon luncheon meeting, Stauffer's Café & Pie Shoppe, 5600 S. 48th St.

Lincoln East Rotary Club noon luncheon meeting, Valentino's Grand Italian Buffet, 70th and Van Dorn streets. Guest speaker: Mark Sunderman, director of Rehabilitation Service at Eastmont.

Caregiver Drop-in Support Group — 5-6:30 p.m., Tabitha The Club — Adult Day Services, 4600 Valley Road. Care for loved one provided at no charge. Meals available for \$5.

Lenten worship service 5 and 7 p.m., Christ Lutheran Church, 4325 Sumner St. Lenten dinner served 5:30-6:45 p.m., free-will donation.

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.

UNL's School of Art, Art History & Design's Hixson-Lied Visiting Artist Lecture continues with 5:30 p.m. presentation by painter Sarah McEneaney in Richards Hall, Room 15, Stadium Drive and T Street. Free to the public.

Strong Ties, free support group for anyone caring for someone with a mental illness, 6-7:30 p.m., Blue Valley Behavioral Health office, 3901 Normal Blvd., Suite 201. Info: 402-261-4017.

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University nine-week course starts at 6:30 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 7130 Kentwell Lane. Register by calling the church, checking the website or this link: <http://www.fpu.com/1060179>.

New workshop series, "Jerusalem in Bible & Archaeology" led by Dr. Lucas Schulte, meets 6:45-7:30 p.m. weekly through March 21 (no session March 14) at First-Plymouth Church, 2000 D St. Free to the public and free childcare. Registra-

tion required at 402-476-7550 or email adie@firstplymouth.org.

Berlin Philharmonic Piano Quartet performance, 7:30 p.m., Lied Center Main Stage, 301 N. 12th St. Tickets at box office of 402-472-4747.

THURSDAY

Lincoln Northeast Sertoma Club breakfast meeting, 7 a.m., Hy-Vee Club Room, 5020 O St. Guest speaker: Mark Anderson, Corps Officer with Salvation Army.

Yoga classes led by a certified yoga instructor 9:30 a.m. every Thursday, Trinity United Methodist Church, 7130 Kentwell Lane. Bring a mat. Freewill donation.

Cornhusker Kiwanis Club weekly luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m., The Venue Restaurant, 70th Street and Pioneers Boulevard. Info.: www.cornhuskerkiwanis.org

Public open house for North 33rd Street and Cornhusker Highway Project, 5-7 p.m., Center for People in Need, 3901 N. 27th St. Focus on the BNSF corridor between N. 27th and N. 48th streets. The open house is part of the project's planning phase.

Welcome to Medicare, a free presentation by SHIP program director Alicia Jones, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bryan East Campus, Plaza Conference Center, 1500 S. 48th St. Pre-registration required at bryanhealth.org/calendar or call 402-481-8886.

Husker women's basketball team plays host to Penn State at 7 p.m. at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

NWU "The Kid Inside" weekend cabarets, featuring favorite songs from children-themed musicals, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22-24 and 2 p.m. Feb. 25, Studio Theatre, 2710 N. 48th St. Tickets/\$6 at theatre.nebrwesleyan.edu or 402-465-2384.

FRIDAY

Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club weekly noon luncheon meeting, 20th floor of U.S. Bank, 13th and M streets. Guest speaker: Becky Boesen, artistic director, Flatwater Shakespeare. Topic: "Bringing Shakespeare into the Community and Making It Accessible to Children."

Lincoln South Rotary Club weekly noon luncheon, The Venue Restaurant, 70th Street and Pioneers Boulevard.

FirsTier Toastmasters Club meets noon-1 p.m., Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 1144 M St. Information: <http://5949.toastmastersclubs.org>.

Fourth Friday Art Reception, featuring "Mystery of the Missing Masterpiece" contest and original artwork by artists of the Lincoln Artists' Guild, 5-8 p.m., Out of the Box, both levels, 366 N. 48th St. Gallery hours: Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 402-817-6776.

Snarky Puppy performance, 7:30 p.m.,

Lied Center Main Stage, 301 N. 12th St. Tickets at box office or 402-472-4747.

Music by High Country 7:30-11 p.m., Fraternal Order of Eagles—Lincoln Auxiliary 147, 500 W. Industrial Lake Drive. \$8. Food (fish/lasagna) served from 5:30-7 p.m. Guests welcome.

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FREEMAN WALZ 1938-2018

NORFOLK — Memorial services for Freeman E. Walz, 79, Norfolk, will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at the First United Methodist Church in Norfolk. Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk.

Visitation will begin an hour prior to the service at the church. Home for Funerals is in charge of arrangements.

Freeman Walz, a Norfolk resident of 51 years, passed away on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, following a decade-long battle with Lewy Body Dementia.

Freeman was born Aug. 29, 1938, at the old Lutheran Hospital in Norfolk. He grew up in Neligh and graduated from Neligh High School in 1956.

On Aug. 14, 1960, Freeman married Betty Pilcher in Neligh. He would go on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska and a master's degree from Kearney State University.

After graduating from the University of Nebraska, he taught English for six years. In 1966, Freeman and his young family moved to Norfolk from Minden, when he accepted a position as guidance counselor at Norfolk Senior High School. He was a member of the faculty that transitioned from the



old high school building into the new senior high school building on Riverside Boulevard. In 1972, he was hired as the assistant dean of student services at

Northeast Technical Community College. Then, in 1976, Freeman transitioned once again into insurance sales. Insurance would be his profession until his retirement.

In retirement, he worked for several years as director of development at the First United Methodist Church in Norfolk. During these years, he also served as parish assistant at the Pierce, Osmond and Winside Methodist churches.

A man of boundless energy, he took great pride in his involvement with the community of Norfolk. Freeman was active in a variety of civic and professional organizations: Rotary Club (past president), Chamber of Commerce (ambassador and Arkfeld Award winner in 2004), Norfolk Men's Chorus, Masonic Lodge, Northeast Nebraska Life Underwriters (past president), past associate guardian of Jobs Daughters, Board of Pensions and Health Benefits of Nebraska and the Conference

of the United Methodist Church (past chairman).

Freeman was a devoted family man and is survived by his spouse of 57 years, Betty Walz. He is also survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Lisa Walz; his daughter and son-in-law, Sara and Keith Palmgren, as well as his grandchildren, Zach and Abby Walz, Tyler and Ryan Scott.

The family would like to thank the people in the Norfolk area for their support and thoughtfulness toward Freeman over the past few years. We hope that you always remember Freeman for the outgoing, fun loving person he was.

First United Methodist Church is located at Fourth Street and Phillip Avenue.

The family requests that memorials be given to the Lewy Body Dementia Association at www.lbda.org. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.homeforfuneralsinc.com.