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Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Covid Update

Stephen Hassler

Nebraska is releasing data regarding Covid-19 cases again. This needs to be done in order that people know when to use extra caution or protection. Note the table below.

There has been a surge in cases in October as seen below, albeit not as much as in September. And there have been no recent deaths in our four counties. Still, hospitals are short on rooms availability, leaving patients with heart attacks, for example, on gurneys in the hallway while unvaccinated Covid patients fill the rooms.

New “Positive” Cases of Covid-19 in our “Country Neighborhood” Counties

<u>Date Range</u>	<u>Nemaha</u>	<u>Otoe</u>	<u>Johnson</u>	<u>Richardson</u>
10/12 - 10/25	27	81	10	10
10/14 - 10/27	27	110	15	15

The Kansas counties whose cities are Hiawatha and Sabetha have 40 and 56 deaths respectively. Compare to Nebraska counties of Nemaha 13, Otoe 13, Johnson 10, Richardson 24. Deaths in bordering counties of Missouri and Iowa are in line with Nebraska.

What will the holidays bring? With vaccines being approved for children and boosters for the rest of us, I'm optimistic, as long as no new “variant” arises, and our hospitals can manage the cases of the unvaccinated.

And now I refer you to a lighter article on page 8.

Follow CDC Guidelines as to how to avoid Covid-19.

Go to [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) to keep up with guideline revisions.

Vaccines do not protect you from the common cold, so

Do Not Relax Your Handwashing.

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POPCORN, A "FIRST THANKSGIVING" TREAT Dorothy Rieke, Julian

Popcorn has become a major food in many households. It is regarded as a low calorie healthful snack food. It contains protein, vitamins, minerals, energy-giving carbohydrates, and is a major source of fiber. This popular food has no sugar and contains about 55 calories a cup. Of course, this depends on how it is popped and what is added. The American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute recommend it as a fiber source which could reduce risk of some types of cancer.

Indians in North and South America were the first to cultivate this crop. In fact, they grew popcorn thousands of years before the first explorers arrived in the 1400s and 1500s. The Indians ate the popcorn and used it for decorations in their religious ceremonies.

Many stories exist pertaining to this miraculous crop. Indians believed that demons were imprisoned inside the kernels. Once heat was applied, the demons threw regular tantrums because their homes became unbearable with heat.

The popping of popcorn is a rather mysterious act. It can be explained, though. Popping corn contains a different type of starch from other corn. In addition, the shell is moisture proof. The heat causes the interior moisture to turn to steam and pressure builds up until the kernel explodes. The best kind of popcorn has 13 1/2 percent moisture which expands with heat to 30 to 40 times the original size of the kernel.

It is quite possible that English colonists first saw this strange "popping corn" at the first Thanksgiving feast. Because it was such a special treat, Indians traditionally offered popcorn as a goodwill token during peaceful negotiations.

Popcorn for the colonists became a special breakfast treat when served with cream and sugar. In fact, during the Depression of the 30s, popcorn often was served this way for a meal.

Popcorn today is extremely popular. Four hundred fifty million pounds are consumed each year. That would be an average of 33 quarts per person.

In past years, Minneapolis/St. Paul has been considered a "popcorn capital" because people in that area, according to reports, ate 64 quarts per person each year.

Today, many popcorn hybrids have been developed. Yellow or white popcorn are largely a matter of choice. Yellow popcorn is the most popular.

Serving popcorn includes a variety of options. For example, sprinkle chili powder or taco seasoning or grated cheese on the hot corn. Garlic salt or onion salt gives a different flavor. Try adding crumbled cooked bacon or French fried onions. For sweet treats, mix in dried fruits such as raisins, mini marshmallows, gum drops, candy-coated corn or chocolate or butterscotch chips.

Popcorn can be utilized in many ways and served for many occasions. It usually guarantees a "popping" good time.

Window On Fifth Street

Stephen Hassler, Peru

Through my window on 5th Street I can't as yet see the holidays approaching, but the changing colors, the cooler days, and store decorations will soon signal otherwise. I'm reminded of a Thanksgiving song.

My one-room country school offered singing for the first ten or fifteen minutes of each day. The songbook had an antique-ish, gold-ish-colored paper cover. Each student had a turn at selecting his or her favorite song by calling out the page number, with songs like the Thanksgiving song, "Over the River and Through the Woods," a song about riding in a horse-drawn sleigh to grandma's house for a festive dinner.

I was blessed with a parallel experience of riding in the back of our '51 ford to Aunt Marie's house, on her farm about four miles from ours. The house was newer with immaculate wood floors and a lavishly prepared dining room table in a nook off the kitchen, the floor of which was blue tile or maybe it was high quality linoleum.

Occasionally, about once a month, mom, dad, brother, sister, and I would leave after Sunday morning services for a big mid-day dinner of either chicken or roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, peas, and huge slices of bread. Dessert was homemade pumpkin, apple or lemon meringue pie. The meringue was higher than the pie was thick with tinges of brown from the oven heat on the wavy white topping.

Aunt Marie's bread was very different from "Wonder Bread," and even other homemade breads. Mom said Marie used water instead of milk. The slices seemed over-sized. Maybe she used extra yeast. And often there were large holes in the slices, formed from air bubbles in the rising dough.

I had the idea of googling "depression bread" and found a recipe for "3-ingredient depression era bread." And sure enough, water, flour, and yeast were the three ingredients. She probably developed a taste for this "depression era" bread and didn't need to change the recipe.

The song's phrase, "over the river" was lost to me though. In my experience the river was just a "crick" under a bridge, so I pretended it was like the lyric in the song. But recently I was looking up Marie's farm on "Google Maps" and saw that the "crick" is actually the east branch, north fork, of the Elkhorn River. So it was "over the river" after all! Just like in the song.

The song was written in 1840. Could voices of children singing be heard from the walls of country schools back then? The first "National Thanksgiving" was in 1863. I expect family and friends gathered at grandma's for holiday feasts of turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. I wonder if the bread in those post colonial days of America tasted better than my Aunt Marie's. Possibly, but I'll bet they couldn't beat Marie's Lemon Meringue pie.

I hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving! I recommend pumpkin pie, but you can skip the depression era bread.

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ANOTHER PLANET

How far can you travel if you have no limits? Don't bother with actual facts, just let your brain relax and travel to the place of your dreams. There is no travel fee, or gas to buy, or plane fare, because you can sit in your chair or lie in the grass under blue skies as you fly in the sky full of dreams. Of course we take a trip each night as we sleep our way into adventures that lead us from place to place, but we aren't in control. You may have to practice how to get away from the day. It can be addicting and exciting and very relaxing to shut the door on stress and strain and doubt and depression. A warning though, not to become so good at getting away that you can't get back again. That might be fun, but it could be a problem for your real life. Have a good trip!

WARM KITCHENS

The opposite of cold wind and deep snow is a warm house with a busy kitchen ripe with the aromas of baking, frying, boiling and mixing! Winter isn't all that bad, as we all can remember from our childhoods, when snow was a wish and a blessing. Comfort wasn't even a thought, as we slid down icy hills and our clothes got wet from snowball fights and wallowing snow angels. But at the end of the afternoon it was a total delight to be greeted by hot cocoa and homemade noodle soup, not to mention hot apple pie. As our fingers and toes began to tingle with blood circulation, we only then realized that we'd been numb!

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TURKEY TIME

It isn't a celebration for all, after all. Would you want to be at the head of a table, sitting next to the guy holding a big carving knife? I guess you wouldn't care if you'd already been cooked. Maybe all your relatives are also on a list as the guest stars of holiday dinners, so there really won't be anyone left to notice that you are gone. Still, it would be respectful for those holding the knives and forks to give a nod to the effort you made to be there. A toast to the gallant bird who didn't have a choice about being the main course, with oyster dressing (give a nod to the sea gang trapped in the can).

ONE TO RUN

On the twilight hill, the statues were silhouettes standing still. Quiet air was resting from the windy afternoon, and the sky was blazing from the fire in the clouds. A sudden shot split the calm. It only took one to run, as all the deer exploded into white tail flashes, bounding into the trees. It was a miss, this time.

A PAGE TURNER

Good books don't always grip your mind in a vise, so that you can't put them down, even if it doesn't fit into your schedule to stay up all night until you find out who did or didn't "do it." Thick, thin, or published in a series of volumes, some books invite us to linger on a page, or even a single sentence as we travel through the story. Words can be written with such style and grace that we are stunned by their eloquence and the shape of the truth that lies before us. Reading is like planting a garden in our mind: seeds of thoughts will combine with other seeds until they mix and match and belong only to us, and no one else.

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RIVER OF SKY

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A COLD BLUSH

Gold is a forgotten color now, as snow begins to take away even the gray of the lay of the land. Ice crystals form perfect patterns on flakes flat and thin as shards of unforgiving glass. A final gasp of light screams through a crack in the clouds and makes the frigid air dance with reflected sparkles, as a blush spreads along the hard horizon. The sun is embarrassed by its weakened ability to warm the earth.

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blue and white signs marked its historic times
an artistic metal fence with sculpted events
modern buildings mixed with old ones well fixed
new library and fire house, trucks waiting stationary
a bar and grill where Husker fans were thrilled.

After we dined on prime rib and pie it was time
to enjoy the reason we came, a grand dame
standing proud on a corner lot, the perfect spot
to oversee the town's affairs and be
a respite for tourists and family to stay a bit.

Her 4th generation lavished rejuvenation
saving the best, restoring the rest
providing gentle care to guests who come unaware
it's like sleeping in a museum, keeping
safe under a quilt dreaming of when she was built
and how, long ago, they endured freezing cold
and beastly heat, sheltered by her walls.

The magnitude of their fortitude makes me feel small
with our reliance on electricity and technology
our need for phones, instead they honed
skills long gone, secrets to survival beyond
our comprehension, not understanding their apprehension
about making it through the winter, baking
the scent of meals and woodstove smoke into her bones.

New smells help us wake, tried not to be late
for a delicious breakfast, listening to others' ambitious
plans for the day, when we just wanted to stay
conversing about the past, gratitude to hosts dispersing.

While cars were packed, on the balcony I sat
mesmerized by birds, without a word
contemplating their oasis, so many places
'round a small pond with feeders for eaters
tiny and shy, sparrows quick to fly
at the smallest sound, not earthbound
flit to a fence, appreciating providence.

As we drove on by I thought, So should I.

With gratitude to Gordon and Linda Mueller,
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Diary of a Part-time Housewife

Merri Johnson, Auburn

I was having lunch recently with a friend who is also a gardener and likes to travel, as Hubby and I do. We were lamenting the incompatibility of those two activities. It's risky to take extended trips during the growing season lest weeds, raccoons, lack of rain, heat or over-ripe produce wreak havoc while we are gone. But even after the active growing season is over, there is still the risk of loss.

I refer to frost. It is the third week of October, so frost is to be expected based on historical data. But, based on the five-day forecast, NO frost was predicted for Auburn this week. So, we took no precautions three days ago when we left for a week in St. Joseph with our grandkids.

When I got up this morning and realized the temperature here was down to 35 degrees, I had a bad feeling about conditions back home. I checked the weather for Auburn and sure enough, it was only 28 degrees with a frost warning in effect for nine hours! How did that happen, Mr. Meteorologist??!!

Hubby's bell peppers may be doomed. Not only are they out in the open, but the garden is in a low spot in our yard. The peppers were extremely slow this year and were finally looking promising when we left. I fear there will be nothing but mushy blobs hanging from the plants when we get home. There could be an upside to that. Hubby might give up on peppers, like he finally did on sweet corn after it got blown over three years in a row. More room for something different. Potatoes would be more of a sure bet. Or maybe something a bit more exotic, like eggplant.

I have moved several houseplants back inside already, but there are more still out on the patio and in the screened porch. They are relatively hardy and are in a protected area that gets morning sun, so I'm not too concerned about them. Frankly, if a couple of them have frozen, I won't shed too many tears. It's a bit of a nuisance to get them all rounded up together for my "plant sitter" to water while we take 3-week winter trips.

We typically compile a list of to-dos as we prepare for a trip, but this time I barely remembered to stop the newspaper and hold the mail the morning of our departure. Maybe it's time to develop a permanent comprehensive list. We've already conceded that notations on the calendar are not adequate to remind us of appointments and other obligations. The number of sticky notes on the kitchen cabinet doors testifies to that.

We have another longer trip coming up soon, so I'd better start that list today!

PERU CITY NEWS

Plein Air Artist shows Peru through his eyes.

by Angela Allgood

If you were walking around downtown Peru on September 29th you may have noticed a gentleman in a floppy-rimmed brown hat sitting and painting.

That man was Tim Hantula from Blair. He was one of the Plein Air Painters that the Auburn Arts and Events invited to their Plein Air Paint Out!

This was Tim's first year doing the Plein Air Paint Out in Auburn. He said he has focused on Plein Air Art for the last three (3) years and has really focused on it this last year. He said the pandemic presented him with 'farm painting'.

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Amen!

by Angela Allgood

Northridge Church has been holding services at the Peru City Hall since last fall. Although the congregation is thankful for a temporary place to worship, the members cannot wait until their church is finished being built. There are currently about 30 people that attend services regularly and the church being built should hold about 100 members!



Northridge Church started through Sabetha, Kansas and is a network of churches throughout the region. They are a part of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Coffee Shop Excitement

by Angela Allgood

As you pull into Peru, our old car wash is going to be a quaint coffee shop! Yes, I said old car wash AND coffee shop!



Preston and Sylvie Shires feel this is a service to the community, the surrounding area, and the college students. Mr. Shires said, "...providing a place where residents, farmers, and others can gather for a morning coffee would be nice."

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Why woodworking?

by Jeremiah Villeneuve

You could say, sawdust is in my blood. Our family has been providing services around the globe for generations helping others build their dreams while impacting the communities around them. From a very young age, I was working with my hands (Plastic hammers, wooden blocks, and Lincoln logs), to receiving my first "real" hammer and handsaw from my dad.



With woodworking, I've been wanting to start a business for a long time... but needed that push. Sally McAdams helped provide that push each day that I would talk with her at the cafe. She was seeing the hand carved stuff I've

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Student Life

by Ean Miller, Sophomore at PSC

As fall inevitably gives way to winter at Peru State, there is something in the air beyond the falling oak leaves- COVID-19. Nearly two years after the beginning of the pandemic, the effects are still felt, but deafened for students at Peru. While the days of mandatory weekly testing and extreme sanitation measures are mostly gone, one thing remains. Masks are still required to attend classes and enter many buildings on campus, despite if one has gotten the vaccine or not. While controversial, this is not a big surprise to many after masks were commonplace everywhere last year.

But more has changed this year- Peru's football program has finally received a proper season after being heavily restricted for the season last year due to the pandemic- and this season has shown a favorable result for the Bobcats, which no doubt increases school spirit among newer students who didn't get to experience such events in the past year. Other events include plays, shows, and other student events that would likely not have happened in the year of 2020, and with many students already having antibodies or the vaccine, it seems that the effects of the virus itself have been lessened.

Is the mask situation optimal? Most students would tell you that it is not. However, with the increased freedoms and flexibility after what was a restricted year in 2020, it only seems fair to say that this year has surpassed the last for students at Peru, and as the school year continues, many students hope this trend will continue.

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The Pastor of the Northridge Church in Peru is Pastor Daniel Hutchison. He grew up in Kansas City. He was on staff with a campus ministry at Kansas State University who focused sharing the good news of Jesus with international students. He and his wife were “planning on going to East Asia as missionaries, but strong government crackdown on Christianity had made it nearly impossible for them to go”.

You can join services of Northridge Church on Sunday at 10:00 am at 614 5th Street in Peru (City Hall).

Let’s welcome Northridge Church and its members to Peru.

Peru’s Little Library!

by Angela Allgood

If you have not been inside the gazebo downtown, you have to go! Inside is a cute little library commemorating the Tuesday Literary Club’s 100th anniversary! The Tuesday Literary Club wanted to give back to the community and “get books into the hands of people”. When talking with DiAnna Loy, she said that any books can be put down there and the books can be taken home and read by anyone. Kids and adults both.

Loy mentioned that there are a lot of people that helped make this project happen. Mid-America Structures made the house the books are in, Amber Schutte Barnett painted the structure and the signs, both Jim Nevitt and DiAnna Loy donated benches, Andi Sherman painted the benches, and the Mainstreet Bank of Peru gave permission to let the gazebo

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Steamboat Trace Update

by Peggy Groff

A Steamboat Trace committee consisting of two people from Brownville, two people from Peru, two people from Nebraska City, and one person from Auburn has been formed to collaborate with the Nemaha NRD on updates, progress, and concerns for the trail.

Peggy Groff and Jeremiah Villeneuve will represent Peru. Jeremiah and Peggy will be focusing on efforts to restore the area at the Peru Trailhead.

Peggy Groff has reached out to the NRD, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Nebraska Forest Service, and Peru City Council and received positive support from each group.

Jeremiah and Peggy are looking for volunteers who would like to serve on a subcommittee to restore the Peru Trailhead. Call Peggy at 402-414-2082 or email peggy-groff17@gmail.com for more information.

Peru Tree Project

by Stephen Hassler

On Wednesday, October 13, the Nebraska Forest Service and Statewide Arboretum worked together with Peru volunteers to do a tree inventory in Peru. The results of the inventory and other information will be available at an upcoming meeting at Peru City Hall. No date has been set yet for this meeting.

On Thursday, October 21, Steve Bartels, and Ken Hatten from the NRD, Justin Evertson from the Forest Service, and Peggy Groff from Peru, were joined by student volunteers from Peru State College in order to plant trees at locations in Peru.



Peggy directs volunteers to various locations in Peru for tree planting.



This group planted five trees at the Peru Depot Trailhead on the Steamboat Trace.

PSC celebrated “Giving Day” on the 21st, and the project was a student-community service project.

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Hantula was in Peru for a couple of hours and his painting is pictured below.



He said he enjoyed Peru. He respected small towns that could hold their historic look.

The weekend was very productive for Hantula. He entered three paintings to be judged and won two awards. Hantula won the Artists' Choice for the Julian grain elevator and Honorable Mention for "Steamboat in a Sea of Grass".

Last year the artists painted in Auburn and this year, they were in Johnson, Auburn, Peru, Julian, and Brownville, Coryell Park and Kennedy Orchard & Vineyard.

I spoke with Leslie Clark, Director of Auburn Arts and Events. The Nemaha County Leadership Class 6 did Honeybees in the Heartland and Clark was so excited that program went well that she wanted to expand art in Nemaha County. That is how "Auburn Strokes Plein Air Paint Out" began. It is in it's second year and Clark couldn't be more proud of how it is going. You could tell she was excited because the whole time I was talking to her, she was smiling and talking with such love and enthusiasm for the program.

Clark said that she loved seeing towns from a painters eye. She said the we get bored and stale with the beauty of our home towns but a painter can come in and see/show us the beauty all over again! And yes, she was still smiling!

As of this article's publication date, Clark was still working on the finances of the artists' auction. She did state the artists receive 75% and the Auburn Arts & Events receive 25% of the commissions made from the auction. Clark said the money will be used to make the Plein Air Paint Out bigger and better each year.

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The Bookshire will open in 2022. The earliest we can see it open is January, however, it may even be late August depending on what challenges they meet along the way. And they are running into challenges.

The Bookshire will be a sit-down and drive-thru coffee shop that also serves as a tea shop and will have baked goods, soup, and sandwiches. They plan on being open early morning hours until after lunchtime. However, they may extend hours if need be and they will be open for special events hosted by the city of Peru and Peru State College.



The Bookshire will also have a variety of retail items like coffee mugs, jewelry, tea pots, dishes, etc. Shires also mentioned the coffee shop will seat 40-45 people and will have electrical outlets for laptops and counter space to do homework while sipping an espresso. There will be a small conference room with a TV monitor for eight or so people where students or groups can gather.

When asked how they came up with the name, "The Bookshire," Shires said that in England Preston and his wife discovered the take-or-borrow book pubs, where the old Anglo-Saxon name for 'county' was 'shire.' So the name suggests a county full of books. The word also evokes a rural setting, like we have in Nemaha County. Finally, and perhaps obviously, there's the connection with our name, Shires, and with books, which we write."

Shires mentioned that when they first open, it will be he and his wife working as well as family members, however, keep your resume on hand! They will need baristas and people with drive-thru experience.



St. Clara's Catholic Church
604 6th Street

Pastor Fr. Timothy Danek

Mass - Sunday 8:30 am

Confessions - Sunday 8:00-8:20 am

Nov. 21st - 4:30 Mass at the Newman Center
followed by Thanksgiving dinner at
St. Clara's for parishioners and students.



Peru Community Church
520 Nebraska Street

Pastors Raymond & Rebecca Girard

Services - Sunday 10:45 am

Fall Festival November 3rd

Luncheon 11-2 Soup Supper 5-7



Under Construction

Northridge Church
614 5th Street

Pastor Daniel Hutchison

Services - at Peru City Hall

Sunday 10 am

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shelter the library. Loy said for now the library is on a temporary stand and Mid-America Structures plans on building a more permanent one.

Loy also mentioned that each month a volunteer from the club will keep an eye on the library and make sure it is stocked.

There is a little something in there for everyone! Go check it out!



Little Library in the
Mainstreet Bank Gazebo.

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been doing on Facebook and mentioned I should start selling at craft fairs. The next week, she became my first customer. From there, I slowly acquired tools through labor, family, coworkers, and garage sales. I still am intimidated by not having the dream shop, but God willing he will continue to provide while I make do with the blessings that surround me.

As it got closer to Christmas last year, I landed my first big order from a friend. She wanted three walnut charcuterie boards! From that job, I was able to learn the limitations of my shop, find solutions, network, and deliver a product I was proud of.

After drawing my logo, I took a poll on social media. From there, I recreated it on the computer. I switched the pine tree to something more fitting for the place I call home. It's one way to tie together the oaks that blanket our community and a nice looking beard. If you would want to place an order you can find me on Facebook, Instagram, and Tiktok at Villeneuve Woodworks. If you are not tech savvy, you can reach me at 402-414-7563. Depending on the size of the order, I can normally deliver a finished product in 1 to 4 weeks depending on the time of year. In mid November, you'll be able to see my Beard balm, board butter, and charcuterie boards at Lone Tree Saloon home decor and gifts located in Brownville. Thank you again for the continued support.



A view from 5th Street.



One of Peru's "Bees" is in Mainstreet Bank's Garden.



October Sports Action At Peru State



PSC v Clarke University 10/16

PSC v Mt. Mercy University 10/15





October Sports Action At Peru State



PSC v Doane University 10/23

PSC v Spurgeon College 10/28



Peru State College News

Recently, 59 Peru State student athletes were named to its Spring '21 Dean's List.

Ten of the thirteen athletic department's programs were represented with at least one or more individuals on the Dean's List. In order to make Peru State's Dean's List, a student must have a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99, have completed at least 12 graded credit hours during the past semester, have no incomplete grades for the semester, and be degree seeking.

For the complete release, please go to: pscbobcats.com/news/2021/8/25/baseball-bobcat-student-athletes-make-peru-states-spring-2021-deans-list.aspx

2021-22 Peru State Women's Basketball Preview

The Peru State women's basketball program is looking to improve in 2021-22 season from their 6-16 overall record and a 4-13 mark in the Heart of America Athletic Conference (Heart) last season. The program is under a new leader as Ian Holleran was named the head coach last spring.

In the 2020-2021 season, there was a lot of uncertainty whether games would be played, rescheduled, or cancelled. In addition, there was as a lot of uncertainty surrounding who would be able to play game in and game out due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the 2021-22 season, it is looking like a much more normal season to what everyone expects a college basketball season to be like. Peru State has 32 games.

The first Heart contest will be at home on Nov. 23 when the Clarke Pride visits the confines of the Al Wheeler Activity Center for a 5:30 p.m. tipoff.

For the complete schedule go to: pscbobcats.com

Most of the games will be available via some type of live feed and live stats with the links available on the schedule.

Fritz Stehlik Elected To Peru State College Foundation Board

Fritz Stehlik, whose family has deep ties to Peru State College and to southeast Nebraska, has been elected to the Peru State College Foundation Board of Directors. He will serve a three-year term.

Stehlik, a 1974 Peru State graduate, is a shareholder and president of the Omaha legal firm Gross & Welch, P.C., L.L.O. The Omaha resident grew up in Nebraska City, where his family owned and operated Norman's IGA for many years.

"I was very fortunate growing up working for my parents in the grocery store as I learned business values and people skills," Stehlik said. My father was a very successful grocer and by allowing me to be involved in the business I was able to absorb his business acumen and ethics."

Married to the former Charlene Lutz, also a 1974 Peru State graduate, the Stehliks have five children, including daughter Jessica Hillebrandt, a Peru State alumnae. Fritz also has several siblings who graduated from Peru State. He and Charlene have long been active in Peru State's Omaha Alumni Association, including serving as president for the past four years.

Stehlik's law degree is from the University of Nebraska College of Law. He has been with Gross & Welch for 25 years.

"I was introduced to Fritz at the Omaha Alumni event this past summer," noted Peru State College Foundation Board Chair Jeff Greenwald. "After listening to his comments from the podium, I knew from his passionate message how important the College is to him and his family."

The Peru State College Foundation is a private, non-profit corporation established to solicit and receive charitable gifts in support of Peru State College and its students, faculty and staff. Its office and staff are based on the Peru State College campus. With the addition of Stehlik, the current board has nine members who volunteer their time and talents to the organization.

"I am very hopeful that my many years of business experience and legal practice coupled with my passion for Peru State College will allow me to be a positive member of the board and a significant contributor," Stehlik said.

Peru State Athletics to Host Fall Craft Festival

The Peru State athletic department will be hosting its first-ever Fall Craft Show the first weekend in November in conjunction with its final home football game.

The Fall Festival will be held, Saturday, November 6, in the Al Wheeler Activity Center. It will allow Bobcat fans and others in the region to get a jump on their holiday shopping.

The festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will be held alongside a pair of other activities on the College's campus that day.

Spots are still available for area entrepreneurs, crafters, and/or anyone wanting to show and sell their crafts. A booth will be ten (10) foot wide by eight (8) foot deep and will come with one eight (8)-foot table and two (2) chairs. Setup will be available the night before, Friday, Nov. 5, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., or the morning of the event starting at 7 a.m. Student-athletes will be on site to assist in unloading and loading. The cost of a booth is only \$25.

Payment can be made by cash or check and sent to Brenda Lutz, Peru State College, PO Box 10, Peru, NE 68421. If sending check, please make them out to "Peru State College Foundation" and put "Fall Festival" in the memo line.

For more information or to reserve your spot today, contact Brenda Lutz at 402-872-2350 or blutz@peru.edu.

It should be a great day with a number of built-in visitors due to the other events scheduled on campus; Final Home Football Game, "Tours and Tailgate" activity for prospective athletes, Senior Day.




2021 BOBCAT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUG 28 MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE PERU, NE - OAK BOWL	SEPT 4 CENTRAL METHODIST UNIV. @Fayette, MO	SEPT 11 BENEDICTINE COLLEGE PERU, NE - OAK BOWL	SEPT 18 BAKER UNIV. @Baldwin City, KS	SEPT 25 MIDAMERICA NAZARENE UNIV. HOMECOMING PERU, NE - OAK BOWL
OCT 2 EVANGEL UNIV. @Springfield, MO	OCT 16 CLARKE UNIV. PERU, NE - OAK BOWL	OCT 23 WILLIAM PENN UNIV. @Oskaloosa, IA	OCT 30 GRAND VIEW UNIV. @Des Moines, IA	NOV 6 GRACELAND UNIV. PERU, NE - OAK BOWL
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