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The Nebraska City Pioneers High School Marching Band, AppleJack Parade, Sept. 2018

Lourdes reception set up first TD against BDS, Bruning, Nebraska

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Art Exhibition at Falls City Library, Stalder Gallery 9/14-10/27, 2018

# Your Country Neighbor

*Voices and Views From the Valleys of the Nemaha*

Publisher & Photographer, Stephen Hessler

## Guitar Poems

Steve Adams



The rise and fall  
Of the names written on the wall  
They touched you  
And you touched them all

Nothing lasts forever  
Or stays the same  
People live  
And then they're gone one day  
Names on the wall  
The rise and fall

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The rise and fall

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## Hitchhiker

by Janet Sobczyk

Student photographer  
drives onto dirt road  
seeks countryside view  
as prized camera waits on bucket seat.

Tires throw up gusts of dust  
in wake of Dodge Colt  
sport stripes race up its white hood  
across the doors, matching a red vinyl top.

First stop, click, click, click!  
Ancient barn, amid tall weeds  
one side leans in  
too tired to stand much longer.

Next stop, click, click!  
Silhouette of wooden windmill  
one arm missing  
turns slowly above rows of corn.

Last stop, click!  
Cattle crossing sign points the way  
for herd of goats, shepherded  
by efficient Border Collie and weary farm boy.

Turn back toward town  
photo assignment complete  
driver lost in thought  
eager to develop negatives.

Thudding on windshield  
jolts back to reality...  
a swarm  
grasshoppers!

Glass covered with insect hitchhikers  
driver, squeamish  
turns on wipers  
watches hoppers swept off glass.

One gets caught in blade  
rides back and forth  
left, right  
kicking, writhing.

Driver halts the wipers  
stops the torture  
hurries home  
asks Dad to release tiny captive.

Now it's a city bug!

## October Writers

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Janet Sobczyk

Merlin Wright

### Thank You!

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## Cover Photos

As usual, the Pioneers looked good and sounded good in this year's AppleJack parade. For me it was the largest crowd and the longest parade I've attended... anywhere... even in Nebraska City. The weather was probably part of the reason. And of course it was "Battle-of-the-Bands" day.

Nebraska City's Lourdes Catholic High School played football against Brunning-Davenport/Shickley High School in Peru's "Oakbowl" Friday, September 14th. This reception by Lourdes was early in the game. For me it was the best part.



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I've always appreciated the Milkweed plant.  
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I saw very few Monarchs this Summer, but  
Fall migration has been uplifting.



Lourdes Central Catholic High School Marching Band



I am told this is a very impressive scene at night... I'll try next year.



Blair always brings impressive sounds.



The Syracuse Germanfest float is a 'regular'.



This one's for you, Ed.



Gina's favorite part of the parade.

## Caffeine Musings

Merlin Wright

HONEYCREEK CEMETERY. Halfway between Peru and Brownville, east of highway 67 there is a cemetery. Half a mile south of Honey Creek there is a hillside pasture with an open gate, a steep trail and a metal sign stating: ABANDON CEMETERY. That first word should have been ABANDONED. The pasture is a five acre rectangle and the cemetery is a three acre rectangle that lies on the hilltop east of the pasture and about 100 feet higher than the creek.

In the cemetery there are 17 headstones with legible names and 5 graves that are marked with rocks or pieces of concrete. Headstones show last names of six Vandefords, three Snyders, one each of Clark, Brewer, Swan, Edwards, Harper Wennihan, Sumner and Rumerfield. The last two names mentioned may have been the first two buried as the stones were uncut rocks and the names were inscribed with perhaps a knife. Whoever carved the name Sumner made the n backwards. The carver of Rumerfield ran out of space and placed the ld below Rumerie. These two stones have no inscribed dates.

The earliest death date is 1861 and the most recent was 1939. There were 8 burials before 1867 when the land was bought for one dollar from George Clark, the same year Nebraska became a state. After the three acres were purchased, the three Snyder graves were placed west of the cemetery and it was later realized an error had been made. At that time, in 1912, a tenth of an acre, the Renfro addition, was added at a cost of sixteen dollars. The addition is a nearly square parcel but much narrower than the three acre rectangle.

Five markers show ages under three years old and three more are thought to be children but have no inscriptions. Two dates of deaths were the same, Kate Edwards aged 26 years and Eva Harper aged Infant both died on April 3, 1868. The mother of Eva was an Edwards so Kate may have been Eva's aunt. Perhaps both died in an accident. The following ages are of older people, 45, 57, 71, 71, 76, 81 and 88.

Some of the stones were made of marble in Brownville and have the name of the stone cutter, Neidhart, on the lower part that was below grade before the stone fell over. Much of this information and photos of the headstones are available on the internet. The website is findagrave.com. Some of the graves have been mapped and locations documented by John and Bonnie Robbins. A three ring binder showing their work is in the Nemaha County Museum. Until next month, keep the coffee perking.



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I've not captured this subject with these wildflowers before.

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Bring along your NEW Medicare card and a list of the prescription drugs you take.

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Oct. 23	Sterling	First National Bank	255 Hwy. 41	9:00-3:30	402-866-2050
Oct. 24	Weeping Water	Cass Co. Extension	8400 144 <sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 100	9:00-4:30	402-267-2205
Oct. 25	Syracuse	Otoe Co. Extension	620 1 <sup>st</sup> Street	9:00-4:00	402-269-2301
Oct. 26	Plattsmouth	Plattsmouth Library	400 Ave. A	9:00-4:30	402-267-2205
Oct. 30	Nebraska City	The Ambassador	1800 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	9:00-4:30	402-269-2301
Nov. 1	Pawnee City	Pawnee Co. Extension	Courthouse	9:00-4:00	402-852-2970
Nov. 2	Nebraska City	Southeast Corn. College	819 Central Avenue	9:00-4:30	402-269-2301
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Nov. 8	Weeping Water	Cass Co. Extension	8400 144 <sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 100	9:00-4:30	402-267-2205
Nov. 13	Auburn	Auburn Library	1810 Courthouse Ave.	10:00-4:30	402-274-4755
Nov. 14	Plattsmouth	Plattsmouth Library	400 Ave. A	9:00-4:30	402-267-2205
Nov. 15	Nebraska City	Southeast Corn. College	819 Central Ave.	9:00-4:30	402-269-2301
Nov. 19	Tecumseh	Tecumseh Library	170 Broadway	9:00-4:30	402-335-3669
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Nov. 27	Weeping Water	Cass Co. Extension	8400 144 <sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 100	9:00-4:30	402-267-2205
Nov. 28	Plattsmouth	Plattsmouth Library	400 Ave. A	9:00-4:30	402-267-2205
Nov. 29	Nebraska City	Southeast Corn. College	819 Central Avenue	9:00-4:00	402-269-2301
Dec. 4	Syracuse	Otoe Co. Extension	620 1 <sup>st</sup> Street	9:00-4:00	402-269-2301
Dec. 5	Auburn	Auburn Library	1810 Courthouse Ave.	10:00-4:30	402-274-4755
Dec. 6	Nebraska City	The Ambassador	1800 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	9:00-4:30	402-269-2301

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## Two Bikers

By Janet Sobczyk

Seen in the city...

One biker clamps steel water bottle onto thin titanium frame  
smooths hair, twists into a pony caps it with aerodynamic helmet  
clicks chin strap  
adjusts fuscia tank over black bike shorts  
sets wrist monitor, grasps handlebars  
sweeps tanned muscular leg over leather saddle  
slips right foot into toe clip  
pushes off expertly, thinking about her next race.

The other trudges in wrinkled jeans and sweatshirt  
wind-breaker tied around waist  
pushes rickety bike uphill  
jimmy-rigged to a wagon heaped with garbage bags containing meager possessions  
weathered face strains with effort  
uncombed hair flops on slumping shoulders  
she stops, reaches for plastic bottle in handlebar basket  
sips tap water sparingly, sighs  
resumes pushing, to find a place to sleep tonight.



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# Poetry

by Devon Adams

## MOON FROST

The golden eye from a cold, dark sky sneaks over rolling, frozen hills and stares at us. The air is icy damp and has blossomed into crystals growing on every pewter surface that we can see as the full light of the rising moon turns into molten silver. The earth is covered by a softness that lies about the deadly freeze underneath it's baby fuzz. This scene is only free to see for those who value beauty over danger.

## THE PLAYING FIELDS

Out there behind the school lies a field full of hopes and dreams and tears and loses. Every year there are new players coming up to challenge the stars and the records from other times. It is a timeless place to be, because it never changes although it is always different. Memories of single plays or games or teammates will remain as bright as the lights on the night turf, when the smells and sights and sounds of competition were as raw and intense as the pain of injuries or the incomparable joy of winning. The games are all mixed together with the emotions of young men who are learning how to live and love and become adults who can take care of themselves.

## SUNSHINE CLEAN

There are people shapes clinging to a clothesline. A hot, dry wind rips at them, but they don't want to go. Slim slacks kick back, and shirts' long arms punch and flail. A flannel robe is dancing next to shorts, as seasons over-lap when time moves on. Clothespins win the wind battle, and all these empty clothes will be super dry and smelling sunshine clean, better than a dryer in a metal box.

## HALLOWED GROUND

If you went to summer camp and saw shapes in the shadows dancing beyond the bonfire, you were ready to believe that what you think you saw was real. And maybe it wasn't an illusion after all. Who knows exactly what is true and what is not? Perhaps the ghosts or essence of the people who once lived in the spaces that we now occupy have never left. We might simply share the place in different ways. Sacred sites could be anywhere at all, and we may one day stay awhile ourselves, becoming filmy phantoms of the people that we were.

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## FLAME OUT

There are flames in the hills, but they aren't burning. The time has come for the last of the summer leaves to dance in the wind before they fall. Green has surrendered to the chilled breath of autumn, and colors spread over the fields in shades of fire without any heat. Even on a damp and soggy day, with wisps of fog floating close to the ground, leaves seem brighter, with their wet, waxy surfaces shimmering and shivering in the cold drafts creeping in and out of the timber. It is a grand finale to harvest season, an Indian Summer time to savor the sweet soft air and dry and crackling scents that last only until a winter kill of storm hits, ripping the last of the gold away with icy claws, ending our infatuation with a dream.

## THE DIVIDE

It's not a line that you can walk across, but you can feel it in the air, when fall splits off from summer. Nothing stays the same as daylight dims and nights seem longer than they are. Green is gone and snow is white and wind has no color but it feels like dying. Clouds come over and they stay too long, so that sunshine seems to have forgotten how to shine. Our moods all change and nothing is the same. It happens every year but is always a complete surprise. We have to play along and eventually we adapt, until we have to change again, forever.

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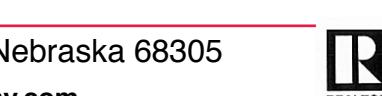
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| 10:30                             | • Street Battle by Fremont Pathfinders - Sponsored by Casey's |
| 12:00-1:30                        | • Chicken Biscuit Lunch, free will donation to BHS            |
| 2:30                              | • Battle by Fremont Pathfinders                               |
| 3:00                              | • Sightseeing Cruise on the <i>Spirit of Brownville</i>       |
| 6:00                              | • Dance at Town Hall, Roundhouse Bluegrass Band               |
| <b>Sunday, October 14th, 2018</b> |   |
| 10:00                             | • Combined Church Service                                     |
| 12:30                             | • Civil War Reenactors Parade on Main Street                  |
| 1:30                              | • Battle by Fremont Pathfinders                               |
| 3:00                              | • Sightseeing Cruise on the <i>Spirit of Brownville</i>       |

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## Diary of a Part-time Housewife

Merri Johnson

The changing seasons always give me the urge to get things accomplished. I get busy, scurrying around like the squirrels that have been burying walnuts all around our yard.

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The other day, I got a bee in my bonnet to do something “home-makish.” That’s not really my strong suit, but there is something primal about fall house cleaning that even I cannot completely disregard. So I washed windows. My grandmother would be proud of me. She could never understand my desire to work outside the home when I was younger. Didn’t I enjoy my home? she asked me once. At that point in my life, I still craved the approval of others and found satisfaction in paid employment. Now, I get where she was coming from.

Of course, cleaning isn’t the only aspect of home-making. If you watch NET Create TV, you know what I mean. Décor, gardening, cooking, sewing, crafting....the allure of creating something is almost as primal as the urge to keep a clean house. Here again, I see a reflection of my grandmother in myself. Like her, I have the urge – but not a whole lot of talent – to create.

My grandmother’s up-cycled egg carton folk art peacock came to mind. This is a real thing. You can Google it. So far, I have not attempted to decorate my home with egg cartons. But since I had the urge to decorate in some fashion, I opted for two truly easy projects: I finally framed and hung a painting I had purchased in Savannah, Georgia, last November, and I repainted a small wall cabinet and shelf brackets in my bathroom. Technically, I didn’t create anything, but I did change up the décor a bit. So, I’ve scratched that itch sufficiently.

Now, it’s back to yardwork. The last of the tomatoes are ripening. It will soon be time to dig and replant daffodils. I intend to work up a good therapeutic sweat this afternoon as I finish weeding the former sweetcorn patch. Then there’s the list of fall chores on the refrigerator door that keeps getting longer even as the days grow shorter.

But it’s all good. I’m happiest when I’m in sync with nature’s cycles. I encourage you to embrace your own urges, too. Feel free to get a little “squirrely”!!



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## A Farmhouse in the City

by Janet Sobczyk

It kept popping up in my real estate searches, even though it wasn't the ranch style we needed. A 1925 Tudor farmhouse, updated in the 1980's. I couldn't possibly buy it, but clicked through the photos repeatedly. A few of the rooms looked exactly as expected. Other rooms left me confused.

Expected: two small, old, tiled bathrooms with cheap, metal medicine cabinets. Two upstairs bedrooms with angled ceilings and simple light fixtures. A kitchen with oversized fridge, two ovens, old cupboards, and a farm-style sink.

Unexpected: the large, elegant dining and living rooms with pale, white-washed wood floors to match the walls and painted woodwork. They contained built-in display cases, crystal chandeliers, an antique-white and gold piano, and lovely fireplace. In a farmhouse?! In the photos these two rooms had an ethereal look, as if the ghosts of ladies and gentlemen in powdered wigs and formal attire still gather there to socialize.

Another unexpected room was a large, angular addition with a smooth, parquet wood floor on one half, and rough, stone flooring on the other. The high ceiling was rimmed with modern windows, and geometric wood inlay. Library-sized bookshelves, a bricked-over fireplace, and cabinets that contained a wet bar lined one wall. The lighting left me guessing how the room had been used. There was track lighting above the parquet floor, and two stained-glass chandeliers over the stone floor. I couldn't imagine how it had been furnished.

A third unusual room had a rich, dark wood inlaid ceiling with an art-deco light fixture. It had four doors in it. Maybe it was a bedroom or a study.

I felt inexplicably drawn to this old home and visited it online often. Then an open house posting popped up. I had to go! My two adult daughters, also intrigued by the photos, joined me.

From the curb, it lacked appeal. Peeling paint, cracked window panes, and unkempt landscape probably drove away most lookers. Not us. Curiosity insisted on a viewing.

We strolled through each room, admiring unique features like intricate metal light-switch plates, and imagining this home in its prime. The realtor explained that the family who'd lived there for 60 years, loved to entertain. The addition was a ballroom. Of course! There probably had been game tables under the stained-glass lights. Actually, it would fit a pool table perfectly. And we found one! In the creepy basement. Perhaps antique, it had ornately carved wood legs, and leather pockets with gold braid tassels. Ironically, it stood on concrete flooring near mouse bait and droppings.

The room with four doors had been the master bedroom. One door led to the hall, two were walk-in closets and the fourth was a dead-bolted door to the garage. Odd. The garage had obviously been an addition, too.

My favorite view inside the house was walking from the farm kitchen through a swinging door to the dining/living rooms. It created a jolt to the senses like Dorothy opening her door to Munchkin-land. I had to go through it three times.

Meanwhile, my daughters gazed out the kitchen window and discussed the view. They speculated that a house in the distance on a hill might have been the closest neighbor when this farmhouse was built. We stopped to imagine the rolling hillside covered with crops and a dirt road.

The farmhouse still stood on  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre, equal to three lots, but the farmland had been sold long ago and turned into a neighborhood of cracker-box houses. The main road along its north side had evolved into a busy, five-lane Omaha street with fast food restaurants and gas stations.

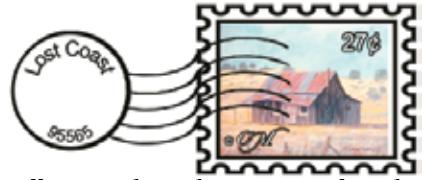
The neighborhood didn't hide its age well; homes were deteriorating and litter dotted the lawns. It had become a shady part of town. We'd noticed three bullet holes in the upstairs bedroom window with dismay.

This poor old home didn't stand a chance. Anyone with enough money to buy it and fix it up wouldn't want to live here. The listing mentioned the possibility of re-zoning the three lots for commercial purposes. Maybe apartments. That would likely be the outcome. I walked away, still envisioning this home remodeled and hosting parties again. Too bad it was literally in the wrong place, at the wrong time.

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## A Gem of a Story -- Unbelievable, but True!

By Vicki O'Neal



Now folks—I've told you some unbelievable, yet true stories, but I've never told you a more "historically important" story than the one you're about to hear. It's the true story of two Midwestern Gals who both ended up on the West Coast. And when they ran into one another, it set off an unusual chain of events.

I'm speaking of Yours-truly, and my friend Diane, of course. She's quite a character!

I met Diane on the mountainous West Coast where she'd been prospecting for Gemstones—but I soon had to help her through one of the most heart-breaking trials of her life.

On August 31, 2017, Diane received terrible news via her cell phone. Her beloved daughter, Nikki, had just died in Illinois, several thousand miles away. It was a truly tragic day, and yet it turned out to be a rather "blessed" day, as well.

After her daughter died, Diane went prospecting to take her mind off her grief. It was then that she stumbled upon a transparent, emerald green stone hidden in the dirt on a mountainside. It looked "heart-shaped", and it was beautiful. Inside the stone were strange shapes which appeared to be prehistoric, fossilized sea-creatures. Diane believed it truly was One-of-a-Kind...Possibly the only "fossilized emerald" on Earth.

Diane immediately called it the "Nikki Emerald" after her deceased daughter. Diane considered it to be a precious "consolation-gift" from the good Lord above!

I was glad that Diane had found something to comfort her grieving heart. But to tell you the truth, folks, I myself wasn't sure that the "Nikki" was even a gemstone—let alone a fossilized Emerald! I'm no prospector, and to me, it looked like a chunk of green glass with strange shapes inside.

But I didn't tell Diane, of course. I let her think whatever she wanted. At least it distracted her mind from the loss of her daughter.

After that, Diane and I went traveling together—two Midwestern gals who had bumped into one another, by "chance". We went camping here and there, visiting the sea coast and Redwoods...All the while, we were toting around this emerald-green stone, which Diane believed to be worth several million dollars (according to the Internet.)

The stone went to the ocean with us. It went to Church with us, and to Yard Sales. It fell in the dirt... And once, it got lost. What a panic-stricken day that was for my dear friend, Diane. She nearly melted down—but miraculously, we found the stone again.

Diane remained utterly convinced that this was the rarest of Emeralds and we simply needed to find someone who agreed!

But few others were as convinced. The stone was so unusual, no one was sure what Diane had found, especially since prehistoric urchins are not normally embedded inside of gemstones!

We ended up taking the stone to the "Gem and Mineral Museum" and to several other prestigious places. Most of the curators scoffed at us and turned us away without even looking at the stone under a microscope. But Diane was undeterred and undaunted.

Finally, Diane took her rock to both Zales and Kay's Jewelers. There she met with certified gemologists who agreed to look at the stone beneath a microscope. They soon became very excited. They returned from the microscope with the stone cradled in both hands as though it were made of pure gold, encrusted with diamonds. The look on their faces was a sight to behold.

It turns out, that Diane was absolutely right, after all!

This was no ordinary piece of 'Glass'!

(Story to be continued....)

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## Region invited to celebrate Peru State's "Road Trip" Homecoming on October 5 weekend

Peru State College and its President, Dr. Dan Hanson, cordially invite all area residents to the College campus for this year's traditional homecoming celebration, titled "Road Trip," on Friday, October 5. Dr. Hanson commented, "The communities of southeast Nebraska are wonderful partners and supporters of Peru State College. We would like for all of our friends and neighbors to come to campus and celebrate our partnership by enjoying the homecoming festivities and meeting our students, faculty, and staff."

### Friday, Oct. 5

- 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. – Alumni Reunion Registration – Library
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Guided group campus tours for alumni and friends of the College – Departing from Library
- 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. – Reception for Alumni Celebrating Milestone Reunions – President's home
- 6 p.m. – All-College Dinner with Special Reunion Recognition – Student Center
- 8 p.m. – Bonfire and Pep Rally

### Saturday, Oct. 6

- 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Alumni Reunion Registration – Library
- 8:30 a.m. – Parade Line-Up
- 10 a.m. – Homecoming Parade – Downtown Peru – Free and open to the public.  
Registration to be in the parade is available at [www.peru.edu/homecoming](http://www.peru.edu/homecoming).
- 10:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Tailgate and Carnival – Campus Quad – Free and open to the public.  
The Tailgate – providing chili, burgers, hotdogs and more – will be held on the Campus Quad near the library.
- The Peru State Jazz Band will be on hand to entertain the crowd. Plus a great deal of other activities for the young and old alike.  
In the event of inclement weather, the tailgate will be held in the Student Center and the carnival will be canceled.
- 1 p.m. – 1867 Society Reception – Administration Building
- 2 p.m. – Football Game – PSC vs Baker University – The Oak Bowl  
Halftime – Pep Band performance and Coronation of Homecoming King and Queen – The Oak Bowl

## Peru State Announces 2018 Homecoming Grand Marshal

The Peru State College Student Senate announced their selection of Carlos Harrison of Shenandoah, Iowa, as the Grand Marshal of the Homecoming Parade to be held on October 6. Harris is a 1951 graduate and longtime supporter of Peru State College. "I'm very, very honored and thrilled to be named the Grand Marshal for Peru State College Homecoming," said Harrison. "Peru State means a great deal to me and I've enjoyed volunteering and being a part of the College throughout the years."

Homecoming week is set to be a busy week for Harrison, who will be turning 90 and honored on Saturday, Oct. 6, in the Homecoming Parade. As Grand Marshal, he will also be performing the coin toss for the homecoming football game vs. Baker University at 2:00 p.m.

Harrison started attending Peru State College in 1949 and was involved in chorus, band and was a member of the Music Educators Conference, now known as the National Association for Music Education. Graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Harrison went on to obtain a master's degree in education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He then served in the U.S. Army for two years, before eventually taking a position with Air Products and Chemicals Inc. and moving to California where he spent the next 39 years in the airline industry.

Harrison never forgets his Peru State roots. He's established not just the Walter and Lillian Harrison scholarship in memory of his parents, but also the C. Carlos Harrison alumni fund to create a usable, effective alumni house and assist with alumni activities. Harrison has assisted with calling legislators and constituents to raise awareness of Peru State College and assisted the Foundation work, with other alumni, to keep Peru State in Peru when there was once the possibility of moving to Nebraska City.

Harrison is also a member of the Peru State 1867 Society and the PSC National Alumni

Association Board of Directors. He regularly volunteers to help with Freshman Moving Day, alumni activities such as the Chili Feed, Homecoming and student projects like the Phi Alpha Theta Oral History Documentary.

### Under Secretary Randy Reeves Visits Peru State

Randy Reeves, Peru State alumni and the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs, visited Peru State College today. During his visit the Under Secretary presented to a history class and met with students over lunch. Reeves is in Nebraska ahead of a dedication of the Omaha National Cemetery's first monument to Vietnam veterans.

Reeves' presentation to the Peru State history class focused on the history, mission and vision of Memorial Affairs and the National Cemetery Administration. Videos were also shown detailing work at the Los Angeles National Cemetery and the Veterans Legacy Project at Black Hills State University.



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