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A New Year in Midtown



Much to see, do and learn...

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40 Years of Helping Homeless and At-risk Youth



Imagine the fear and loneliness experienced by a homeless 16-year-old girl. For her, the future is bleak. Picture not having a place to sleep at night, bouncing from one

friend's house to another. Envision not knowing where your next meal will come from. For many young people in Omaha, this is a reality.

Each night, hundreds of youth in the Omaha metro are homeless. Many of these youth have been physically, emotionally, or sexually abused, making it unsafe for them to return home. Many others are facing health, mental health, and substance abuse issues beyond their control. Without proper support and guidance, these vulnerable adolescents cannot succeed independently and will likely fall into the cycle of homelessness as adults.

Youth Emergency Services (YES) exists to help these youth turn their lives around. YES is the only organization in Omaha that focuses directly on helping runaway and homeless youth turn their lives around in a positive direction. YES works to become a positive influence in each of the youths' lives and help guide them toward the road to success and self-sufficiency. YES envisions a community which understands and embraces its youth, creating an environment where youth homelessness no longer exists. Homeless and at-risk youth have a wide variety of needs, and YES offers a continuum of services to meet short and long-term needs.

YES was founded in 1974 by a group of community volunteers who noticed homeless youth occupying areas of Omaha's Old Market district. Volunteers opened the "YES House," which is known today as the Emergency Shelter. As the economy shifted and the needs of youth in crisis grew, so did YES. YES opened the Street Outreach Program in 1999, which serves more than 1,000 youth annually. In 2008, YES launched its Transitional Living Program and Maternity Home, helping youth in crisis learn the life skills necessary to become independent and self-sufficient.

Through these programs, YES has helped more than 6,000 youth escape a crisis situation in the past decade. In 2012-2013, 100% of youth in the Emergency Shelter were able to identify one safe adult they can rely on, 95% of the youth in our Transitional Living Program advanced in grade level or was employed, and 100% of youth in the Maternity Group Home completed parenting classes. These numbers reflect just a portion of the achievements the YES youth have gained through these programs.

Offering these services is necessary to the success of these youth and wouldn't be possible without the great support of other local organizations, donors, and supporters. Additionally, a passionate and well-prepared staff and administration has helped the organization gain respect and cooperation with other agencies in the community.

In 2014, YES will continue its mission of helping homeless and at-risk youth by celebrating 40 years of service. If you would like to be a part of the mission to end youth homelessness in Omaha by 2020, please visit the website for more information – www.yesomaha.org.



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Find a new you in the New Year at Omaha Public Library

New Year's resolutions have a tendency to fall to the wayside early in the year (or never even get off the ground). Find the tools to succeed by attending a variety of programs and workshops offered at multiple Omaha Public Library locations throughout January. "New Year, New You" programs will offer tips for reaching your organizational, business and nutritional goals, as well as hands-on creations for de-stressing after the holidays. All programs are free and open to the public.

Blend Your Own Loose-Leaf Teas: Learn to blend your own tea for meditation and relaxation, and taste some new blends. All supplies are provided.

· Saturday, Jan. 4, 3 p.m. at Charles B. Washington Branch, 2868 Ames Ave., 402.444.4849

· Monday, Jan. 6, 4:30 p.m. at South Omaha Library, 2808 Q St., 402.444.4850

· Wednesday, Jan. 15, noon at W. Dale Clark Main Library, 215 S. 15th St., 402.444.4800

Aromatherapy: Learn how to make homemade air fresheners and essential oil room sprays. Supplies provided.

· Monday, Jan. 13, 4:30 p.m. at South Omaha Library
· Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m. at Millard Branch, 13214 Westwood Ln., 402.444.4848

· Saturday, Jan. 18, noon at Benson Branch, 6015 Binney St., 402.444.4846

· Thursday, Jan. 23, 4 p.m. at Willa Cather Branch, 1905 S. 44th St., 402.444.4851

· Friday, Jan. 24, 3 p.m. at A.V. Sorensen Branch, 4808 Cass St., 402.444.5274

· Saturday, Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m. at Willa Cather Branch

· Saturday, Jan. 25, 2 p.m. at A.V. Sorensen Branch (for teens)

Reclaim Your Space: Professional organizer Jen Bartelt will share tips and tricks for organizing your home and life.

· Monday, Jan. 27, 4:30 p.m. at South Omaha Library

· Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m. at Millard Branch

Find these programs and more, as well as registration information at omahalibrary.org.

The Omaha Press Club Educational Series

Presents

Don Kleine- Douglas County Attorney

First elected Douglas County Attorney in November, 2006, Don Kleine has prosecuted many high-profile criminal cases. Most recently, the case against Nikko Jenkins who is facing four counts of first-degree murder. Several family members are also facing charges in connection with the series of August slayings.

Don Kleine serves on the Board of Directors of Project Harmony, an Omaha metro area child advocacy center and is on the board of directors of the National District Attorney's Association. He graduated from the Creighton University Law School in 1977.

Among other topics he will discuss the challenges facing the Douglas County Attorney's office.

Thursday, January 16th, 2013 Noon to one P.M (forum begins immediately at noon) \$15 Per person includes lunch (lunch is served beginning at 11:30) CALL 402-345-8008 For Reservations.

Non-Press Club members are welcome
Validated parking in the Doubletree Hotel garage.

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The Omaha Press Club 22nd floor-First National Center, 1620 Dodge St.

Cathedral Arts Project

Cathedral Flower Festival

Saturday, Sunday, January 25, 26, 2014

The 29th Annual Cathedral Flower Festival brings the romance and beauty of the SOUTH PACIFIC to Omaha in mid-winter.

In the Sunderland Gallery

Dan Bishop: South Seas Images

January 19-26,

Opening Reception, January 19th,

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Jennie Homan: Landscapes

February 16 - March 28th

Opening Reception, February 16th

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Free admission to events. A free will offering is accepted. For info visit:

www.cathedralartsproject.org

Renew skin for the new year in a few simple steps

Dundee's newest Esthetician explains how to glow despite the cold

By Linsey Bohac,
The Waxing Room (Dundee)

As the seasons change, your skin care routine will require a few changes of its own. Here's a few tips to keep your skin looking great!

HYDRATE, AND HYDRATE SOME MORE

Hydrating from the outside is just as important as hydrating from within. Although a good, nourishing moisturizer is crucial for the brisk Nebraska winter, so is consuming an adequate amount of water daily.

Experts recommend drinking 8-10 8 oz. glasses of water a day. Not a

big water drinker? Good news is tea, juice, and spritzers count toward your total fluids.

Try to limit caffeinated drinks and tipples to avoid their dehydrating effects. Still having a hard time keeping hydrated? Increase your intake of winter season fruits. Clementines, grapefruits and kiwis all have a high water content in addition to immunity boosting vitamin C.

EXFOLIATE

Daily exfoliation is greatly appreciated by your delicate skin this time of year. Be gentle, your skin is extra sensitive. Paired with a great moisturizer,

only a light scrub will be required.

SERUM

A serum is a great addition to your winter skin care regimen. Not only does it create a barrier for your skin, they are usually loaded with antioxidants and vitamins.

Our absolute favorite is called Serious Serum and it is seriously amazing! It is extremely effective but also gentle enough to be used daily. We proudly carry it at both Lincoln and Omaha locations.

Add in a good cleanser and sunscreen and you will be glowing in no time!

GNC Retail Location to Open at Midtown Crossing

Midtown Crossing is set to welcome national specialty retailer GNC to its diverse retail mix.

Dedicated to helping consumers "Live Well," GNC is a leading global specialty retailer of health and wellness products, including vitamins, minerals, and herbal supplement products, sports nutrition products and diet products.

GNC's Midtown Crossing location is set to open in the first quarter of 2014. It will be located at 3201 Farnam Street, Suite 6103, between Ingredient and Lenny's Sub Shop.

Cupid's Undie Run

at Midtown Crossing

February 15th

A fundraiser for The Children's
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Gallery Events

JOSLYN MUSEUM

The Maximilian-Bodmer Exhibition

In 1832, German explorer and naturalist Prince Maximilian of Wied and Swiss artist Karl Bodmer embarked on a two-year journey that would take them up the Missouri River and into the heart of the West. Joslyn's celebrated Maximilian-Bodmer collection includes watercolors, drawings, manuscripts, and memorabilia from their voyage, as well as the printing plates used to create 81 spectacular engravings that illustrated Maximilian's 1843 publication, *Travels in the Interior of North America*.

MODERN ARTS MIDTOWN

Upcoming paintings by Cathy Palmer

January 3 thru February 1

Reception date: Friday, January 3,
6 PM to 8 PM.

HOT SHOPS ART CENTER

Potluck

PotLuck is the name given to the annual exhibit and "food raiser" in the Nicholas Street Gallery, located in the Hot Shops Art Center at 1301 Nicholas Street in Omaha, Nebraska. The invitational exhibit brings together a variety of artists who explore a theme in their respective media. We are once again excited to partner with Opera Omaha as the artists explore themes of "Strong Women" in opera, particularly Opera Omaha's 2013-2014 season, including *Carmen*, *Agrippina*, and *Cinderella*.

Opening reception:

Friday, January 10, 5 PM-8 PM

The event is free and open to the public. We ask guests and artists to bring nonperishable food items or grocery store gift cards to support area food banks. More information about this exhibit and participating organizations may be found at their websites:

Show runs January 5th - 27th, 2014

Calendar

JOSLYN CASTLE

Joslyn Castle Member's Event Sunday, January 12, 2014, 2-4 PM

Not a member, not a problem! You can purchase your membership at the open house at the Castle. Enjoy delicious snacks and beverages. Mingle with other members, meet the Joslyn Castle staff, board and members of the Joslyn Castle guild board. There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required for planning purposes. Confirm your attendance online at www.joslyncastle.com or by calling the Castle at 402.595.2199.

JOSLYN MUSEUM

Symphony Joslyn Series Sunday, January 12, 2014, 1-3 PM

Spend Sunday afternoons immersed in music and art with the Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra at Joslyn Art Museum. Pre-concert talks with Joslyn curators begin at 1 PM and 1:25 PM. Concerts begin at 2 PM in Joslyn's Witherspoon Concert Hall.

Mythical Sculptures 10 AM-12 PM Saturdays: January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22; 1-3 pm

Get ready for a special exhibition featuring the likes of Poseidon and Triton by creating a three-dimensional artwork of your favorite mythical character. We will learn to make a wire armature and use plaster and papier-mache to create a figure with life and movement.

Family Fun Day Sunday, February 9, 1 PM to 4 PM

This Family Fun Day will feature the upcoming exhibition *Poseidon and the Sea: Myth, Cult, and Daily Life*.

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Begin in January 2014. For a full list of classes, visit www.rosetheater.org or call (402) 345-4849.

Auditions

Auditions for youth roles in *Ramona Quimby* will be held at 6 PM on Monday, January 20. Auditions for adult roles in

Leo Lionni's *Frederick* and *Ramona Quimby* will be held on Wednesday, January 22 at 7 PM. Auditions are by appointment only with requests emailed to jenniferh@rosetheater.org. For interviews or photographs, please contact Kori Radloff at korir@rosetheater.org or 402-502-4641.

The Rose Theater will host auditions for its Teens 'N' Theater production *Broken Mirror* on Tuesday, January 7 and Wednesday, January 8. Questions regarding auditions may be directed to Alanna Reeves at alannar@rosetheater.org or Kathryn Stahl at kathryns@rosetheater.org. For interviews or photographs, please contact Kori Radloff at korir@rosetheater.org or 402-502-4641.

CENTURY LINK CENTER

Midlands International Auto Show January 23-26, 2014

Highlighting new cars, trucks and SUVs. Sponsored by the *Omaha World Herald*. Admission. Century Link Center, www.omahaautoshow.com.

TEDx OMAHA SALON

Monday, January 13, 2014, 6 PM to 7 PM

TEDxOmahaSalon events are your opportunity to gather with others to watch TED Talks and discuss topics of universal interest. Bring your curiosity and share some insight. TEDxOmahaSalon events are held monthly at KANEKO, 1111 Jones Street in the Old Market, on the second Monday of each month. This month's topic will focus on 'Autism' and are free to attend. Seating is limited.

Register at www.tedxomaha.com

A. V. SORENSEN COMMUNITY CENTER

National Popcorn Day Party Thursday, January 23, 2014 10:30 AM

Beat the winter blues by celebrating National Popcorn Day! Craft project, games in the gym and bounce house. Ages 5 and under.

Local authors appearing at Omaha Public Library in January

Three authors, each with a unique focus and perspective, will visit Omaha Public Library (OPL) in January. These free events provide an opportunity to meet the authors and learn more about the inspiration behind their work. Books will be available for purchase and signing at most author discussions. More information is available at omahalibrary.org or by calling the hosting OPL location.

Nebraska writer John T. Price will speak at Milton R. Abrahams Branch, 5111 N. 90th St., 402.444.6284, on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. Price is an English professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He is the author of three memoirs: *Daddy Long Legs: The Natural Education of a Father*; *Man Killed by Pheasant and Other Kinships* (winner of the 2009 Orion Magazine Readers' Choice Award); and *Not Just Any Land*. Learn more about the author at johntprice.com.

The Friends of Omaha Public Library welcome all to attend their annual meeting on Saturday, January 11 at 1 p.m. at W. Dale Clark Main Library, 215 S. 15th St.,

402.444.4800. The event's featured speaker will be cartoonist, writer and musician Jeff Koterba. Koterba's award-winning editorial cartoons have appeared in the Omaha World-Herald since 1989, and are often distributed nationwide. In 2009, Koterba published his memoir, *Inklings*, an account of his journey to becoming a cartoonist and relationship with his family. Learn more about Koterba at jeffreykoterba.com.

Author Anna Kuck will speak at Benson Branch, 6015 Binney St., 402.444.4846, on Tuesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. Kuck has written two books: *Seven Holy Sleepers: Amazing Saints* and *Saint Philomena: Daughter of Light*. Kuck was born and raised in rural Wisconsin, along with ten brothers and sisters. When she began raising her own family, she noticed a limited selection of Catholic books and was prompted to begin writing her own. Her love of poetry provides an enjoyable way for children to learn about the saints.

Visit omahalibrary.org for info about additional programs offered at Omaha Public Library's 12 metro locations.

New Year and New Goals for Midtown Omaha

By Quinn Scahill

With 2014 fast upon us, it's helpful to contemplate the coming of the New Year and the new opportunities that come with it. 2013 proved to be a year of great change for the Dundee and Midtown locales, and in 2014 perhaps we can settle down and embrace these changes.

That being said, it's time to take a look at what some local business owners have to say about 2014, and the goals and aspirations they have for the coming year.

Amy, the owner at Learning HQ in Aksarben Village, said that she likes the development between the new UNO hockey arena and other businesses that are still popping up in the area. Amy told me she believes that these new developments will draw more people to Aksarben, which she sees as an opportunity for her educational-resource store and the area in general. In 2014 she wants to further her relationships with schools and teachers in the community, and take advantage of new opportunities made possible by the growth of Aksarben Village.

Ben Trebben, at Chef2 in Midtown Crossing told us that owning a specialty shop is a challenge, but his goal in 2014 will be aimed towards educating customers about his products to enhance both their cooking and their health. In

the coming year he plans to hold cooking classes to show the applications of his products, which range from cooking salts, to infused vinegars, to top-shelf olive oil. He hopes that this will get the word out and bring people in the doors. Ben also plans to do more corporate gifting this year, where he will distribute gift baskets to businesses.

City Councilman Chris Jerram told me over the phone that his plans for 2014 would include beginning the first phase of street resurfacing on 16th Street, as well as starting the process of turning Farnam back into a two-way street from 36th to 42nd.

Dean Leisman, vice president at Pitch Pizzeria, voiced to me that for 2014 he wanted to continue to work hard, give back to the community, and persist in functioning as a solid operation that is focused on creating opportunities for individuals. Dean stressed to me that after four years of proven success, Pitch only wants to continue to work harder and preserve the quality of the restaurant. When hinting at a few other side projects I inquired about the fate of the old Grandpa's across the street, to which he told me, "Whatever happens there, it will be great for Dundee." While he couldn't tell me details, he said there was a plan and that whatever happens with it, it would be a positive addition to the area.

Church is a laugh.

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Jan. 11 | 10 a.m. | \$35 Ukulele with Mark Gutierrez
Omaha Creative Institute, 1516 Cuming St.

Jan. 25 | 10 a.m. | \$65 Blacksmithing with Elmo Diaz
The Blacksmith Shop, 3031 Upland Pkwy.

Jan. 25 | 10 a.m. | \$65 Lampmaking with Kathy Diaz
The Blacksmith Shop, 3031 Upland Pkwy.

Information and Registration:

OmahaCreativeInstitute.org Questions:

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| \$115,000 | 5145 Woolworth | 2 | 2 | 1 | R Ranch | 1,932 |
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