



Come, Celebrate the Welsh Culture and Heritage!

THE ST. DAVID'S WELSH SOCIETY OF NEBRASKA ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM
COMMEMORATING ST. DAVID (GWYL DEWI SANT)

Saturday, March 29, 2008

Southeast Community College Continuing Education Center

**301 South 68th Street Plaza (SEE MAP)
Lincoln, NE 68510**

NOTE ADDRESS

The schedule is as follows:

- 10:00-11:00 Complimentary tea, coffee, and Welsh Cakes
Welsh Marketplace - Display of Welsh items - Welsh Bakery (Visitors are welcome.)
- 11:00-11:30 Business meeting
- 11:45 - Luncheon

Program – **"Mysterious Wales - Legends & Myths
Or, Land of Fairies, Giants, Dragons, Mermaids,
and Other Magical 'Beasties'"**

Presented by: **Gregory Weinert and his son, Malcolm**

Group Singing
Moments in Memoriam

Gregory and Malcolm Weinert

Greg Weinert is a product of the 'finest German, Scottish and Welsh breeding.' He had the good fortune to marry a Welsh beauty, Heidi, and sire three exceptional children – Malcolm 10, Cambria, 7, and Tristan, 20 months. Greg was born and raised in southeast Nebraska and graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University with a degree in Theatre Arts. Working professionally in the arts for over twenty-six years, he is also a lay pastor for fine arts in the United Methodist Church. He is currently gainfully employed as a real estate appraiser for the Nebraska Department of Roads.



Malcolm Weinert has residing his entire life with his parents and is currently home schooled. Malcolm has been reading since the age of three. His ambitions include becoming a professional writer of legends and mysteries.

MENU

Southeast Community College Continuing Education Campus will be serving Welsh food for us. On the menu will be Leek/Potato Soup, Tossed Salad Greens, Cornish Game Hen (Halved), Rice Pilaf, Green Beans Almondine, Fruit Garni, Tea Cakes for dessert and Beverage.

The luncheon is one of the highlights for many who look forward to enjoying time with other family members and friends, old and new. By continuing this yearly celebration, we are preserving the ideals, customs, and dreams of our ancestors.

The delicious luncheon will be followed by a most enjoyable program. If you can't come for the entire time, ***come and go as your schedule permits.*** A reservation will be needed if you are planning to attend the luncheon at 11:45.

Southeast Community College Continuing Education Center and is fully accessible to all. There is an elevator for our use. Parking is available on the North and West side of the facility.

(Map printed on back.)

PLEASE NOTE THE ADDRESS. THIS IS NOT AT THE COLLEGE CAMPUS!!

Please complete the enclosed reservation form and mail to: Stanley Owens, 11027 Washington St., Omaha, NE 68137 (402) 339-4929. Payment must accompany luncheon reservations and must be received no later than THURSDAY, March 20. Checks should be made payable to: "St. David's Welsh Society." If you have to cancel, you should do so before Tuesday, March 25th.

Hope to see you on Saturday, March 29th!

Memberships are Due for 2008

Memberships for this year are due. Our membership year is January 1 through December 31.

Individual -----	-\$ 7.50	Husband and Wife -----	\$15.00
Sustaining -----	\$25.00	Life -----	\$300.00

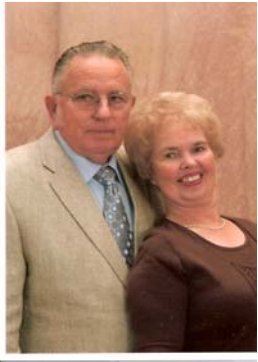
Your dues assist the Society in doing its work --- preserving, developing and promoting our Welsh cultural heritage. **To be listed in the 2008 Directory, dues need to be paid by Thursday, March 20, 2007.** The Directory will be distributed to those attending the luncheon. (Please indicate if you are not able to attend the luncheon and the Directory will be mailed to you.)

Check your mailing label. The date printed above your name indicates the date your dues were last paid. If no date is shown, your dues were paid March 1, 2007 and are currently due. Please join the St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska.

If there is a colored sticker by the mailing label, it is important to renew your membership at this time to continue receiving the newsletter.

CELEBRATIONS!

50th Wedding Anniversary



Cynthia (Pond) and Stanley Barnes were united in marriage on November 16, 1957 at First Presbyterian Church in Omaha. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with their family and friends on November 17, 2007 at Peace Presbyterian Church.

Their children are: Jeff and Sue Barnes, Alan Barnes, Rick Barnes, Pat and Andrea Barnes and Roger Barnes. They have seven grandchildren: Christopher, Jesan, Michael, Megan, Emma, Abby and Lilly Barnes.

Cindy was very active in volunteer activities with their children's school, around the farm, Sunday school, etc. Stanley was an electrician with IBEW Local No. 22. Both are enjoying their retirement.

70TH Wedding Anniversary

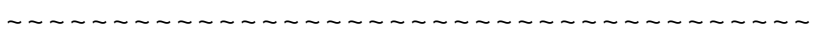


Evelyn (Mead) and Olin Morris will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on June 12, 2008. They were married in Murray, NE in 1938. After having lived in Murray and Union, NE for many years they moved to Lincoln in 1987 to enjoy "their retirement years." They have three children: Jim, Marilyn (Morris) Horn, and David and five grandchildren: Allison Morris, Jason and Ashley Horn, and Nate and Sam Morris.



Olin and Evelyn met through their enjoyment of music and continued to share this joy. Their favorite, with Olin playing the guitar and both singing, is "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You."

Evelyn was a teacher and librarian for 27 years, working near Union, NE, Glenwood, IA, and Lincoln, NE. Olin was with the Federal Service under Civil Service and served in the Army during WW II. He retired in 1973 from the financial management office (as a civilian) with the Navy at Ft. Omaha. Both have received many awards for their volunteer work and contributions to their communities.



IN MEMORIUM



Michael L. Lederer (61) passed away 10/22/2007 in Lincoln, NE. He was born in 1946 to Lloyd and Ruth Lederer. He received his Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music Performance at the University of NE. Michael served 27 years in the Army National Guard in TX and NE, retiring in 2006. He was employed at the University of NE-Lincoln as a microcomputer support associate with Nebraska Educational Telecommunications.

Family members include his wife, Shirley; step-children, Gerry Dickinson (Trishia Peterson), Lincoln; Dianne Dickinson-Wahnee, Bartlesville, OK; Denise (Jeff) Grasmick, Lincoln; grandchildren Shaine Dickinson; Gabriel and Isaac Grasmick; and Graciana and Alesandra Wahnee; special family friends, Sherri(Jim) Hayes and children; brother, Frank (Cheri) Lederer; special cousin, Terri Cartagena; nephews, nieces, aunts and cousins.

Services were held on 10/25/2007 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lincoln, with interment in Fairview Cemetery, Lincoln, NE

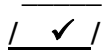


Helen Margaret Brake (89) passed away on Sunday, 2/17/2008 at the Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth, NE. She was born March 1, 1918, in Wymore, NE. Her parents were Robert and Margaret (Jones) Closs. Helen married Olen A. Brake on 9/27/1943. He, their infant daughter, her parents, and three brothers preceded her in death.

Helen worked at the Federal Land Bank in Beatrice, NE and Woods Brothers Reality in Lincoln, NE. Music, church activities, and fraternal organizations were her main interest. Helen and Olen were strong supporters of the St. David's Welsh Society of NE in addition to Helen being a pianist for the Society events for many years.

Services were held at 1 pm on Thursday, 2/21/2008 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln. Final resting place Bethel Cemetery, Wymore, NE. Memorials to the Alpha Xi Delta Foundation and St. David's Welsh Society of NE.

“If even a distant memory of Welsh blood flows through your veins, you will doubtless have a warrior’s soul and yet a heart filled with compassion.”
Phil Evans, 2007



A LABOR DAY WEEKEND YOU’LL NEVER FORGET

✓By Mary Lou Pritchard

August 28-31! Chicago! The North American Festival of Wales! It has a standard format with an infinite variety of all things Welsh!

You can expect a Modern Music group from Wales on Thursday night; Seminars on Friday and Saturday; a Friday night banquet with special program; a Saturday night Grand Concert (think male voice choir from Wales); a Sunday morning bilingual non-denominational Church Service including the Red Rose Memorial Service; a Marketplace and Tea Room (with Welsh cakes!) throughout;---

---a Sunday afternoon AND Sunday evening Gymanfa Ganu (bring your hymnal) with a meal during intermission; a two-day Eisteddfod (a serious, adjudicated competition among talented Welsh and English writers and performers); an entry-level Welsh language class; a Welsh folk dancing class; and Cinema From Wales.

Sometimes field trips are part of the seminar program; other times tours are arranged to local points of interest, Welsh-related or not. Arrive early and tour on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Festival of Wales is held in various U.S. and Canadian cities. Chicago will be the nearest venue for Midwesterners since 1992 when it was in Kansas City.

Actually, the 2008 Festival will be in the Doubletree Hotel, Oakbrook, Illinois, a close western suburb of Chicago. Single, double, triple and quad rooms will be available for \$105 per night, and the price is good five days before and five days after the Festival. The hotel is across the street from Oakbrook Shopping Center (Nordstrom’s, Nieman Marcus, Macy’s, Lord and Taylor, a dozen great restaurants, and more).

We list things to see and do. The exciting thing is that there are 300 to 500 or more people just like you who sing “Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau” with tears in their eyes, who honor a common legacy based in the small Celtic country of Wales where an indomitable people who preserve the oldest modern language.



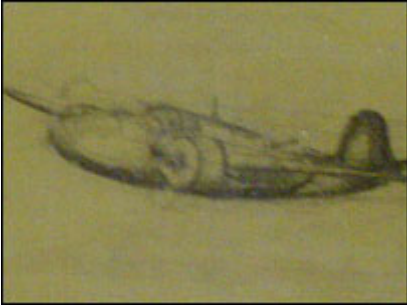
The October, 2007 issue of *NINNAU* had a special four-page “The North American Festival of Wales Supplement” describing the 2007 Festival that was held in Washington, D.C. We’ll have this supplement available at our St. David’s Day Luncheon on March 29. Come look it over!

Meanwhile, initiate plans for a Labor Day weekend in Chicago!



RAF Drawings Found At Aberystwyth Hotel

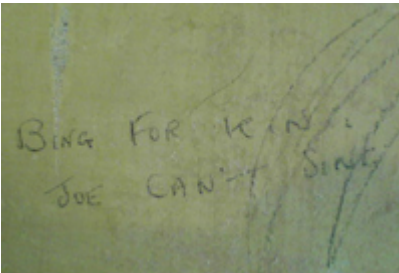
Drawings, believed to have been drawn by RAF pilots during WWII have been discovered hidden behind wallpaper in a room at the Bell Vue Royal Hotel in Aberystwyth. These drawings of planes and technical details about wartime aircraft were found scribbled on the walls. These were discovered when the hotel stripped the walls of the room to decorate.



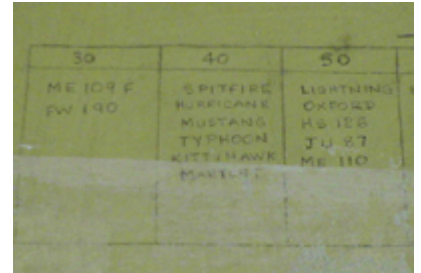
Pilots trained in Aberystwyth during the war and were probably billeted at the hotel, according to the RAF. The squadron leader described the drawings as an “incredible piece” of wartime history. One picture showed a pilot smoking a pipe. Technical data about the wingspan of British and German planes and dates from 1943 and 1944 were also uncovered.



The research indicates that the hotel was possibly used as billeting for the students of the training wing and may even have been used as a classroom or other type of learning center.



The data that the students needed to absorb was recorded on the walls.



Phrases, such as ‘Bing for king’ and ‘Joe can’t sing’ were also discovered daubed on the walls.

(From “BBC News.UK, Wales”, Thurs, 12 Apr 2007)

DO YOU KNOW?

A lady was visiting about DNA testing and she mentioned a family had “daughtered out.” What does this mean?

1. A family with only daughters finally had a son
2. A family with only daughters, no sons
3. A family with only sons, no daughters
4. All the daughters in the family have jobs

Answer: See Page 9

Events at the Great Plains Welsh Heritage & Culture Centre Wymore, NE

Several events have taken place at the Great Plains Welsh Heritage & Culture Centre recently:

- 1.) A signature quilt has been donated dating from about 1914 said to have been made as a fundraiser at the time of the outbreak of WW I. It was formerly owned by a member of the St. David’s Society of Minnesota. Research is being undertaken to identify the many, many signers. There is now research being done to locate families of the signers.
- 2.) A new exhibit of Welsh textiles. This includes both modern and antique woolsens. Also on display is a double-woven tapestry blanket made on a Jacquard loom. The Jacquard looms have been widely used in Welsh mills since the 1800’s.
- 3.) A lovely landscaped part is being developed to complement the Welsh Immigration Mural on the north wall of the Centre. A planted hedge of old fashioned lilacs will be planted this spring with seating provided.

4.) A part of the landscape will be a wheelchair-accessible walkway paved with pavers honoring pioneer ancestors.

Stop and visit the Centre when you are close. Questions - Contact Dr. Berwyn Jones, President at gpwhp@galaxycable.net or their website: www.WelshHeritage.org

NICE WEBSITE

This website is well worth a look for anyone interested in pictures of where our ancestors lived:
www.oldukphotos.com/wales.htm

Welsh Course in Iowa July 13-20, 2008

Ada Mae Lewis, Local Cwrs Organizer

Simpson College, Indianola, IA

Good news for the St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska members! The annual Welsh course, sponsored by Cymdeithas Madog, is coming back to Iowa for the 4th time. It will be held at Simpson College July 13-20, 2008. It is only 155 miles from Omaha to Indianola, located just minutes south of Des Moines. Please watch the Cymdeithas Madog web site, <http://www.madog.org/>, for plans as they develop.

The course will offer 7 levels of learning taught by teachers of Welsh. The classes are aimed at students who have never heard a word of Welsh to those relatively fluent in the language. Teachers will be from Wales and North America and have experience teaching Welsh to adults.

The lead teacher, Mark Stonelake, and 2 other teachers are from Wales. Some of the 4 teachers from North America were originally from Wales. All have experience teaching Welsh as a second language

A daily workshop led by Martha Davies, also a member of this Society, to learn how to translate old obituaries written in the literary Welsh of the time period is being planned. Please pass on the information to your friends interested in genealogy of their Welsh ancestors.

Partial scholarships are available. For information about fees, etc., visit the website, www.madog.org or contact Ada Mae Lewis, local organizer, at 122 N. Russell Ave, Ames, IA 50010, or 515-232-0608, or lewis@isunet.net.

But, for sure, plan now to attend Cwrs Cymraeg July 13-20, 2008, at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, to start learning or to brush up on the "language of heaven."

Request for Names & Information of Members Who Passed Away in the Past Year

Each year at our St. David's Day observance, we remember those members of the Society who passed away during the year. If you know of others, please send information about them to Morgan Bevan; 5443 Locust St.; Lincoln, NE 68516.

St. David's Welsh Society of NE Website

St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska Sincere thanks to Dennis Mathias for providing the creative work for our website. Check it out! He has graciously agreed - as he has done in the past - to keep us updated - thus we continue to be connected with many other societies nationally.

Mailing List Update

If you have either a **new address/telephone number/e-mail address**, please **send this information to Stanley Owens**; 11027 Washington St.; Omaha, NE 68137; (402) 339-4929

Message from Jane Smith, owner of the Lyceum Books, Brownville, NE and guest speaker at our 2006 luncheon: 'Richard Booth (who helped establish and provided many of the books in The Lyceum) planned to visit Brownville last fall but suffered a stroke and couldn't come. I think he is better but still not traveling as he would want. He did sell his big bookstore in Hay. All the best....Jane Smith'

(Remember to contact Jane for books of interest – you can e-mail her at: spiritofbrownville@alltel.net)

ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA

Calendar of Upcoming Events – 2008

Coming Welsh Events in Nebraska:

- Mar. 1 (Sat) **St. David's Day** - - Happy St. David's Day to you! (Dydd Gwyl Ddewi Hapus i chil) Get together with your local Welsh friends for tea or coffee.
- Mar. 2 (Sun.) **Welsh Heritage Sunday**. Encourage your pastor to observe this Sunday by including one or more hymns that use a Welsh hymn tune. **(See p. 3)**
- Mar. 17 (Mon.) **St. Patrick's Day** (the Welsh missionary who became patron saint of Ireland)
- Mar. 29 (Sat.) **St. David's Luncheon and Program**, Lincoln, NE. Southeast Community College Continuing Education Center (See front page)
- Aug. 10 (Sun.) **Planning Meeting for St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska**. Officers of the Society and all interested persons will meet on August 12th at 2 p.m. at the home of Joan Longacre, 6325 O St., #511, Lincoln, NE. The purpose of the meeting will be planning for this year's Gymanfa Ganu on October 19, 2008. For information contact Morgan Bevan – (402) 489-7208.
- Oct. 19 (Sun.) **24th Annual Nebraska Gymanfa Ganu**, Lincoln, NE; 2 p.m.; Northeast United Church of Christ, 6200 Adams St., Lincoln, NE Te Bach following. Contact: Morgan Bevan (402) 489-7208

Welsh Events in Other Areas:

- Feb. 28 (Thurs) **St. David's Society of the State of Kansas**. A Welsh Tea. 1:30-3:30 Lebo United Methodist Church, Lebo, KS. Contact Paula Evans (620) 256-6687
- Mar. 1 (Sat.) **Iowa Welsh Society**. St. David's Day luncheon. Pella, IA. More information – contact Ada Mae Lewis at (515) 232-0608 or lewis@isunet.net (put Iowa Welsh Society in Subject line.)
- Mar. 1 (Sat.) **St. David's Society of Minnesota**. **St. David's luncheon. (Noon)** St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church; St. Paul, MN. Contact: Marveen Minish, Treas.; (763) 571-6162;
- Mar. 2 (Sun.) **St. David's Society of the State of Kansas**; St. David's Day Concert, 2:30 p.m. Emporia Presbyterian Church, West Campus, Emporia, KS. Contact Paula Evans (620) 256-6687
- Mar. 9 (Sun.) **St. David's Welsh Society of Greater Kansas City**, Kansas City, MO: 2:00 p.m. Festive Hymn Sing ; John Schaefer, son leader; Second Presbyterian Church, 318 East 55th St. (55th and Oak), Kansas City, Missouri. "Witherspoon Place" room.
- Apr. 6 (Sun.) **St. David's Society of Minnesota**. **Spring Gymanfa Ganu**. 2 p.m. First Christian Church, 2201 First Ave. S., Minneapolis. Rev. Joseph Corbin, directing. Questions: Mary Mergenthal (615) 644-1650
- June 1 (Sun.) **Welsh Society of Greater Kansas City**. Potluck Picnic. 1:30-4:00. Contact Judith Brougham, pres@Welshkc.org
- June 6-7 (Fri-Sat.) **Welsh Society of Greater Kansas City Highland Games**. **Judith Brougham** pres@Welshkc.org
- June 6-7-8 (Fri-Sun) **Wymore Days Festival**. Contact **Dr. Berwyn Jones**; www.WelshHeritage.org
- June 21 (Thurs) **St. David's Society of Minnesota** Indoor Picnic. St. Anthony Park Lutheran in St. Paul, MN. Questions: Robert Minish (763)571-6162

July 13-20 (Sun.-Sun.) **Welsh Course**, Simpson College, Indianola, IA. Sponsored by Cymdeithas Madog. Website: www.madog.org or contact Ada Mae Lewis (515-232-0608 or lewis@isunet.net).

Aug. 28– Aug. 31, '08 (Thur.-Sun.) **North American Festival of Wales and the 77th National Gymanfa Ganu (2008)** Chicago, IL area. Host Hotel: Doubletree Hotel Chicago-Oak Brook, Oakbrook, IL. 1-630-472-6000. www.doubletreehilton.com
Contact: WNGGA Headquarters, PO Box 215, Hartland MI 48353.
(Info: 810-632-7850. Fax: 810-632-7805, www.wngga.comcast.net)

North American Welsh Newspapers

Remember that a good way to learn of our Welsh heritage is to subscribe to and read the North American Welsh newspaper, "***Ninnau***." There is news of Wales, news of Welsh North Americans, news of Welsh events in the United States, Welsh recipes, genealogical information and much more.

Yearly subscriptions, \$25.00, published monthly except in September. Gift subscriptions are \$18 if donor is a subscriber. Send to: "***Ninnau***" (now incorporating "*Y Drych*"); 11 Post Terrace; Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-2498 (There will be a few copies available at the luncheon.)

ANSWER to question, page 6: A family with only daughters, no sons (Answer 2)

Organizations Furthering Our Welsh Heritage

Welsh-American Genealogical Society (WAGS) – 60 Norton Ave.; Poultney, VT 05764-1029. Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~vtwags> e-mail: wagsjan@verizon.net

Wales Tourist Board – Website: www.visitwales.com

National Welsh American Foundation (NNAF) – 143 Sunny Hillside Road; Benton, PA 17814-7822; T: 1-570-925-6923; Fax:: 1-570-925-6735; Website: www.wales-usa.org & www.wales-cymru.org; e-mail: NWAF@epix.net

Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association; % Dr. John Ellis; PO Box 215, Hartland, MI 48353-0215
Website: www.wngga.org E-mail: wngga@comcast.net

Cymdeithas Madog – Residential language courses focusing on modern spoken Welsh. Website: www.madog.org.
E-mail: president@madog.org

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Request for News Items for Next Newsletter

The deadline for items for the next newsletter is September 1. Please send to: Joan Longacre; 6325 "O" St., #511; Lincoln, NE 68510; (402) 486-2417; e-mail: longacre@inetnebr.com or Marjorie Bevan; 5443 Locust St.; Lincoln, NE 68516; (402) 489-7208.

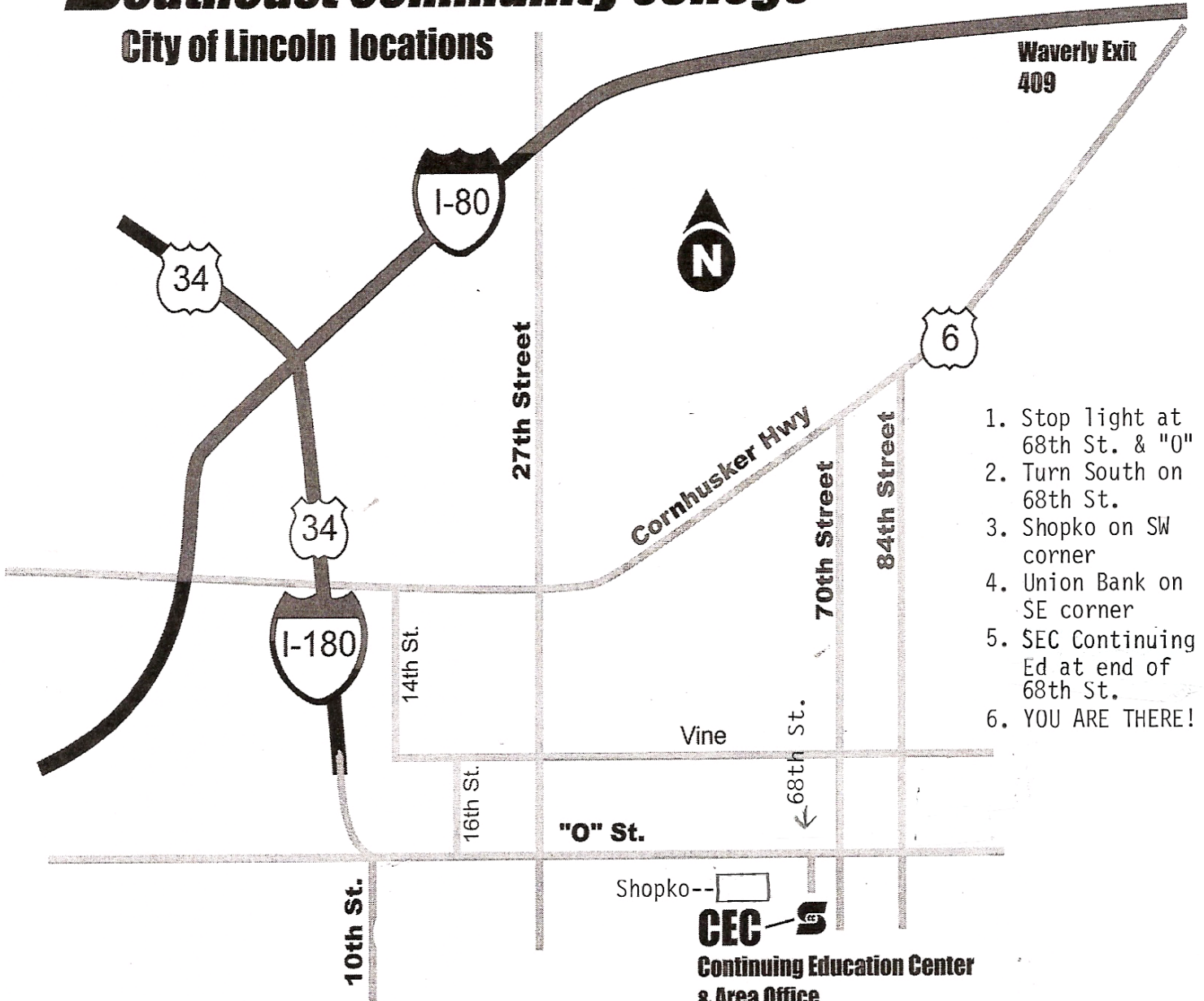
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