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Red Cross blood drive set for Thursday
 -Katie McNeil
 The Red Cross is looking for donors to help meet the need for blood during the upcoming flu season. The drive will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Red Cross Community Center, 1000 S. 16th St. in Lincoln. For more information, call 402-441-2345.

School board sets date for public comment on grading program
 -By Staff Writer
 The Lincoln Public Schools board of directors will hold a public hearing on Oct. 15 to discuss a proposed grading program. The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Public Schools Administration Center, 1000 S. 16th St. in Lincoln. The hearing will be open to the public. For more information, call 402-441-2345.

2013 LHS Homecoming Parade
 Participants in the 2013 Lincoln High School Homecoming Parade will be marching down the street in front of the school on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m. The parade will start at the school and end at the school. For more information, call 402-441-2345.

Govt. closes Omaha Beach in Normandy during shut-down
 -Katie McNeil
 The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration has closed Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, during a government shut-down. The beach is a National Historic Landmark and is a popular tourist destination. The closure is part of a government-wide shut-down that is affecting many federal agencies. For more information, call 402-441-2345.

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