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## Nebraska Science Festival

2015 Festival Dates  
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The Nebraska Science Festival is a multi-day celebration showcasing the diversity and wonders of science.

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## Welcome to the Newsletter of the Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures January, 2015!

Please forward this newsletter to anyone that may be interested in joining The Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures.

Sincerely,

**Victoria Kohout, Executive Director**

The Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures

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## Nebraska Voters Strongly Support Embryonic Research

OMAHA, (Neb) The Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures released the results of a poll indicating that a majority of Nebraskans support embryonic stem cell research overall, and specifically they support it being conducted in Nebraska, by a ratio of nearly three-to-one over strong opposition, or, 69 percent in favor and 25 percent opposed.

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## Heartfelt hope: Receiver of novel embryonic stem-cell therapy doing 'well'

PARIS, Jan 16 - A woman treated with a revolutionary embryonic stem-cell therapy for severe heart failure is doing well three months after the operation, her cardiologist reported today. The patient, 68 at the time of the procedure last October, was given juvenile heart cells that had been grown in the lab from human precursor cells, Philippe Menasche of the Georges-Pompidou European Hospital in Paris told AFP.

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## Stem cell success: One couple's effort to protect their son from fatal nerve disease will help other boys too

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - University of Michigan alumna Brooke Kendrick and her husband Stephen were ready to start a family. But a devastating inherited nerve disease runs in her family, affecting her brother and threatening to kill or cripple any male child she has. So, the couple chose to conceive via in vitro fertilization, to have their embryos

tested for the genetic defect, and to implant only disease-free ones.

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## **Stem cell clinic faces fraud allegations over dubious stem cell trial for MS**

A very thorough article in the newspaper by Melissa Martin and Mary Agnes Welch reports that a "researcher" at the company named Doug Broeska who ran a stem cell trial for Multiple Sclerosis (MS), had faked credentials and overstated results of the trial. Broeska, who apparently patients referred to as "Dr. Doug", not only did not have an MD, but also lacked a Ph.D. In fact, Broeska's previous experience was in lumber, which is long way from stem cells or MS or really anything medical or scientific.

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## **Israel's BrainStorm says stem cell drug benefits most patients in ALS trial**

(Reuters) - Israel's BrainStorm Cell Therapeutics said final results from a clinical trial of its adult stem cell treatment in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) were positive, with most patients showing a slowing in the disease's progression. According to the ALS Association, 5,600 people in the United States are diagnosed each year with the neurodegenerative disease, which has severely disabled British physicist Stephen Hawking.

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## **FDA to Put Mushrooming Fat Stem Cell Clinics on Crash Diet?**

Is it the beginning of the end for dubious American clinics that sell transplants of unproven and non-FDA approved fat stem cells? As the year of 2014 was winding down, the FDA issues two key new draft guidances that could prove to be crash diets for these burgeoning fat stem cell clinics.

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