

New Senator's agenda short as session nears

By Les Mann
Of the Herald

Seventeenth District State Sen. Pat Engel of South Sioux City is heading to Lincoln for Wednesday's start of the legislative session with a short personal agenda. Areas he intends to take special interest in include the proposed crime bill, welfare reform and property tax revisions in the area of farmers fertilizer tax.



Sen. Engel

Many other areas of legislative action will be attracting the attention of the senator, he said, but he hasn't formulated any strong opinions on other issues.

ENGEL WILL be getting a late start on the legislative activities Wednesday morning. He and his wife, Dee, had planned on moving into their apartment in Lincoln earlier in the week to take part in pre-session activities, but Mrs. Engel was scheduled for unexpected surgery today, delaying their plans.

The Senator said he expects Mrs. Engel will join him in Lincoln several days from now and that he will

be there Wednesday morning for the opening gavel.

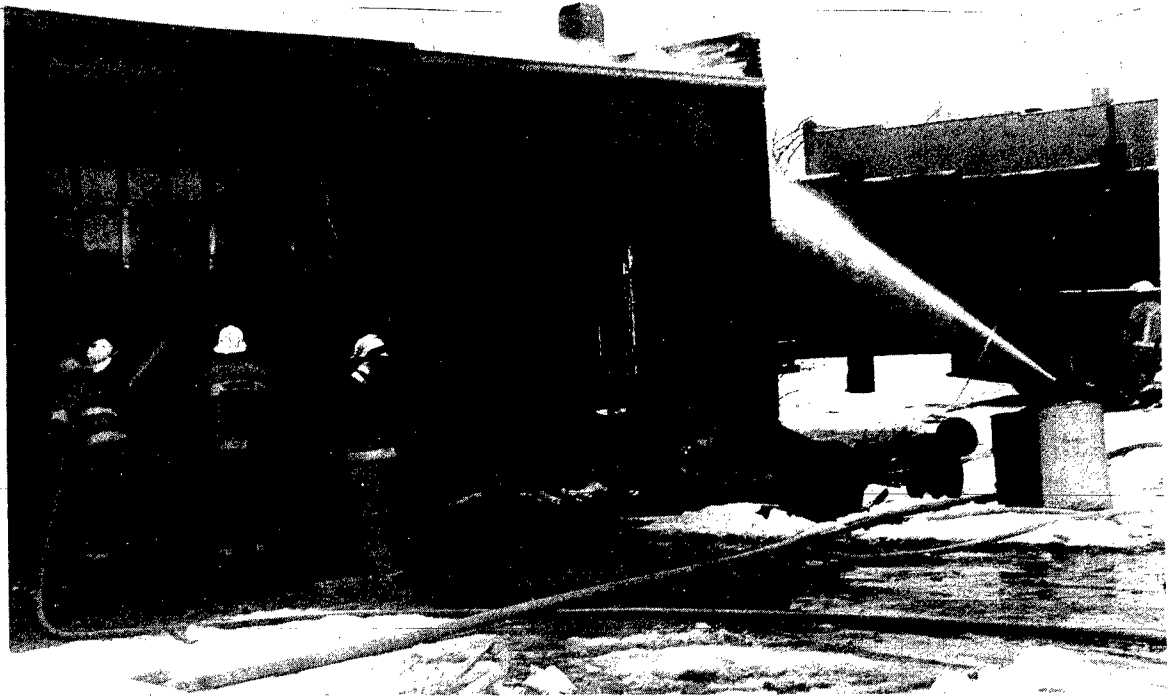
Crime legislation is going to be a key issue in the coming session he said in a telephone interview. He said, especially in the area of youth, the crime issue deserves a good deal of the lawmakers' time. "Something has to be done," he said, adding he would be weighing the options carefully.

THE WELFARE system needs to be overhauled he added as he outlined areas of personal interest. "We need to get more people off welfare for their own self esteem and to save tax dollars," he said. Those who really need it should get it, but the state should remove all disincentives for welfare recipients to return to the work force, he added.

Dealing with farmer concerns over fertilizer tax and other property tax issues will be difficult, he said. If those taxes are eliminated, the lost revenue will have to be replaced from somewhere else.

Engel was appointed in the summer by Gov. Ben Nelson to fill the unexpired term of Kurt Hohenstein who was convicted on theft charges.

His office and staff is in place. His Lincoln office number will be 471-2716. Ann Buntain will be Engel's legislative aide and Erin Jones is his administrative assistant.



Hot and cold

Firemen from four towns in Wayne County battled a Main Street fire and frigid weather conditions Sunday as a blaze destroyed Wade's Farm Store in Winside. The crews ran out of water at one point as they tried to keep the blaze contained. The building and contents were declared a total loss. The investigation continues into the cause for the afternoon blaze.

Firemen battle stubborn Winside blaze

By Diane Jaeger
Winside Correspondent

Firemen from several area towns helped battle a Sunday afternoon blaze that destroyed a downtown business in Winside and threatened to spread to two others.

Water was hauled from as far as Carroll to help fight the blaze in

frigid conditions. The blaze was reported at approximately 2:21 p.m. at Wade's Farm Store on Main Street. The business is owned by Dennis Wade and is near the Winside State Bank building.

The interior of the store was fully involved when the firemen arrived and the building has been declared a total loss.

It took over six hours before the blaze was fully controlled and units remained on the scene throughout the night.

Fire crews from Wayne, Carroll and Hoskins assisted the Winside units in fighting the fire. The Red Cross provided hot coffee and food for the firemen during the battle to keep the flames from spreading to

the nearby bank.

The cause of the blaze is still under investigation. Owner Dennis Wade said insurance should cover most of the loss, which included a car, a tractor and a wagon which were in the building at the time the fire broke out.

He said a total value of the loss still has to be determined.

At a Glance



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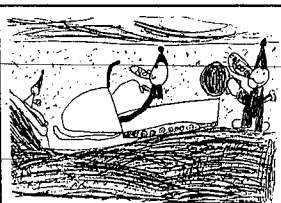
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Thought for the day:

Credit is a wonderful gimmick that lets you start at the bottom and then dig yourself into a hole!

Wakefield exchange now has 911

WAKEFIELD — Wakefield area telephone customers now have 911 emergency phone service. Lowell Johnson, city administrator, said that all fire and rescue emergencies, along with calls to the police department to report information, report complaints or to request police assistance, as in case of an accident, may be done by dialing 911.



Story hours

WAYNE — The Wayne Public Library will be holding their winter story hours for ages 3-7 beginning on Saturday, Jan. 15 at 10:30 a.m. The story hours will continue each Saturday until Feb. 26. All are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The public is welcome.

Cookie sales

AREA — Prairie Hills Girl Scout Council's annual cookie sale begins Jan. 7 and continues through Jan. 24. This is the only time of year these special epokies are available.

Girl Scouts have been selling cookies for over 50 years and the sale has provided a good experience and source of funds for Girl Scout activities. Part of the profit from the cookie sale goes directly to Girl Scout troops to use for special events. Another part of the profit supports council sponsored events throughout the 19-county council area in Northeast Nebraska. Area Girl Scouts will be canvassing Wayne, Wakefield, Carroll and Winside areas until Jan. 24.

Support group is being offered

WAYNE — You don't have to have bruises and broken bones to suffer from domestic violence. Haven House Family Services Center is offering a support group for survivors of domestic violence. This group is strictly confidential and child care will be provided at no cost.

To register or for more information, call 375-4633.

Home-based business meeting planned

WAYNE — The Wayne Area chapter of the Nebraska Home-Based Business Association meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Frey Art Studio, 620 Logan Street, Wayne. The speaker is Virgil Kardell of Restful Knights. He will be speaking on marketing.

Weather

Kyle Triggs, 7
Wayne Elementary
Extended Weather Forecast
Thursday through Saturday;
continuing chance of snow on
Thursday, dry Friday and Saturday;
highs, varying from the teens on
Thursday, warming to near-30 by
Saturday; lows, around -5 to 5.

Date	High	Low	Preclp.	Snow
Dec. 31	44	18	—	—
Jan. 1	40	21	Tr.	Tr.
Jan. 2	40	19	.02	Tr.
Jan. 3	30	4	—	—
Jan. 4	29	5	.01	1/2

Recorded 7 a.m. for previous 24 hour period
Precipitation/Month — .03
Year To Date — .03"
(0.5" Snow)

New readers signing up

Nearly 1,000 readers responded to the second annual Wayne Herald subscription sweepstakes campaign which concluded last week.

Winners of the free groceries included Arline Sievers, Wayne, first, who will get \$250 in groceries; Tim and Sharon Garvin, Wayne, second, who will receive \$150 in groceries, and LeRoy Weiershauser, Emerson, third, who wins a \$100 shopping spree.

Over 170 new subscribers were added to the growing rolls of Wayne Herald readers during the campaign according to Wayne Herald Publisher Les Mann.

Authorities seize records

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — Authorities seized gambling and bookmaking records from a West Point home after a tip from a woman whose husband gambled away the Christmas money.

Records dating back to 1987 were taken, along with a photocopier, several checks and a code book.

An anonymous letter to Fremont police from the wife of a gambler gave authorities the break they needed to obtain a search warrant. The home was searched Tuesday.

More than 160 bettors whose names were included in the records will probably be hearing from the Internal Revenue Service and the Nebraska Department of Revenue, Nebraska State Patrol officials said.

The man who owned the seized materials was handling between \$180,000 and \$200,000 a year in bets, said Dave Nicholson of the Nebraska State Patrol. The operation grossed between \$16,000 and \$45,000 a month, he said.

An investigation into the gambling operation began in 1990 and was one of the longest ongoing investigations of its type in the state, Nicholson said.

The West Point man has not been arrested or charged. Nicholson said the man does have a federal gambling license and that records indicated he had made tax payments to the IRS.



Turn on the heat

Construction workers use torches to clear ice off the roof sections of the new Wayne State College Business Building currently under construction on campus. While not fully enclosed, work has proceeded through the worst weather conditions with the goal of having the building ready for students later this calendar year.

Kerrey seeks tele-education input

U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey has scheduled a town hall meeting Wednesday in Norfolk as part of his visit to Northeast Nebraska to learn more about the education telecommunications projects taking place here.

The public is invited to attend the town hall meeting in the student center dining room at Northeast Community College from noon to

1:15 p.m. The senator plans to be on campus to meet with area educators and discuss telecommunications issues.

Wayne State College, Northeast Community College and Educational Service Units 1 and 8 in Northeast Nebraska have formed a coalition along with 50 school districts to utilize education telecommunica-

tions resources, according to Dr. Robert Cox, president of Northeast.

Development of new communications technologies and distance learning has been a goal of Kerrey's.

A Dutch treat lunch is available at the college for during the town hall meeting for \$5.

Cox said there is a "great deal of telecommunications momentum underway in Northeast Nebraska." He praised Kerrey's leadership in providing an opportunity to explore even more new ideas and projects.

"Because of these efforts, more people than ever before will have access to all sorts of educational opportunities," he said.



Sen. Kerrey

Emergency crews keep busy

The Allen-Waterbury Volunteer Firemen were called to the home of Red Adams the evening of Dec. 28. Firemen fought the house fire until the wee hours of the morning. An undetermined amount of damage was done.

Upon returning to the fire hall, fire and rescue personnel were then called to the Herb Ellis home. The Allen-Waterbury ambulance trans-

ported Herb to the hospital.

On Dec. 30, the rescue unit went out three times during the day. The first call was approximately mid-morning, going to the home of Carrol Bingham. The second call went out about 3:30 to the Rev. T.J. Fraser residence. And the last call went out early that evening to the home of Brenda Sassaman, living in Waterbury. All three people were transported to area hospitals.

sports

n. \ˈspɔrts\ 1. a source of diversion or recreation. 2. a particular activity (as hunting or athletic game) engaged in for pleasure. 3. persons living up to the ideals of sportsmanship. 4. the object of enjoyment for spectators, fans and newspaper sports page readers. *syn:* see FUN



Wayne boys defeated in triple overtime *Blue Devils fail to three-peat*

By Kevin Peterson
Sports editor

The Wayne Blue Devils boys basketball team's bid for a third straight Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout championship was shot down, Thursday by Norfolk Catholic as the Knights handed Rocky Ruhl's squad their first defeat of the season, 57-48 in triple overtime.

Norfolk Catholic led 16-13 after the first quarter and 24-20 at the half. Both teams scored 14, third quarter points but Wayne rallied in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime.

The game remained tied through the first two overtimes but the Knights took control in the third overtime after Wayne began fouling. Norfolk Catholic scored all of

its points in the final overtime

from the charity stripe.

Dennis Dozen and Joel Janssen led the winners with 16 and 15 points respectively, while Matt Blomenkamp and Robert Bell paced the Blue Devils with 15 and 12 points each while Mike Fluent was near double figures with nine.

"Hopefully we will be able to use this game as a tool down the road," Ruhl said. "I think it will help us mature. We were getting good shots against their 2-3 zone but they just weren't falling."

Ruhl was proud of the way his squad didn't give up even though they found themselves trailing by 10 points early in the fourth quarter. "We ended up hitting just 30 percent of our shots," Ruhl said. "Norfolk was right at 50 percent."

IN THE girls championship game in Rice Auditorium, it was Omaha Roncalli downing Madison, 50-37. The champions bombed Madison, 24-9 in the first quarter and led 31-11 at the half before substituting freely in the second half.

The Wayne girls settled for third place but things weren't so easy for Roger Reikofski's squad, as they held on to defeat a stubborn Winnebago team, 41-39.

Wayne trailed 13-6 after the first quarter and 24-21 at the half. The Blue Devils used a 13-8 scoring run in the fourth quarter to win the game. Jenny Thompson and Carrie Fink led the winners with 14 points each.

THE WAKEFIELD boys were defeated by Pender on a last second shot by Steve Vogt, 59-58 for fifth place. The Trojans overcame a slow start in the first quarter when they trailed, 18-11 and put themselves in a position to either send the game into overtime or win but Vogt's 15-footer at the buzzer sounded defeat for Brad Hoskins' crew.

Wakefield got great balance in the scoring column as four players were in double figures with Wes Blecke and Miah Johnson leading the way with 13 points each. Cory Brown and Justin Dutcher each poured in 10.

The Wakefield girls also placed sixth as they lost to Stanton on the last day, 43-33. The Trojans led 5-4 after the first quarter but were outscored, 14-7 in the second quarter and 12-7 in the third quarter. Mary Torczon led Wakefield with a dozen points.

THE ALL-TOURNAMENT team was announced after the championship games and in the girls division, Jenny Thompson was selected to the team from Wayne.

Others making the eight-person team included Deanna Christianson, Laura Beck and Natalie Kotre from Omaha Roncalli, Tricia Bruening of Madison, Rence Belz from Stanton, Kim Smith of Pender and Alicia Whitebear from Winnebago.

The boys team was headed by Wayne's Matt Blomenkamp and Robert Bell. Bill Lafluer and Joel Janssen of Norfolk Catholic were also on the team as was Steve Vogt

of Pender, Jon Dolliver of Stanton, Dana Anderson of Madison and Scott Arens of Crofton.

Final day box scores for girls:

(Seventh Place)-Pender (50), Norfolk Catholic (26): Pender—S. Connealy, 2; S. Christiansen, 2; M. Mills, 6; T. Westerhold, 16; K. Smith, 11; C. Trimble, 2; T. Thompson, 11.

Norfolk Catholic—S. Unger, 12; J. Lacrosse, 6; C. Hammond, 2; K. Abler, 2; M. Jurgensemeier, 2; J. Stuiibeergen, 2.

(Fifth place)-Stanton (43), Wakefield (33): Stanton—M. Erbst, 8; T. Lehman, 8; B. Peterson, 6; K. Marotz, 6; S. Burtwistle, 1; R. Belz, 14.

Wakefield—Jamie Oswald, 2; Stacey Preston, 1; K. Baker, 6; M. Eaton, 7; Andrea Carson, 3; Alyssa Utecht, 2; Mary Torczon, 12.

(Third place)-Wayne (41), Winnebago (39): Wayne—Jenny Thompson, 14; Carrie Fink, 14; Katie Lutt, 6; Katy Wilson, 4; Tami Schluns, 3.

Winnebago—A. Whitebear, 20; M. Parker, 2; C. Sharpback, 5; P. LaRose, 8; C. Mast, 4.

(First place)-Omaha Roncalli (50), Madison (37): Roncalli—L. Beck, 8; D. Christianson, 19; M. Bolen, 2; A. Gargano, 8; C. Wilson, 2; M. McGill, 3; S. Spearman, 2; H. Geier, 2; N. Kotre, 4.

Madison—Weiland, 3; Rakowsky, 3; Bruening, 12; Nelson, 2; Priester, 9; Sunderman, 8.

Boys final day box scores: (Seventh place)-Stanton (77), Winnebago (61): Stanton—J. Vogel, 9; C. Hartman, 6; M. Foote, 2; S. Pohlman, 2; J. Dolliver, 21; W. Roenfeldt, 7; J. Robins, 18; R. Kander, 12.

Winnebago—B. Stout, 13; J. Neff, 8; B. Frenchman, 7; L. Hunter, 2; D. Webster, 13; D. Houghton, 4; T. Mallory, 8; T. LaRose, 4; J. Russell, 2.

(Fifth place)-Pender (59), Wakefield (58): Pender—T. Weborg, 3; C. Sharp, 9; S. Vogt, 23; R. Westerhold, 16; N. Kubik, 6; T. Thomson, 2.

Wakefield—Miah Johnson, 13; Justin Dutcher, 10; Cody Skinner, 1; Mike Rischmueller, 2; Andy Muller, 4; Ryan Ekberg, 5; Wes

Blecke, 13; Cory Brown, 10.

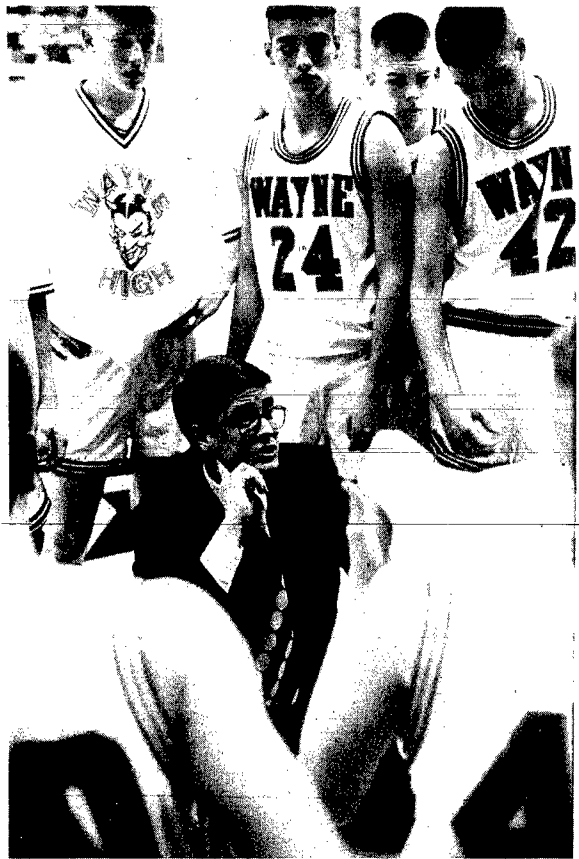
(Third place)-Madison (80), Crofton (48): Madison—K. Jurgens, 12; K. Jarchow, 15; K. Kiefer, 8; R. Scott, 2; M. Rumsey, 5; C. Wilson, 12; S. Turner, 5; W. Wolverton, 2; D. Anderson, 9; D. Boe, 4; S. Schmidt, 6.

Crofton—J. Hirschman, 13; S. Arens, 4; B. Janssen, 6; J. Block,

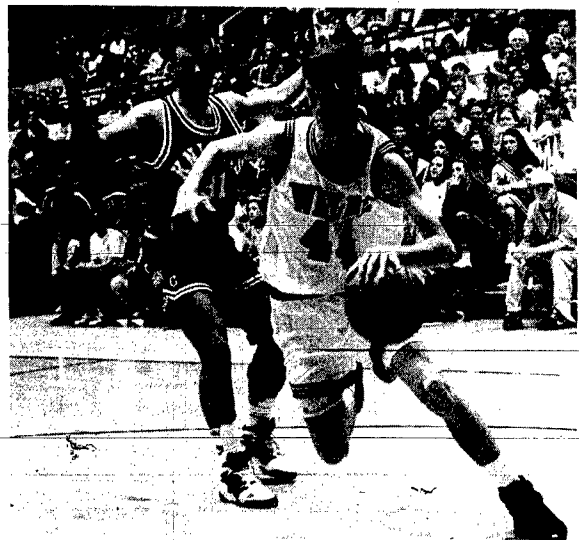
3; J. Panning, 17; A. Guenther, 1; T. Evans, 4.

(First place)-Norfolk Catholic (57), Wayne (48) 3 OT's: Norfolk Catholic—D. Dozen, 16; E. Johnson, 2; B. Lafluer, 11; J. Janssen, 15; Ja. Janssen, 5; D. Borgman, 6; R. Crowley, 2.

Wayne—Matt Blomenkamp, 15; Robert Bell, 12; Mike Fluent, 9; Joe Lutt, 4; Kirk Carmichael, 4; Ryan Pick, 2; Jason Carr, 2.



ROCKY RUHL talks to his team during a timeout as they prepare for the first overtime against Norfolk Catholic.



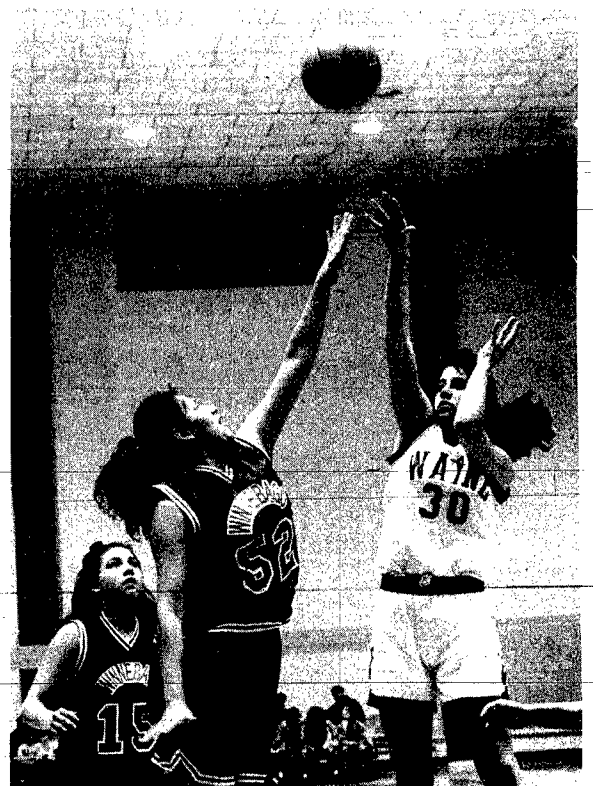
MATT BLOMENKAMP looks to drive baseline against Norfolk Catholic during second half action of the finals.



TAMI SCHLUNS gets a step on a Pender defensive player during action at the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout.



WAYNE'S MIKE Fluent attempts to go up for a shot while a Norfolk Catholic defender goes for the block.



KATIE LUTT shoots over a Winnebago player during the Blue Devils two-point win for third place.

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