

## One teen back; other escapees still at large

By Les Mann  
Of the Herald

One of four teenagers who escaped last Saturday night from the Juvenile Detention Center in Wayne has been captured and returned to the center while the other three remain at large and are the subjects of a nationwide search.

The 16-year-old Hispanic youth was captured by the South Sioux City Police department Wednesday morning after he was found hiding in a closet at a house he had been known to frequent previously.

South Sioux City Police began checking places the youth had been known to frequent after he fit the description of a teen who fled from the scene of a shoplifting attempt in Sioux City, Iowa the previous evening.

"WE'VE DEALT with him before," said Officer Andy Backman of the Sioux City Police Department who added that the teen offered no resistance to arrest. He will face additional charges in both Iowa and Nebraska, predicted Backman.

Originally, the teen was being held at the JDC for felony assault and other charges.

He was involved in a disturbance between Hispanic and Caucasian teens at the detention center last

Saturday night. Before the riot was quelled, four teens used a fire extinguisher to break a padlock holding a grate over a window, broke the window and ran. Police suspect the youths stole a car that was reported missing that night from the 100 block of East 4th.

JDC DIRECTOR Greg Eckel said he had unconfirmed reports that the four had been together in the Emerson area, where another car had been stolen and that a farmer had helped them when their vehicle became stuck.

Dixon County officials could not confirm those reports.

Backman said the other individuals involved in the shoplifting situation with the Dakota County teen Tuesday were not escapees from the JDC and he surmised that the teens have split up.

Wayne Police Chief Vern Fairchild said information about the escapees and their descriptions have been sent to every police department throughout the country on the crime computer network.

He declined to say if there were any leads to the whereabouts of the remaining three escapees but officials have said they doubt that they remain in this area.



### Fans show their support

Katie Straight and Tamara Schardt were among the estimated 1,500 Wayne High fans who showed their support Thursday night when the Blue Devils played Omaha Gross in the opening round of the state boys basketball tournament. With the girls is Tamara's dad, Lowell.

## 'Devils' draw a crowd

By Les Mann  
Of the Herald

A large percentage of the population of Wayne was not home Thursday night. They were in Lincoln dressed in blue and white making noise at Pershing Auditorium.

That's where the Wayne High Blue Devils made a valiant come-from-behind effort in the first round of the State Basketball Tournament against Omaha-Gross. Fan support didn't stop when the final score read Omaha Gross 48, Wayne 46. The fans gave their state tournament team a standing ovation for its never say die effort.

"THIS IS A GREAT showing from the hometown crowd," said Wayne High Principal Dr. Donald Zeiss, during the game. It was estimated the Wayne partisans outnumbered those from Omaha by better than 2-1.

Wayne Herald staff members estimated over 1,500 Wayne fans made the trip to Lincoln. They became very vocal in the second half when

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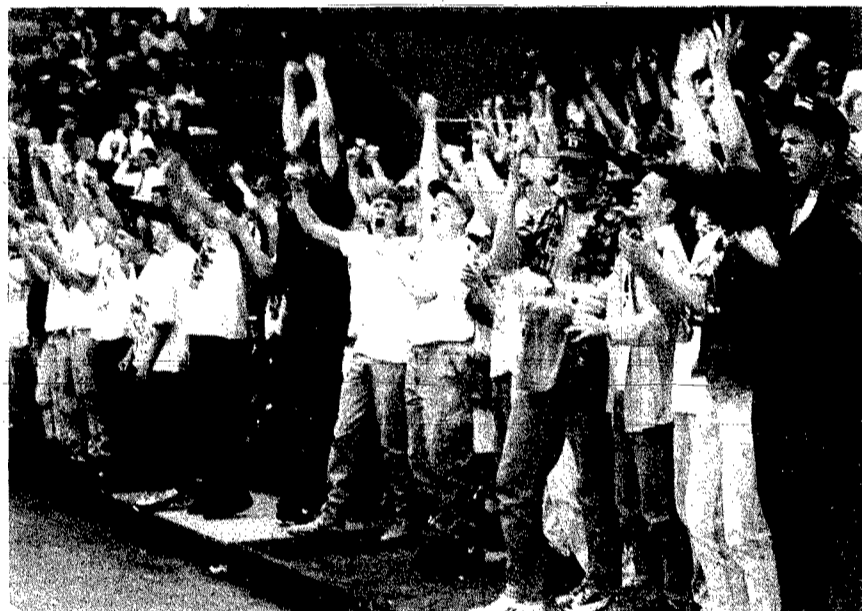
## Chamber field cut to three

The search for a new Chamber of Commerce and Wayne Industries Executive Director for Wayne has been narrowed to three finalists and search committee is planning follow-up interviews with the three next week according to Chris King, Chamber president.

King said the process has taken a little longer than the search committee had originally planned because of the high number of good applicants seeking the post.

Over 30 applications were received, he said. Of those, many had masters degrees and chamber experience. He declined to say who the three finalists were, but he said one was a local individual.

He said he expects the search committee to have a recommendation for the joint meeting of the boards of the Chamber and Wayne Industries to make a decision within two weeks.



Wayne High student fans were vocal in their support of the Blue Devils, especially in the second half when the Wayne team had battled back to take the lead and in the final seconds when there was a chance to win with a three pointer.

## School building plans still varied

By Les Mann  
Of the Herald

A committee looking at building needs for the Wayne City Schools is working to narrow the number of options and solidify cost estimates before recommending solutions to the Wayne School board.

First architectural estimates for correcting all the district's building needs, including a new school in Carroll, addition to the Wayne Elementary School and new building for the Middle School and High School ranged upwards of \$19 mil-

lion, a figure seented at by some members of the committee and school administrators.

"WHERE DO YOU think we are, Lincoln?" School Superintendent Dennis Jensen, said he asked the architects when they presented the high cost options which included a new high school building with more than double the space of the existing high school.

The architects were instructed to present lower costs options.

Early estimates from the architectural firm of Architectural Partner-

ships of Lincoln, which was hired by the district to facilitate the committee's study of building needs, show the costs for renovating the old Middle School building at about the same as building a new one—in the neighborhood of \$8 million dollars. The firm is the leading school building design firm in the state.

JENSEN SAID all the cost figures being talked about seem high and he doubts the committee will recommend, nor would the board accept the high cost building plans. He said to raise \$19 million for

school buildings would increase the school property tax levy in the district by over \$1 per 100 valuation.

Voters, who are ultimately going to have to approve a bond issue to finance solutions to the building needs of the district would not likely approve that rich a proposal, he said. A bond issue election would likely be held in November after options are narrowed and the district has a firmer handle on costs, said Jensen.

IN ITS STUDY, the 25-member

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## Pageant time nears for hopefuls

In just over a week the first Miss Northeast Nebraska will be crowned in a scholarship pageant in Wayne and the winner hopes the Wayne pageant title will be the first step on the road to Atlantic City.

Two more of the anticipated eight total candidates who will be competing for thousands of dollars in college scholarships available to the winner and runners up, have made their photos and biographical information available.

Mary E. Jensen, a junior at Platte College majoring in business, is from Columbus. She is the 22 year old daughter of Neil and Janice Jensen of Columbus. She enjoys softball, volleyball, jogging and bowling. Her talent performance in the pageant

will be a jazz dance.

Taryn Kay Gilster is a 23 year old graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in broadcast journalism. She is the daughter of Gary and Flavian Gilster of Pender. She lists her hobbies as: making crafts, cross stitching, playing the piano, organ and saxophone, traveling and reading. She will be playing the saxophone with her own piano accompaniment for her talent competition.

Besides talent, the contestants will be judged on poise, evening wear and swimsuit competitions according to local pageant director Mardelle Wiseman.



Taryn Gilster



Mary Jensen

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### At a Glance



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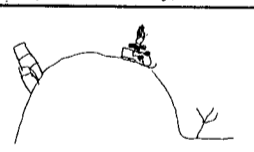
#### Immunization Clinic is scheduled

WAYNE — Goldenrod Hills Community Services, in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Health, will hold the Wayne County Immunization Clinic in Wayne on Thursday, March 17 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This clinic will be located at the First United Methodist Church, 516 Main.

The immunization clinic is open to the public, there are no income guidelines. Donations are requested to help defray the cost of the clinic, but this is not mandatory.

Children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian and should also bring past immunization records.

If you have any questions, please call Goldenrod Hills Community Services at 529-3513.



#### Weather

Grant Powell, 7  
Wayne Elementary School  
Extended Weather Forecast:  
Sunday through Tuesday; little if any precipitation; seasonal temperatures; daytime highs, 50s; overnight lows, upper-20s to lower-30s.

Date	High	Low	Precip.
March 9	34	18	—
March 10	40	22	—
March 11	40	23	—

#### 'Hug-A-Spud'

WAYNE — On March 20, St. Mary's Booster Club will hold its annual "Hug-A-Spud" dinner.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Holy Family Hall, baked potatoes with several toppings, along with desserts and pies will be served. Cost is \$3 per person and \$1.50 for children under 12.

#### Parade theme is picked

WAYNE COUNTY — Theme for the grand parade this year at Wayne County Old Settlers in Winside will be "See You in the Funny Paper" (comic strips). Some of the planned entertainment for the weekend will include a gospel singing group, the Chord Brewing Company (a barber shop quartet) from Omaha and the Battle Creek Brass Band.

Old Settlers will be June 24, 25 and 26.

A sponsor is needed for this year's bathtub races. If interested, contact Mick or Sue Topp. The next Old Settlers meeting will be April 7 in the fire hall at 7:30 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

#### Lions Club talent contest is March 27

WAYNE — The annual Lions Club talent contest is slated for Sunday, March 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the Ley Theater on the Wayne State College campus in the Brandenburg Education Building.

Entries for the contest are due March 27 and should be sent to Lion Hilbert Johs, Math Dept., WSC, Wayne, NE 68787.

Participants will compete in six divisions: 8 and under; 9-11 years old; groups of three to nine, 11 and under; 12-14 years old; 15-18 years old; and groups of three to nine, 12-18 years old.

The performances are open to the public.



# Wayne Council facing busy night of public hearings

Wayne City Council already has 22 items on its agenda for March 29. Six of them are issues for which Public Hearings are required.

Council discussed much but settled little, during its meeting Tuesday, passing many of the agenda items on to the next meeting to be settled following public hearings. No less than six official hearings will be held on issues ranging from development plans to special street improvement assessments.

Council did approve the use of the city solid waste transfer station by the Village of Concord and approved plans for a pair of new subdivisions, Westview Terrace and Gary Donner First Addition.

Public hearings will be held on the last meeting of the month on:  
 • a proposal to utilize Community Development Block Grant funds allocated to the city for the renovation of the old Geno's Steakhouse for a different housing development

project since the original grant funds were not used in the effort to rehabilitate the old burned out building.  
 • an application by Restful Knights to use \$95,000 of the city's revolving economic development loan fund to help finance a new warehouse addition at the bedding plant. The addition will create several new jobs at the operation.

• a permit for a new domestic use well north of Wayne. The well is being proposed for land being developed by Gary Pick.

• a special use permit for apartments in the upstairs portion of the building at 111 Main (the old Morning Shopper Building).

• rezoning for a proposed mobile home park being developed by Nick Sieler and partners near the Wayne Veterinary Clinic.

• setting special assessments for street, sewer and water improvement districts involved in the first phase of Vintage Hill Addition.

## Building

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committee, which includes parents, retirees, business leaders, teachers, administrators and board members, toured each of the buildings in the district to identify problems.

Most pressing among the needs for the district was condition, accessibility and space in the 86-year-old Middle School Building, the same for Carroll Elementary and space problems in the High School.

The group has worked since last fall in the process of preparing a report to the school board. The committee's next meeting is March 28 at which time it is expected to narrow the options down to three with pared down cost estimates.

Members of the School Board were given a status report on the facility study committee's work at the Tuesday board meeting.

## Bishop comes to Wayne

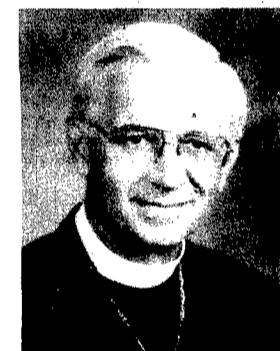
Dr. Richard Jessen, bishop of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be preaching at Redeemer Lutheran Church of Wayne on Sunday, March 13.

The 11 a.m. service can be heard on KTCH-AM. Dr. Jessen and his wife, Glenda, will also be sharing a report of their trip to the Lutheran Church in Tanzania during the Adult Forum at 9:45. Tanzania is a companion synod to the Nebraska Synod-ELCA.

This visit is a part of Bishop Jessen's effort to visit all 274 congregations in the Nebraska Synod. Preaching on John 3:16, he will talk about how central the mission of the church is to the Christian faith.

Dr. Jessen has been bishop of the Nebraska Synod-ELCA since

1990. Prior to that time he was senior pastor at First Lutheran in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



Dr. Richard Jessen

## Teen attends seminar

Erin Granberg has been selected to participate in the 21st annual Citizenship Safety Seminar sponsored by the Nebraska Farm Bureau. The 1994 Citizen/Safety Seminar will be held on March 20-22 at the Nebraska Youth Leadership Development Center at Aurora.

The purpose of the Citizenship

Seminar is to communicate a better understanding of our Nebraska Heritage, our state's resources and unicameral system. The objective is to assist students to become effective citizens — informed and cognizant of duties and responsibilities as a good citizen.

The purpose of the Safety Seminar is to provide motivation to young people who have displayed an interest in safety. It is hoped the understanding of safety will be used throughout their lives and that they further that understanding to others by promoting safety in their home communities.

The program will include visits to the Nebraska Unicameral as well as the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Food Processing and Animal Sciences Buildings.

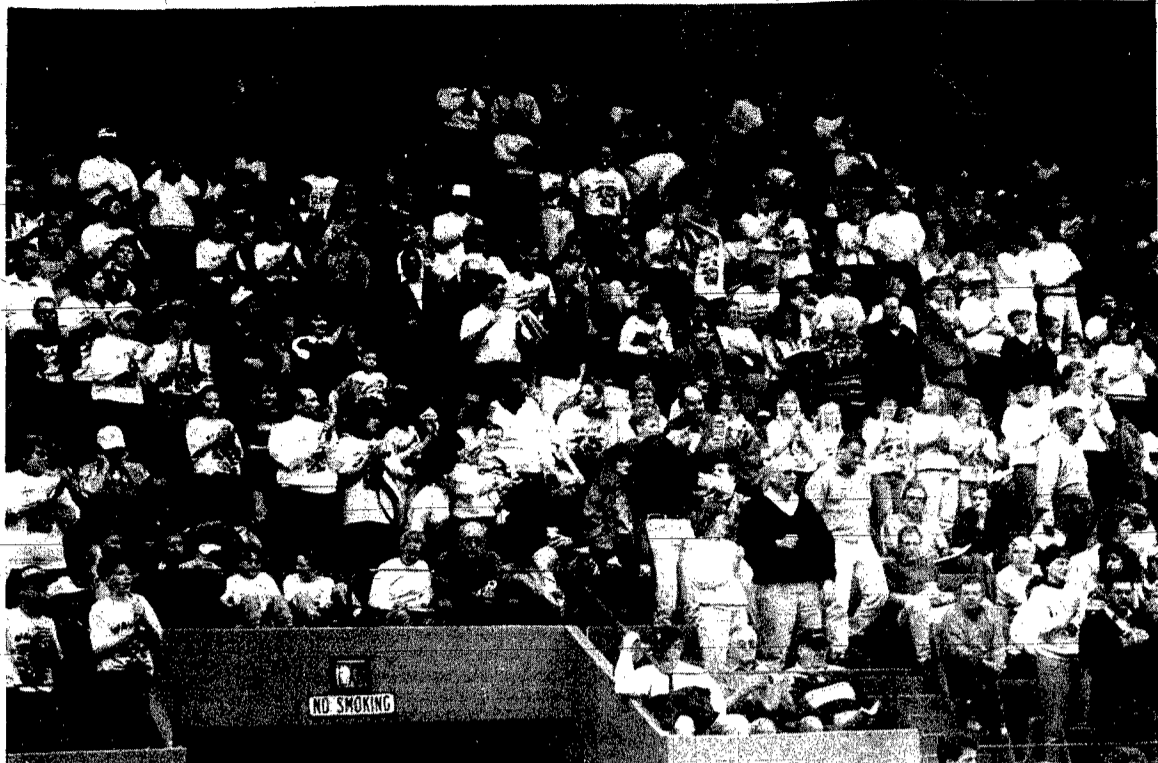
Ms. Granberg will be attending the seminar at no cost to her. The Wayne County Farm Bureau provides fee waivers to selected students.

## Pageant

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Several celebrities will be on hand for next Saturday's pageant, including Mary Lynn Schnitzler, Miss Nebraska of 1993. She will relinquish her crown to one of the winners of the local pageants like that in Wayne.

Tickets for the pageant, which will be held at Ramsey Theatre on the WSC Campus, are on sale at the Wayne Area Chamber of Commerce and First National Bank. The pageant will begin at 7:30 p.m.



A large Wayne High contingent of fans estimated at 1,500 made the trip to Lincoln to cheer for the Blue Devils Thursday night.

## Crowd

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the team fought back from a ten point deficit at half to take the lead.

"It certainly was exciting and we can take a lot of pride as a community in the effort put out," said David Ley, Chairman of State National Bank and Trust Company who made the trip to Lincoln with his family on a chartered fan bus.

"I WAS EXTREMELY proud

of our whole performance" said Wayne Superintendent Dennis Jensen. He praised the effort of the fans, the "terrific" pep band, the team and the coaches. "We really did ourselves proud."

He said he was going to convey that sentiment to the student body and staff on Monday morning.

Dr. Wayne Wessel, who also was on the fan bus, said he enjoyed the trip and being a part of the excite-

ment adding he thought the crowd of supporters in Lincoln was larger than any Wayne High crowd home or away for some time.

"IT WAS GREAT to see so many of the out of town alums who came to see the team," said Wessel. He said he enjoyed the game tremendously and even though we didn't win, the team won the respect of everyone. "If we would have gotten

the lid off the basket in the first quarter, it would have been a whole different ball game," he said, adding that he was especially proud of the way the team fought back from first quarter adversity.

"I'm looking forward to next year," said Wessel.

A steady stream of 27 county cars and vans was on the road toward Lincoln Thursday afternoon and returning home early Friday morning.

## WSC gets new dean of education

Diane Alexander has been named dean of the division of education at Wayne State College.

The Illinois native, who spent approximately 15 years in South Dakota educational positions, comes to Wayne State from the University of Maryland where she was a consultant for one year.

Alexander will be responsible for managing the undergraduate and

graduate programs in the division of education, which employs 16 full-time faculty members.

"Dr. Alexander's experience and background will provide sound leadership and a solid foundation for Wayne State College's division of education," says Dr. Jo Taylor, vice president for academic affairs.

Prior to working in Maryland, Alexander was interim dean, College of Education, Black Hills State University, 1991-93; director, teacher education and certification, South Dakota Department of education and Cultural Affairs, 1986-91; educational specialist, South Dakota Department of Education, 1985-86; high school principal, Canova School District, Canova, S.D., 1983-85.

Before working in administration, she taught in Canova, Dwight, Ill. and Camp Point, Ill.

Alexander earned her bachelor of science degree in English education from Southern Illinois University, 1972, master of education degree in education administration from South Dakota State University, 1982, and doctor of education degree from the University of South Dakota in 1991.

Alexander and her husband, Jerry, have two children, Leann, 21, and Ryan, 19.



Diane Alexander

## Governor isn't worried about legislative initiatives

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) -- Gov. Ben Nelson says he isn't worried about the slow pace his legislative initiatives are taking this session. Not yet.

"I always get concerned when things aren't moving as fast as I'd like them to," Nelson said Wednesday. "But these are highly complicated and somewhat controversial issues, to say the least.

"It's not unexpected that they could have this kind of trouble as we work them through the system."

With 22 days left in the legislative session, only two of Nelson's eight initiatives, so highly touted a few months ago, have advanced beyond first-round debate.

Of the priorities outlined by Nelson in his State of the State speech in January, only the youth anti-crime package and a bill to use the state's unemployment insurance trust fund to pay for job training are close to reaching Nelson's desk.

Three other Nelson-backed measures, including the health-care reform and adult anti-crime packages, still await first-round debate. Two other bills, including a massive welfare reform proposal, remain in committee.

What gives?

Tim Becker, Nelson's chief of staff, said nobody in the Legislature is likely to get everything they want. But he and Nelson said they were not giving up on any of the bills.

"The worst scenario is if we didn't try," Nelson said. "My sense is that, at this point, we're not in dire danger of them not passing.

"It is a very aggressive legislative package, but it is moving forward."

Most of the measures are priority bills and are expected to be debated this year, said Nelson aide Trent Nowka.

Omaha Sen. Eric Chambers said Nelson, who announced his re-election plans in January, is using the initiatives to gain headlines.

"All he has to do is say, 'I gave the idea to the Legislature and they wouldn't pass it.' That's the way politics works, and I expect that," said Chambers, a 23-year veteran of the Legislature.

Nelson said he wasn't willing to prioritize which of his initiatives he would push, if lawmakers balked at passing all of them. "Right now, we feel that they all get equal support and are of equal importance," he said.

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## Student artists

Wayne State College seniors Karen Teut and Amy Slaughter begin their senior art exhibit on Monday. The public is invited to an opening reception at 6:30 p.m. in Nordstrand Gallery, located on the upper level of the college's Fine Arts Building.

## Student artists welcome public to their senior show

The public is invited to an opening reception for an art exhibit by Wayne State College seniors Amy Slaughter of Walthill and Karen Teut of Wayne at 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 14 in Nordstrand Gallery, located on the upper level of Wayne State's Fine Arts Building.

The exhibit, which will be on display through March 25, features a wide variety of work including watercolor, acrylic, oil painting, bronze sculpture, alabaster sculpture, pottery and charcoal drawings. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.


Slaughter, a 1988 graduate of Walthill High School, is majoring in art education (K-12) and graphic design at Wayne State. She is the

daughter of Peggy and Keith Mahaney and the wife of Marty Slaughter. At Wayne State, she serves as secretary of the student chapter of the Nebraska Arts Education Association (NAEA). She has exhibited in the NAEA's student juried shows the past two years as well as many other shows.

Teut, a 1989 graduate of Wakefield High School, is majoring in art education (K-12) at Wayne State. She is the daughter of Vern and Mardelle Hallstrom. At Wayne State, she serves as treasurer of the Art Club, and vice president of NAEA. Teut exhibited in the 1993 NAEA show and has had work featured in numerous other student juried shows.

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## Step up to spirit

At right, Bob (Roberta) Bell speaks on behalf of the parents of the Wayne boys basketball team at the pep rally Wednesday. They presented Coach Rocky Ruhl with a step stool so the players could look up to him. Engraved on the stool is "Ruhl's Stool." Below right, Doctor Ben Martin finishes off a spectacular dunk which drew rave reviews from Blue Devil fans. Below left, Assistant Coach Duane Blumenkamp gets ready to monster dunk the ball but loses his grip enroute to the rim.



## Sports Briefs

### No tap bowling tournament set

WAYNE-There will be a No Tap Bowling Tournament on Sunday, March 20 as a fund raiser for Sight First. The tournament will be held at Melodee Lanes in Wayne from 2-5 p.m. It is limited to the first 12 teams with five bowlers to a team.

The cost is \$20 per bowler or \$100 per team. There will be cash prizes for the first four places along with high team game, high individual series and high individual game.

You can register by calling Melodee Lanes at 375-3390 or by calling Hilbert Johs at 375-3369. You can also register by calling Charles Maier at 375-3549. Checks should be made payable to the Wayne Lions Club. Scoring will be provided by the Lions Club and sanctioned current handicaps will be used.

### Track Club to hold meeting

WAYNE-Organizers wish to announce the formation of a track club which is being started to promote track and field for both youth and adults in northeast Nebraska.

The Northeast Nebraska Track Club invites anyone age seven and up to an informational meeting on Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the Wayne City Auditorium. People from neighboring towns and rural areas as well as Wayne, are welcome and encouraged to become members.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting will include membership dues, practice times, track meets, uniforms and parental involvement. Goals of the club include making track and field enjoyable as individual skills and abilities are developed both on and off the field.

For further information contact Terry Meyer at 375-4770 during the day and 375-1668 during evenings.

### Men's city basketball league finals set

City Rec men's basketball will wind down, Tuesday with the championship of the "B" League. In action this week, it was team TWO defeating team FIVE for fifth place honors as Nich Hochstein poured in 32 to lead the winners while Leif Olson tallied 30. Lee Stegemann followed with 19 and Scott Sumner netted 13. Terry Lühr led team five with 18 points while Doug Carroll tossed in 15 and Don Maryott, 12.

In semifinal action it was team FOUR edging team SIX, 81-78 with Brad Erwin pacing the winners with 23 points while Steve Hampl netted 19. Steve Anderson and Tim Hessig finished with a dozen each. Team six was led by Tim Koll's 26 points while Jere Morris tickled the twine for 22. Don Nelson tallied 14 and Jerry Echtenkamp scored 12.

In the other semifinal game, team THREE slipped past team EIGHT, 80-74 as Jerry Caraway led the way with 22 points. Kirk Harris tallied 19 and Troy Young netted 17 while Jeff Zeiss chipped in 13. Team eight was led by Steve Lutt with 23 points and David Braun with 18 while Doug Manz tallied 12 and Breck Giese, eight.

The championship game will be played Tuesday at the City Auditorium between teams THREE and FOUR. There will be a third place match between teams SIX and EIGHT at 7 p.m. followed by the finals.

### Wayne rec boys split with Bancroft

WAYNE-The Wayne junior high rec boys basketball team split with visiting Bancroft, Monday with the seventh grade winning, 31-25 while the eighth grade fell, 41-31. The seventh graders were led by Ryan Dahl with 12 points while John Magnuson tossed in 10. Mike Lindau, Robbie Sturm, Matt Sobansky and Dustin Sutton each tallied two and Nick Muir rounded out the attack with one.

The eighth grade was led by Justin Thede with 11 and Brad Maryott with six while Chris Dyer and Matt Meyer scored five each. David Boehle and Aaron Kardell each scored two.

## Hall of Fame Tournament

# WSC women open softball season

By Kevin Peterson  
Sports editor

The Wayne State women's softball team opened up season play last Friday in Oklahoma City in the annual Hall of Fame Tournament and when the 'Cats returned to Wayne on Tuesday night, they had played a total of nine games and were sporting a 2-7 record.

Joan Scherbring's squad played the other Wayne State team from Michigan in the first game of the tournament and the local 'Cats were defeated, 11-2 by the 10th ranked Tarter squad.

Alex Ross took the loss from the mound as WSC finished the game with two runs on six hits while committing three errors. The other Wayne State scored 11 runs on 12 hits and committed one error.

Betsy Wegner notched a pair of singles to lead WSC while Jeni Umbach smacked a double. Ross, Michelle Rowe and Michele Reinhardt each singled.

In the second game WSC lost a 5-4 decision to New Mexico Highlands College after leading by a 4-2 margin heading to the final inning. Jenny Nieland took the loss and WSC finished with four runs on seven hits and four errors.

Highlands scored five runs on seven hits and they committed three errors. Tiffany Butterbaugh paced the WSC offense with a double and single while Sarah Lee laced a pair of singles. Jeni Umbach blasted another double while Nieland and Kim Stigge each singled.

WSC played 13th rated UNO in the third game and fell by a 6-1 margin to the Mavericks as Mary Ellen Livingston took the loss from the mound despite striking out four and walking three.

WSC managed five runs and committed two errors while UNO had 10 hits and no errors. Livingston attempted to aid her own pitching cause with a pair of singles on offense to lead the 'Cats while Jeni Umbach smacked her third double in as many games. Betsy Wegner and Stacey Topf each singled.

ON SATURDAY, WSC was defeated by Kearney, 3-2 after leading the game, 2-0 in the fourth inning. Mary Ellen Livingston was handed the loss in relief of Alex Ross. The 'Cats scored two runs on seven hits but committed five errors while the Lopers had three runs on four hits and one error.



Sarah Lee was credited by Coach Joan Scherbring for hitting the ball extremely well during the Wildcats nine game road swing.

Sarah Lee belted two singles to pace the 'Cats offensive attack while Ross and Michelle Rowe each doubled. Lori Foster, Livingston and Kim Stigge each singled.

WSC slipped to 0-5 on the season after a 5-2 setback to Southwest Baptist College out of Oklahoma. Jenny Nieland was tagged with the loss. Despite scattering eight hits the 'Cats scored just two runs while committing two errors while Baptist got five runs on nine hits and no errors.

Alex Ross led WSC with two singles while Stacey Topf and Jeni Umbach each doubled. Tiffany Butterbaugh, Meg Neuberger, Kelly Rotert and Lori Foster each singled.

Monday, the Wildcats traveled to Edmond, Oklahoma to play 19th ranked Central Oklahoma in a twinbill. In the first game WSC lost by a 7-0 margin as they were limited to just three hits. Alex Ross was given the loss from the mound in a game that saw the 'Cats commit four errors while the host team had seven runs on seven hits and no errors.

Lori Foster, Michele Reinhardt and Kim Stigge each laced a single for WSC's offense. After an 0-6 beginning, Scherbring's squad bounced back to upset the top 20 team of Central Oklahoma in the nightcap, 3-0 as Jenny Nieland got the first win of the season for the 'Cats while Mary Ellen Livingston earned the team's first save.

WSC had three runs on eight hits and no errors while the host team had just four hits and one error. Jeni Umbach and Nieland paced

the 'Cats offense with two singles each while Sarah Lee doubled. Stacey Topf, Michele Reinhardt and Meg Neuberger each singled.

WSC CLOSED out its southern tour with a stop in Washburn, Kan. Tuesday for a double-header with Washburn College. The 'Cats won the opener, 3-2 after coming from a 2-1 deficit in the last inning. "We got six hits and scored twice in the top of the seventh," Scherbring said.

Alex Ross notched her first pitching win of the season and WSC had its first win streak of the year. The 'Cats had 10 hits in the game and committed two errors while Washburn had two runs on six hits and three errors.

Michele Reinhardt and Kim Stigge each belted two singles to pace the 'Cats attack while Ross smacked a double. Lori Foster, Stacey Topf, Jeni Umbach, Mary Ellen Livingston and Betsy Wegner each singled.

WSC lost the nightcap, how-

pitching loss. WSC had four runs on 12 hits and one error while Washburn had six runs on eight hits and two errors.

Jeni Umbach led the 'Cats with an over the fence home run and a single while Lori Foster belted a triple and a double. Kim Stigge and Michelle Rowe each had two singles while Tiffany Butterbaugh, Meg Neuberger, Sarah Lee and Livingston each singled.

"I thought we hit the ball extremely well during the trip," Scherbring said. "The thing that hurt us the most was errors. We beat ourselves in a lot of these games and could have easily turned a 2-7 record into a winning record."

Scherbring said her team has the overall potential to compete with anyone they play. The 'Cats are looking to improve on last year's 14-24 record. WSC will host Washburn on Wednesday at the City Softball Complex, weather permitting.



Jeni Umbach led WSC in hitting on the softball team's recent trip down south.

ever, 6-4 despite leading by a 4-1 margin after five innings of play. Livingston was tagged with the

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# Blue Devils make it this close

## It was squeaker after cold start

By Kevin Peterson  
Sports Editor

The Wayne boys basketball team had their season ended in the first round of the Nebraska State Basketball Tournament, Thursday by Omaha Gross, 48-46.

Rocky Ruhl's troops struggled in the first half (first quarter particularly) and trailed the lower seeded but favored Cougars, 28-18 at the intermission.

The Blue Devils hit just two of 17 shots from the field in the opening stanza despite scoring the first points of the contest — a 15-foot jumper by Matt Blomenkamp.

The only score in the first period came on a Robert Bell put-back off an offensive rebound but the Blue Devils trailed 13-4.

The second quarter saw the Blue Devils rally to within three at 18-15 but Gross closed out the half strongly and built a 10-point cushion.

Wayne proved it was unshaken by what transpired in the first half in the third quarter as the Blue Devils went on a 14-1 scoring spurt to take a 32-29 lead with just over three minutes in the period.

The scoring push for the Blue Devils was keyed by solid defense and the scoring punch of Bell and Mike Fluent. Bell drained a long 3-pointer while Fluent had two strong offensive rebounds and put-backs.

Bell scored nine of his 13 points in the third period and Fluent scored all five of his points in the same stanza as Wayne out-scored Gross by a 16-7 margin.

The Cougars regained the lead from Wayne late in the third for a one-point advantage, 35-34 heading to the final eight minutes.

The two teams traded leads early in the fourth period before Gross gradually began pulling away on the aid of a 9-0 run.

In fact, with just under two minutes to go (1:42) the Blue Devils trailed by nine points, 46-37, but Wayne clawed their way back into victory contention on a bucket from Joe Lutt, a 3-pointer from Matt Blomenkamp and two charity tosses from Ryan Pick.

Pick hit his free throws with 16 seconds left and Gross turned the ball over at half court which gave the Blue Devils a shot to win.

The Blue Devils got the ball to Pick and the junior guard launched a 3-pointer that drew iron but the rebound went off a Gross player out

of bounds with eight seconds remaining.

Wayne set up another play for Pick to win the game with a 3-pointer and when he released the ball, it appeared to be all net, but the shot was too strong.

Gross got the rebound and evaporated the final seconds. "We had the right call made in the final seconds," Ruhl said. "Pick was hot and pretty much kept us in contention earlier with some 3-pointers, but our come-back attempt came up a few seconds and inches short."

Ruhl said both of Pick's final shots were good shots and that's all they could ask for.

"It took us a while to adjust to state tourney play but I was proud of the way our kids responded after a sluggish start," Ruhl said. He was pleased his squad put themselves in a position for a shot to win.

"It was a fun year," Ruhl said. "The guys played hard and they never gave up all season. I'm real proud of them."

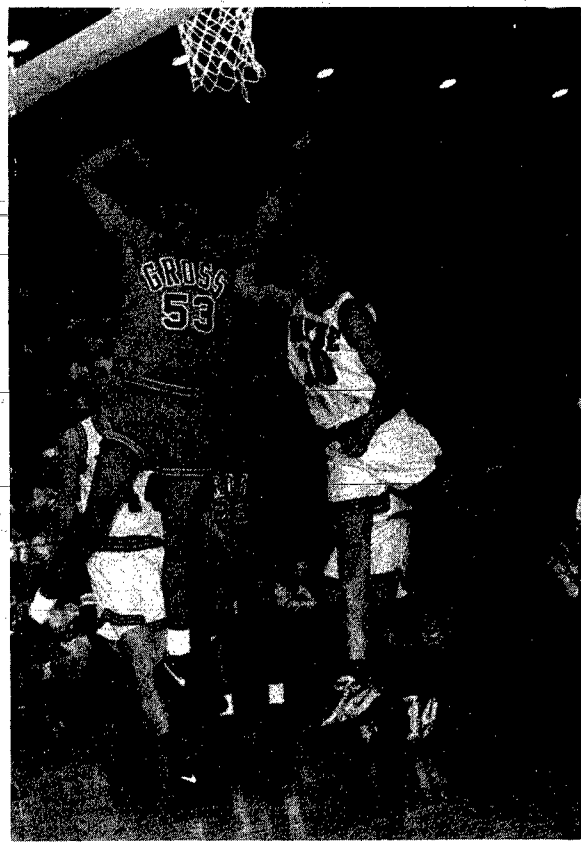
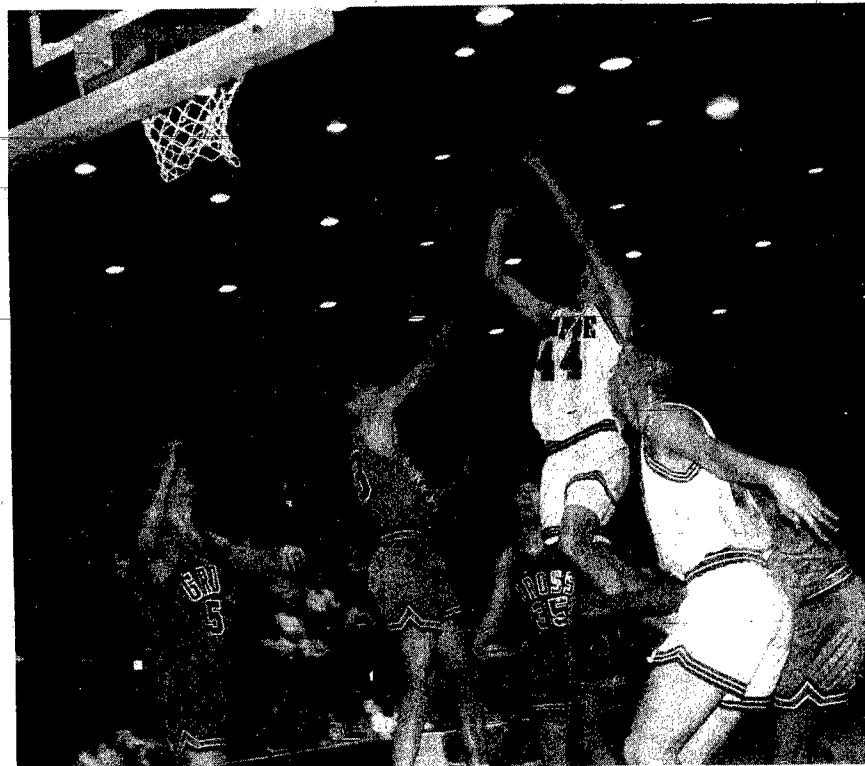
The Blue Devils closed out the year with a 19-5 record. Gross advances to the semifinals Friday night against Wahoo.

Wayne (46), Gross (48); Wayne — Ryan Pick, 15; Robert Bell, 13; Matt Blomenkamp, 9; Mike Fluent, 5; Joe Lutt, 4.



COACH ROCKY Ruhl lays out the strategy for the last seconds of Thursday night's opening round of the state basketball tournament in Lincoln. The Blue Devils played tenacious defense against Omaha-Gross and moved the ball well inside (below) during the game but had a tough time getting the baskets to fall in the first quarter.

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Tim Utrup, general manager of the Sioux City Explorers, will discuss the various challenges in starting the Sioux City Explorers at the luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Other speakers include Mark Ahmann, general manager of KTCH radio in Wayne; Jim Frevola, director of broadcasting for the Sioux City Explorers; Larry Puntney, sports director at KTIV-TV in Sioux City; Nancy Sagar, vice president of the Omaha Racers; Paul Aaron, general manager of KFAB radio in Omaha and general manager of the Nebraska Sports Network; and Chris Anderson, director of sports information at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

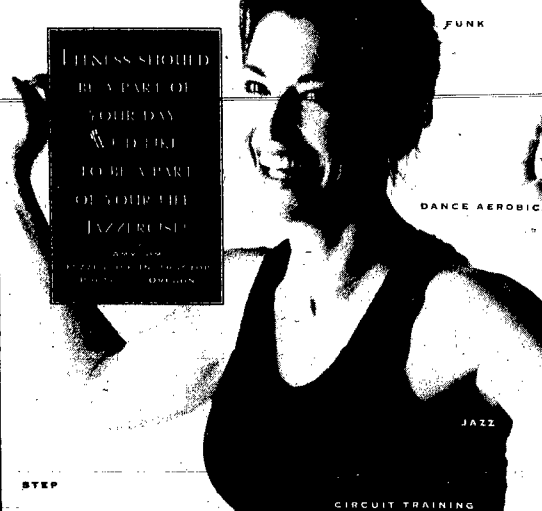
The luncheon fee is \$4.50. For more information, or to register, call Renee Klein, 375-5001 or Dave Ogden, 375-7421.



## House Ruhls: dress alike

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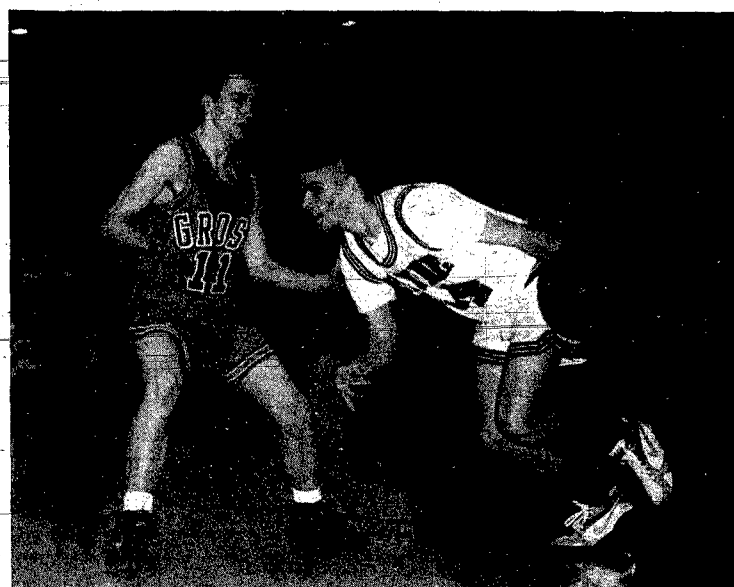
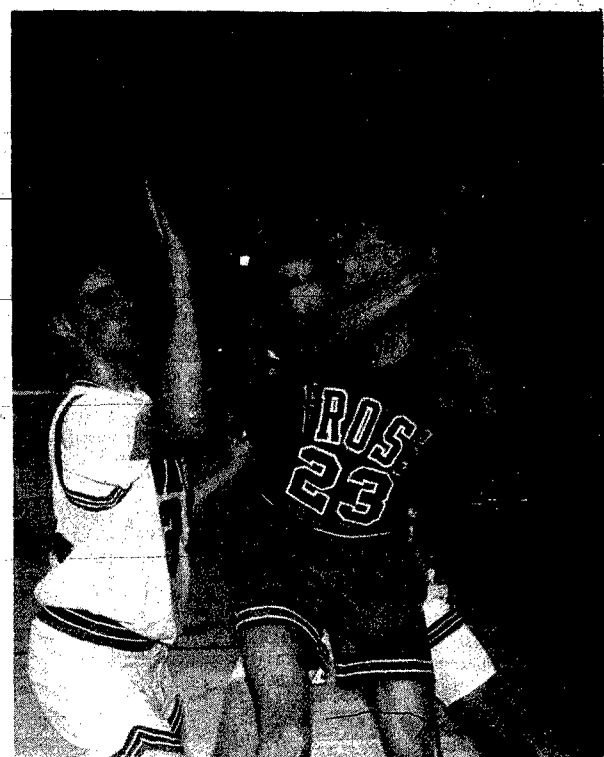
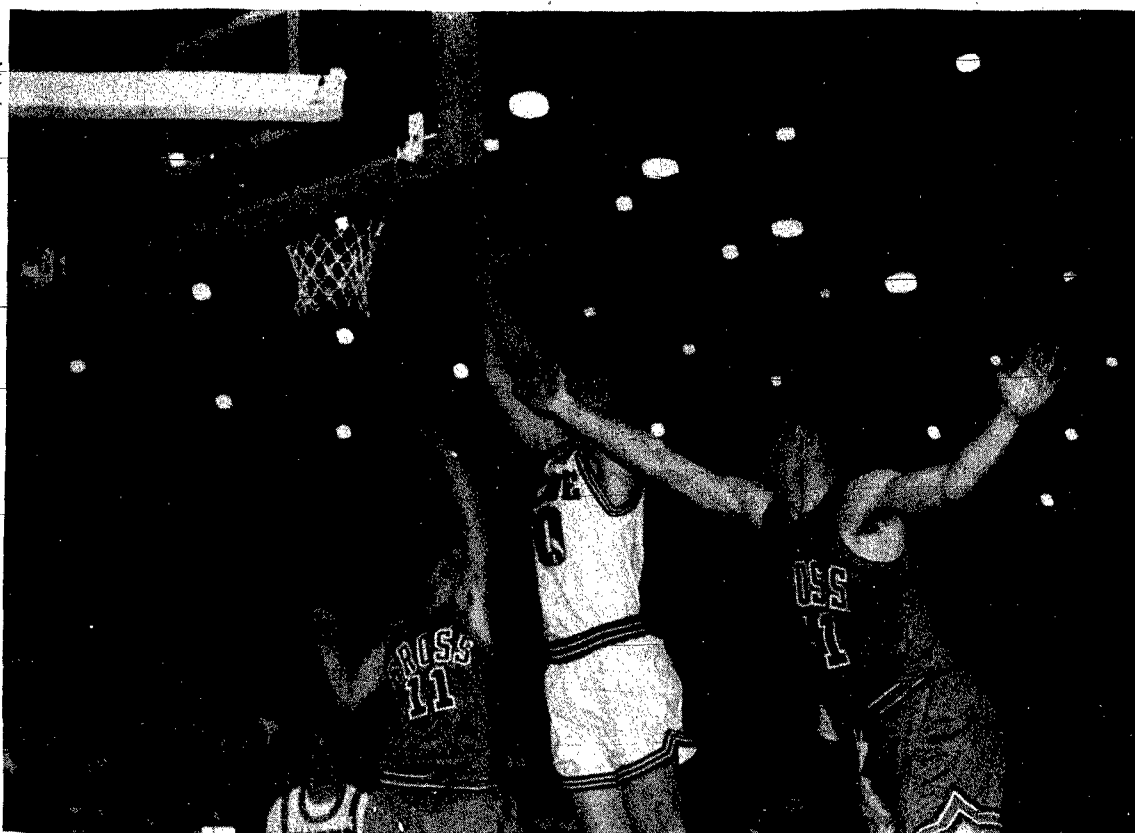
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