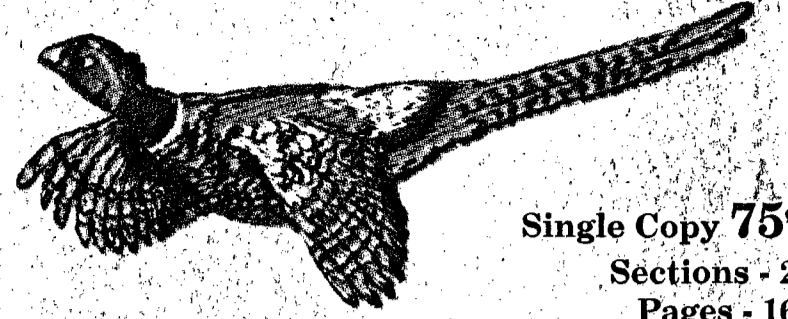


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A Quick Look



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Chamber Coffee

WAYNE — There will be no Chamber Coffee on Friday, Dec. 26 due to the holiday.



Family Fun Night

AREA — A New Year's Eve Family Fun Night will be held Wednesday, Dec. 31 at the Community Activity Center from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Pre-registration is required and doors to the Activity Center will be locked from 10:15 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Families and/or students will be allowed to use the entire facility for their enjoyment, volleyball, badminton, basketball, music, video games, pool, ping-pong, foosball and more will be available.

Concessions will be available throughout the evening.

Brian Gibson and Terry Bear of Premier Pyrotechnics will be shooting off a fireworks display at 11:15 p.m., located south of the Community Activity Center.

Contact Jeff Zeiss or Chad Metzler at 375-4803 to pre-register.

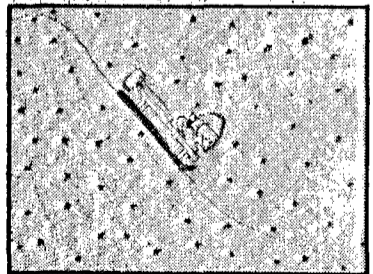
All proceeds will be used to update the equipment in the Youth Center.



Holiday hours

WAYNE — The Wayne Herald will close at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 31 and be closed Thursday, Jan. 1.

Because of the holiday, early deadlines will be in effect for the Jan. 1 paper. All news and legal notices need to be in by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 26. Ad deadline is noon on Monday, Dec. 29. The Herald will be delivered by carriers on Dec. 31.



Weather

Victoria Kranz, Wayne Schools

FORECAST SUMMARY: Quiet and mild weather until the weekend.

Day	Weather	Wind	Range
Thurs.	Sunny skies	SE 5	20/43
Fri.	Filtered sun	SE 15	22/44
Sat.	Mtly cloudy		30/40
Sun.	Rain likely		35/43
Mon.	AM Snow		21/21

Wayne weather forecast is provided by

Santa scenes

Santa was busy attending functions in the area to find out what children of all ages wanted for Christmas. Clockwise, left to right, Santa held Raschell Ping of Wayne at the Lied Winside Public Library, below (right) Staci Daum of Wayne sat on Santa's lap at the Wayne Main Street office during the Parade of Lights event, and Santa read to more than 60 children during Christmas Story Time at the Wayne Public Library last week.



Couples' lives take different path

By Dianne Jaeger,
Winside Correspondent

A young Winside couple is one of thousands in this country whose lives have taken a different path since the war in Iraq broke out.

But Army Reserve Specialist Mark Olson-Jones and his bride Elizabeth are adapting to the circumstances. They've been married since March 7, 2003, but have only spent about three weeks together as husband and wife.

"Mark and I were both students at Wayne State last year when we started dating," said Elizabeth.

"Mark was in his third year of college, majoring in industrial management and I was in my second year, majoring in musical education. In January of 2003, Mark received word from the Army Reserve, 530 MP Battalion out of Omaha that he would be called to active duty and would be leaving for Ft. Riley, Kan. He just left all his stuff in the dorm and went."

"Then in March he found out he would be leaving in April for Iraq, so we started discussing marriage plans via the telephone. Mark called the Chaplain on base. He and the Chapel were available on March 7 so we decided to just do it. We called our families and told them the wedding would be at 4 p.m. and if they could make it, we would love them to be there," Elizabeth said.

Elizabeth comes from the small community of Firth and Mark is from Broken Bow.

"After our families and friends re-arranged their

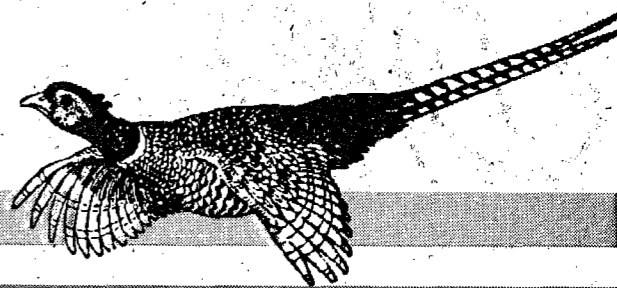


Mark and Elizabeth Olson-Jones cherish the time they get to spend the time together. The couple has spent most of their married lives apart.

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Obituaries

Maurice Johnson

Maurice Johnson, 80, of Wakefield, Ne died at his home on Saturday, December 20, 2003.
Services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Wakefield. Pastor Ross Erickson officiated.
Maurice was born on the farm southwest of Wakefield on Aug. 6, 1923, the son of Walter and Martha (Fredrickson) Johnson. As a child he attended county school at the Bell School west of Wakefield. He was confirmed at the Mission Covenant Church in 1937. The family moved when he was in the seventh grade to a farm east of Wakefield. He farmed until he began his full time job in the Wakefield Cemetery. He worked as the caretaker of the cemetery for 39 years, from 1961 until retiring in September of 2000. He enjoyed baseball, and often ran the scoreboard for the local legion team. He was an active member of the church and served as an usher for many years.
Survivors include two sisters, Eunice and Harold Langdon of Waverly, and Marlyce Ostergren of Cromwell, Conn.; one brother, Bob and Elaine Johnson of Lincoln; three nephews, three nieces and many great nieces and nephews and a host of friends.
He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law Howard Ostergren.
Burial was in the Wakefield Cemetery in Wakefield. Bressler-Munderloh Funeral Home in Wakefield was in charge of arrangements.

Albert Gamble

Albert J. Gamble, 86, of Wayne died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003 at Providence Medical Center in Wayne.
Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 23 at First United Methodist Church in Wayne. The Rev. Mary Tyler Browne officiated.
Albert James Gamble, son of Ray and Hanna (Granquist) Gamble, was born Jan. 17, 1917 on a farm southwest of Wayne. He attended school at District #23 near his home. He then farmed with his father. On Sept. 12, 1941 he married Mildred Wert at Omaha. The couple farmed southwest of Wayne until moving into Wayne in 1980. He was a life-long member of First United Methodist Church in Wayne. He enjoyed farming and lawn work.
Survivors include his wife, Mildred; two sons, Lynn and Jan Gamble and Keith and Mary Gamble, all of Wayne; one daughter-in-law, Linda Gamble of Wayne; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mable and Carl Bronzynski of Norfolk; nieces and nephews.
He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Larry in 1995 and one infant brother.
Pallbearers were grandchildren, Kim Triggs, Randy Gamble, Skip Gamble, Robbie Gamble, Traci Gamble, Brent Gamble and Brian Gamble.
Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in Wayne. Schumacher-Hasemann Funeral Home in Wayne was in charge of arrangements.

Clarence Pfeiffer

Clarence F. Pfeiffer, 82, of York, formerly of Winside died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003 at York.
Memorial services were held Tuesday, Dec. 23 at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in York. The Rev. Dick Woolard officiated.
Clarence Frederick Pfeiffer, son of Martin and Freida (Rohlf) Pfeiffer, was born May 4, 1921 at Winside. On June 16, 1946 he married Arlene Petersen at Winside. They lived and farmed near Winside until his retirement. A World War II veteran, he was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Winside Volunteer Fire Department. He was currently a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in York.
Survivors include his wife, Arlene, of York; four sons, Lee F. and Jodene Pfeiffer of York, Larry and Sharon Pfeiffer of Lincoln, Monte and Paula Pfeiffer of Winside and Mitchell and Julie Pfeiffer of Mullen; one

daughter, Kathy and Keith Wacker of Lincoln; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Helen Weible of Wayne; two brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law.
He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Donald; and one grandchild.
Memorials may be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Winside or to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in York.
Burial of ashes will take place later in the spring at Pleasantview Cemetery at Winside.

Nebraska ETV Networks and NPRN to produce live, taped coverage of legislative session

The activities of Nebraska's state government during the legislative session will be the focus of coverage by the Nebraska ETV Network, NETV2 and the Nebraska Public Radio Network (NPRN).
The most comprehensive reporting offered by any news organization is also available by logging on to the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications' (NET) Web site at (www.mynptv.org).
NETV2, the second television service of NET, will broadcast live, gavel-to-gavel coverage of Unicameral floor activity beginning with the start of the legislative session Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. CT (9 MT). When the Legislature is not in session, NETV2 will broadcast regularly scheduled programming. NETV2 will also offer live coverage of the "State of the State" address by Gov. Mike Johanns on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. CT (9 MT).
Nebraska ETV's coverage of legislative issues began in the mid-1950s with an interview series entitled "Your Unicameral," followed by occasional live and videotaped coverage of specific legislative activities beginning in 1967. Gavel-to-gavel coverage began in 1980. NETV2 is the only television service in the state to dedicate an entire crew to state capitol news during the legislative session.
Analysis of legislative happenings will be provided on "Statewide," Nebraska ETV's award-winning weekly news magazine. Although this year's legislative session is a short one, the list of items on the agenda is long.
"Statewide" will report on the most important issues state senators will consider in the 60-day session, including ways to address the state's \$200 million budget shortfall, Johanns' mental health reform plan and funding for education.
"Statewide" airs Fridays at 7:30 p.m. CT (6:30 MT) on NETV. The program repeats Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. CT (6:30 MT) and Sundays at noon CT (11 MT) on Nebraska ETV. The series also repeats on NETV2 Saturdays at 9:30 p.m. CT (8:30 MT), Sundays at 8:30 a.m. CT (7:30 MT) and Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. CT (12:30 MT).
For additional summaries of legislative happenings, NPRN listeners can catch highlights of each day's session at 5:30 p.m. CT (4:30 MT) during the "Nebraska News" break in "All Things Considered," as well as a recap of the previous day's important legislative business during "Morning Edition's" "Nebraska News" break at 6:04, 7:04 and 8:04 a.m. CT (5:04, 6:04 and 7:04 MT). Producer/reporter Fred Knapp will lead public radio's statewide news coverage.
The Nebraska ETV Network, NETV2 and NPRN are services of NET. Complete NETV and NETV2 program schedules are available online at mynptv.org. Background on "Statewide" segments and additional information about "Statewide" are available on Statewide Online (mynptv.org/swi). NPRN news stories on legislation along with other news are archived online. They are accessible by going to NPRN's Web site (nprn.org) and clicking on "Nebraska News."

Wayne police department investigate several thefts

Officers of the Wayne Police Department spent most of the day Tuesday investigating several thefts from motor vehicles.
Wayne Police Chief Lance Webster said there were seven reports of vehicles being broken into. Car stereos seemed to be the primary target of the suspect(s). Also stolen were dozens of music compact discs. One victim had paycheck stubs with his social security number on them stolen.
Webster said these thefts all happened in parking lots of apartment buildings. He also said most of the cars were unlocked at the time of these thefts.
He noted that the frequency of these types of thefts generally go up shortly before Christmas. "Thieves want money to buy their Christmas presents," Webster said.
The thefts all happened after 11 p.m. on Dec. 15 and into the early morning hours of Dec. 16. Webster urges people to secure their valuables and lock their cars. He said a binder of CD's looks like just that to a normal person but that same binder looks like cash to a thief.

Second annual rural advantage conference set for Columbus

Emerging income opportunities in agriculture will be the theme of the second annual Rural Advantage - Profit Opportunities for Nebraska Conference Jan. 16-17, 2004, in Columbus.
Conference participants will look at marketing and developing of alternative agriculture enterprises for both the agriculture producer and the rural resident. Speakers will address three themes: Alternative Agriculture, Marketing and Using the Internet for Your Rural Advantage.
John Baker, an attorney for the Beginning Farmer Center at Iowa State, will be keynote speaker. His topic will be "Farms, Families, Food and Futures." Another speaker will be David Kohl, an agricultural economist with Virginia, whose topic will be "The Megaforces of Agriculture and Implications on Your Management Practices."
"From Farming to Festivals: Putting the Small Town of Comstock on the Map" will be the topic of a talk by Henry Nuxoll, founder of the Comstock festival held each year. A panel discussion titled "Your University Partner's in Enterprise Development" will feature the University of Nebraska's David Aiken, an agricultural economist and law specialist; Laurie Keeler, general manager of the Food Processing Center's pilot plants; Jim Crandall, coordinator of the Center for Applied Rural Initiative; and David Goeller, coordinator of the Beginning Farmer Program Coordinator.
Speakers from a variety of enterprises will be featured in the three themes in the conference. Participants will have the opportunity to choose which theme they would like to participate in or mix and match their programs depending upon their interest. Participants will be able to visit with resource providers and producers who have successfully developed alternative agriculture enterprises along with their marketing plans.
The \$55 registration fee will cover two noon luncheons plus help pay speaker fees and other expenses. Partial funding will be made through the Small Farms Initiative Program. There will be an additional fee of \$25 for those participants who would like to attend a Nebraska Wine and Cheese Tasting Session and an all-Nebraska banquet on Friday evening.
A block of rooms is being held until Jan. 2 at the New World Inn in Columbus for \$52 a night.
Fliers are available by contacting the local Cooperative Extension Office or either Jim Peterson at (402) 426-9455 or Gary Zoubek at (402) 362-5508. Registration should be done through Zoubek at the York County Extension Office, 2345 Nebraska Ave., York, Neb. 68467.

Child sexual abuse reported

Wayne Police Chief Lance Webster reported that his department received a complaint that alleges a female under the age of 15 was sexually assaulted in Wayne.
This report came as a result of an investigation by another law enforcement agency and it was referred to the Wayne Police Department.
Webster said his agency is investigating the sexual assault complaint and will also determine if any other charges may be filed in relation to this complaint. The victim's name will not be released. Webster said his department does not release the identity of sexual assault victims and this is especially true when the victim is so young.

Wayne County Court

- Traffic violations**
Marietta Thurlow, Atkinson, spd., \$116.50; Ellen Kietzman, Wayne, spd., \$166.50; Bradley Kellogg, Wakefield, spd., \$66.50; Teresa Spillers, Bellevue, spd., \$116.50; Jeremy Tosaya, Wayne, no valid reg., \$66.50; Adam Frost-Briley, Omaha, spd., \$241.50; Mark Finn, Wayne, spd., \$166.50; Leslie Classen, Spencer, spd., \$166.50; Mandy Erickson, Hoskins, spd., \$107.
Paula Hartman, spd., \$66.50; Matthew Wemhoff, Hastings, spd., \$66.50; Jacob Baglien, Wayne, stop sign, \$91.50; Brittany Jareske, Wayne, pking., \$66.50; Miguel Diaz, Storm Lake, Iowa, spd., \$116.50; Aaron Rodgers, Aurora, Colo., no oper. lic., \$91.50; Todd Thelen, Norfolk, spd., \$66.50; Amber Groteluschen, York, spd., \$66.50; Lydell Shephard, Omaha, spd., \$273; Jamie Reamer, Wayne, headlights, \$51.50.
Franky Herard, Wayne, spd. and no valid reg., \$141.50; Joyce Smith, Wynot, spd., \$66.50; Scott Smith, Decatur, spd., \$116.50; George Laurzen, Sioux City, Iowa, spd., \$116.50; Marcos Hernandez, Jr., Norfolk, spd., \$116.50; Yamika O'Neal, Wayne, pking., \$66.50; Jason Clyde, O'Neill, spd., \$66.50; Malissa Fredrickson, Wayne, spd., \$66.50.
Roberto Maldonado, Wayne, spd., \$241.50; Colby Shup, Madison, pking., \$51.50; Monica Schulte, Marengo, Iowa, spd., \$66.50; Alonzo Jacobo, Norfolk, no oper. lic., \$91.50; Kimberly Buoy, Laurel, no valid reg., \$66.50; Francis Cuba, Omaha, spd., \$166.50; Patrick Perce, Omaha, spd., \$116.50; Clifton Struble, Wayne, stop sign, \$91.50.
- Criminal Proceedings**
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Josh Sterling, III, Winside, def. Complaint for Driving Without License (Count I) and Speeding (Count II). Fined \$50 and costs and sentenced to jail for 30 days.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Jason Conaway, Sioux City, Iowa, def. Complaint for Minor in Possession or Consumption. Fined \$250 and costs.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Jeremy J. Neill, Wayne, def. Complaint for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcoholic Liquor. Fined \$400 and costs, sentenced to six months probation and dr. lic. impounded for six months.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Kristopher Hoising, Wayne, def. Complaint for Minor in Possession or Consumption. Sentenced to 50 hours Community Service and ordered to pay costs.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Maranda Baker, Wayne, def. Complaint for Failure to Stop Following an Accident Involving Property Damage. Fined \$200 and costs.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Bradley Erdmann, Wayne, def. Complaint for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcoholic Liquor (Second offense). Fined \$500 and costs, sentenced to 30 days in jail and driver's lic. revoked for one year.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Lori Kay, Wakefield, def. Complaint for Burglary (Two counts). Case bound over to District Court.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Jennifer Vega, Wayne, def. Complaint for Theft by Unlawful Taking. Fined \$100 and costs.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Matthew Hazard, Omaha, def. Complaint for Minor in Possession or Consumption. Fined \$250 and costs.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. James Wahls, Wayne, def. Complaint for Operating a Motor Vehicle During Suspension or Revocation (Count I), No Proof of Financial Responsibility (Count II) Violating a Stop Sign (Count III). Fined \$200 and costs.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Seth Poldberg, Wayne, def. Complaint for Minor in Possession or Consumption. Fined \$250 and costs.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Samuel Sughroue, Lincoln, def. Complaint for Assault in the Third Degree. Fined \$250 and costs, sentenced to two days in jail and six months probation.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Vic Reynolds, Wayne, def. Complaint for Possession of Drug

- Paraphernalia. Fined \$100 and costs.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Bradley Erickson, Wayne, def. Complaint for Possession of Marijuana, one ounce or less. Fined \$100 and costs.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Paul Webber, Sioux City, Iowa, def. Complaint for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcoholic Liquor. Fined \$400 and costs, sentenced to six months probation and dr. lic. impounded for six months.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Bryon Schafersman, Hooper, def. Complaint for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcoholic Liquor. Fined \$400 and costs, sentenced so six months probation and dr. lic. impounded for 60 days.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Nicholas J. Zwyiek, Wayne, def. Complaint for Minor in Possession or Consumption (Count I) and Driving While Under the Influence of Alcoholic Liquor (Count II). Fined \$750 and costs, sentenced to seven days in jail and dr. lic. revoked for six months.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Timothy McQuistan, Pender, def. Complaint for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcoholic Liquor (second offense). Fined \$500 and costs, sentenced to 30 days in jail and dr. lic. revoked for one year.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Troy G. Thornton, West Des Moines, Iowa, def. Revocation of Probation. Fined \$500 and probation revoked.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Troy Thornton, Wayne, def. Complaint for Minor in Possession or Consumption. Fined \$500 and costs.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Vic Reynolds, Wayne, def. Complaint for Possession of Drug

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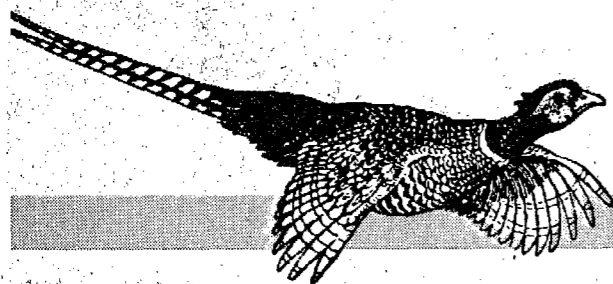
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Letters

Reunion was very special

Dear Editor,
Wasn't it fun to see Phadet, Wayne's first AFS student and hear of his life the past 36 years? To see Neva and catch up on happenings in her life and to see and talk to Dan?
In fact, the welcome reception at Tacos & More was total conversation and laughing. It made Phadet, Neva and Dan feel so welcome. The weather didn't cooperate but I thank all of you for coming to renew memories and although it was cold outside, it was warm inside with the happi-

ness you gave to Phadet, Neva and Dan.
Thanks to KTCH, Dr. Zeiss at Wayne High, the Wayne Herald, Tacos & More, Mark Ahmann for his interview and Leo Ahmann for sharing his Main Street radio time; Mary Woehler for her phone calls and ideas; Nancy Ahmann for taking pictures; Bob Porter for bringing the 1967 school annual; Patricia Arneson for the class history. And, to all of you who came to say "Hello," we say Thank you!!!
Al and Norma Ehlers, Wayne

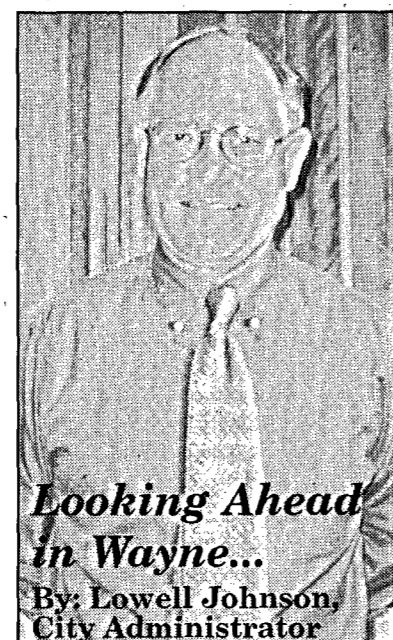
Looking ahead in Wayne

City Council
The next city council meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 5 p.m. when the council will meet in the city council room at 306 Pearl Street.

Rules, Rules, Rules

1. Snow on sidewalks - don't forget to scoop the walks when it snows where you live and on any rental property you own.
Officers will be citing property owners that don't. Why? Snow blocks walks for service people, delivery people, persons who are less mobile or use a wheel chair. Streets just aren't the place for walkers in the winter.
 2. Parking over the sidewalk - We have fielded a few complaints this fall from persons with baby carriages or walking handicaps about cars blocking sidewalks.
Kathy and I walk a lot and had not thought of this as much of an inconvenience. However, some of us are less mobile and have to look ahead and plan ahead the route they will take to avoid blocked sidewalks and step up curbs for sidewalks. I have asked the officers to do some enforcement of blocked walks so keep that in mind.
Some driveways are too short to park without some of the bar hanging over the walk. There are many gray areas to this issue and the officers use their best judgment.
- Wayne Pedestrian Trail**
We opened bids for construction of the Phase I trail last week. The contractor with the low bid of \$518,000 is ME Collins from Wahoo.
Wayne is receiving 90 percent

cost share funding to build this concrete trail. This is the section of trail that begins with the WSC fitness trail by the hospital and continues south through Sunnyview Park, around the soft-



Looking Ahead in Wayne...
By: Lowell Johnson, City Administrator

ball fields and along Logan Creek west under the highway bridge and ends in Henry Victor Park.
Construction will be next summer.
City Auditorium
Call Melodie Longe in the city office at 375-1733 for information or booking the auditorium or meeting rooms.
Have a Merry Christmas
from the mayor and council and the city employees.
Questions or comments
Phone Lowell D. Johnson, City Administrator at 375-1733 or e-mail cityadmin@cityofwayne.org



Congeniality award
Deb Lundahl, Director of Development and Alumni at Wayne State College, was presented the Wayne Ambassador's Congeniality Award during last week's Chamber Coffee. Making the presentation was Lowell Johnson, President of the Ambassadors.

Students complete projects

Mandy Engel-Cartie, Director of Girls, Inc. of Sioux City, Iowa, was in for a big surprise Thursday evening, Dec. 18. Students in the MBA program in the Wayne State College School of Business & Technology, presented Engel-Cartie with the results of a semester project of service for the agency. The group watched a promotional television commercial for Girls, Inc. developed by students with the assistance of Cable One.
Earlier in the week, Engel-Cartie, on behalf of Girls, Inc., accepted a check for \$1,000 from the Great West Charitable Foundation - a project of another team of Wayne State MBA students. Through a special discount from Gateway, the money will be used to purchase a laptop computer, digital camera and a

printer/scanner/copier. The students worked with Girls, Inc. to create a customized database (that will be loaded on the computer) for the completion of routine reports. Other students presented a portfolio of letters, Web site information and a brochure for the agency.
"Projects like this one encourage students to give back to their community," said Laura Barelman, WSC ass't. professor of business and instructor for the class. "The students learn valuable skills for working with non-profits and as a volunteer - and Girls, Inc. serves the community as a tremendous center of learning and fun for girls of every grade level."
For more information about Girls, Inc. contact Engel-Cartie at: 712-252-1088 or check-out the Web site at www.girlsinc.net.

Capitol View

Heinemann ready to move on

By Ed Howard
Statehouse Correspondent
Nebraska Press Association
Lieutenant Governor Dave Heinemann is working to put questions about State Treasurer Lorelee Byrd behind him before he makes his next run for office.
Whatever office that might be.
Byrd has agreed to resign Jan. 6. She previously pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of official misconduct. She wrote some state checks, with no intention of cashing them. Critics said she was trying to protect her budget from possible reductions by the Legislature.
Byrd was Heinemann's deputy in the treasurer's office before Heinemann became lieutenant governor. She was appointed by Gov. Mike Johanns to succeed Heinemann, and later elected in her own right.

Byrd hadn't mentioned any state warrants, just that she was working on "contingency plans." In the perennial spirit of American politics, Democrats immediately called Heinemann's assertions "laughable."
Have no doubt: Heinemann knows what to expect from his opponents if and when he seeks reelection, or when he bids for the governorship or the 1st District House seat.
That's because Heinemann has had a long career in government and politics, and he has long been known as a player of the hardball variety. If the shoe were on the

other foot, or if the Byrd were in the other nest, Heinemann would hang it around the Democrats' neck like an albatross.
That's just the way political business is done. Always has been. Heinemann knows how to play defense as well as offense. He didn't waste any time in granting that interview to the Journal-Star, and laying out his side of the story. Heinemann also said opponents who might raise the issue in the future would only do so because they were behind in the polls. This is known as hitting the opposition with the "He's a desperate candidate who has resorted to desperate

measures" gambit. It is usually connected to the "Nebraskans are sick of 'negative campaigning' thing."
Heinemann is a good fit for today's Republican Party. His conservative credentials rival those of the president. He is well connected with the GOP hierarchy and the people who play key roles in Republican campaign organizations.
If anyone can make lemonade of a political lemon, it's Heinemann. Whether he can make it sweet enough to suit his purposes remains a question.



Sen. Nelson gives a look back at 2003

By U.S. Senator Ben Nelson
At this time of year, we traditionally take stock of what has happened over the previous twelve months. As we reflect on our victories and disappointments, we are better able to chart our path for the next year and re-evaluate our goals for the future.
For me, the past year has certainly been a busy one. Of course, the most critical issue of the entire year for all of us was the conflict in Iraq. Troop deployments in the region began with the New Year and continue to this day and thousands of Nebraskans have been sent to first secure and then to stabilize and rebuild that nation. During the course of hostilities, our state has experienced loss and we mourn with the families of Nebraska soldiers killed in service to our nation both in Iraq and other hot spots around the world.
The Iraqi mission has not ended and even with the capture of tyrant Saddam Hussein, there is still much work to be done. I join all Americans in hoping for a speedy end to hostilities and will do what I can as a United States Senator to ensure that our men and women in uniform have the resources and the training they need to fulfill their mission and come home safely.
Iraq may have overshadowed the news of 2003, but it was not the only issue that confronted Americans this year. For months,

our economy had been moving sideways, no longer in recession but not really in recovery either. This had devastating effects on families as job creation was slow and also on our state and local governments that saw a decline in revenues just as services were needed the most.
In response to this reality, Congress again passed an economic stimulus package this year. This tax package cut income taxes for millions of Americans and put money back in the pockets of workers who desperately need it. I also worked with my colleagues in the Senate to include \$20 billion in state fiscal relief to reduce states' needs to either raise local taxes or cut vital services. We included this funding in package because we knew that tax cuts in Washington would mean little if state taxes were raised to offset declining revenue. Under this package, Nebraska will receive a total of \$108 million in new funds to help ease its budget crunch.
In another area, we again looked to provide financial relief to those in need - the victims of the prolonged drought which struck much of the Midwest. This devastating drought badly hurt farmers, ranchers and rural communities and I sought assistance for those affected. Unfortunately, many in Washington refused to treat the drought as we would treat any other natural disaster and in the

end, we were unable to get relief equal to Nebraska's damages. Worse, the relief we did get came out of Farm Bill programs.
While it is positive that some relief made its way to our agriculture producers this year, I will not stop working to provide more. We would not deny emergency assistance to those struck by a hurricane or flood and a drought should be treated the same. This issue will surely come up again next year.
The effects of Sept. 11 are also still being dealt with by all Americans and, certainly, by those of us in government. This year, millions of dollars have been disbursed to first responders and local governments because Congress understands that homeland security begins with hometown security.
Congress ended the year with the passage of a landmark piece of legislation. The Medicare reform bill will for the first time provide prescription drug coverage to our nation's seniors through Medicare. For 90,000 Nebraska seniors, this will mark the first time they have had access to prescription drug

coverage. This bill was not perfect, but it is an important step in fulfilling Medicare's promise to our senior citizens.
Moreover, the bill also includes a pilot program to help rural community hospitals, including seven in Nebraska. These hospitals had been at risk because they were too small to get the benefits of scale available to urban hospitals but too large to receive Medicare funding for small, critical access hospitals. The pilot program will provide in-patient reimbursements to these hospitals and allow them to recoup their actual costs. These hospitals will receive over \$20 million in additional funds over the next five years and this funding will be crucial in helping them keep their doors open for our rural communities.
Other issues touched on this year - from the energy bill to assistance for members of our armed services to transportation funding - will certainly come up again in the next. I look forward to continuing to work for our communities, our state and our nation on these and other matters.

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schedules, we had 64 guests at our wedding. We spent the whole weekend with our families and friends at the hotel where they were staying and we had a really fun time. It wasn't the wedding a girl dreams of, with the long white gown and all the trimmings, but we would do it all over again," Elizabeth.

Elizabeth spent one week in Kansas before she had to return to Wayne for college.

"I started house hunting for us and found a place in Winside, a nice small town like I came from. Mark got a weekend pass and came up and we moved our things from the dorms into our new home. A week later, Mark had to leave for Iraq," Elizabeth said.

Mark says so far, he has been lucky in Iraq. Although there is danger everywhere for military, he hasn't been involved in direct combat situations.

"Our unit was first sent to Camp Bucca by the town of Umm Qsar by the Kuwait border. We were there for about three weeks, then moved to Camp Ashraf, north of Baghdad. Our unit is still there," Mark said.

Mark is a generator mechanic and his unit is currently in charge of watching enemy prisoners of war. The compound is enclosed with a wire fence and they make sure the prisoners are treated humanely and have all their basic needs. Several thousand prisoners are currently there.

"The weather is more comfortable in Iraq now, as it is their winter season. The high is around 70 degrees and it was raining when I left. We live in tents with cots and good quality sleeping bags. They will be installing pot belly stoves in the tents for colder weather. Last June and July, the temperatures averaged 120-130 degrees but a couple of days, it reached 150 degrees," Mark said.

"Though it's a different experience, I wouldn't trade it for any-

thing. But, I also wouldn't want to have it again. I've been in the Reserves for five years and received the benefits of my education, so now it's pay back time. I'm under contract until 2006; however, my active duty is supposed to be up Oct. 25, 2004. The government can extend my active duty if they need to, so I don't know for sure when I will be out of Iraq," Mark said.

"We went over there to over throw Saddam and we did, but now we have to find him and get things under control. (This interview was done prior to Dec. 14). It won't happen overnight, but we will get the job done. Hopefully, we will get more help from other countries," Mark added.

Elizabeth is currently working in Wayne and taking classes at Northeast Community College in Norfolk in the nursing program.

Mark and Elizabeth keep in touch via e-mail, letters and occasional phone calls.

Mark returned to Iraq on Dec. 17.

Donate to Haven House

Each year the staff at Providence Therapy Department, located at Providence Medical Center in Wayne, pool the monies that they would ordinarily use to buy each other Christmas gifts,

and instead donate the funds to a local charity or purchase gifts for long-term care residents.

This year, the members of the Therapy Department donated items to Wayne's Haven House.



The Therapy Department at Providence Medical Center recently donated items to Wayne's Haven House. Present, left to right, were Mary Paustian, Diane Peterson, Amy Bowers, Jean Loberg, Wendy Donner, and Gail McCorkindale. Not present for the photo were Jeff Craven, Michelle Dietrich, Ric Volk, Kate Harder, Becky Schurman, Mandy Munter and Jacey Klaver.

Two arrested in Wayne drug case

The Wayne Police Department arrested 22-year-old Andrew Peterson, of Wayne on Dec. 17 for multiple counts of Distribution of Controlled Substance and Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute.

This arrest is the culmination of a several month investigation. Officers also recovered a significant amount of controlled substance from Peterson's apartment. Chief Lance Webster said this seizure is the largest in Wayne during his tenure as chief of police. Peterson is being held in the Thurston County Jail. His bond is

\$150,000. Also arrested in connection with this investigation was 23-year-old Kathleen Hilton. She was arrested for felony Possession of Controlled Substance and is also being held in the Thurston County Jail. Formal charges are pending in Wayne County Court on both suspects.

Webster said these arrests will certainly disrupt the flow of drugs in Wayne, if only for the short term. This investigation was spawned by several meetings Webster and other law enforcement officials had with concerned parents in Wayne last year.



Receives award

A 1976 Wayne State College graduate, Michael Riedmann (at left) of Omaha is congratulated upon receiving the Wayne State College Alumni Achievement Award by Phyllis Conner, Vice President of Development and Executive Director of Wayne State Foundation during commencement, Dec. 19 on campus.



Gail McCorkindale

Named employee of the quarter

Marcile Thomas, Administrator, announced Gail McCorkindale, physical therapist at Providence Medical Center in Wayne as Providence Medical Center's Employee of the Quarter.

"Overall, Gail is an example for many to follow," Thomas. "She is always professional and urges others to meet the same standard. She is one who emphasizes the patient as the most important factor in any decision-making. She seeks educational enlightenment and advancement and is also involved in many community activities. She walks the extra mile and we are so fortunate to have Gail in our employ."

Anyone who knows of a Providence Medical Center employee who is deserving of this honor is asked to contact the hospital Business Office or Sonja Hunke, Human Resource Director at (402) 375-3800.

Called to serve

Mark McCorkindale, M.D. with Wayne Mercy Medical Clinic will be covering Dr. Rod Cassens' absence at Mapleton Mercy Medical Clinic in Mapleton, Iowa, beginning in January. Dr. Cassens has been called up to serve in Kosovo for 6-12 months.

Dr. McCorkindale will be in Mapleton on Wednesdays and Thursdays until Dr. Cassens returns. Dr. McCorkindale will maintain his practice in Wayne and at Wakefield on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Dr. McCorkindale and Dr. Cassens were in residency together in 1992.

Speaks at commencement

Traci Michele Coover served as the student speaker for the Dec. 19 Wayne State College commencement ceremonies in Rice Auditorium on campus.

Coover, the daughter of Todd and Nancy Coover of Battle Creek, is a graduate of Battle Creek High School. She graduated Summa cum Laude in secondary education with endorsements in Spanish and speech communication.

While at Wayne State College, Coover has served as a student trustee for the Nebraska State Colleges Board of Trustees, and has been a member of CrossPoint Campus Ministries, the Wayne Student Education Association of Nebraska (WSEAN), Spanish club, the Neihardt residence hall



Members of the Providence Medical Center Choir present for a photo included, left to right, Dr. James Lindau, Joan West, Brenda Nissen, Betty Graf, Cindy Sperry, Bev Bloom, Sr. Hilda, Margaret Melena, Karen Kwapnioski and Sandra Bartling.

CD designed to provide comfort

By Clara Osten
Of the Herald

More than a year ago, Sr. Hilda, Director of Pastoral Care at Providence Medical Center began investigating the possibility of recording a collection of hymns for use by patients at Providence Medical Center.

"When people are sick, they take comfort in familiar music. Listening to music helps renew their faith and enlists God's presence and help," Sr. Hilda said.

With the assistance of a large number of people, "Hymns of Comfort" was recorded and the CD is now available at Providence Medical Center.

The CD includes 15 popular hymns.

Involved in the recording are 18 children and 19 adults. The majority of the youth are children of Providence Medical Center employees. Adult choir members are PMC employees, spouses and others associated with the hospital.

Children involved in the recording include Katelyn Matthes, Morgan Hansen, Jackson Belt, Ryan Grosz, Zach Thomsen, Hannah McCorkindale, Reed Trenhaile, Sydney McCorkindale, Hannah Gamble, Kendall Gamble, Jamie Gamble, Aude Schulz, Seth Trenhaile, Lauren Cunningham,

Sydney Cunningham, Jenna Trenhaile and Ben Bruflaf.

Adult choir members are Karen Kwapnioski, Joan West, Sandra Bartling, Gail McCorkindale, Dr. Mark McCorkindale, Jason Trenhaile, Bev Bloom, Alan Bruflaf, L. J. Mallatt, Sr. Hilda, Cindy Sperry, Betty Graf, Dr. James Lindau, Margaret Melena, Marilyn Anderson, Madge Bruflaf, Tom McCraney and Diane Peterson.

When the group began the rehearsal process, they were under the direction of Marian Mallatt. Later, Gail Hochstein assumed the duties of director.

Brenda Nissen provided accompaniment during rehearsals and Rebecca Brumm played the piano during the actual recording.

The rehearsals and taping occurred at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Wayne, under the direction of Dan Kane of Wisner. Eric Smith provided guidance during the recording.

Hymns on the recording include "Jesus Love Me," sung by the children's choir; "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," "Be Not Afraid," "Rock of Ages," "He Touched Me," "The Old Rugged Cross," "I Need Thee Every Hour," "Nearer My God To Thee," "Softly and Tenderly," "Teach Me," "On Eagles Wings," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus,"

"Here I Am, Lord," "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace."

Members of the choir practice once a week for approximately two months before the CD was recorded.

"The project is not designed to be a money-maker. We hope to recover the costs of producing the CD but our real reason for the CD is to provide comfort to our patients," Sr. Hilda said.

"I saw so many talents among our employees, so rather than purchasing music to comfort our patients, I felt we could make our own," she added.

The CDs are available for a free will donation. Any funds collected above the cost of producing it, will go to the Hospice and Pastor Care departments.

"We want to thank the PMC Administration, Governing Board and Missionary Benedictine Sisters for their spiritual and financial support of our dream and to Sandra Bartling and the members of the Providence Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors for presenting us with timely aid and assistance throughout our venture," Sr. Hilda said.

The CD has been dedicated to "all those individuals who come seeking aid and comfort within the walls of Providence Medical Center."

Books added to Accelerated Reader program at Middle School

A total of 107 new books have been added to the Accelerated Reader Program at the Wayne Middle School with donations made during Children's Book Week.

"It is wonderful to see the kids pick out books they want to be tested on," said Jeaneen Kindschuh, Middle School Media Specialist.

Those contributing to the project included, (several individuals and groups contributed money for more than one book):

Lisa Temme, Collin Jeffries, Rebecca Jaixen, Amber Kittle, Jordan Stubbs, Kendra Dunker, Dennis and Gerald Lipp, Danny Foote, Jordan Berry, Ben Bruflaf, Cori Volk, Lindsey Costa, Molly Legler, Ryan Dowling, Becca Dowling, Wayne Auxiliary #3757 Fraternal Order of Eagles Social Fund, Rachel Gilliland, Joan Sudmann, Zach Wacker, Kelsey Denklau, Drew Loberg, Taylor Stowater, Jacob Pulfer, Landon Keeney, Brett Dorcey, Derrick Dorcey, Jean Dorcey, John and Tara McClarnen, Sarah Mitchell, Justin Anderson, Nicole White, Wayne Eagles Pickle Lotter Fund, Vanessa Christensen, David Aricks, Shelby Smith, Anna Osten, Kelly Gentrup, Ashley Sukup, Collin Preston, Courtney Preston, Dustin Heikes, Jaupell Bennett, Drew Hix and Jeaneen

Kindschuh.

During Children's Book Week, which was Nov. 17, students, parents and community members were invited to contribute \$2.58 to

sponsor a book to become an Accelerated Reader title.

These books can now be read by the students to earn points for Accelerated Reader.



Displaying some of the books which are now part of the Accelerated Reader Program at Wayne Middle School are, left to right, Taylor Racely, Sam Kurpgweit, Maddy Moser, Lucas Ruwe and Shaun Kardell. The titles include all areas of interest, such as sports, history and fiction.



Support for children

The Wayne Kiwanis Club recently purchased a Pediatric Trauma Kit to be used in the Providence Medical Center Ambulance. Those involved in the presentation included, left to right, Dennis Spangler, Ambulance Supervisor Jennifer Phelps, President of the Kiwanis Club, Kristi Shaw, Director of Nursing and Marcile Thomas, PMC Administrator. A number of volunteer rescue departments in northeast Nebraska have received such kits through local Kiwanis clubs.



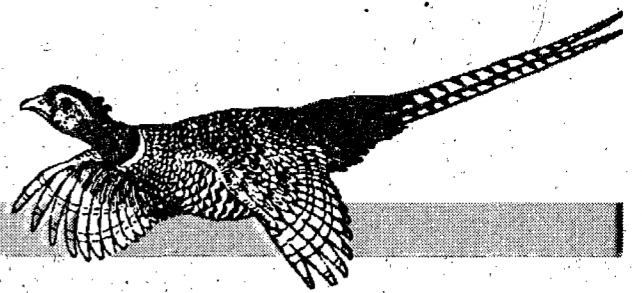
Traci Coover

Cardinal Key and Lambda Pi Eta, honorary societies.

After graduation, Coover will teach Spanish at Wayne High School in Wayne.

Sports

The Wayne Herald



Blue Devil wrestlers finish fifth at Wayne Invitational

The Wayne wrestling team hosted the 12-team Wayne Invitational Tournament last Saturday at the Wayne High gym.

The host Blue Devils had six wrestlers earn medals on their way to placing fifth with 105 points.

Madison won the tournament with 164.5 points with Waverly in second at 154. Winside placed third with 142.5 points and Schuyler was fourth at 138.

Humphrey St. Francis finished sixth with 57.5 points, followed by Elkhorn Valley (49.5), Wisner-Pilger (45), West Holt (40), Battle Creek (23), Laurel-Concord (19) and Valley (0).

"The team's fifth place finish was far below the goals that we set, but from an individual prospective we had some good performances," said head coach Kevin Finkey.

Wayne had two individual champions, Matt Nelson at 140 pounds and Dana Schuett at 189. Both wrestlers stayed unbeaten by winning their third tournament titles of the season.

Matt Roeber reached the finals at 152 and placed second, Josh Widner (112) and Jacob Kay (145) both finished third, with Dan Reinhardt placing fourth at 160.

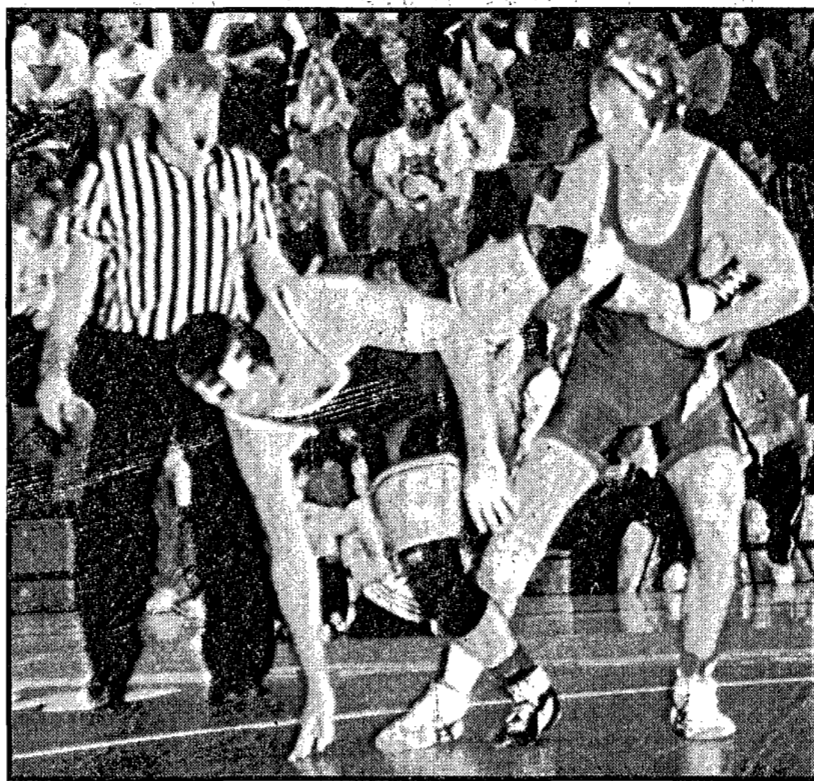
Last Thursday, Wayne improved to 2-1 in duals with a 48-30 win over Wisner-Pilger. Both teams won three matches with the other points scored by forfeit.

Jacob Kay (145), Bren Vander Weil (189) and Dana Schuett (215) won their matches by pin.

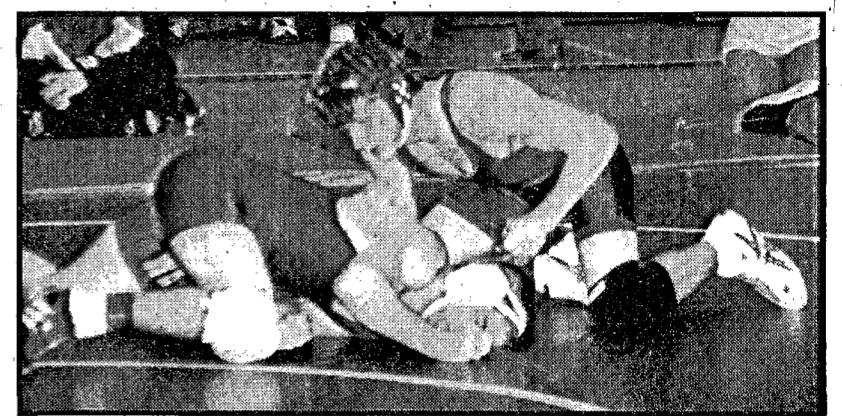
The Wayne varsity is off until Jan. 8 when the Blue Devils host Norfolk Catholic in a dual. The Wayne freshmen and sophomores will compete in the Wisner-Pilger 9/10 Invitational on Monday, Jan. 5 beginning at 5:30 pm.

Coach Finkey added that the Christmas break is coming at a good time for his team.

"We have worked hard for the past five weeks and we have several minor injuries that need to heal and this break is something we need at this time," stated Finkey.



Wayne's Dana Schuett drags Laurel-Concord's John Hintz back into the ring during their 189-pound match at Saturday's Wayne Invitational Wrestling Tournament.



Matt Roeber of Wayne placed second at 152 pounds in Saturday's Wayne Invitational, marking the third straight tournament that Roeber has earned a medal.



Josh Widner has the upperhand in his 112-pound match with Leonard Carnes of Elkhorn Valley at the Wayne Invitational. Widner finished in third place.

Winside grapplers place third at Wayne Tournament

Thanks to three champions and six finalists, the Winside wrestling team finished in third place at the Wayne Invitational wrestling tournament Saturday.

The Wildcats scored 142.5 points despite having two top wrestlers, Dan Morris at 135 and Bryce Roberts at 215, miss the meet due to illness.

Madison won the 12-team tournament with 164.5 points with Waverly in second at 154.

"Overall, I thought it was a good showing," said head coach Paul Sok. "It would have been nice to beat Madison and Waverly, but we didn't have enough fire power. Getting six in the finals of this meet was good for us."

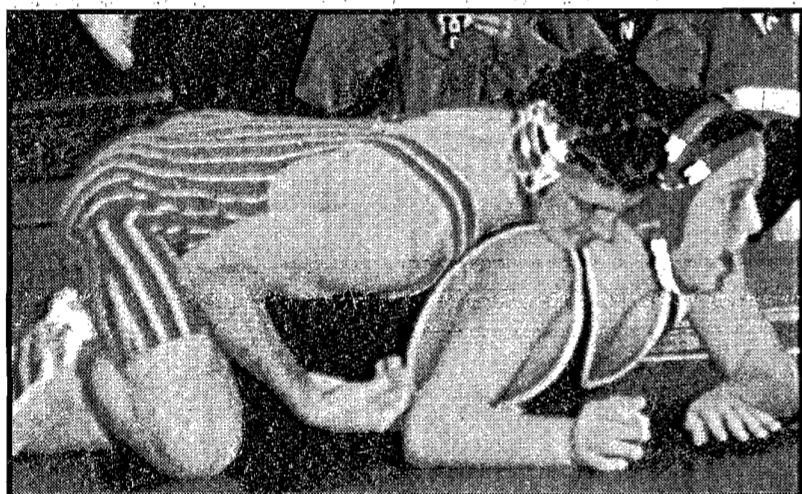
Jesse Thies (103), Bo Brummels (125) and Josh Sok (160) all won individual titles for the Wildcats. Brummels, who avenged a pair of losses from last year's tournament, was named the outstanding wrestler of the tournament by coaches.

Josh Staub (112), Andrew Sok (119) and Kass Holdorf (145) each earned second place medals, Eric Morris placed third at 171 pounds and Cody Lange finished fourth at

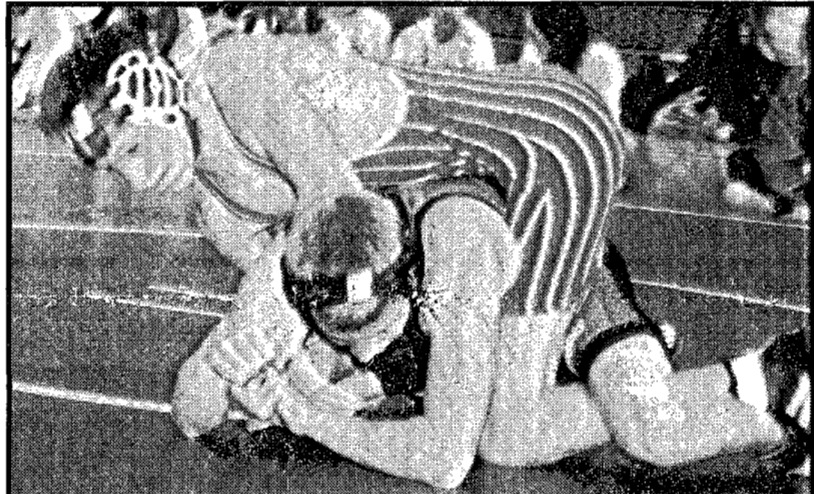
275 pounds to round out Winside's eight medal winners.

"I felt we stayed right in the thick of the Class B teams throughout the day and just let things slip away in the consolation rounds," added Coach Sok.

Winside will resume action on Jan 5 at the Wisner-Pilger 9/10 Invitational, then host the Winside Invitational on Jan. 10.



Eric Morris has control of this opponent at Saturday's Wayne Invitational. Morris placed third at 171 pounds.



Winside's Andrew Sok works the arm of his first round opponent at the Wayne Invitational Saturday. Sok placed second in the 119-pound division.

WSC women post fourth straight win in 59-45 win over Colorado Mines

The Wayne State College women's basketball team used a strong second half to defeat Colorado School of Mines Friday evening 59-45 at Rice Auditorium.

The win gave the Wildcats a 7-4 record, along with a four-game win streak, heading into the Christmas break.

"With finals week and the girls already packed to go home, I was worried about how we would play," said head coach Ryun Williams. "But we probably had one of our better halves of the season in the second half to get the win."

After trailing 24-20 with around 17:00 left, the Wildcats mounted a rally thanks to the play of freshmen Erin McCormick and Lauren Gustafson.

McCormick scored nine points and grabbed 10 rebounds in 18 minutes of playing time, all in the second half, while Gustafson added nine points on a trio of three-pointers to lift the Wildcats in the second half.

"It's been someone different every game, and tonight it was McCormick and Gustafson that really sparked us," stated Coach Williams.

Wayne State led 19-17 at half-time and, after struggling early in the second half, outscored the

Orediggers 40-28 in the second half to record the 59-45 win.

Sophomore center Kristin Humphries scored 13 of her game-high 17 points in the second half to lead Wayne State in scoring. McCormick and Gustafson followed with nine points each while freshman Allison Steffen added eight points and eight rebounds.

The Wildcats shot 38 percent in the game (16-42), including 52 percent in the second half on 10 of 19. Colorado Mines hit just 29 percent from the field on 16 of 55.

Wayne State held a big advantage in free throws, drilling 21 of 29 (72 percent) compared to just 5 of 16 for the Orediggers.

The Wildcats won the rebounding battle 42-34 thanks to 10 boards from McCormick. Steffen followed with eight caroms and Ashley Arndorfer had seven.

Wayne State is off until Jan. 2 when the Wildcats open the Northern Sun Conference schedule at home against Minn.-Duluth at 6 pm.

WSC-59 Colo. Mines-45
WSC: Kristen Humphries 17, Lauren Gustafson 9, Erin McCormick 9, Allison Steffen 8, Ashley Arndorfer 7, Kari Belak 6, Kim Hefner 3.
FG's: 16-42 38% **FT's:** 21-29 72%

Winside basketball teams to play in Randolph Holiday Tournament

The Winside basketball teams will play in the Randolph Holiday Tournament scheduled for Friday, Jan. 2 and Saturday, Jan. 3.

The Wildcats face Randolph in the first round on Friday, Jan. 2 with the girls game at 6 pm and the boys game scheduled for 8 pm.

Battle Creek faces Plainview

in the other first round games with the girls playing at 2 pm and the boys game at 4 pm.

The consolation and championship games are scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 3 with the girls consolation game at 2 pm, the boys consolation game is set for 4 pm, the girls championship game begins at 6 pm with the boys game at 8 pm.



Kass Holdorf of Winside looks over to Coach Paul Sok for instructions in his first round match with Battle Creek's Tyler Masiko. Holdorf finished second at 145 pounds.

Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout begins Monday

The 2003 Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout Basketball Tournament will be played at Wayne State's Rice Auditorium Dec. 29-31.

First round games will begin on Monday, Dec. 29 at 9:30am. The second round will be played on Tuesday, Dec. 30 with the consolation and championship games set for Wednesday, Dec. 31.

In the girls division on Monday, Dec. 29, Laurel-Concord will open the tournament against the Wayne JV team at 9:30am, followed by Wayne playing Wakefield at 12:30pm.

The evening session features Valentine challenging Hartington Cedar Catholic at 4 pm and Emerson-Hubbard taking on Omaha Mercy at 7 pm.

The opening day of the boys division finds Laurel-Concord meeting Battle Creek at 11 am, followed by Wayne and Wakefield tangling at 2 pm.

The evening session finds Valentine battling Hartington Cedar Catholic at 5:30 pm and Elkhorn Mount Michael facing Emerson-Hubbard in the final

game of the opening day at 8:30 pm.

Consolation games on the second day of the tournament will be played in the morning and afternoon session with girls game at 9:30 am and 12:30pm with boys games set for 11 am and 2 pm.

The semi-finals highlight the evening session with girls games at 4 pm and 7 pm and the boys semi-finals set for 5:30 pm and 8:30 pm.

The final day of the tournament features the seventh place girls and boys games at 9:30 am and 11 am respectively, followed by the fifth place games for the girls at 12:30 pm and boys at 2 pm.

The evening session starts with the third place girls game at 4 pm, followed by the third place boys game at 5:30 pm.

The girls championship game is slated for 7 pm with the boys title game set to begin around 8:30 pm.

The Wayne boys and Hartington Cedar Catholic girls are defending champions of the tournament. The Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout is sponsored by the Wayne Blue Devil Booster Club.

Wayne boys stay unbeaten with win over Wisner-Pilger

The Wayne boys basketball team stayed unbeaten (5-0) Friday evening with a 53-54 win over Wisner-Pilger at the Wayne High gym.

The Gators, as always, gave the Blue Devils their best effort and battled Wayne throughout the game. Wayne led 17-13 after one quarter, 29-28 at halftime and 51-44 after three quarters.

Junior forward Bryan Fink paced Wayne with 25 on 11 of 19 shooting from the field. Senior guard Chris Nissen contributed 18 points. Heath Dickes scored eight points, Caleb Garvin added four, Josh Ruwe scored two and Adam Munter had one.

Wayne connected on 23 of 44 field goals (52 percent) while Wisner-Pilger was 20 of 40 for 50 percent.

However, both teams struggled

from the free throw line. Wayne was just 7 of 13 and Wisner-Pilger made 6 of 14 attempts.

The Blue Devils were outrebounded 24-18. Fink had six caroms to lead Wayne with Ruwe and Garvin adding four apiece.

Munter dishd out a team-high seven assists with Nissen adding five.

The Wayne JV team lost their first game of the season (4-1), falling to Wisner-Pilger 42-19.

Brian and Ben Mohl had five points each for Wayne, Josh Rasmussen added four, Brandon Foote scored two with Jared Jehle, John Whitt and Dustin Bargholz adding one point each.

Wayne will face Wakefield in the first round of the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout at Wayne State's Rice Auditorium on Monday, Dec. 29 at 2 pm.

Allen boys top Newcastle, now 6-0

The Allen Eagle boys basketball team finished the pre-Christmas portion of the schedule last Friday evening with a 51-31 win at Newcastle.

The Eagles started slow, but due to good defense, still enjoyed an 11-8 lead after one quarter. Allen increased pressure on the Raiders in the second quarter and pushed their lead to 30-17 at the intermission.

The third period saw Allen outscore Newcastle 9-7 to take a 39-24 lead. The Eagles held a 12-7 scoring advantage in the fourth quarter to finish the evening with a 51-31 win. Allen's defense was the story in the second half, holding Newcastle to just three baskets and 14 points.

"We played pretty good defense, especially after halftime, and limited their looks at the basket," said head coach Dave Uldrich. "I thought we had some very positive individual efforts in different areas contributed by all of the boys in the game."

Corey Uldrich led the Allen scoring attack with 18 points. Scott Blohm also hit double figures with 13. Aaron Smith and Brett Koester scored six points each, Bart Sachau added five points and Andrew Sachau finished with three points.

Allen made 20 of 55 shots from the field and 7 of 11 at the foul line while Newcastle was held to 11 of 48 from the field and 9 of 13 at the charity stripe. The Eagles won the rebounding battle over Newcastle

35-28. Uldrich grabbed 17 rebounds to lead Allen. Andrew Sachau added eight boards and Koester dishd out six assists in the win.

Allen will take a 6-0 record to the Clearwater Holiday Tournament on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 29 and 30. The Eagles will play Chambers on Monday at 4:30 pm.

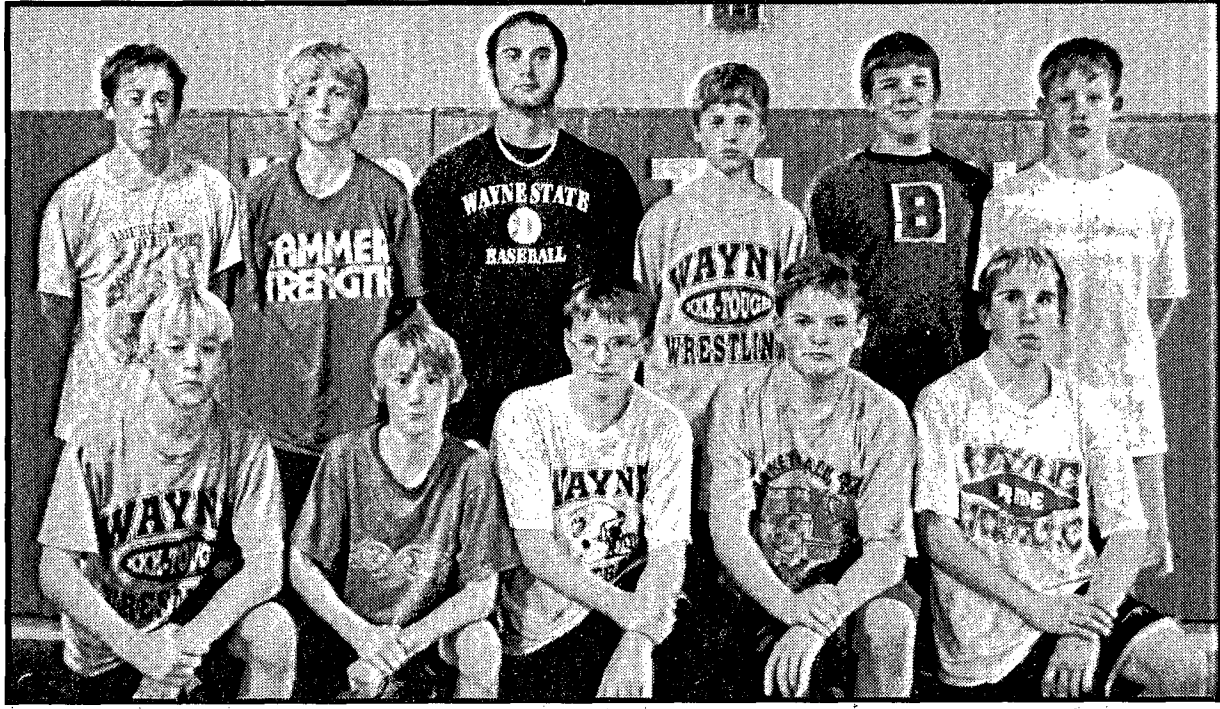
"This tournament should provide great competition with three of the four boys teams ranked," said Coach Uldrich. "It will be important to have a loud and large crowd following us out to Clearwater. It will be a hostile atmosphere."

Eagles to play in Clearwater Tournament

The Allen basketball teams will participate in the Clearwater Holiday Tournament on Monday, Dec. 29 and Tuesday, Dec. 30.

First round games on Monday, Dec. 29 find the Allen girls and boys playing Chambers at 3 and 4:30pm with Ewing facing Clearwater in girls and boys games at 6 and 7:30 pm.

The consolation and championship games will be played on Tuesday, Dec. 30 with the girls third place game at 3 pm, the boys third place game at 4:30pm, the girls championship game is set for 6 pm with the boys title game scheduled for 7:30 pm.



Junior high wrestlers

Members of the 2003 Wayne Junior High wrestling team include: front row, left to right, Ryan Pieper, Trent Doescher, Derick Dorcey, Brett Dorcey, Jordan McDonald. Back row: Zach Long, Andy Hoffman, Coach Gary Redden, Sheldon Onderstal, Matt Poehلمان, Micah Agler. Wayne's last scheduled meet at Vermillion, SD on Dec. 18 was cancelled. Coach Redden would like to thank the families of the wrestlers for their support at the tournaments they traveled to this year.

Winside boys defeat Coleridge, fall to Laurel-Concord

The Winside boys basketball team put a scare into Laurel-Concord Monday evening before falling 56-52 in a makeup game played at Winside.

The game was close throughout with Laurel-Concord leading 14-11 after one quarter and 26-20 at halftime. Winside held a 14-8 scoring edge in the third quarter to tie the game at 34-34, but Laurel-Concord outscored the Wildcats 22-18 in the fourth quarter to post a 56-52 win.

Adam Pfeiffer scored 17 points to lead Winside. Taylor Suehl and Nate Wills both added 10 points apiece. Rounding out the scoring were Mark Hawkins with seven, Russ O'Connor six and Justin Nathan three.

Winside traveled to Coleridge last Friday evening and won their second straight game, downing the Bulldogs 79-66.

The Wildcats led 17-13 after the first quarter, 34-21 at halftime and 55-40 after three quarters. Both teams put up big numbers in the fourth quarter with Coleridge outscoring Winside 26-24 to make the final score 79-66.

Pfeiffer led four players in double figures with a game-high 22 points. Wills contributed 19 points, O'Connor scored 15 and Hawkins had 12. Justin Nathan added five points, Taylor Suehl four and Jared Thies two to round out Winside's scoring.

Winside, now 2-3 on the season, will resume play on Jan. 2 at the

Randolph Holiday Tournament when the Wildcats play the host Cardinals at 8 pm.

Wayne City Recreation Youth Basketball Results

5th/6th grade girls 12-20
 Team 3-20 Team 4-19
 Team 3: Molly Legler 14, Riley Hoffart 4, Beca Jaixen 2.
 Team 4: Shannon Jarvi 11, Laura Christensen 5.

Team 1-44 Team 2-10
 Team 1: Jessica Calhoun 16, Katie Saul 12, Taylor Stowater 8.
 Team 2: Tess Moser 10.

5th/6th grade boys 12-20
 Team 3-21 Team 4-11
 Team 3: Josh Calhoun 8, Dustin Stegemann 6, Derek Poutre 5.
 Team 4: Geoff Nelson 4, Zach Rasmussen 3.

Team 2-41 Team 1-25
 Team 2: Jacob Zeiss 16, Justin Anderson 9, Zach Thomsen 8.
 Team 1: Jordan Barry 9, Seth Onderstal 8, Jared Klassen 4.

Wayne girls rout West Point, suffer first loss to Gators

In sports, anything can happen on any night. Just ask the Wayne girls basketball team.

In a span of 24 hours, the Blue Devils played tenacious defense and shut down West Point 52-20 last Thursday evening, then struggled the following night in a 49-40 loss to Wisner-Pilger.

"We dug ourselves a hole early by standing around and were disorganized," said head coach Matt Schaub on his team's performance

against Wisner-Pilger. "We played harder as the game went on, but they made the plays down the stretch to beat us."

Wayne trailed Wisner-Pilger 10-5 after one quarter, 20-14 at halftime and 32-30 after three quarters. The Blue Devils actually took a two point lead, only to see the Gators come back and take the 49-40 win.

Sarah Jensen and Kari Hochstein scored eight points each

to lead Wayne in scoring. Hochstein also had a team-high six rebounds. Stacie Hoeman and Ashley Carroll scored six points each, Rachel Jensen and Jenny Raveling added four apiece with Micaela Weber and Allison Hansen scoring two each. Weber also dished out five assists.

On Thursday evening, the Blue Devils dominated West Point with a stellar defensive performance 52-20.

Wayne jumped out to a 15-2 lead after the first quarter, led 26-7 at halftime and 43-15 after three quarters.

"The girls showed up with a great amount of defensive intensity and were able to knock West Point out of the game from the start," said Coach Schaub. "They ran a triangle and two defense to take Kari Hochstein out of the game, but we had several players step up and hit outside shots."

Hoeman led Wayne's balanced offensive attack with 10 points. Weber followed with eight, Sarah Jensen had seven, Carroll five, Rachel Jensen, Carrie Walton, Keeley Niemann, Hansen and Hochstein scored four points each and Kayla Hochstein finished with two.

Hoeman led Wayne in rebounding with six boards. Niemann, Hansen and Kari Hochstein added four caroms each. Raveling added a team-high five assists.

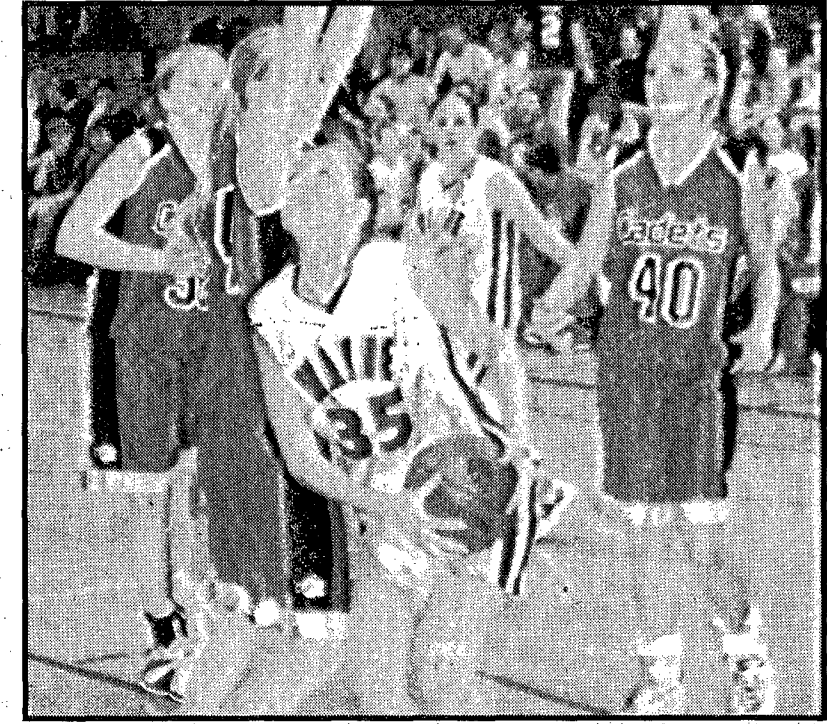
The Wayne JV team also split their games, beating West Point 36-27 and falling to Wisner-Pilger 44-28.

Keeley Niemann scored 12 points to pace Wayne in the West Point game. Renee Theobald added 10, Sarah Jensen five, Jean Pieper four, Ashley Carroll and Brooke Anderson scored two each with Kayla Hochstein adding one.

Theobald scored 10 points in the loss to Wisner-Pilger. Rachel Jensen added seven, Pieper six, Carly Wacker two with Natalie Fendrick, Carroll and Niemann adding one apiece.

The Wayne JV team is now 3-1 on the season.

Wayne, 3-1 overall, will meet Wakefield in the first round of the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout on Monday, Dec. 29 at 12:30 pm at Wayne State's Rice Auditorium.



Wayne senior forward Stacie Hoeman gets around a West Point defender to score two of her 10 points in the Blue Devils 52-20 victory over the Cadets last Thursday night.



Junior point guard Micaela Weber passes the ball to a Blue Devil teammate during Wayne's game with West Point last Thursday at the WHS gym.

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Laurel-Concord girls stay unbeaten with wins over Plainview, Winside

The Laurel-Concord girls basketball team improved to 6-0 Monday evening with a 54-20 win in a makeup game at Winside.

The Lady Bears raced out to a 13-4 lead after the first quarter, led 29-10 at halftime and 43-18 after three quarters.

Statistics from the game were not available at press time.

The Lady Bears downed Plainview in NENAC play last Friday evening in Laurel 50-33.

The visiting Pirates led 7-6 after one quarter, but Laurel-Concord outscored Plainview 18-10 in the

second quarter and 14-3 in the third quarter to take control of the game.

Recob finished with 18 points to lead Laurel-Concord. Peters also hit double figures with 11. Erwin accounted for eight points, Patefield had seven, Pritchard four and Promes two.

Laurel-Concord will bring a 6-0 record to the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout in Wayne starting Dec. 29. The Lady Bears face the Wayne JV team in the first round at 9:30 am in the opening game of the tournament.

Softball clinics planned at WSC

Wayne State College will host two softball clinics, Jan. 10 and Jan. 11, at the WSC Recreation Center. The clinics are for girls ages 8-18.

The Jan. 10 date will include a hitting clinic. The beginners division will run from 9-11:30am with the high school division set for 12:30-3 pm.

A pitchers/catchers clinic will be held on Jan. 11. The high school division will run from 9-11:30am with the beginners division scheduled from 12:30-3pm. Participants are asked to come as pitcher/catcher partners. Catchers should bring their own catcher's gear.

The cost for one clinic is \$25 or \$40 for both. All campers must pre-register by 5 pm, Jan. 2 by calling the WSC softball office at (402) 375-7522 or e-mail Coach Jon Misfeldt at jomisfel@wsc.edu.

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Allen girls edge top-ranked Newcastle, fall to Wakefield

The Allen Lady Eagle girls basketball team, ranked third in the Class D-2 pre-season poll, downed top-ranked Newcastle Friday evening 36-33 in a defensive battle played at Newcastle.

Allen trailed 10-6 after one quarter and 16-13 at halftime, but gained the lead after three quarters 25-22 with both teams scoring 11 points in the fourth quarter.

"This was a nice win for us," said head coach Lori Koester on the defensive battle. "We've been emphasizing and working on player-tougher, more aggressive, defense, so it was great to see the girls get after it defensively."

Alyssa Uldrich and Alycia Stewart scored 11 points each to lead Allen in scoring. Stewart also hauled in 10 rebounds. Kelli Rastede finished with eight points, seven rebounds and five steals, Andrea Liebsch produced four points and five steals while Samantha Bock finished with two points and five steals.

Allen made 14 of 44 field goals with Newcastle hitting just 11 of 51. The Eagles were 8 of 15 from the foul line with Newcastle connecting on 8 of 12.

The Eagles won the rebounding battle over the Raiders 27-22.

Coach Koester added, "We always have a competitive game with Newcastle and we are just really proud of our girls and thrilled to get this win."

In other games, Allen lost at home to Wakefield Monday evening 40-35.

The Allen girls struggled at times with Wakefield's full court pressure, leading to several easy scoring opportunities for the Trojans.

Wakefield led 5-4 after one quarter. The game was tied at 14-14 at halftime with Allen leading 23-19 after three quarters. The Trojans put up 21 points in the fourth quarter to Allen's 12 to rally for the win.

"This was a tough physical game for both teams," said Coach Koester. "We just didn't take care of the basketball in the fourth quarter and had several defensive lapses that also hurt us."

Stewart led Allen in scoring with 12 points. Rastede added seven points, Bock had six, Uldrich five, Alycia Koester added three and Liebsch had two.

Both teams had nearly identical shooting numbers. Allen was 14 of 42 from the field while Wakefield hit 14 of 43 shots. Wakefield hit 11 of 29 free throws

with Allen sinking 6 of 13. The Eagles had a 33-23 rebounding advantage with Stewart hauling in 13 boards to lead Allen.

Saturday evening, Allen cruised past Winnebago in a makeup game played in Allen 70-24.

The Lady Eagles led 14-6 after one quarter, 44-12 at halftime and 57-17 after three quarters.

Stewart led Allen in scoring with 22 points. Rastede finished with 20 while Liebsch also hit double figures with 11. Alycia Koester scored eight points, Codi Hancock had six, Vicky Green two and Diana Diediker one.

Allen made 33 of 59 field goals while Winnebago made 10 of 38. The Eagles also won the rebounding battle 28-16.

Last Tuesday evening, Allen dropped a 63-55 contest against Hartington High.

Allen led 19-16 after one quarter, 36-33 at halftime and 50-48 after three quarters, but the visiting Wildcats outscored the Lady Eagles 15-5 in the fourth quarter to win. Hartington High drained 10 of 20 three point shots in the game to rally for the win.

Stewart had 26 points and 16 rebounds in a losing effort for Allen. Rastede also had a double/double with 10 points and 13 rebounds to go with eight assists. Liebsch added 12 points, Koester five and Uldrich two.

Allen made 21 of 64 field goals while Hartington High hit 23 of 59, including 10 of 20 from beyond the arc. From the free throw line, the Eagles were 12 of 23, Hartington High was 7 of 16.

The Lady Eagles also dominated the rebounding battle over the Wildcats 44-21.

Allen, now 4-4 on the season, will travel to the Clearwater Holiday Tournament on Monday, Dec. 29 and face Chambers in the first round at 3 pm.

Winside girls fall to Coleridge, Laurel-Concord

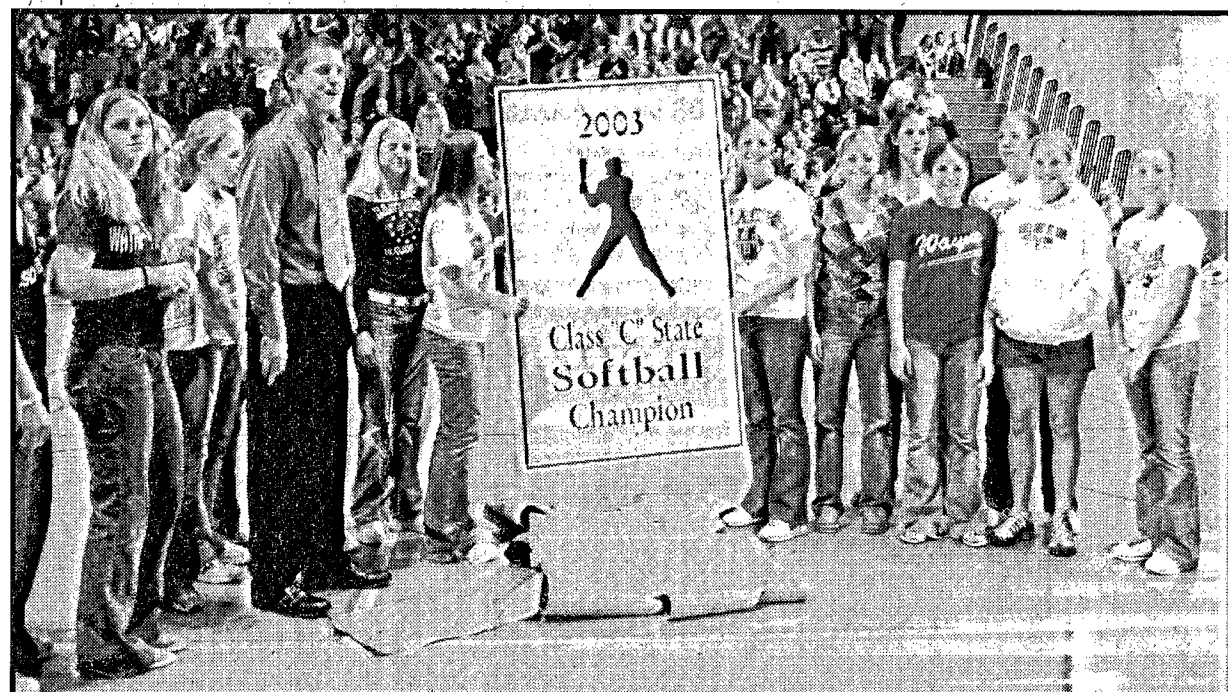
The Winside girls basketball team was defeated by Laurel-Concord 54-20 Monday evening in a makeup game played at Winside.

The unbeaten Lady Bears led 13-4 after one quarter, 29-10 at halftime and 43-18 after three quarters.

"We played well in spurts, but still need to work on consistency and perimeter shooting," said head coach Tim Stubbs. "Our inside game produced most of our points and we shot better from the foul line (10-15)."

With the loss, Winside falls to 0-6, but Coach Stubbs added, "The girls have maintained a positive attitude through a very difficult part of our schedule."

Katie Behmer led Winside with eight points. Rachel Peter added seven and Melyssa Deck finished with five points. Peter was the top rebounder with six, followed by Behmer with five. Annette Boelter



Champion banner unveiled

The 2003 State Championship Softball banner was unveiled during halftime of last Friday's home basketball game with Wayne and Wisner-Pilger. Shown with the banner are members of the Wayne softball team and head coach Rob Sweetland.

Wayne City Recreation Basketball scores

Men's A/B League Dec. 22
Team 3-81 Team 1-66

Team 3: Eric McLagan 25, Austin Lueth 25, Klinton Keller 14.
Team 1: Kyle Macklin 34, Jeff Piper 24.

Team 2-67 Team 4-48

Team 2: Ryan Schmeits 22, Brad Hansen 18, Steve Heinemann 16.
Team 4: Ryan Stoltenberg 21, Matt Krusemark 11.

Team 6-67 Team 5-46

Team 6: Cory Buck 19, Nick Hochstein 17, Eric Henderson 13, Ben Meyer 12.
Team 5: Nathan Wacker 14, Ric Volk 12.

Men's C League Dec. 17
Team 2-41 Team 4-27

Team 2: Bob Keating 11, Al Nissen 9, Mike Meyer 9.
Team 4: Doug Carroll 12, Bob

Backman 4, John McClarnen 4.

Team 6-58 Team 5-36
Team 6: John Sinniger 20, Craig Walling 12, Steph Hansen 10.
Team 5: Mark McCorkindale 12, Chris Connolly 9, Pat Arens 6.

Team 3-50 Team 1-47

Team 3: Mike Grosz 19, Matt Schaub 10, Brendan Dorsey 7.
Team 1: Brad Jones 16, Casey Schroeder 12, Mike Niemann 9.

Women's League Dec. 18
Team 3-44 Team 2-32

Team 3: Stacey Alexander 14, Kallie Krugman 12, Sara Ellis 10.
Team 2: Steph Hansen 16, Jessica Thomsen 8.

Team 1-46 Team 4-39

Team 1: Monica Novak 21, Susan Metzler 12, Tara McClarnen 7.

Team 4: Julie Melena 11, Mary Boehle 10, Renae Beckner 8.

Men's A/B League Dec. 15
Team 4-80 Team 1-73

Team 4: Drew Wagner 25, Ryan Stoltenberg 24, Matt Krusemark 17.

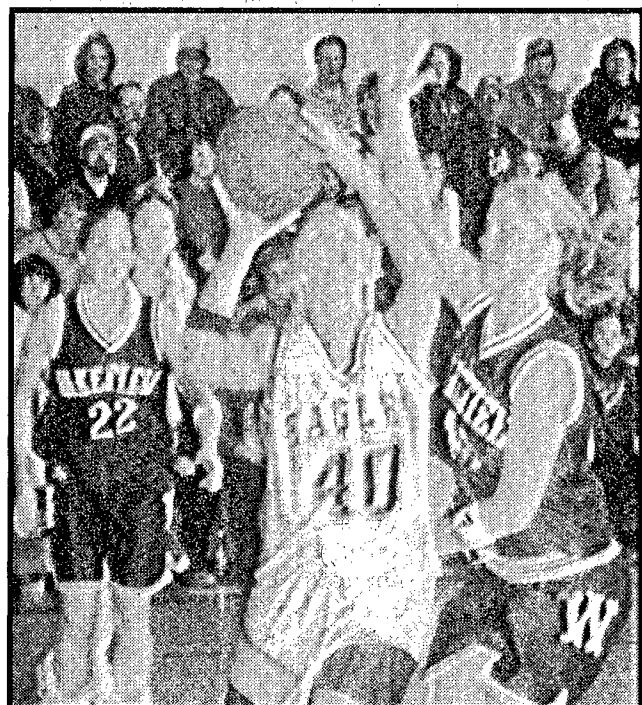
Team 1: Kyle Nelson 19, Kyle Macklin 18, Joel Hansen 12, Chad Metzler 11, Jeff Piper 10.

Team 3-81 Team 5-54

Team 3: Eric McLagan 31, Josh Hopwood 27.
Team 5: Chris Johnson 21, Ric Volk 20.

Team 6-55 Team 2-52

Team 6: Ben Meyer 35, Nick Hochstein 8.
Team 2: Steve Heinemann 23, Brady Heithold 17, Brad Hoskins 9.



Alycia Stewart of Allen puts up a shot against Amanda Brown of Wakefield during Monday's game in Allen. The Lady Trojans rallied for a 40-35 win over the Lady Eagles.

Wakefield girls beat Allen, Trojan boys knock off Hartington High, Stanton

A 21-point fourth quarter propelled Wakefield to a 40-35 come-from-behind win over Allen in girls basketball played Monday evening in Allen. The Trojans improved to 4-1 with the win.

The game was a defensive struggle throughout, but Wakefield's full-court press forced Allen into numerous turnovers in the final quarter allowing the Trojans to score some easy baskets.

Wakefield led 5-4 after one quarter, the game was tied 14-14 at halftime and Allen led after three quarters 23-19. Wakefield then outscored Allen 21-12 in the fourth quarter to get the win.

"Our press and man to man defense really caused problems for Allen," said head coach Matt Brenn. "I thought our girls showed a lot of character after letting the Hartington game slip through our fingers. It was great to get a win and be 4-1 going into the holiday break."

Katie Jensen poured in 19 points to lead Wakefield's offensive attack. Regina Dutcher followed with six points, Sara White and Amanda Brown contributed five each, Tanya Kay scored four and Alycia Bressler added one.

The Trojans struggled from the foul line, converting just 11 of 29 attempts, including 7 of 18 in the fourth quarter.

The Wakefield girls lost at Hartington High last Thursday 54-45.

After trailing 24-17 at halftime, the Lady Trojans gained the lead in the third quarter by outscoring

the host Wildcats 14-4 to take a 31-28 lead. However, Hartington High produced 26 points, 17 from the foul line, in the fourth quarter to rally for the 54-45 win.

Jensen led Wakefield in scoring with 13 points. Regina Dutcher added 12 points and Tanya Kay reached double figures with 10. Amanda Brown finished with seven points, Alycia Bressler had two and Kari Erwin one.

Brown grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds with Jensen adding six and Dutcher five caroms.

The Wakefield boys team picked up a pair of road wins last Thursday and Friday to move past the .500 mark (3-2) on the season.

The Trojans posted a 52-44 win at Hartington High on Thursday. Wakefield jumped out to a 13-5 lead after one quarter, led 26-19 at halftime and 39-35 after three quarters.

Luke Hoffman and Kayle Anderson poured in 13 points each to pace Wakefield offensively. Aaron Klein and Kyle Gardner added eight apiece, Taylor Peters and Cory Gustafson produced four points each and Luke Henderson finished with two.

Wakefield traveled to Stanton Friday evening and brought home a 53-38 win. Statistics on the game were not available at press time.

The Wakefield girls and boys will face Wayne at 12:30 and 2 pm in the first round of the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout on Monday, Dec. 29 at Wayne State's Rice Auditorium.

Wayne junior high girls end season with split at Wakefield

The Wayne junior high girls basketball team finished the season with games at Wakefield Monday afternoon.

The seventh grade team won 23-9. Megan Nissen scored six points for Wayne. Alesha Finkey, Nicole Rauner and Morgan Campbell added four points each, Kayli Holt and Lucy Padilla scored two apiece and Ambre Ruzicka one.

Wayne finished the season with

contributed a team-leading four steals and two assists.

Winside was on the short end of a 51-41 decision at Coleridge last Friday evening.

The host Bulldogs led the entire game, 8-5 after one quarter, 17-10 at halftime and 26-21 after three quarters.

"Free throw shooting really hurt us in this game," remarked Coach Stubbs. The Wildcats converted just 8 of 29 attempts.

Peter led the Wildcats in scoring with nine points. Behmer chipped in with eight, Boelter had six, Bussey four with Melyssa Deck and Jessica Hansen adding two points each. Behmer grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds for Winside with Peter adding eight.

Winside will be off until Friday, Jan. 2 when the Wildcats face Randolph in the first round of the Randolph Holiday Tournament at 6 pm.

a 5-4 record.
The eighth grade team battled early foul trouble and the flu in falling to Wakefield 25-15.

Michelle Jarvi had eight points and nine rebounds for Wayne. Courtney Preston added three points, Samantha Dunklau two and Justine Carroll and Mirisa Carroll with one each. Justine Carroll also grabbed six boards.

Wayne ends the season 3-6.

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TEAMS TRAVEL TO TOURNEY
The Allen Varsity girls and boys teams take part in the Clearwater Holiday Tournament on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 29th and 30th. The brackets consists of the teams of Allen, Chambers, Clearwater, and Ewing. The girls will play Monday at 3 pm versus Chambers. With a win the next game will be at 6 pm on Tuesday to play for first place. With a loss, the game will be at 3 pm on Tuesday. The boys will follow the girls on Monday against Chambers at 4:30. With a win, they will play at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday for the championship. The two teams that lose will play for third and fourth place at 4:30 pm on Tuesday.

BAND LEAVES
After months and months of planning and working towards

their goal, the Allen band will leave on Wednesday, Dec. 31 for the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. The band show cased some of the selections for the trip on Thursday night at the Christmas concert. During intermission at the concert, there was a bake and craft sale given by the Music Boosters.

With this sale, along with the many, many fundraisers, the band can now report that they have met the \$44,000 raised for their Sugar Bowl trip thanks to the generous donations from the community and surrounding areas. They are now finalizing plans for their trip.

WINS QUILT
The famous quilt that was made and donated by Shirley Book was raffled off Thursday night at the Christmas Concert. The quilt was made up of several different T-shirt fronts ranging from girls & boys sport shirts to an Allen Band

picture. The lucky winner was Patricia Swetnam.

OVERFLOW FOR CONCERT
The K-12 Christmas concert was held Thursday night at the Allen gym. It was originally planned for Dec. 15 but due to the weather, the event was postponed until Thursday. The gym was filled with family members, friends and community members who were given quite a show with the student's musical abilities.

SENIOR CENTER
Friday, Dec. 26: Open for coffee - no meal.
Monday, Dec. 29: Hamburger stew, Watergate salad, tossed salad, corn bread, and ruby pears.
Tuesday, Dec. 30: Salmon patties, potato casserole, beets, plums, and cake.
Wednesday, Dec. 31: Brunch 8:30 am - Biscuits and sausage gravy, ham slice, fruit cup, cinnamon rolls, and orange juice.
Thursday, Jan. 1: Closed. Community Birthdays

Friday, Jan. 2: Harlen Mattes, Doug Kraemer, Larry & Mary Klemme (A), Loren & Rhonda Reuter (A).

Saturday, Jan. 3: Rebecca Boeshart, Brogan Jones, Willie and Diane Bertrand (A), Marvin and Jane Keitges (A), Wayne and Mary Rastede (A).

Sunday, Jan. 4: Darrel Frerichs, Sherry Popovitz.

Monday, Jan. 5: Robert Adair III, Harriett Hagstrom, Keith Jergenson, Dave and Iva Geiger (A).

Tuesday, Jan. 6: Megan Kumm, Michelle Marks, Bill and Arlene Chase (A).

Wednesday, Jan. 7: Doris Linafelter, Bernard and Faith Keil (A).

Thursday, Jan. 8: Andrew Gensler, Darlene Roberts. Friday - Charley Green, Forest Trevett, Crystal Rahn, Rebecca Johnson.

If you have any additions to the community calendar birthdays or corrections, please mail contact Missy Sullivan or email information to sullivan@bloomnet.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Friday, Dec. 26: No meal at Senior Center - open for coffee
Monday, Dec. 29: Somerset at 7 pm - VG/VB Clearwater Holiday Tournament
Tuesday, Dec. 30: Jesus' Kids meet 7 pm at United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Dec. 31: Brunch at Senior Center 8:30 am - Band leaves for New Orleans 1 pm
Thursday, Jan. 1: Happy New Year's!

Caring for our children

The Value of Play-
By Jean Grove, Director NorthEast Nebraska Child Care Resource & Referral Agency

Marvelous things happen when children play. They are learning everything they need to know to function in our world. What may appear to be random and carefree activity is actually purposeful. Children somehow seem to know what they must discover, and they work very hard to learn it. Even when children misbehave, they are probably trying to learn something. For young children, simple household items become toys. They learn by stacking, stirring and banging; this develops small and large motor skills, speech, hearing, thinking, and creativity.

One of the most effective ways to develop self esteem in children is pretend play; playing house, firemen, restaurant, post office, grocery store, farmer, etc. For example, when they play house, one child plays the mommy, one the daddy, and so on. There is always a "dilemma", they must fix or solve and daily chores to do. It allows children to try on different adult rolls, expressing thoughts with words, making decisions and carrying them out, solving problems through negotiation, and recognizing the benefits of successful decisions. Learning to make good decisions is one of the most important skills a child needs to learn.

Another very beneficial form of development is accomplished with blocks; the "build 'em up" and knock 'em down" type of blocks. Research shows that basic math skills are learned by playing with blocks by teaching balance, proportions, shapes, sizes, and creating and repeating patterns. They learn to exercise imagination and solve problems.

Though some parents and educators stress structural curriculum, also remember to let the children play. Everyday life is the best teacher for the real world.

*Editor's note: we will periodically run articles from NorthEast Nebraska Child Care Resource and Referral in Emerson. NENCCRRRA serves Antelope, Burt, Cedar, Cuming, Dakota, Dixon, Madison, Pierce, Stanton, Thurston, and Wayne Counties.

Blood Bank needs donations

The Siouxland Community Blood Bank kicked off their ninth annual "Twelve Days of Christmas" holiday blood donor campaign Dec. 16.

The campaign runs through January 2. The Siouxland Community Blood Bank needs more donors this holiday season at 1019 Jones Street to reach their inventory goal. All blood types are needed, especially type O and B.

To be eligible to donate individuals must be at least 17 years of age; however there is no upper age limit as long as the donor is in good health. In addition donors need to weigh over 110 pounds and have not donated whole blood in the past 56 days. A photo I.D. is required at the time of registration.

For more information about the Siouxland Community Blood Bank or blood drives in your area, call 712-252-4208, 1-800-798-4208 or visit their website at www.siouxlandbloodbank.org.

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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly sunny. 47	Partly to mostly cloudy. 25	Mild with some sun. 49/32	Cloudy, a chance of rain. 49/25	Mostly cloudy. 39/14	Sunny. 35/12	Cloudy with snow. 28/4	A chance for snow, windy. 34/-2

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures
Warm air will cover the Southeast, Middle Atlantic and southern New England during the period. Temperatures from Connecticut to Louisiana may average 5 to 10 degrees above normal. A storm will push across the Rocky Mountains and Northwest. A storm will bring rain and snow to the East. Cold air will chill the northern Plains and northern Rocky Mountains.

Precipitation

U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	52 34 pc	58 38 s	58 40 s	60 42 pc
Boston	46 32 pc	40 28 pc	44 34 pc	42 28 c
Chicago	34 24 pc	40 30 pc	44 34 pc	42 28 c
Cleveland	34 22 sf	38 24 pc	42 32 pc	44 34 pc
Denver	57 34 pc	58 33 pc	43 19 pc	43 18 s
Des Moines	43 26 s	45 34 pc	53 29 c	43 20 pc
Detroit	32 22 sf	38 28 pc	42 32 pc	47 33 pc
Houston	66 52 s	70 54 pc	72 52 pc	68 44 c
Indianapolis	32 25 pc	42 31 pc	49 35 pc	48 35 c
Kansas City	48 32 s	54 36 pc	58 36 c	51 27 pc
Los Angeles	62 50 c	63 44 sh	62 44 pc	62 47 c
Miami	74 66 pc	79 66 pc	79 67 pc	78 65 pc
Minn.-St. Paul	24 16 pc	38 24 c	40 24 c	40 22 sn
New Orleans	57 46 pc	68 50 pc	70 54 s	69 52 pc
New York City	48 32 pc	42 32 pc	44 38 s	46 36 s
Omaha	44 28 s	50 32 pc	44 28 c	42 19 c
Phoenix	68 48 pc	66 43 c	59 39 s	59 42 c
San Francisco	62 44 f	64 44 pc	54 46 c	42 32 c
Seattle	46 34 c	42 34 f	42 34 c	41 35 c
Washington	44 30 pc	48 34 s	50 36 s	54 38 s

SUN & MOON

Sunrise: 7:55 a.m. 5:01 p.m.
Sunset: 7:55 a.m. 5:02 p.m.

Moonrise: 10:23 a.m. 7:40 p.m.
Moonset: 11:01 a.m. 8:56 p.m.

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Weather (W): s-sunny pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-snow, t-thunderstorm, f-fog, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, h-ice

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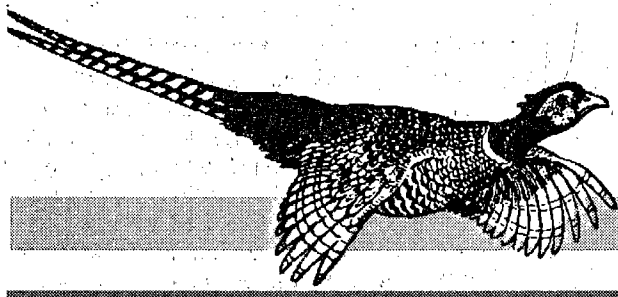
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Try to involve teens in decision making

As tomorrow's leaders, teens need to know how to make safe, thoughtful and wise decisions.

Teens need a value system to guide their decisions. They also need skills and confidence to stand up for decisions they know are right. Parents and other adults can help develop these qualities by asking teens to take part in important family, school and community activities.

This gives the youth the chance to work with and learn from adult leaders. At the same time, teen have skills and talents to share that will benefit others.

Adults often will be surprised at how much teens can contribute to a project or decision. Teens can add energy, ideas and commitment. By working with adults on meaningful matters, teens learn a lot about decision-making, values and responsibility.

Here are some tips to encourage youth to be involved:

- Involve adolescents in family-decision-making. These decisions could include buying a new family

car, planning a vacation, organizing a family party or planning meals for the week.

Amy Topp

Extension Educator
4-H & Youth



- Ask youth to help plan and lead school and after-school activities. Youth are much more likely to join clubs, teams and groups when they have been involved in planning the activity from the start.

- Ask youth to join community groups. Appoint teen members of coalitions, committees and advisory groups. Ask for their ideas and follow through on those that are promising.

- Take teens to political and social events in the community to help them learn and participate. Some examples include election events, rallies, marches or peaceful protests.

- Look for chances to talk with teens about politics, spirituality and morals. These discussions may be planned or spontaneous and could happen at the dinner table, in a classroom, at after-school clubs or youth groups in faith communities.

- Invite and expect youth to take a real role in these groups and activities. Ask for their ideas and assign tasks that will require youth to do research and learn new information. Ask for their opinions and then ask them to explain their reasoning. Hold youth accountable for their decisions and assignments and don't forget to show appreciation and support for youth involvement.

SOURCE: Gary Heusel, Ed., D., former state 4-H program leader, NU/IANR, Rosalie Baaken, Ph.D., 4-H volunteer.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Jan. 1-2: Office Closed.
Jan. 4: Teen Supremes meeting.
Jan. 7: District Record books due in office.
Jan. 28: 4-H Council.

Fuoss-Morel married in Bellevue

Melissa Sue Fuoss and Omar Morel, both of Bellevue, were married Aug. 30, 2003 at First Baptist Church in Bellevue.

Pastor Toby Schneckloth officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Roger and Carol Fuoss of Wayne, Cruz Rodriguez of Corona, Calif. and Danilo Morel of New York, N.Y.

Piano music was provided by Robin Steinbach, formerly of Wayne. Pastor Mark Steinbach sang "I Will Be Here." Lindsay Blumhagen sang "From This Moment."

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She chose a white, strapless gown of satin and tulle. The corset featured a scoop neck and a basque with re-embroidered Schiffler lace. Satin banded the hem line and train, and featured scattered Schiffler lace appliques, accented with sequins and seed pearls throughout the full skirt and bodice.

Matron of Honor was Carol Fuoss, mother of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Amanda Moore Stanley of North Carolina, cousin of the bride, Anya Alvarado of Bellevue, Jessica

Barons of Omaha, Jennifer Weir of Bellevue, Thekla Blumhagen Ayer of Georgia and Lindsay Blumhagen of Columbia, Mo. The bride's sister, Lisa Fuoss of



Mr. and Mrs. Morel

Wayne, was the Junior bridesmaid.

Best Man was Thomas Navarrete of Corona, Calif., friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were Danny Morel and Anthony Morel, brothers of the bride of Corona, Calif., Christopher Hall, Anthony Alvarado and Nick Baron, all of Bellevue and friends of the couple. Sean Feger was groomsman in absentia as he is serving overseas.

The flowergirl was Alyssa Alvarado of Bellevue, godchild of the couple. Ring bearers were Ryan and Eric Schneckloth, friends of the couple.

Jason Fuoss of Wayne, brother of the bride and Charles Buckman of Bellevue, friend of the couple, served as ushers.

A reception, catered supper and dance were held at the Knights of Columbus of Bellevue following the ceremony.

The bride currently works in Bellevue at Info USA. The groom currently serves in the Air Force in Bellevue. They are both in leadership with the youth in their church, Bellevue Christian Center.

Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple is at home at 8415 South 49th Terrace, Omaha, Neb. 68157.



Mr. and Mrs. Backstrom to note 60th anniversary

Lawrence and Blanche Backstrom of Wayne will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on Jan. 5, 2004.

Their family has requested a card shower in their honor.

They are the parents of three children, Verdel and Virginia Backstrom of Wayne, Duane Backstrom of Auburn and Perry and Lesa Backstrom of Wayne. They have five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lawrence Backstrom and Blanche Johnson were married Jan. 5, 1944 at the home of the bride's parents near Dixon.

Cards may be sent to the couple at 85461 574th Avenue, Wayne, Neb. 68787.



Mr. and Mrs. Backstrom

Stark-Knapp married in Norfolk on Nov. 1

Kristy Stark of Norfolk and Jim Knapp of Madison were married Nov. 1, 2003 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Norfolk.

Parents of the couple are Kenny and Jan Stark of Dixon and Milton and Norma Knapp of Madison. Grandparents of the bride are Lila and Arnim Stark of Laurel and Hazel Knudsen of Ponca.

The bride is a graduate of Laurel-Concord High School and Concordia University in Seward. She is presently employed at Marathon Press in Norfolk.

The couple is at home in rural Madison.



Mr. and Mrs. Knapp

Celebrate 40th anniversary

LeRoy and Eileen Dammé of Winside were honored for their 40th wedding anniversary on Nov. 29 by their three children and spouses with a family gathering at the American Legion Hall in Winside. There were 46 in attendance. A noon meal was prepared and served by their daughter, Kim Forsberg of Laurel. Lorraine Prince of Winside baked and decorated the anniversary cake.

Kay Keenan, another daughter, was mistress of ceremonies for the program that featured a car skit by Kay and Jeremy Keenan, an "Elvis" number by Jeremy, an original poem by their son, Kent Dammé, a vocal solo by Kim

Forsberg, a sax solo by Kay Keenan, a song by grandchildren, Mason and Makayla Forsberg, and closed with a slide presentation by Jeremy Keenan.

Those attending were from Winside, Wayne, Laurel, Norfolk, Stanton, Battle Creek, Madison, Elkhorn, Albion, Genoa, Sioux City, Iowa, and Englewood, Colo.

The couple was married Dec. 8, 1963 at the Trinity Methodist Church in Madison.

Eileen's brother and family, Byron, Janie, Tara and Jenna Berg were house guests of the Dammé's and Ella Berg while here for the occasion.

Congregate Meal Menu

(Week of Dec. 29 - Jan. 2)
Meals served daily at noon
For reservations, call 375-1460
Each meal served with bread
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Monday: Fish on a bun, tri-tater, mixed vegetables, dill pick-

le, custard.

Tuesday: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green/wax beans, frog eye salad, roll, Rosy applesauce.

Wednesday: Baked steak, herb-baked potato, Italian blended vegetables, whole wheat bread,

club cracker bar.

Thursday: Happy New Year!!!
We are closed.

Friday: Chicken tenders, hash brown casserole, peas/carrots, bread, lemon angel food cake.

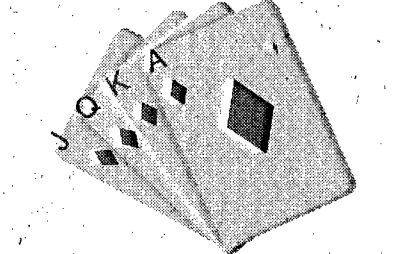
Senior Center Calendar

(Week of Dec. 29 - Jan. 2)

Monday, Dec. 29: Shape up, 10:30 a.m.; Cards, quilting and pool, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 30: Cards and quilting.

Wednesday, Dec. 31: Shape up, 10:30 a.m.; Cards, quilting

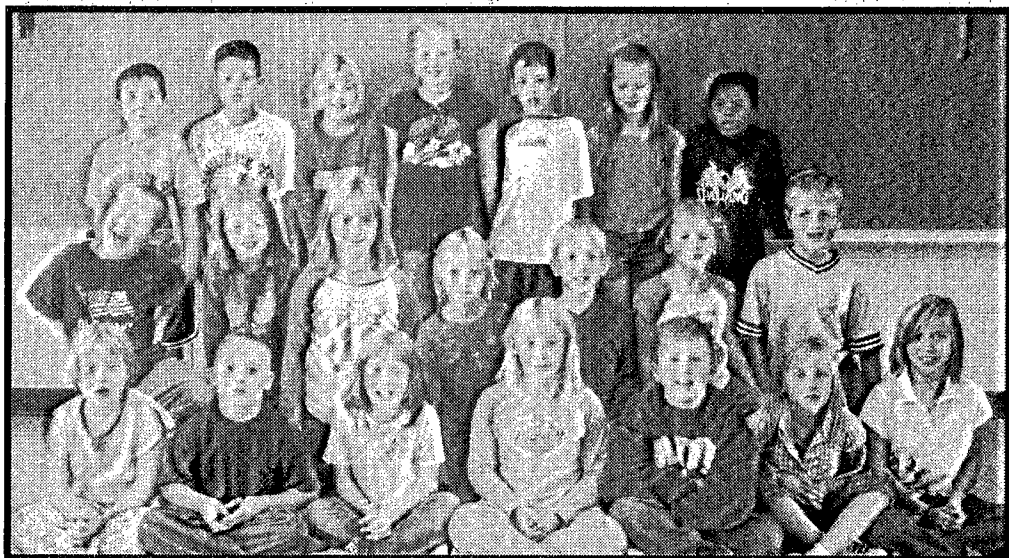


and pool, 1 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 1: Happy New Year. We are closed today.

Friday, Jan. 2: Shape up, 10:30 a.m.; Pool, cards and quilting, 1 p.m.; Coop birthday party; Music with Irvin Schmidt; New Year's Day party.

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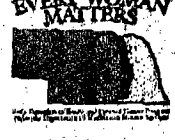


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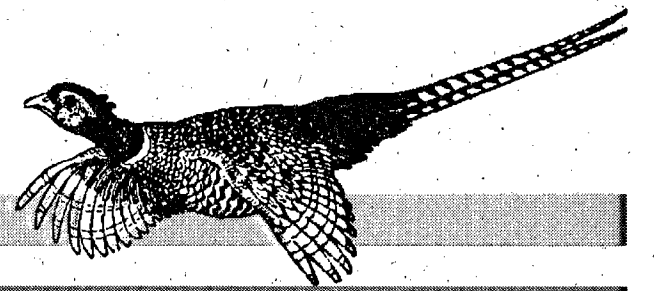
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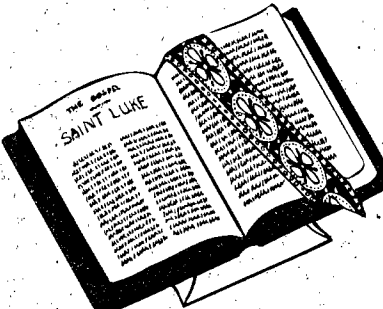
FAITH BAPTIST Independent - Fundamental
208 E. Fourth St. - 375-4358 or 355-2285 (Pastor Ron Lamm)
Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11; evening worship, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer and Bible study, 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST
400 Main St.
www.firstbaptistwayne.org (Douglas Shelton, pastor)
Sunday: Sunday School, Adult and children's classes, 9:15 a.m.; Prayer and Fellowship, 10:15; Worship service, 10:30. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.; Prayer, 8. Thursday: "Freedom for Mothers" Bible Study for

mothers of all ages and faith, 9:30 a.m. (this group meets the first and third Thursday of each month).

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST (Christian)
1110 East 7th St.
(Troy Reynolds, minister)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30. Wednesday: Youth group at 312 Folk Street, 6:30 p.m. Thursday: Home Bible study at various homes, 7 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
216 West 3rd St.
John O. Gradwohl, interim pastor
Sunday: Worship, 9:45 a.m.; Fellowship hour, 10:45; Church



School for all ages, 11. Wednesday: Worship service on Cable Channel 19, 11 a.m. (note day change).

FIRST TRINITY LUTHERAN
Altona (9 miles south,

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Missouri Synod
(Keith Kiihne, pastor)
Sunday: No Sunday School; Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
6th & Main St.
(Rev. Mary Tyler Browne, pastor)
Friday: Siouxland Blood Bank at Providence Medical Center, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: Worship, 9:30 a.m. only. Fellowship time after the service; No Sunday School; Newsletters available to pick up. Wednesday: Watch Night.

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Sunday: Lutheran Hour on KTCH, 7:30 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible Classes, 9:15; Worship with Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m. Monday: Worship, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday: Men's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.; Grace Senior Group, noon; New Year's Eve Worship, 7:30 p.m.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Kingdom Hall
616 Grainland Rd.
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PRAISE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
1000 East 10th St. • 375-3430 (Steve Snead, Pastor)
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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC
412 East 8th St.
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375-2000; fax: 375-5782; E-mail: parish@stmaryswayne.org
Friday: No Eucharist. Saturday: Confessions one-half hour before Mass; Mass, 6 p.m. Sunday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Confessions one-half hour before each Mass; Mass, 8 and 10 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 6 p.m. Monday: No Eucharist. Tuesday: Mass, 8 a.m. Wednesday: Mass, 5 p.m. Thursday: Mass, 8 and 10 a.m.

Allen

FIRST LUTHERAN
(Karen Tjarks, TEEM)
Sunday: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10. Wednesday: Confirmation, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST
(Rev. Patterson Culligan, pastor)
(Rev. Chuck Rager, pastor)
(Rev. Jim Moores, pastor)
Sunday: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45; Fellowship and Coffee, 10:30.

Carroll

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN
(Gail Axen, pastor)
Sunday: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 9.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
(Rev. Keith Kiihne, pastor)
Sunday: Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; No Sunday School.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(Rev. Mary Tyler Browne, pastor)
Sunday: No Sunday School; Worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday: Watch Night.

Concord

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN
(Karen Tjarks, TEEM)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday: Confirmation, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
East of town
Willie Bertrand, pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 8 a.m.; Worship, 9 a.m.; Adult Instruction class at St. Paul, 7 p.m.

EVANGELICAL FREE
(Pastor Todd Thelen)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30; Choir, 6 p.m.; Youth Group, Evening Bible Study, and Children's Choir, 7 p.m. Monday: Ladies Bible Study at Donna's, 7 p.m.

Dixon

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC
(Fr. James McCluskey, pastor)
Sunday: Mass, 10 a.m. Tuesday: Mass, 8 a.m. Wednesday:

Hoskins

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Olin Belt, pastor)
Sunday: Sunday School (Coffee Hour), 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30.

TRINITY EVANG. LUTHERAN
(Rodney Rixe, pastor)
Friday: Christmas Break - No School. Sunday: Worship, 10 a.m. Monday - Wednesday: No School, Christmas Break. Wednesday: New Year's Eve Service with Lord's Supper, 7 p.m.

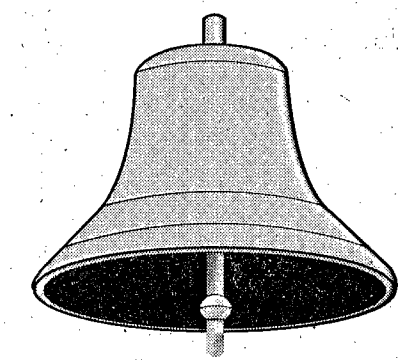
ZION LUTHERAN
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Sunday: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30.

Wakefield

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3rd & Johnson
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Bill Chase, Interim pastor
Kobey Mortenson, Youth pastor
Sunday: Christian Hour, KTCH, 8:45 a.m.; Prayer Warriors, 9; Sunday School, 9:30; Praise and Worship, 10:30.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT
802 Winter St.
(Ross Erickson, pastor)
Sunday: C.E. Board, 7 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30; Worship, 10:45; Senior High Youth, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Video on local cable, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
4 North, 3 East of Wayne
(Willie Bertrand, pastor)
Thursday: Christmas Day Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday:



Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Adult Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
216 West 3rd
(Susan Banholzer, pastor)
Sunday: Church School, 9:45

a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
West 7th & Maple
Sunday: Worship, 8:15 a.m.; Sunday School and High School Bible Class, 9:15.

SALEM LUTHERAN
411 Winter Street
(Jerome Cloninger, pastor)
Saturday: Worship with Youth Service, 6:30 p.m. Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship with Youth Service, 10:30. Tuesday: XYZ meeting Wednesday: Tape/ Video, 9:30 a.m.

Winside

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
218 Miner St.
(Pastor Timothy Steckling)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Class, 9:15; Worship with Communion, 10:30.

TRINITY LUTHERAN
(PMA Glenn Kietzmann)
Sunday: No Sunday School; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST
(Carol Jean Stapleton, pastor)
Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Hymn Sing, 11; Worship, 11:15 a.m.

Health training series to address concerns of early childhood workforce

Keeping young children health is no small task these days. Children's health concerns are becoming increasingly important as parents are utilizing out-of-home care for their children at an increasing rate. Nebraska leads the nation in the percentage of parents who work outside of the home and who also have children below the age of five. According to the current census data, Thurston, Dixon, Wayne and Cedar counties count 2,168 young children under the age of five. Parents, as well as caregivers, play an integral part of the health and well being of the youngest citizens.

Early Childhood Training Partnership are sponsoring the training series, which includes 12 in-service hours, four meals and three books at a cost of \$20.

Childcare workers and parents are invited to a training series "Provider Exploring Health Policies" to be held at Educational Service Unit #1 in Wakefield from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on four evenings. The Northeast Nebraska Health Department and the Northeast

Individuals may register for one or all of the sessions. Registration is required and scholarships are available. Session dates and topics are: Jan. 19: Health and Safety Policies in Early Childhood Programs; Infectious Disease Control; Feb. 2: Oral Health and Biting; Food Safety Issues; Feb. 16: Maintaining a Safe Environment for Young Children; Handling Stress on and off the Job; March 1: Caring for Mildly Ill Children, Medication Administration; Asthma and Respiratory Illnesses. Call ESU #1 to register for the entire series or for individual sessions (402) 287-2061.

Ceremony held for 70th LPN class at Northeast

Ten students were honored at a special pinning ceremony at Northeast Community College in Norfolk for completing the licensed practical nursing program.

are employed in hospitals, nursing homes, doctors' offices, home health agencies, and other health agencies.

Listed by their hometowns, the following students were pinned: Marjorie Anne Thompson of Laurel. The daughter of Phyllis Thompson and the late Willis Thompson of Laurel, she is a graduate of Laurel-Concord Public Schools.

Northeast's licensed practical nursing program includes both classroom study at the college and actual clinical experiences at various health care agencies in the community.

Ginger E. (Mrs. Rod) Nixon of Wakefield. She is a graduate of Emerson-Hubbard High School.

Ann Oertwich, director of Northeast's nursing programs, presided at the pinning ceremony. Northeast president Dr. Bill Path and Norfolk Mayor Dr. Gordon Adams extended special congratulatory greetings to the students. Chuck Pohlman was introduced as dean of the recently reorganized agriculture, health and sciences division.

The students are now eligible to take the National Council of Licensure Examination (NCLEX-LPNS). The licensed practical nurse gives nursing care under the supervision of a registered nurse or licensed physician, dentist, or osteopath in a variety of nursing fields. Licensed practical nurses

Other instructors and staff members for Northeast's LPN program include Judy Armbruster, Robin Merchant, Donna Friesen, Rose Jones, LeaAnn Kathol, Linda Wetzel, Phyllis Hale, Shirley Pohlman, and Jim Batt.

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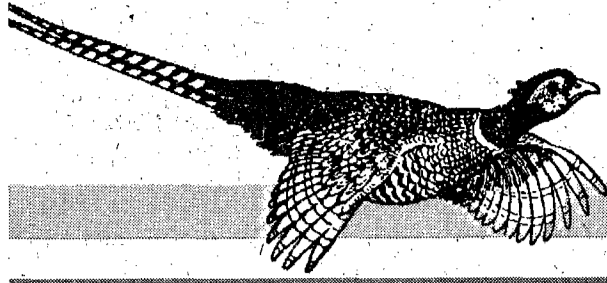
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• How much is enough? In general, financial planning experts agree that a life insurance policy's death benefit should be from three to 10 times an individual's annual earnings. Of course, the amount of life insurance you need will depend on your financial situation and objectives. For example, an individual with a greater number of dependents might consider a larger policy that will adequately cover the entire family. As you plan your insurance coverage, consider your family's expected

expenses and future goals, such as college. (Note: Please speak to your financial advisor before settling on a face amount).

• What kind of life insurance do I need? Although many different types of policies exist, there are two main types of life insurance: term and cash value. The one that is best for you depends largely on your personal situation.

Term life insurance typically offers a large death benefit with a relatively low premium. However, premium payments usually increase as you age or when the policy is renewed. Term policies function as a safety net for your family, not as an investment. They generally do not have a cash value or a savings component.

Cash-value insurance policies tend to have higher premiums that

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Briefly Speaking

E.O.T. Club gathers

AREA — The E.O.T. Club met Dec. 4 at the Verdelle Reeg home. Roll call was answered by showing or telling about a special ornament that each put on a tree. Eight members were present. A gift exchange was held.

The next meeting will be at the Darlene Biermann home on Thursday, Jan. 8.

A family Christmas supper was held at the Doris and Dale Claussen home on Dec. 16. Cards were played following the supper.

Women's Club has Christmas meeting

AREA — The Carroll Women's Club met at the Firehall in Carroll on Dec. 11 for a Christmas meeting.

Christmas carols were sung. Roll call was answered with a "manger memory." Trays of cookies were made for 23 shut-ins and club members delivered them.

The program was "The Gift" given by Betty Morris and Dorothy Shelter. Hostesses were Ruth Paulsen and Mary Davis. A \$1 gift exchange was enjoyed by all.

The club's next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 8 at noon for a soup dinner.

Guidelines are offered to make return of merchandise less stressful for consumers

With the Holiday Season upon us, it is important for the consumer to fully understand the policies on making returns on purchased items. The Better Business Bureau of the Heartland offers the following guidelines on returning an item for a refund and/or exchange.

Returning a product that is not defective or has not been misrepresented for exchange, credit or refund is a privilege, not a right. If a product is defective or misrepresented, you are entitled to exchange it for a non-defective item or get your money back. Otherwise, a store is not obligated to accept returned items. Some stores have "no return" or "all sales are final" policies. If the item is to be given as a gift, it may not be a good idea to purchase a sale item as a gift if it cannot be returned because of store policy.

Always save your sales receipt. Most stores will require the sales slip as evidence that the article

was actually bought there and not at another store. It is always a good idea to ask for a gift receipt if giving the item as a gift. The recipient can then have a sales receipt if they need to return the item for a refund or exchange.

Return policies usually require that the goods be returned within a specific time period and in new condition. It is a good idea to keep the packaging that comes with the product, just in case it is required by the store or the manufacturer.

If an item is defective or was misrepresented, return it to the store immediately. Even if the store has a no return policy, you are entitled to a suitable substitute or a refund. This does not include items sold "as is."

If the product is covered by warranty and is defective, you may be required to mail it to the manufacturer. Be certain you read and understand any warran-

ty or user manual that comes with the product.

Some sale items are marked "all sales are final." Retailers have the right to do this, but their sales policies should be posted and "final sale" items should be clearly identified. Expect a no return policy for such items as seasonal merchandise, hats, swimwear, or intimate apparel. Always ask if there are extra charges, such as restocking fees for returns.

Gift cards are becoming more popular during the holiday season. These are great gift ideas. Before purchasing, be sure to ask if there is an expiration date for the card. Most consumers think gift cards have no expiration date, but in reality some do expire. You want to be sure the recipient of the card has knowledge of this information.

Gift cards may not be appropriate for the person who may be having financial difficulties. It is tempting to overspend the amount of the gift card and then have to

come up with the remaining balance to cover the purchase.

In summary, before making a purchase, ask the following questions:

1. What is the store's return policy?
2. May I exchange the item for another like it?
3. May I return the item and buy something else?
4. Will the store give me my money back if I make a return?
5. Is this a "final sale" item?
6. If the purchase is made under a written contract, how are normal return privileges affected?
7. If the product has a separate written warranty, does this warranty affect the means by which I can return it?

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SANTA'S VISIT

Approximately 75 children came to Winside to visit with Santa and his helpers on Dec. 13 at the Lied Winside Public Library.

Santa was delivered to the library in a Winside fire truck as the Winside Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department sponsored the event.

All children received candy, juice and toys.

Santa (Mick Topp) was assisted by Mrs. Claus (Shelli Keiser) and

some elves and reindeer.

Their costumes were donated by Corinne's Costumes of Carroll.

Helpers included Pete Keiser, Austin Keiser, Colby Keiser, Kyle Skokan, Megan Skokan, Patty Skokan and Don Skokan.

NO NAME

Twelve members of the No Name Kard Klub met Dec. 13 for a Christmas supper at The Sante Fe Grille in Wayne.

Afterwards, cards were played at the Rod Deck home. Prizes went to Ruth Jaeger, Dianne Jaeger, Kurt Schrant, Dwight Oberle, Connie Oberle and Dale Jaeger.



Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with Jonathon Escalante, 4, and his brother, Marcos Escalante, 6, of Winside.

University details 2004 pesticide safety education programs

Nebraska's commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators seeking first-time certification or recertification in 2004 to buy or use restricted-use pesticides can get training through the University of Nebraska Pesticide Safety Education Program.

Cooperative Extension will offer training statewide from January through April, said Larry Schulze, pesticide education specialist for NU's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

NU's pesticide education office recently sent commercial/noncommercial pesticide applicators whose certifications expire in April a copy of the Pesticide Applicator Education Schedule booklet. It features certification and recertification information, a training schedule and a registration/study materials order form.

Anyone else interested in training can obtain the booklet at local extension offices, NU's pesticide education office at (800) 627-7216 or (402) 472-1632 or online at <http://pestid.unl.edu/pat>.

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture defines commercial applicators as anyone using restricted-use pesticides, and in some categories general-use pesticides, on a contract or for-hire basis. Noncommercial applicators are those applying these pesticides to sites owned by an employer or for a governmental agency or subdivision.

Advance registration is required for all initial applicator training and most other sessions. A \$30 fee applies for each applicator registering for the February, March and April sessions, regardless of the number of categories for which one registers. Required study materials for initial training range from \$15 to \$35 per packet, depending on category.

Recertification opportunities are available at several extension offices statewide in February and March, and at several annual con-

ferences and trade association meetings early in 2004.

Initial certification requires passing a general standards exam and testing in one or more specific applicator categories, Schulze said. Applicants can study on their own for the exam, but he recommends combining the training and study materials.

NU conducts the educational programs and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture grants pesticide licenses. NDA testing will be offered at initial training locations. Questions about individual applicator license status should be directed to the NDA at (402) 471-2394 or (877) 800-4080.

The only opportunity for commercial applicators to recertify in the Agricultural Plant category, other than by examination, will be at NU Crop Protection Clinics or the Custom Applicator School. Register for the school's session on Feb. 27 by calling the Nebraska Agricultural Business Association at (402) 476-1528. The Crop Protection Clinics begin at 8:50 a.m., local time, at the following locations (no preregistration; register at the door).

Lincoln: Lancaster County Extension Center, 444 Cherrycreek Rd., Jan. 7.

Fremont: Christensen Field (Main Arena), West Linden and Ridge Road, Jan. 8.

Auburn: Arbor Manor Restaurant, 1617 Central Ave., Jan. 9.

Fairbury: 4-H Building, 56885 PWF Rd., Jan. 13.

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Hastings: Garden Caf (Holiday Inn) Convention Center, 2201 Osborne Dr. E, Jan. 15.

O'Neill: Blarney Stone Restaurant, Fifth and Douglas streets, Jan. 16.

Norfolk: Life Long Learning Center, 601 E. Benjamin Ave., Jan. 27.

The next meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Dale and Ruth Jaeger home in Pierce.

WELCA

Sixteen Trinity Lutheran Church Women and their guests met Dec. 10 for a noon Christmas dinner.

The Winside Junior High Choir entertained and a gift exchange and social afternoon followed.

The next meeting will be

Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 2 p.m. **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Friday, Dec. 26: Open AA meeting, fire hall, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 27: Public Library, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 29: Public Library, 1 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 30: Public Library, 5 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 31: Public Library, 1 to 4 p.m.

Schulz receives job promotion

Nebraska Public Power District's Nancy Schulz has been named an economic development consultant for the utility.

Schulz was previously employed by NPPD as a clerk-service dispatcher in South Sioux City and is a Wakefield area resident. Schulz's office will be in South Sioux City, and she will focus on enhancing economic development activities throughout NPPD's service area.

A former employee of the Wayne Area Chamber of Commerce and current member of the South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce, Schulz has attended the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organizational Management. She also brings a history of participation in community leadership organizations and activities in Wayne, Wakefield, Norfolk and South Sioux City.

"Nebraska residents have a strong work ethic, and NPPD's service has a great potential for growth," Schulz said. "I look forward to enhancing the quality of life and shaping the economic future of businesses and people in Nebraska as this is my home."

Schulz is part of NPPD's team of economic development consultants located strategically across the state. She can be reached at her South Sioux City office, located at

125 E. 26th Street, or by calling (402) 494-7591.

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Nancy Schulz

rural areas for success with economic development opportunities and works with companies considering location or expansion in NPPD's service area. An overview of their activities and a comprehensive database of information about communities across Nebraska, including NEDI community profiles, are available on the award-winning website, sites.nppd.com.

Graduate from UN-L

A number of students from this area were among nearly 1,450 students receiving degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in commencement exercises on Dec. 20 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln.

The list of local students includes Hailey Daehnke (with distinction), Ryan Dunklau, Kristin Ewing, Gwen Jensen, Audrey Kai (with distinction), Carol Longe, Jason Mader, and Gretchen Wilke, all of Wayne. Also, Erik Haglund of Wakefield, Justin Bargstadt of Winside, Amber Fitzke of Hoskins, and John Magnuson of Carroll.

Degrees received were: Daehnke, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Administration; Dunklau, B.S. in Agricultural Sciences; Ewing, Bachelor of

Journalism; Jensen, Doctor of Philosophy; Kai, Bachelor of Arts; Longe, B.S. in Education; Mader, B.S. in Natural Resources; Wilke, B.S. in Business Administration; Haglund, B.S. in Agricultural Sciences; Bargstadt, B.S. in Agricultural Sciences; Fitzke, B.S. in Agricultural Sciences; Magnuson, B.S. in Agricultural Sciences.

Richard Edwards, who will return to the faculty in 2004 after six and a half years as UNL's senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, gave the address. Mary Z. Zimmerman of Northwestern University received an honorary doctor of letters. Chancellor Harvey Perlman presided over the ceremony.

Graduates were from 38 states and 35 countries.

Loans available for disaster victims

Businesses in some Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that can not be met due to the effects of a disaster. Adverse weather conditions, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse

economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other Federal agencies. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

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2002, and continuing: Cedar, Dixon, Wayne.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing an application is Aug. 2, 2004.

Due to the weather, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels.

The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term

debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program. The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are 2.953 percent and terms may extend to thirty (30) years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible.

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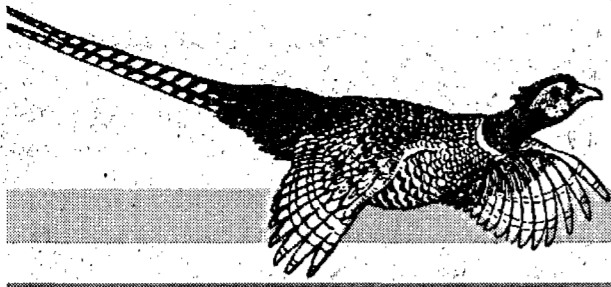
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Members attend state convention

Donald Liedman, Dwaine Junck, Gerald Stevens and Bill Claybaugh were Wayne County Farm Bureau's voting delegates to the 2003 Nebraska Farm Bureau convention in Omaha, Dec. 7-10. Kay Stevens of Randolph, Dorrine Liedman and Priscilla Junck of Carroll, and Clarke Kinnison of Pierce also attended the meeting.

In his annual address to delegates, State President Keith Olsen of Grant emphasized the importance of removing barriers that make it difficult for young people to enter agriculture or join their family's farm or ranch operation. State and federal laws need to be examined for impediments to transferring an ag operation to the next generation, he said. And as farm and ranch couples near retirement, they need to consider how they can ensure that their land remains as a family farm, particularly if their own heirs do not want to take over.

Olsen emphasized the importance of Nebraska having a strong livestock industry and the need for opportunities for growth in that industry. Both grain producers and the state's growing ethanol industry depend on livestock to consume their products and byproducts. That point was echoed by David Buchholz of Hastings, who chairs the Nebraska Agricultural Industry Partnership. He explained the messages and strategies in the new "Nebraska Livestock: We're All Shareholders" campaign. The campaign seeks to inform all Nebraskans how they receive both direct and indirect benefits from the state's livestock production.

Rep. Lee Terry of Omaha told the Farm Bureau members that Nebraska needs to recognize that

it is an agricultural state, even though its urban population is increasing. "If agriculture is successful, the state of Nebraska will be successful," he said. Terry expressed disappointment that Congress has failed to adopt comprehensive energy legislation, noting that the U.S. is reliant on foreign oil for 58 percent of its energy needs. The Renewable Fuels Standard in the energy bill which mandates ethanol use is an important step toward lessening U.S. dependence on imported oil, he said.

Among policy positions taken at

the convention, the Farm Bureau delegates voted to support continuation of the national checkoffs for beef and pork; opposed extending the deadline for ethanol plants to qualify for funding from the state's Ethanol Production Incentive Credit Fund; opposed bulk transfers of water out of state; said the state law that allows cities and villages to regulate 15 miles beyond their corporate limits to protect water supplies should be changed to correlate to science-based assessments of impacts to water supplies; and said Nebraska should implement the new federal

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations rule in a manner that reduces the administrative and cost burden on livestock producers. They also urged County Farm Bureaus to work with local officials to examine opportunities to seek the state's new "Livestock Friendly County" designation.

Delegates also supported legislation to exclude producers, sellers, and users of anhydrous ammonia from any liability resulting from damage or injury to persons who enter property illegally to take anhydrous, a component in methamphetamine production.



Attending the 2003 Nebraska Farm Bureau were, front, left to right, Priscilla Junck, Gerald Stevens, Kay Stevens, Dorrine Liedman. Back, Dwaine Junck, Clarke Kinnison, Donald Liedman, and Bill Claybaugh.

Livestock Market Report

The Norfolk Livestock Market fat cattle sale was held on Friday. Prices were \$2 to \$3 lower on fat cattle; cows were higher. There were 610 head sold.

Strictly choice fed steers were \$90 to \$93.25. Good and choice steers were \$90 to \$93.35. Medium and good steers were \$85 to \$90. Holstein steers were \$75 to \$85. Strictly choice fed heifers were \$90 to \$93. Good and choice heifers were \$90 to \$93. Medium and good heifers were \$85 to \$90. Beef cows were \$48 to \$58. Utility cows were \$47 to \$55. Canners and cutters were \$40 to \$47. Bologna bulls were \$58 to \$71.

Monday were higher. There were five head sold.

Top quality fresh and springing heifers were \$950 to \$1,250. Medium quality fresh and springing heifers were \$750 to \$950. Common heifers and older cows were \$500 to \$750; 300 to 500 lb. heifers were \$300 to \$500; 500 to 700 lb. heifers were \$475 to \$700. Crossbred calves were \$125 to \$200 and holstein calves were \$100 to \$170.

The sheep sale was held at the Norfolk Livestock Market Monday with 65 head sold. The market was steady.

Fat lambs: 110 to 150 lbs., \$83 to \$85.

Feeder lambs: 40 to 60 lbs., \$95 to \$125 cwt.; 60 to 100 lbs., \$85 to \$95 cwt.

Ewes: Good, \$70 to \$100; Medium, \$50 to \$70; slaughter, \$30 to \$50.

The feeder pig sale was held Tuesday at the Norfolk Livestock Market. There were 250 head sold. The market was steady and weak.

20 to 30 lbs., \$10 to \$22; steady; 30 to 40 lbs., \$20 to \$30; steady; 40 to 50 lbs., \$22 to \$34; steady; 50 to 60 lbs., \$28 to \$35; steady; 60 to 70 lbs., \$30 to \$38; steady; 70 to 80 lbs., \$32 to \$38; steady; 80 lbs. and up, \$35 to \$40, steady.

The Stocker and Feeder sale was held Thursday with 1,600 head sold. The market was steady to \$2 lower.

Good and choice steer calves were \$100 to \$120. Choice and prime lightweight calves were \$120 to \$135. Good and choice yearling steers were \$90 to \$100. Choice and prime lightweight yearling steers were \$90 to \$105. Good and choice heifer calves were \$95 to \$115. Choice and prime lightweight heifer calves were \$110 to \$125. Good and choice yearling heifers were \$90 to \$100.

Prices for dairy cattle at the Norfolk Livestock Market on

Give the gift of love for Christmas

Today, Sunday, definitely does not look, or feel, like Christmas. My neighbor, Maxine, and I hosted the open house at the Aldrich house this afternoon. It is beautifully decorated, with a different tree in each room.

There were about a dozen people from Lincoln, so I did my spiel with them. We ended up in the kitchen, having punch and cookies; and I said to the fellow with the shaggy white hair, "You know, when you came in, I thought you were Bill Kloefkorn." He said, "I am." Oh, my gosh, the poet laureate of Nebraska, and I'm telling him about one of our authors! He's retired from Wesleyan, and I still read about him.

It turns out that he has not read Aldrich, and it was his wife who convinced him to come to the house. He even bought one of the Cryin' Creek candles; I think because it tickled him that that is what we call Weeping Water.

Earlier this fall, I spoke at a Presbyterian church in Lincoln



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

and this distinguished looking gentleman in a bow tie came up to visit when I was finished. It turned out he was the famous Henry Blanke from Wesleyan; the man who started the Brownville

theater. I'm always glad I don't find out these things until I'm finished talking.

I'm really not ready for Thursday, but it's okay. I want to share First Corinthians 13 with you, straight from the Joyful Noiseletter of the Fellowship of Merry Christians.

If I decorate my house perfectly with lovely plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny glass balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shim-

mering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties, and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love doesn't envy another home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens. Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of your way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Love never fails. Video games will break; pearl necklaces will be lost; golf clubs will rust. But giving the gift of love will endure.

I hope you have a blessed Christmas. By the famous author, Anonymous

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90% Cost-Share:

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- Water Impoundment Reservoirs
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- Planned Grazing Systems (40 ac minimum). Includes wells, tanks, grass seeding, pipelines and interior fences. Border fence on expired CRP fields only cost-shared at 35%.
- Pasture and Rangeland Seeding on highly erodible land
- Rehabilitating dams

pliance with the conservation farm plan and soil loss is at eight tons per acre or less

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EARLY DEADLINE NOTICE
 for the Jan. 1st Wayne Herald. All Classifieds need to be turned in by **Monday Dec. 29th at Noon**
 Legals — **Friday, Dec. 26 at 5 p.m.**

Emergency loans available from Farm Service Agency



Visit Godfather's Pizza

Wayne Head Start took a field trip to Godfather's pizza in Wayne. Jeff Beerbohm, Anne Heiser and Dan Gates gave a small tour and let the children make their own pizza. The kids had fun! Shown is Jeff Beerbohm, manager of Godfather's pizza in Wayne, and Michaela Timmerman.

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Wayne County Office announced that family farmers in 11 counties in the state of Nebraska who suffered physical or production losses due to various disasters that occurred on varied dates, may be eligible for FSA Emergency (EM) loans.

These counties, disasters and dates are as follows:

Drought, high temperatures and grasshopper infestation that occurred from July 1, 2002 and continuing - Boyd and Holt;

Drought, high temperatures and grasshopper infestation that occurred from July 1, 2002 and continuing - Burt and Knox;

Drought and high temperatures that occurred from July 1, 2002 and continuing - Antelope, Cedar, Cuming, Dixon, Madison, Stanton and Wayne;

Drought, high temperatures and grasshopper infestation from July 1, 2002 and continuing; high winds from April 29, 2003 through July 20, 2003 - Pierce;

Drought that occurred from July 1, 2002 and continuing; rain that occurred during the fall of 2003 - Dakota.

In addition, three counties in Nebraska were also named as

areas where eligible family farmers may qualify for EM physical and production loss loan assistance, because they are contiguous to one or more of the designated counties.

These counties, disasters and occurrence dates are as follows:

Drought, high temperatures and grasshopper infestation that occurred from July 1, 2002 and continuing - Boyd and Holt;

Drought, high temperatures and grasshopper infestation that occurred from July 1, 2002 and continuing; rain that occurred during the fall of 2003 - Thurston.

Family farmers interested in finding out if they are eligible should contact either Debra Pieper, County Executive Director (CED), Wayne; Craig Roland, CED, South Sioux City or Everett Moore, CED, Thurston or Mark P. Moser, Farm Loan Manager, Wayne for information. They can be reached Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 494-4949, Dakota County; 846-5322, Thurston County or 375-2453, Wayne County.

Emergency loan applications are available and must be submitted through the local FSA county office from any applicant who qualifies for a physical or production loss (at least a 30 percent reduction from normal) in a single enterprise from this disaster in Nemaha, Otoe or Richardson counties.

To qualify for an EM loan, an applicant must be an established family farm operator; provide evidence of having suffered a qualifying physical or production loss; be unable to obtain suitable credit from a source other than FSA. The low interest loans may cover up to

100 percent of their actual production losses, or \$500,000 whichever is less. The applicants must show ability to repay the loan and must be adequately secured.

Funds may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock or to make payments on current real estate and chattel debts. The current interest rate for the EM loans is 3.75 percent.

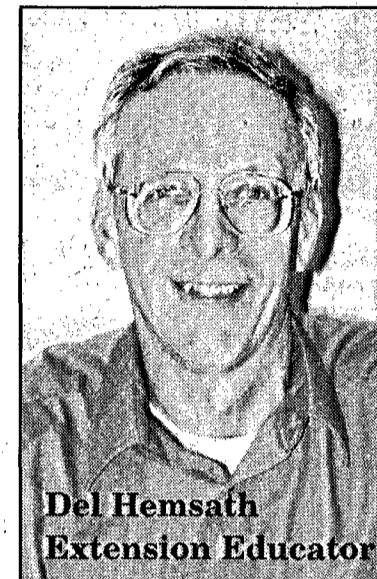
The deadline for submitting applications is Aug. 2, 2004. Applicants for all FSA programs will be given equal consideration without regard to race, color, sex, creed, marital status or national origin.

Suggestions offered for use of the Christmas tree

As the Christmas season begins to wind down and the decorations are put back into storage until next year, have you wondered what to do with the Christmas tree you spent time looking for, cutting down and bringing home

to enjoy?

Why not utilize the tree for a lit



tle longer by finding a new temporary use through using some ideas that others have found to recycle the tree into other uses.

1. Take the tree outside and place it close to the bird feeder as a resting spot for the birds. They will enjoy the new place to rest and hide. It may even attract other birds to the area since it offers some key protection from hawks.

2. Keep the lights on the trees if they are approved for outside use, and enjoy the tree with its lights for an extended period of time.

3. Cut the branches off the tree and use as mulch around other trees.

4. Remove the branches and cut the trunk into sections and place ears of corn on the end for squirrels

5. Cut the trunk into three inch pieces as firewood and place in the fireplace to produce a pleasant aroma of pine.

6. Donate the tree to a wildlife group for use as wildlife cover.

7. Check with local fish enthusiasts for use in lakes as fish habitat

8. Use the tree as a holder for pinecones that have been rolled in peanut butter or suet and watch the birds enjoy a treat.



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