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A Quick Look



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Chamber Coffee

WAYNE — This week's Chamber Coffee will be held Friday, Jan. 16 at Exhaust Pros and will be hosted by the Wayne County Jaycees. The coffee begins at 10 a.m. with announcements at 10:15 a.m.

Officer installation

WAYNE — Installation of officers of the Wayne Masonic Lodge #120 will be held Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Lodge Hall at 911 Lincoln Street in Wayne.

It will be preceded by an oyster soup supper for members and guests.

Booster meeting

AREA — The Wayne Education Boosters (WEB) meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Elementary School gym. All elementary and middle school parents, teachers and staff are encouraged to attend.

Historical Society

AREA — The Wayne County Historical Society will meet Tuesday, Jan. 20 at the Library Meeting Room.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Paper drive

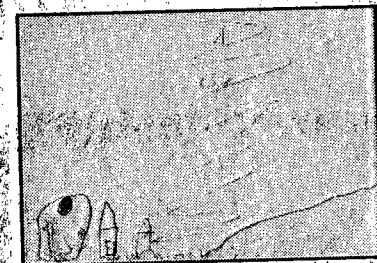
WAYNE — Wayne Boy Scouts will conduct their monthly paper drive on Saturday, Jan. 17. News papers and aluminum beverage cans should be bagged and placed at the curb by 8 a.m.

For more information, contact Jeff Carstens at 375-3840.

Cookie Sales

AREA — Area Girl Scouts are currently conducting the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sales.

Anyone wishing to purchase cookies but not contacted by a Girl Scout is asked to call Terry Wert at 375-1424.



Weather

Zach Shear, Wayne Schools

FORECAST SUMMARY: Above average temperatures continue.

Day:	Weather:	Wind	Range
Thurs.	Filtered sun	SW15	23/53
Fri.	Mstly cloudy	LV/Var.	26/43
Sat.	Ptly cloudy	N 15	25/42
Sun.	Ptly cloudy		21/40
Mon.	Ptly cloudy		19/36

Wayne weather forecast is provided by

Date	High	Low	Precip	Snow
Jan. 8	25	2		
Jan. 9	24	13		
Jan. 10	22	13	.03	1"
Jan. 11	35	21		
Jan. 12	52	21		
Jan. 13	54	19		
Jan. 14	41	18		

Recorded 7 a.m. for previous 24 hour period.
Precip./mo. — .08" Snow/mo. — 2.1"
Year/Date — .08" Snow/season — 6.8"

Enhanced 911 system fully operational

After several years of work, Wayne county's Enhanced 911 system is now up and running.

The county formed an E-911 Advisory Committee in the mid 1990's to begin the process and planning for the system. The system went live the first week of December and minor problems have now been worked out.

The addressing and mapping of all houses in the county was done by Highway Superintendent Sidney Saunders.

"This process saved the county approximately \$75,000," said Wayne Police Chief Lance Webster.

The cost of the equipment for the system is funded by a \$1 per month sur-

charge on all customers' phone bills. In addition to the city of Wayne, each village in the county has an inter-local agreement with the county to collect the money.

The system uses a Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) process of matching telephone number to addresses. This part of the process was completed by Lee Wrede, Dispatch Supervisor for the Wayne Police Department at a savings of between \$75,000 and \$100,000 to the county.

"The benefit of having an enhanced 911 system is that when the number is dialed, the address of the caller comes up on our screen, even if the person hangs up. The system is connected to

the phone company, so even if a person moves to a new address with the same phone, we will know," Webster said.

When the address comes up on the screen, the law enforcement, fire department and ambulance for the address comes up on the screen so the dispatcher knows who to contact for the emergency.

"We did this project incrementally, in-house, without having to borrow money. Everything was pre-planned. Our entire system was designed with E-911 in mind," Webster said.

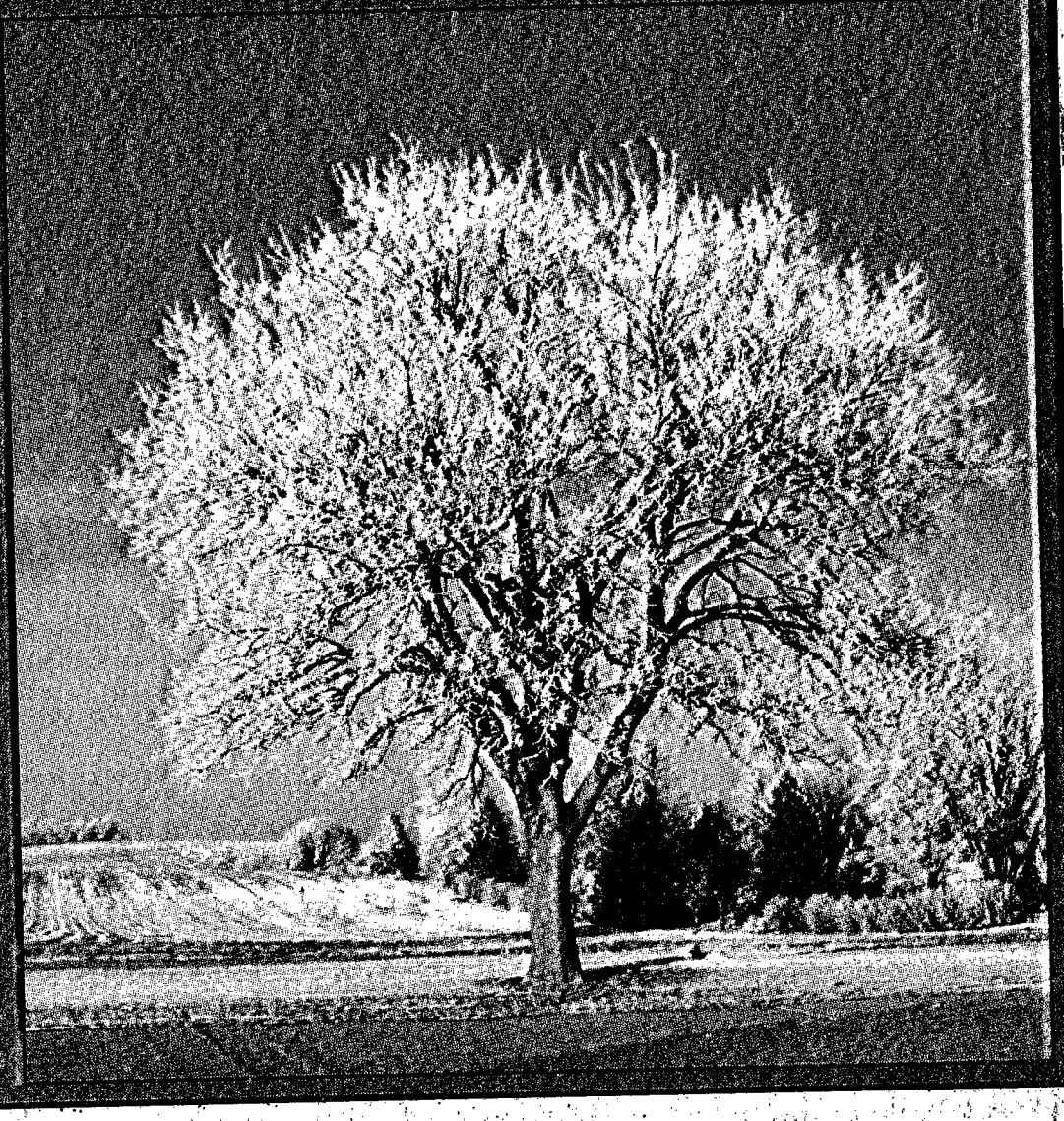
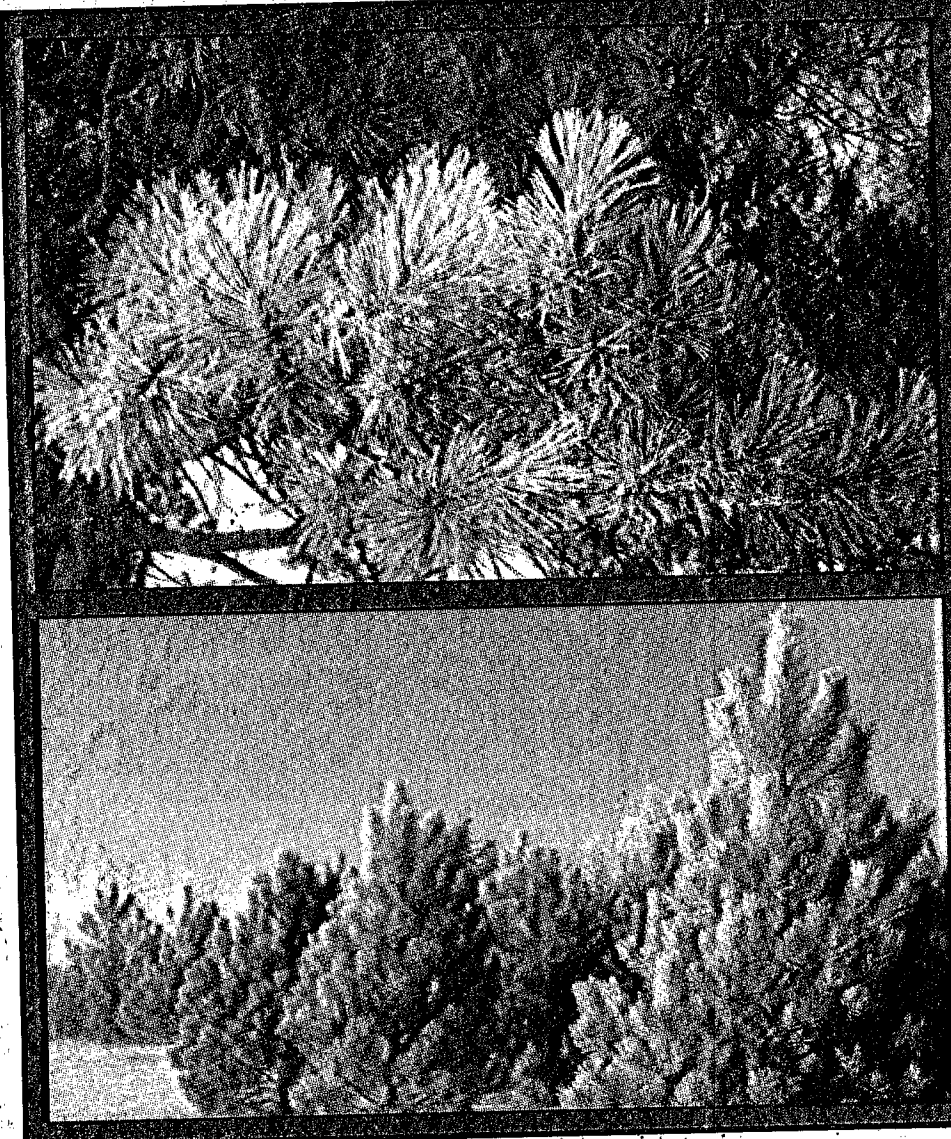
The county saved a great deal of money on the project by not hiring a consultant.

"We looked at what other counties

were doing and received information from them before we put our system in place," Webster said.

The E-911 system can be used to transfer calls directly to other counties who are on the perimeter of Wayne county's coverage area. Calls can also be transferred to any agency which has the same type of set up as Wayne County.

During the month of December, records indicate seven calls for the Winside Fire and Rescue unit, 28 calls to Carroll (including pager checks), 21 police calls on the 911 number, two fire calls, six ambulance calls and five other types of calls. In addition, 10 calls came from cell phones.



Winter wonderland

Although the weather the past few days has been fairly warm, Jack Frost left his mark on the area over the weekend. Dense fog on Saturday morning blanketed the area resulting in a picturesque countryside by the afternoon.

Allen Band plays in half time of Nokia Sugar Bowl

After months and months of fund raisers trying to raise \$44,000, the Allen Band made up of 56 students along with 14 adult sponsors left Allen on Dec. 31 to New Orleans to take part in the Nokia Sugar Bowl. The chartered bus took the group to Sioux City and down to Council Bluffs. Due to an accident on an overpass it took the group an hour to get through the traffic.

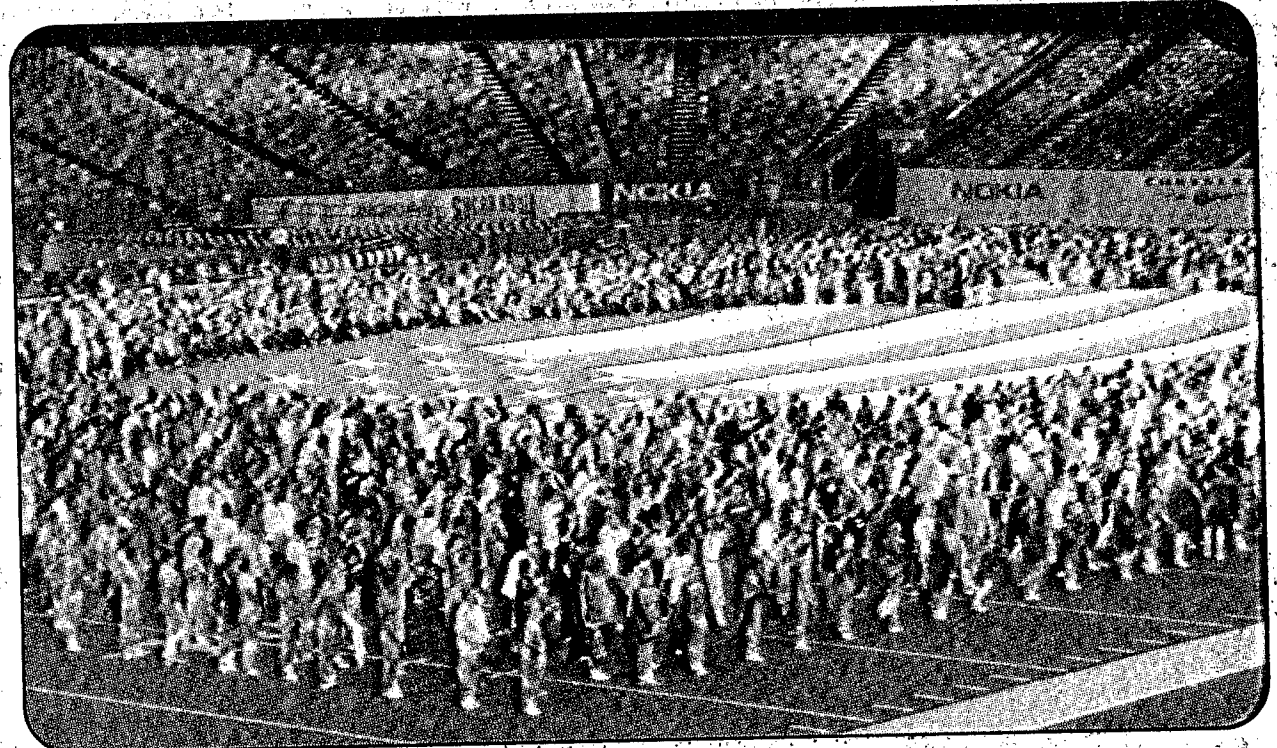
They traveled across Missouri to St. Louis and down toward Memphis. They traveled down a suspended highway in Louisiana through swamp land where the houses were suspended on stilts and there were no roads to these shacks - only boat access.

The bus arrived in New Orleans on Jan. 1, and the group first went to the River Walk. The River Walk is a bunch of eating places and shops along the waterfront. They walked down to the French Quarter to see the sites.

The group had reservations at the Natchez Steamboat for dinner and a cruise. Some of the kids and sponsors had rooms and some did not. The rooms had to be shared for showers and changing in order to get to the Steamboat on time.

On the Steamboat, the meal consisted of chicken,

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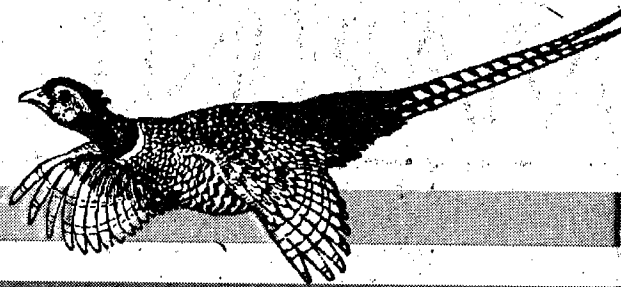


Allen Band members took part in the Nokia Sugar Bowl in New Orleans recently. Numerous fundraisers helped fund the trip so the band could perform during half time.

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Obituaries

Marvin Frevert

Marvin Frevert, 81, of Rogers, Arkansas, formerly of Norfolk, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rogers, Ark.



Services were held Thursday, Jan. 8 at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk. The Rev. Ray Wilke and the Rev. Christopher Hazzard officiated.

Marvin Frevert, son of Mary Frevert, was born June 25, 1922 in Wayne County. He was baptized in Altona and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pilger. He graduated from Pilger High school in 1941. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII from May 18, 1945 until September 27, 1946. On February 16, 1947 he married Darleen Koopmann at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wisner. The couple then farmed north of Pilger from 1947 until 1968 when they moved to Norfolk. He then worked for Nielsen Landscaping and then for Northrup-King Seed Company for 15 years until retiring in 1985. He worked part time for the Norfolk City Parks Department and the City Library. He moved to Rogers, Arkansas in September of 2003. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Survivors include one son, David and Mary Frevert of Rogers, Ark. and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife on June 16, 2002 and one daughter, Janalee Kleber on June 16, 1993.

Pallbearers were Daniel Frevert, Steve Schroeder, Tom Kleber, Tom O'Mera, Loren Eckert and Roger Schwartz.

Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery with military rites by American Legion Post 16 and VFW Post 1644. Home for Funerals in Norfolk was in charge of arrangements.

Glenda Hass

Glenda (Mrs. Dwight) Hass, 48, of Wisner died Friday, Jan. 9, 2004 at St. Francis Memorial Hospital in West Point.



Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 13 at Christ Lutheran Church in Wisner. Pastor Alan Baglien officiated.

Glenda Ruth Hass, daughter of Lawrence and Maxine (De Boom) Vant Hul, was born June 24, 1955 at Sioux Center, Iowa. She was baptized at the First Reformed Church in Rock Valley, Iowa. She attended Rock Valley Christian School and graduated from Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa in 1973. She attended Northwest Iowa Technical College in Sheldon, Iowa. After college, she worked at K-Products at Sioux Center. She lived in Thurston and later moved near Pender. She worked at the Social Services office and at Meierdierk's Hardware in Pender. She was also

employed at Ortmeyer's True Value in Beemer. On June 24, 1995 she married Dwight Hass at Christ Lutheran Church in Wisner. The couple made their home in Wisner. She worked at Leprino Foods Plant in Dodge and had previously owned a business in Wisner before beginning her employment at St. Francis Memorial Hospital in West Point as a C.N.A. She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church. She enjoyed country western dancing, collecting antiques and collector tins as well as being outdoors.

Survivors include her husband, Dwight Hass of Wisner; parents, Lawrence and Maxine Vant Hul of Rock Valley, Iowa; four children, Ryan Klein of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Radance Klein of Wayne, Robert Klein of Wayne and Shania Hass of Wisner; one granddaughter; one sister, Judy and Mike Van Otterloo of Rock Valley, Iowa; father-in-law, Ronald Hass of Wisner; sister-in-law, Jeaneen and Michael Bates of Littleton, Colo.; three nieces, two nephews and one grandnephew.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; one brother, Darrell and her mother-in-law, Caroline Hass.

Burial was in the Wisner Cemetery. The Kuzelka-Minnick Funeral Home in Wisner was in charge of arrangements.

Breastfeeding classes to be offered in Wayne

La Leche League of Wayne has announced monthly meetings for breastfeeding mothers.

These gatherings will be held the third Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at 111 Main Street in Wayne.

La Leche League is an international volunteer organization which provides information and support for breastfeeding. Trained La Leche League Leaders provide phone help to any woman with a breastfeeding question.

All mothers, mothers-to-be and grandmothers are invited to attend monthly meeting where

experienced breastfeeding mothers share their knowledge. Meetings focus on the advantages of breastfeeding, getting started, overcoming challenges and weaning/loving guidance.

Upcoming topics include: Monday, Jan. 19 - The Advantages of Breastfeeding; Monday, Feb. 16 - The Family and the Breastfed Baby; Monday, March 15 - The Art of Breastfeeding and Monday, April 19 - Nutrition and Weaning.

Babies and toddlers are welcome at La Leche League meetings.

Stanley Hansen

Stanley Hansen, 81, of Norfolk, formerly of Wayne, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004 at his home in Norfolk.



Services were held Wednesday, Jan. 14 at United Methodist Church in Carroll. The Rev. Gail Axen officiated. A memorial service was also conducted by the Order of Eastern Star at the church.

Stanley Christen Hansen, son of Alfred and Alfreda (Christensen) Hansen, was born Oct. 7, 1922 on a farm near Carroll. He attended rural school near Carroll and graduated from Carroll High School. On April 5, 1951 he married Beverly Davis. She passed away in 1963. On April 11, 1964 he married Margaret Cook at the Carroll United Methodist Church. He farmed all his life until moving into Wayne in 1976. He was then employed as a salesman at Arnie's Ford-Mercury Dealership, Wayne Greenhouse and Schumacher-Hasemann Funeral Homes. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, past member and president of the Wayne Lions Club, former Wayne City Council member, Rural Electric Association and was on the Elmwood Cemetery Board at Carroll. He enjoyed fishing, music and playing cards.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Hansen of Norfolk; two sons, Kevin and Zinaida Hansen of Charlotte, N.C. and Steven and Lizz Hansen of Plattsburg, N.Y.; two daughters, Ann and Gene Hazen of Norfolk and Kay and Loren Victor of Emerson; six grandchildren; one sister, Joan and Loyal Lackas of Laurel; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Beverly.

Pallbearers were Vaughn Cook, Mark Cook, Jerry Stricklin, Dallas Hansen, Arlo Mulford and Ron Magnuson.

Memorials may be directed to the Carroll Methodist Church and Order of Eastern Star, Wayne Chapter #194.

Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Carroll. Schumacher-Hasemann Funeral Home in Wayne was in charge of arrangements.

Election of officers held at board of education meeting

The Wayne Community School's Board of Education met in regular session Monday night. Election of board president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer was held. Bill Dickey was voted in as president, John Dunning as vice president, and Deanna Thompson as secretary/treasurer.

The board approved the hiring of new personnel; Jodi Lutt as Title One teacher and Traci Coover as Spanish teacher.

Two resignations were approved with regrets. Nadine Fredrickson, second grade teacher, who has been with Wayne Community Schools for 26 years and Kathleen Fink, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, who has been with the Wayne Community School system for 33 years.

Superintendent Dr. Joe Reinert informed the board of a recent gift to the school district of \$100,000 from Wayne High School alumnus Dennis Kern to be used for seating around the new track Kern funded last year. Kern noted the school could use the remaining balance for whatever the school needs.

Dr. Reinert mentioned that since they have ordered network printers, that is where the extra money may go. Kern noted he enjoys donating money to the school but it is important for him to see the community is also giving. If the community continues to give, he will keep giving donations.

Also received was a \$10,000 grant for the arboretum project west of the school that teacher Betsy Marriott spearheaded. The grant was allocated from the Nebraska Green Space Initiative. There was strong competition (100 applicants) for nearly \$1 million in grant assistance and the top 49 projects were awarded.

Dr. Don Zeiss, principal at Wayne High, spoke on the Drivers Training. The classroom portion is scheduled this year for June 1-11 in Wayne. Wisner will once again send students to participate but only in the classroom, not in the driving part of the training. So far, there are around 20-25 students

coming from Wisner.

Wayne City Administrator Lowell Johnson was on hand to let the board know about a wireless internet project that is ongoing at Wayne State College and will benefit the city and possibly the school.

Johnson noted the project is a conversion from DSL to broadband wireless from the college to downtown, giving instant connection. Johnson asked the board if they would consider letting the city place a tower on the school so there would be better connection to the Community Activity Center. The board asked him to provide them with more information on the project.

Dr. Reinert told the board the adjusted valuation data and final settlement was around \$60,000. This amount is what the school is recovering and would have received if there hadn't been state aid cuts.

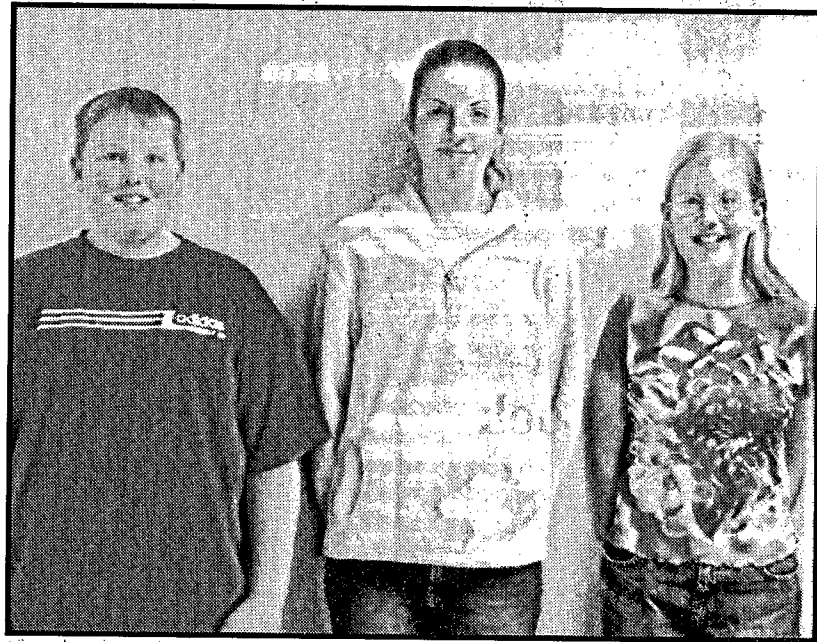
Executive session was held to discuss personnel. The next regular meeting of the Wayne Community Schools Board of Education will be held on Monday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at Wayne High School.

Take part in Quiz bowl

Wayne High School students Brady Garvin, Ashley Gentrup, Molly Hill, Sara Stauffer, and Dustin Hurlbert participated in the KTIV Quiz Bowl Saturday at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa.

The next competition for WHS students will be televised. They will compete against Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, on Saturday, Jan. 31 at noon and 5 p.m. on KTIV.

There were 40 teams from Northeast Nebraska and Iowa at the competition. Wayne High students took ninth place in the event. There were five competitions, Wayne won four and lost one to South Sioux. Only the top 16 teams go on to more competition.



Rotary Students of the Week for November include, left to right, Jacob Davis, Brooke Stowater and Meg Pierson.

Rotary Club students of the week chosen

Students were chosen for the Wayne Rotary Club Student of the Week in November.

They include Meg Pierson, seventh grade, on Nov. 12. Meg was nominated by Mrs. Deneil Parker who said she is an outstanding choir member. She is always on task at rehearsal and has excellent posture. She learns her music quickly and goes above and beyond the normal choir requirements by auditioning for select honor choirs. Meg is responsible and always displays a positive attitude.

Jacob Davis, eighth grade, was

chosen on Nov. 19. He was nominated by Misty Bear because he is a serious student who is able to balance sports and academics. He gives 110 percent in all that he does. His efforts do not go unnoticed by his teachers or his coaches.

Brooke Stowater, eighth grade, was chosen on Nov. 26. She was nominated by Mr. McClarnen because she is polite and courteous to students and teachers. She works very hard in each class and has a positive attitude towards school.

Trick is awarded Chamber of Commerce scholarship

The Nebraska Chamber of Commerce Executives (NCCCE) Association awarded a tuition scholarship to Wayne Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Trick to attend the US Chamber's Institute for Organization Management in 2004.

The "Institute" for more than 80 years has been the premier professional continuing education program that allows chamber executives to advance their com-

petencies thereby benefiting their local organizations and communities with up-to-date business promotion and management and advocacy techniques.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

For more information, please contact the chamber at 402-375-2240.

Our Savior to have special showing of 'Lord of the Rings'

This Saturday night, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a special showing of the movie "The Lord of the Rings" at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

This prequel is the start of a new message series at the 7 p.m. Sunday night service dealing with "Faith in Fantasy", a Christian

dialog with Lord of the Rings, Star Wars and Harry Potter. The series will focus on the parallels between these popular fantasy films and our own personal faith with Jesus' Christ.

Everyone is welcome to attend the showing and church services.

Winside News

Dianne Jaeger
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday, Jan. 19: Basketball, junior high boys, vs. Laurel, at home, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20: Basketball, boys junior varsity, girls and boys varsity at Clarkson, 4:45 p.m.; Wrestling at West Holt, with Pope John, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 23: Basketball, girls and boys junior varsity and varsity, at Wausa, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24: Basketball, junior high girls and boys, vs. Hartington, at home, 9 a.m.;

Wrestling at Oakland-Craig Tournament, 10 a.m.; Conference Honor Bank at Wayne State College.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 16: Open AA meeting, fire hall, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17: Public Library, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 19: Public Library, 1 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20: Public Library, 4 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21: Public Library, 1 to 6 p.m.; Busy Bees' with Ruby Ritzke.

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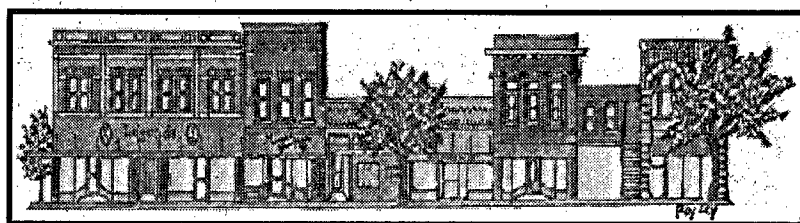
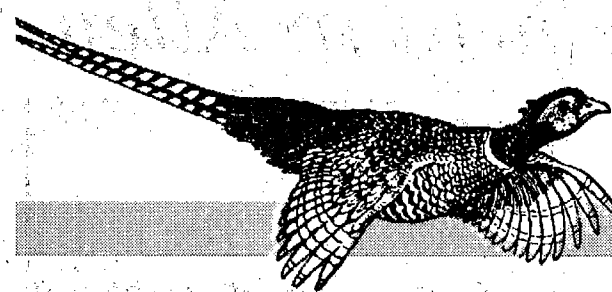
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Capitol View

Bail should not always be granted

By Ed Howard
Statehouse Correspondent
The Nebraska Press Association

It is difficult for the most diligent of reporters to keep up with the flow of bills introduced at the start of a legislative session.

The proposals and the issues are myriad.

Sometimes there are "sleepers," bills that seem innocuous when introduced, but are later found to be hot stuff in one context or another.

One measure that stood out on the opening day of the 2004 Unicameral - that was noticed by everyone - dealt with denying bail to bad guys who represent a clear danger to the community or specific individuals.

Backed by Attorney General Jon Bruning, it is important on several levels.

First, there are those documented and heartbreaking cases where a judge allows bail for some noodnik. The latter then proceeds to hit the street, and hit (or worse) some person or persons who were obviously in danger of being the target of the jerk's wrath, or outright psychopathic behavior.

Books and movies and news accounts have related such episodes to a public that is usually and properly outraged.

A judge involved in such a case is usually regarded as a cross between an idiot and the spawn of Satan. How could it happen?

Sometimes, Bruning and some judges say, it happens because there isn't clear authority for the people on the bench to deny bail.

Remember: The Constitution guarantees the right to reasonable bail except in a very few cases, such as murder and treason. That provision was dear to the hearts of

the Founding Fathers, representing a public that was sick and tired of the King of England and his minions locking people up because they wanted to lock people up, with no questions being entertained.

Young America knew the totalitarian nightmare of government gone amok, allowed to imprison the citizenry without charges, without bail, without legal counsel.

And today, we still have examples of some judges acting as though they were auditioning for

skit on Saturday Night Live, saying and doing ridiculous things that foster disrespect for the law.

It is the few jurists mentioned above that must not be allowed to abuse the power proposed by Bruning and the multitude of citizens who support his proposal.

Any denial of bail should be subject to prompt review, even its validity is obvious and the higher court throws it out like a week-old fish. Even more importantly, any judge who abuses the denial of bail should be subject to sanctions.

It is hard to imagine there being anything less than overwhelming public support for allowing judges to keep bad actors - who are obviously a danger to others - off the streets after they are accused of a crime. And public support for giving judges wide discretion for making such a decision can also be expected.

The important thing to remember is that, while government works to protect us from abusive criminals, it must also make certain that the government itself is not abusive.

Main Street Focus

2004 has gotten off to a running start for the Main Street Program. I hope that it's just the start of another exciting and successful year for us and a prosperous year for all businesses.

One project that the Main Street Program has been involved with is providing some technical assistance for the restoration of the old Trio Travel building on the corner of First and Main Streets.

Jill Brodersen of Homestead Homes is leading the charge of the buildings' renovation. They are taking the building back to its original look inside and out. The original 'tin' ceilings are being redone, along with other major work inside. Outside, they are opening up windows that have been covered for sometime. In addition, they will, in the future, be removing the paint from the outside brickwork, along with replica replacement of some of the cornice on the building.

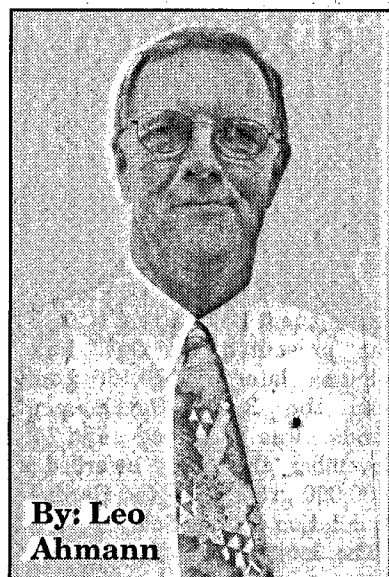
Our congratulations to Jill, and to Mr. Rod Tompkins, for their commitment to that project. A Main Street Program is an economic based preservation program and we are most pleased to play a small part in that endeavor.

Other early 2004 good news was a recent announcement that the Nebraska Lied Main Street Program, obviously which we are a member, has been approved by the Transportation Enhancement Selection Committee and the Department of Roads, for Fiscal Year 2004 funding as a Set-Aside in the amount of \$100,000. We believe we have projects that will be making an application for some of that funding for Wayne.

The 2004 Nebraska Lied Main Street Spring Conference date and place have been announced. The conference will be held in Kearney on March 31-April 1. Part of the program will be a presentation by Valencia Crisafulli of the National Main Street Center. Her program will be on business retention, expansion and recruitment, specific to downtown revitalization. This conference is open to the public. I will have details for you at a later date.

If that wasn't already enough good news to start the year, we

were recently informed by Judy Johnson, Director of the Wayne State College Relations Office, that a press release will be available soon, about a partnership (Wayne State, College and the



By: Leo Ahmann

Main Street Wayne Program) grant in conjunction with the Lewis and Clark celebration in Nebraska. That is all I am allowed to say at this time but the news will be a real feather for the college and the community.

The community Highway 15 reconstruction taskforce, T.E.A.M., met again recently and continued discussions and preparation of events and projects for that major project through downtown in 2006. The Main Street Wayne Program is pleased to be represented on a number of committees that are making preliminary plans for 2006.

This would be a good time to thank Jim Shanks and the Wayne Herald for allowing us space for this bi-weekly column... and to KTCH and the sponsors of the Main Street Report weekly on Tuesdays on "The View from Wayne America" at approximately 9:10 a.m. The media is extremely important to this community and to the Main Street Wayne Program.

Please don't be shy about contacting us... call 375-5062, mail to Box 43, or e-mail us at mainstreetwayne@nebraska.com We'd love to hear from you.

Need donations to address blood shortage

The Siouxland Community Blood Bank has an immediate need for platelet and whole blood donations of all types. The blood center needs to ensure adequate levels at the 28 area hospitals serviced in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

This call to action comes at a time when blood is traditionally in short supply due to the holidays; travel schedules, inclement weather and illness.

"There has been an increased demand for blood products since the first of the year," Says Janette Twait, CEO. "We request all who are eligible to donate, either platelets or whole blood, to please give the gift of life as soon as possible."

Blood donations can be made at 1019 Jones Street in Sioux City, Iowa or at a local community blood drive. Schedules for community blood drives are available on the Siouxland Community Blood Bank's web site, siouxlandbloodbank.org.

This shortage is also a national issue, as the American Association

of Blood Banks, America's Blood Centers, and American Red Cross sent a national press release this morning asking for immediate donations nationwide.

Individuals are asked to support their local blood center by making and keeping an appointment to donate immediately. If supplies are not replenished, surgeries will continue to be cancelled and patient care may be compromised.

To be eligible to donate blood 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

By Senator Pat Engel
District 17

The 2004 session of the Legislature got underway on Jan. 7. The 60-day session is again expected to concentrate on balancing the budget as we continue to struggle with the state's fiscal crisis.

I continue to serve as chairman of the Executive Board this session, next in line to the Speaker. The Executive Board is responsible for the internal workings of the Legislature, and as such, supervises all legislative services and employees. I am quite familiar with the Executive Board, having served as a member since 1997.

The Executive Board also serves as the Reference Committee, which refers bills, resolutions, and gubernatorial appointments to committees.

I continue to serve as a member of the Appropriations Committee, a spot which I have occupied since I came to the Legislature in 1993. The budget will again require most of our attention this session.

Senators are allowed to introduce bills during a 10-day period at the start of the session. The Legislature also has several carry-over bills from last session. This creates an even tougher situation than last year because of the shorter session.

We are still expected to face a budget shortfall of close to \$211

and maintain commerce during the resurfacing of Highway 15 (Main Street) in 2006.

- Expand promotion of existing Wayne area businesses.
- Increase revenues to chamber from all sources to enhance chamber's ability to accomplish its mission.
- Improve communications of chamber activities and policy positions.

In succeeding articles in this newspaper, we will expand on each of these four goals and throughout the year we intend to update readers with all the activities of the chamber. But for now, let me say that as far as the first goal is concerned, the chamber has organized an internal taskforce that will

Legislative sessions gets underway

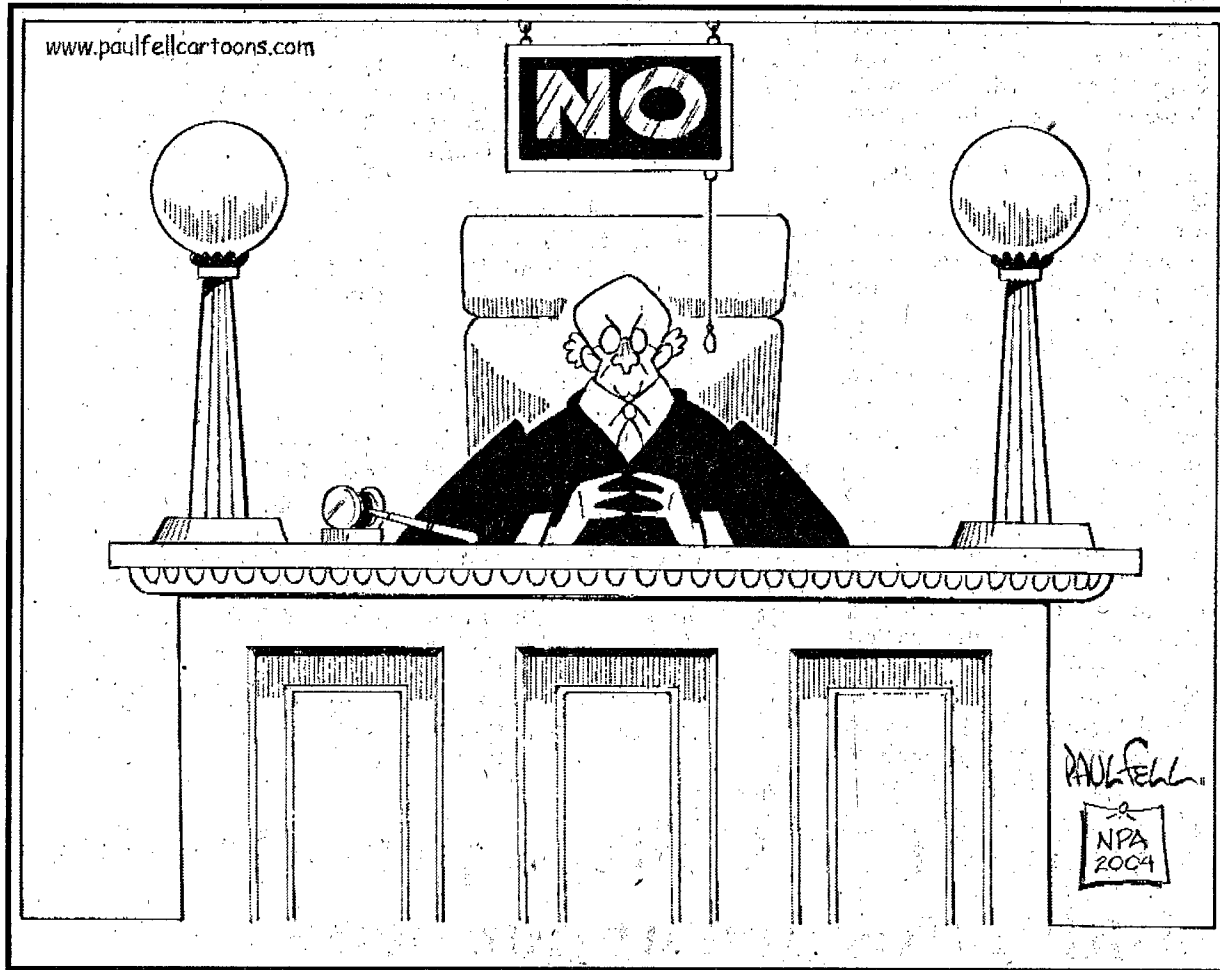
million, so my first priority is to balance the budget; by finding other ways to cut spending, not by raising taxes.

Other key issues the Legislature is expected to consider include:

- The Human Cloning Prohibition Act.
- The Governor's mental health reform plan.
- Changing Nebraska's form of capital punishment from the electric chair to lethal injection.
- The possible assimilation of Class I schools into other K-12 school districts.
- A Constitutional amendment to legalize gambling, that if passed, would then be put before voters.
- Repealing the motorcycle helmet law.
- Changing the formula under which state aid to public schools is distributed.
- The possible repeal of LB 775, dealing with business tax incentives.
- Legislation on carrying concealed weapons.

It's going to be a very challenging session, and we will keep you updated as the issues unfold.

If there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me at my Lincoln office: Sen. Pat Engel, District 17, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94604, Lincoln, Neb. 68509; (402) 471-2716; or lengel@unicam.state.ne.us.



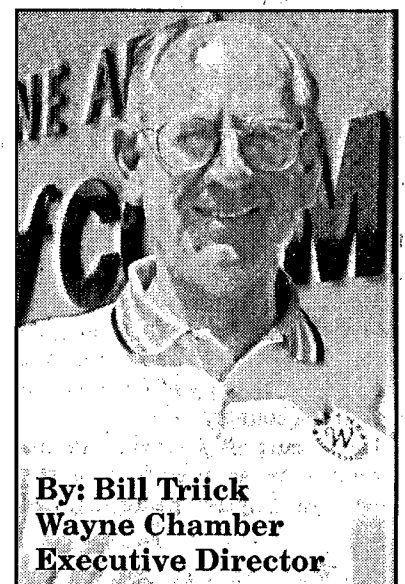
NEW BEGINNINGS!

This month represents the first month of Wayne chamber board experience for three community leaders who bring new energy and experience to your chamber of commerce; Kaye Morris (The Oaks Retirement Center), Joe Reinert (Wayne Community Schools), and Dan Rose (Tom's Body and Paint Shop). On behalf of the full board of directors, your involvement and commitment are a welcome infusion to helping this community continue to grow and prosper.

Last October the board at its strategic planning retreat at Wayne State College established four main goals for the organization for 2004:

- Support community plans and business owner plans to prepare for

work very closely and in concert with the citywide TEAM 15 committee. Because many chamber



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Wayne Chamber Executive Director

members and other businesses are impacted by this community improvement project and because our mission is to support the business interests of the community at large as well as our members, our board decided to keep this project

in mind until completion. More specifically, the chamber will attempt to identify and openly discuss all business owners concerns and needs, review surveys and other research from past years to avoid duplication, make clear the Nebraska Department of Roads' final plans for downtown and north of town, and identify ways in which the chamber as an organization can assist businesses.

One of the most active taskforces of the chamber of commerce is the Agribusiness Taskforce this year chaired by Mark Sorensen (State National Bank & Trust Company). Some of the projects they are planning in support of agriculture this year include Food Check Off Day, Steer & Heifer Show, Acre Project, support for the Wayne County Fair and a tour of a regional agribusiness plant. Other activities are under review, so we may have more to announce about these events in future articles.

Remember, is there is anything the chamber can do for you and your organization, please let us know.

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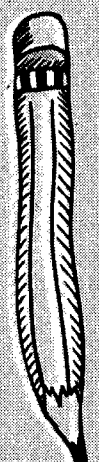
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gumbo, rice, corn on the cob, cookies, rolls, and a drink. Due to the thick fog that had come in, the Harbor Master closed the port. The group missed out on the sailing trip, but they did get to tour the ship and see the engines and boilers (Thelma and Louise).

On Jan. 2, the band had a full dress performance at Jackson Square across from the Cathedral and the riverfront gazebo. The afternoon was spent either going to the Aquarium or the Zoo, followed by exploration of the French quarter and Flea Market. That evening some students went to the Phantom of the Opera play, others stayed at the motel to swim, eat, and relax, and others went to Hooters for dinner.

On Saturday, the band had Mass Band rehearsal at Jefferson High school from 8 am until 1 pm where they practiced the routines out on the football field. Many of the band members even got sunburned! They then went on Swamp Tour or a Plantation Tour.

The Swamp tour included a boat tour around the swamp where they saw alligators sunning themselves, a large 25 lb catfish, and other assorted swamp animals. Captain Milton had a 9 inch alligator, named Elvis, that the kids got to hold and pet.

After the tours, the students were back in time to change for a semi-formal event at the Mardi Gras World Warehouse. All the bands were invited for dinner and a dance. Dinner included Shrimp jumboli, rice, sausage gumbo, salad, corn, rolls, etc. Two areas were set up for dancing.

On Jan. 4, the band went to the Super Dome for practice. Everyone had to remove their shoes to protect the turf. They practiced the Pre-Game routine with the big United States shaped flag, yellow pompoms and mirrors. Jessica Simpson was the singer of the National Anthem. They practiced the band portion for the halftime show - marching in and out, play-

ing, and flags. The group did not have time to go to the D-Day Museums or the Conti Wax Museum because practice went later than planned and some of the kids wanted to go back to the French Market. The band members had to be dressed in uniforms by 4 pm to travel to the Dome. The bands were to be admitted before the general public due to the number of people to attend the game. The group found out that some fans had bought \$1000 tickets on the street which were later discovered to be counterfeit so these people were escorted out!

Allen's seats were next to the area where the LSU teams locker room entrance was located. After the game, some of the students were "high-fived" by some of the LSU team members and after the game the group had to walk back to the hotel (10 blocks). They didn't get back to the hotel till midnight.

On Monday the hotel granted them a complimentary breakfast on the 41st Floor dining area which gave an overlook of the city. The bus left about 11 a.m. and started home. Later on Monday 30 miles north of Memphis, one of the vans had to back track because the trailer had lost a tire which had rolled down the highway and passed them by! The van riders had to stay over night while the trailer was fixed.

The group arrived at Allen about 10:45 am on Jan. 6. The van with the trailer arrived in South Sioux at 11:30 pm.

Some of the students gave descriptions of the trip.

"My favorite part of the band trip was going to the Sugar Bowl game, where I got to shake Lynn Swans' hand at the pregame show, and shake hands with the LSU players as they were going off the field after they won," David Rastede said.

"My favorite part of the Sugar Bowl band trip was the football game because I like football and it featured the two best teams in the nation. I was rooting for LSU and I am happy that they won!" Ross Rastede said.

"My favorite part of the trip was when we were at the Riverwalk Mall- there was a security guard standing at attention at a jewelry store, and he wasn't supposed to move," Amber Rastede said. "Pete (Erin Keitges) and I tried to make him smile by pretending to punch him and clapping right in front of his face. We couldn't even make him blink!"

"I don't know if I would call this my FAVORITE, but it was one of the most fun times during the trip...going to eat supper at Hooters. We had 20 people (6 were sponsors), then we walked on Bourbon Street afterwards, and then the hotel afterwards when we put on our Hooter's shirts and had pictures taken," Brittany Klemme said.

"My favorite part was the dances! We got to go to Mardi Gras World to eat sea food (which isn't my favorite food). That's where they keep all the floats from the parade. The dance was with all the other bands," Codi Hingst said. "There were around 2,000 kids there. That's where we really got to meet the other bands. Carla Rastede - Getting dressed up for the Phantom of the Opera and then walking down Bourbon Street at night to get back to the hotel."

"I would have to say that my favorite part of the trip was definitely the game. I love to play sports and to watch them. Being only 25 feet from the sideline had both its disadvantages and its advantages. We couldn't see much of the game right on the field because of the media standing in front of us. Being on the same level as the players and watching LSU win the game, and having them slap hands with us afterwards was awesome," Erin Keitges said. "My favorite part was when I went all the way up to the highest point and looked down, and then getting to be at the lowest level and look up at the sold-out stands. Going to New Orleans with the band was a life-time experience. I would definitely visit again."

Wayne State College presidential candidates are announced

Four Wayne State College presidential candidates have been chosen. According to Stan Carpenter, executive director at Nebraska State Colleges (NSC) in Lincoln, the candidates will be interviewed on campus and there will be open meetings so everyone can meet them. The dates and times of the

meetings and interviews will be announced at a later date.

The candidates are Dr. Kendall A. Blanchard, professor of business and anthropology at Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo.; Dr. Richard J. Collings, vice chancellor for academic affairs at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee,

N.C.; Dr. David G. Fuller, vice president for academic affairs, Wayne State College, Wayne; Dr. Niel T. Zimmerman, special assistant to the dean, College of Business and Public Administration, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, Wash.

Tickets available for Martin Luther King Day dinner, program at Wayne State

Activities are being planned for Wayne State College's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day commemoration on Tuesday, Jan. 20. A dinner and program will be held in the Frey Conference Suite in the WSC Student Center beginning at 7 p.m.

The program will feature the powerful and dynamic Rev. Leroy E. Adams, Jr. of Omaha's Morning Star Baptist Church and special

guest, Rev. John Lucas. The Southern Comfort Jazz Band featuring singer Cynthia Taylor will perform.

Rev. Adams, nicknamed Leroy "Hurricane" Adams, is a sought-after preacher and teacher throughout the city of Omaha and across the country.

He is currently serving in his second year as president of the New Era Baptist State Unified

Convention and Congress of Nebraska, Inc.

Tickets for the evening are \$9 for Wayne State employees and the public, and \$7 for WSC students with a meal plan. They are available at the Multicultural Center. Tickets must be purchased in advance; limited seating is available.

For tickets or for more information, contact the Multicultural Center at 402-375-7749.

Lewis and Clark expedition discussed

As part of "A Meeting of Two Cultures: The Lewis and Clark Expedition" the Wayne libraries are offering a series of book reviews for recent books that complement each month's program.



January's program, Indian Observations about the Lewis & Clark Voyage with Selene Phillips as Sacagawea and Jerome Killis Small as Tecumseh, will be held at 12:30 and 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26, at Ley Theatre on Wayne State Campus.

On The Trail Of Sacagawea, by Peter Lourie ISBN: 1563978407 Pub. 2001

BOOK DESCRIPTION: In 1804, Lewis and Clark and a small band of adventurers calling themselves the Corps of Discovery set off on a great journey into the unknown. Along the way they met a young Shoshone woman who would make an invaluable contribution to the expedition. With a baby strapped on her back, Sacagawea negotiated with native peoples, helped the expedition survive when food was

scarce, and, ultimately, contributed to leading this small band of intruders on a trip lasting more than two years through the Indian land to the Pacific Ocean. One summer, Peter Lourie and his family traveled in the footsteps of Sacagawea to learn about her from the native peoples who now live along her trail. As the Louries traveled the historic route, they grew closer to American history and to understanding the woman who contributed so much to the early expansion of the United States.

"This pictorial account of a family trip following Lewis and Clark's trail from the point at which Sacagawea joined the expedition is a slip of a book in spite of its visual beauty. Its strengths are Lourie's superb color photographs and a spacious and thoughtful graphic design. Lourie hoped to learn more about Sacagawea and the Indian point of view about her and the expedition. The information resulting from these efforts is, however, sketchy and superficial. Descriptions of his experience on present-day reservations are at times uncomfortably adulatory. Allusions to the historical record can be confusing, as when the author says, "The Nez Perce might easily have wiped out the expedition-but fortunately they chose not to attack," inferring hostility. This is followed by "the Nez Perce greeted the expedition with curiosity and generosity." Elsewhere he

states that Clark's name carved into sandstone on the Yellowstone River is "the only physical evidence of the expedition." Yet there are a few of the Jefferson medallions



given to Indian leaders by Lewis and Clark still in existence. Lourie's lovely photographic record of his family's journey speaks more eloquently to the nature and depth of their experience than does his writing." Nancy Collins-Warner in School Library Journal.

A Meeting of Two Cultures: The Lewis and Clark Expedition is funded by a grant from the Nebraska Humanities Council, along with generous contributions from these area businesses and organizations: City of Wayne, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Pamida Foundation, Runza Corporation, Wayne Kiwanis Club, Wayne Library Foundation, Wayne Optimists, Wayne Public Schools, Wayne Super 8, and Wayne State College.

Open house to be held in Allen

The Allen Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff invite the public to attend an open house/dedication on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m.

The dedication will be from 2-2:30 p.m. and the open house will be from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Allen Consolidated Schools gymnasium and commons. The open house is being held to celebrate the construction of new classrooms for the district.

A short program will begin at 2 p.m., which will include the opening of the time capsule from the demolition of the 1918 building. Doug Christensen, commissioner of education, and Sen. Pat Engel will take part in the program. Following the program, the building will be open for visitors to tour the facility. Refreshments will be served by the Student Council members.



This is the new classrooms which have been constructed in Allen. Those attending Sunday's open house will be able to tour the facility.

Wakefield Library Foundation nears amount needed for new library

Students in Wakefield lined up Friday at the site of where the new library will be built showing the amount that has been raised in two years of fundraising. Around \$75,000 for contingency fees is still needed. Construction should begin soon and will hopefully be finished in seven months.

The new facility will be 7,200 square feet and will feature a community meeting room, a children's room, computer room, reading area, media resource area, and more. The new building will replace the Graves Public Library that was built in 1915 and was not large enough to accommodate additional books and materials, did not meet disability access codes, and was deteriorating.

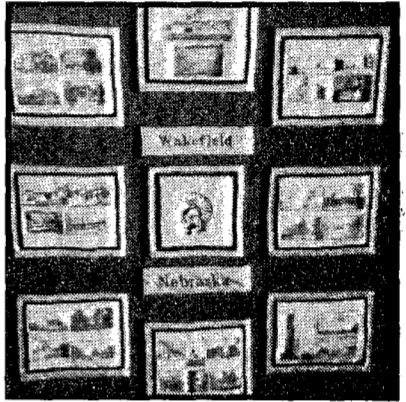
Fundraising has been ongoing with quilt, handcraft, and wood

carving raffles, garage sale, omelet feeds, and BRAN fundraiser. Alumni and memorial donations have helped with \$13,542 in memorials alone.

Last year the library foundation also received several large grants. In July, a \$250,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was presented by Gov. Mike Johanns, later a \$120,160 grant from the Rural Development Funds was received and in November, they were awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Gardner Foundation of Wakefield.

The latest fundraiser is for a chance to win a wall hanging with pictures of past and present historical sites of Wakefield. Tickets (six for \$5 or one for \$1) can be purchased at the Graves Public Library, from board members, at

the Iowa-Nebraska State Bank in Wakefield or by contacting Alice Johnson, library foundation treasurer, at 402-287-2619. Proceeds go towards construction and finishing the new Wakefield library.



This wall hanging is the foundation's latest fundraiser.



Wakefield Community Schools students stand at the site east of the old library in Wakefield where the new library will be built. They are holding cards with the amount (\$955,277.20) that has been raised so far for construction of the facility. Left to right are: Jenna Henderson and Morgan Lunz, both in 6th grade; Jeremiah Frahm and Hugo Ortiz, 5th grade; (baby - Gabriella and Jeremiah Cloninger); Diana Ruiz, 4th grade; Owen Salmon, 3rd grade; Kristyna Muller, 2nd grade; Regan Tullberg and Sara Martin, both in 1st grade; Bailey Honold and Yenesia Ibarra, both in Kindergarten.

Chamber Bucks valuable to community

"In 2003, the Wayne Area Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Bucks program contributed an all time high \$166,000 to the local Wayne area economy," proclaimed outgoing Chairman of the Board, Jack Hausmann.

During the year, the chamber office "sold" \$23,710 in Chamber Bucks. Economic development experts estimate that for every \$1 spent locally, \$7 is returned to the local economy. This is because retail sales dollars are multiplied seven times when they are used to pay local suppliers and local employees, and banked locally.

Administered by the chamber

office in downtown Wayne, chamber bucks are available year round in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$25 and can be used to purchase goods and services from just about any chamber member's business. They can even be used to pay utility bills at city hall. Vicki Meyer, chamber administrative assistant, calls this as "a very unique program that benefits both Wayne area citizens and local businesses." All local banks accept Chamber Bucks as cash when processed through their systems. Chamber Bucks users have commonly referred to them as "the checks that do not bounce."

Many parents of Wayne State College students, for example, purchase these for their children so they have the funds readily available for local purchases of items they need but cannot get from on campus vendors, although the Wayne State College bookstore now accepts Chamber Bucks for purchases.

"They are a great option for any occasion including employers wishing to reward employees with instant bonuses in addition to being gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, and other special events," Hausmann said.

For more information, contact the chamber at (402) 375-2240.

Council holds first meeting of year

By Clara Osten Of the Herald

A presentation of the definition of a duplex was among the agenda items at Tuesday's meeting of the Wayne City Council.

George Ellyson, Chief Inspector/Planner, told the council that years ago property owners were encouraged to create apartments, generally in the basements of their homes, due to shortages in dorm space at Wayne State College.

He said that now, as many of these homes are being sold, these apartments are re-surfacing as owners see an opportunity to increase the cash flow on the property. However, he noted that most of these dwellings do not meet the criteria for duplexes, including the need for separate furnaces and water heaters and fire-rated walls between the dwellings.

Considerable discussion followed Ellyson's presentation, including the intent of an ordinance passed a number of years ago regarding the number of persons who can live in

one house.

The issue will be an agenda item at a future council meeting after the Planning Commission has a chance to make a recommendation.

During Tuesday's meeting, City Administrator Lowell Johnson introduced Gloria Kuhlmeier, a political science major from Wayne State College who will be spending time this semester at City Hall, learning various aspects of city government.

Resolution 2004-1 was approved. It involves employees taking over-time in compensatory time, rather than being paid for this time. This policy will be in place until the end of the year, when it will be re-evaluated.

In other action, the council approved a change order for the Vintage Hills Project.

The change, which will result in a \$2,400 increase in the project, was necessary because a portion of the pipe along Country Club Road needed to be buried at a depth of

12 feet rather than the original depth of six feet.

The increased cost will be assessed to the cost of the project.

Several council members questioned the cost of change orders on all projects completed by the city, noting that most changes resulted in increases in costs, rather than decreases.

Approval was given for a letter of support for a proposal to dedicate a portion of Nebraska's State Homeland Security Allocation to a planned statewide 800 Mh wireless communication system.

The council approved an extension of the group health plan for the city.

The change will mean that the renewal date for the city's policy will change from July of 2004 to Jan. 1, 2005 to coincide with the calendar year. There will be no price increase during that six month period.

The council's next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers.