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Ordinances are adopted

By Clara Osten
Of the Herald

Four public hearings and a presentation on a new fire truck were part of Tuesday's meeting of the Wayne City Council.

The first of these hearings dealt with the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the city code in regard to kennels as a use by exception in a B-1 Highway Business District.

The request for a change came after a property owner on South Main Street requested a kennel license to train and raise dogs on the property.

With the zoning change, the property owner will be able to come to the Planning Commission to ask for a "use by exception" permit. If approval is given by the Planning Commission, the council will then have the opportunity to approve or reject the request on a yearly basis.

A second public hearing and corresponding ordinance dealt with the Planning Commission and council's flexibility in negotiating with housing developers to develop affordable housing in Wayne. It was noted that seven houses have been

built so far on reduced price lots. The houses in turn, have generated taxes for the school, county and city.

A third public hearing involved a change in zoning from I-1 (Light Industrial) to B-3 (Neighborhood Commercial) for an area of the city in the block where Accounting Plus is located. The original zoning was put into effect when the building, located at the corner of First and Pearl Streets, was a machine shop and the railroad ran through the area.

City Administrator Lowell Johnson told the council that the neighborhood has changed since that time and the residents of the area have requested this change.

The final public hearing of the evening involved the city's acquisition of property from Northeast Nebraska Public Power District.

The property is presently being used by NNPPD as a pole yard until the new yard is completed on the west edge of Wayne.

The city needs the southern portion of the property to get to tanks it owns.

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Holidazzle set for this weekend

The bi-annual Holidazzle event will be held Sunday, Dec. 4 at the Wayne City Auditorium.

The celebration this year is being sponsored by Main Street Wayne and Habitat for Humanity. The majority of proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity to assist with next year's home build.

Holidazzle begins with a buffet hor d'oeuvres and dessert table at 6 p.m. Julia Childs will prepare her famous rum cake during the evening and the Wayne State Big Band will provide "Big Band" dance music beginning at 8 p.m.

A replica of the house to be built will be on display and those attending will have opportunities to contribute to the project.

Among the activities will be a silent auction for a matted and framed print of the Wayne State Willow Bowl by artist Vic

Reynolds, donated by Wayne State College; a matted and framed Nebraska landscape print by Jolene Steffen, a well-known Nebraska artist; several framed photos of Nebraska scenery; signed Husker memorabilia; a ladies chocolate brown shearing coat and a Mike Fluent original work of art.

Door prizes will be awarded during the evening and include Colorado wine, a Swarovski crystal brooch, candles and several other items.

Tickets for the event are \$7 each and available at Swans, Antiques on Main, Children's Collections at the Chamber Office and will be available at the door.

For more information, contact Kate at Children's Collections at 375-4053; Marie at Swans at 375-1511 or Ann Witkowski at 375-4509.



Mother Nature's fury

High winds and several inches of snow combined to make driving conditions hazardous on Monday in the Wayne area. Many schools and businesses closed early and many to start late on Tuesday. Many residents west of Wayne also lost electrical power Monday and were without power until Tuesday, a second storm was forecast for Wednesday and Thursday.

WSC student thankful to be in U.S. and attending college here

By Lynn Sievers
Of the Herald

Bul Deng of Sudan has a lot to be thankful for this year and every year since escaping his country years ago and making his way to the United States. Deng is one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, young children without their parents who were driven out of Sudan in 1987 as the result of a civil war. These children were placed in refugee camps in other countries and many ended up coming to the United States.

Deng has been through a lot in his life but he doesn't dwell on his past, instead he's working towards his future by attending school at Wayne State College, working on a degree in accounting and finance.

Meeting at the Multicultural Center at WSC, Deng told about his country and how he, his cousin and other Sudanese children came to the USA. Deng was three years old when he left Sudan and was taken to Ethiopia. He stayed in a refugee camp run by the United Nations for eight years and then traveled to Kenya to another U.N. refugee camp. The U.N. decided these children needed to be placed somewhere safe where they could live, learn and eventually make it on their own.

The Omaha Sudanese agency in the United States brought Deng and his cousin to Omaha where a business sponsored them so they could live there. The young men soon went on their own and Messiah Lutheran Church in Omaha helped them out some. By this time, Deng was 16 and in high school in Ralston. He and his cousin had an apartment and worked while attending school. Life was difficult trying to do both. The young men had many obstacles to overcome. Their fellow students didn't understand and made fun of them because they couldn't speak English well. It was almost too much for the young men.

Deng is thankful for the opportunities he's been getting in this country but his heart is still in Sudan where his mother and siblings are. His family is still in a refugee camp there and he hasn't seen them for five years and misses them very much. He feels obligated to his mother because in Africa the young are taught to respect their parents and to take care of them as they grow old. Deng feels bad that he isn't able to do that but plans to in the future. Deng said during his years in the U.S., he has been upset with some of the young people he's known because they're



Bul Deng

spoiled and not respectful to their parents. He has seen their parents give them too much and the children aren't thankful for what they have.

Starting his education in first grade in a crowded mud hut in Africa with desks made of mud from the dirt floor, Deng is thankful to be attending Wayne State College.

"I chose Wayne State because of the size of the school," Deng said. "I knew there would be smaller classes and I could get more help if I needed it."

Deng is a student leader in ALIFE (Africans Linking in Friendship Everywhere) organization, as well as PBL (business organization), both at WSC.

From humble beginnings in a war-stricken country to the U.S., land of the free where opportunities abound, Deng has worked hard and has done a lot on his own but is thankful for the help he has received along the way. Deng still finds people care about him and want him to have a good life and be successful.

Wayne State Black and Gold Series to present President's Holiday Gala Concert Dec. 11

The 2005-06 Wayne State College Black and Gold performing arts series will open on Sunday, Dec. 11 with the sixth annual President's Holiday Gala Concert.

The concert will take place in the Ramsey Theatre on the Wayne State College campus, and will be followed by a dessert reception hosted by WSC President Richard J. Collings. The concert will begin at 2 p.m. and will be free and open to the public.

The program is designed as a fast-paced concert, highlighting some of the select performing organizations from Wayne State College. Assembled for an audience of diverse backgrounds and tastes, the concert will include festive works and holiday music by Vaughan Williams, Holst, Grainger, Rossini, and others performed by the WSC Madrigal Singers, Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir, Percussion Ensemble, soloists, and chamber groups.

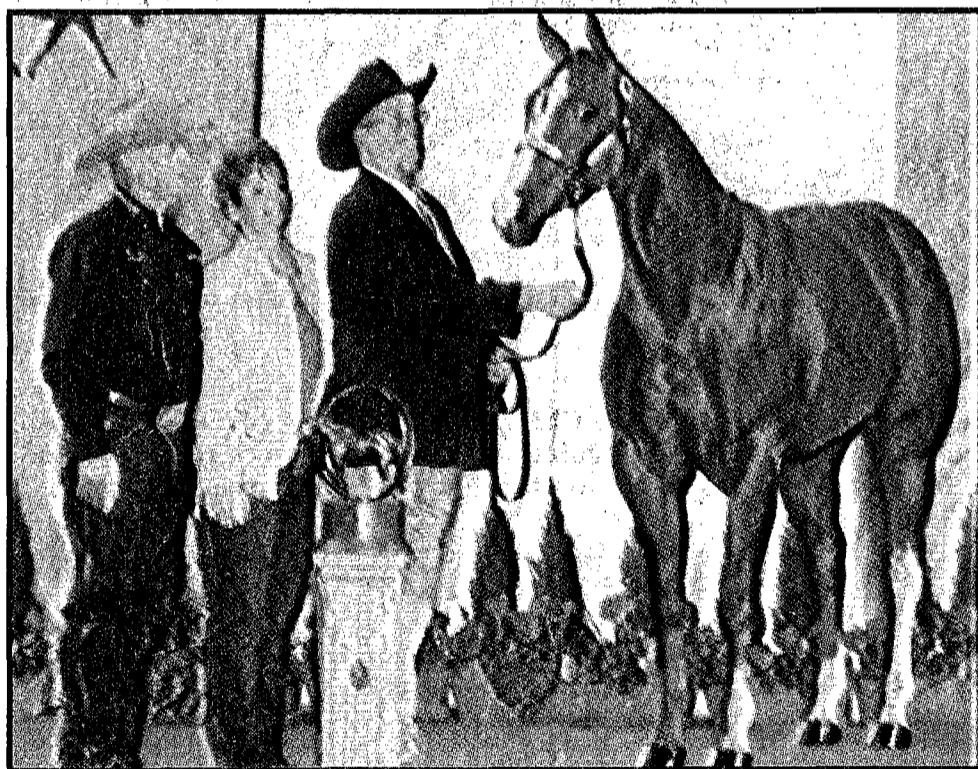
Performances by the WSC Wind Ensemble have been featured at the Nebraska and Iowa Music Educators' Conventions, and the WSC Concert Choir

has appeared on the Emmy-nominated Nebraska Public Television special, Holiday Harmonies, as well as in performances with the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra.

As the most select vocal ensemble at WSC, the Madrigal Singers continue a 33-year tradition of presenting annual Elizabethan Christmas Feasts on campus and throughout the region. This group has also performed for the Niobrara Center and KMEG Television Christmas specials, and recently performed at a major opening at the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha.

For over 50 years the Wayne State College Black and Gold performing arts series has presented cultural programming to serve the northeast Nebraska region. The 2005-06 series will continue on Feb. 28 with a special presentation of the renowned The Acting Company performing "The Three Musketeers."

For more information about the President's Holiday Gala Concert, please phone the WSC Department of Music at (402) 375-7359.



Frank Wood of Wayne earned a top 10 finish at the AQHA World Championship Show in Oklahoma City, Okla. with his quarter horse, Razzles Special Gal. Left to right, Gary Werner, trainer; Jean Wood, and Frank Wood holding on to his quarter horse.

Frank Wood earns top 10 finish at horse show

Frank Wood of Wayne was a top 10 finalist in Yearling Mares with Razzles Special Gal, a 2004 Sorrel American Quarter Horse, at the 2004 Sorrel American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) World Championship Show, held Nov. 6-20 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

"The AQHA World Championship show is the premier event for AQHA members," said Bill Brewer, AQHA Executive Vice President. "Congratulations to Frank Wood for achieving such a great honor with Razzles Special Gal."

The AQHA World Championship Show is the largest, richest single-breed world championship horse show in existence, with nearly \$2.2 million awarded to 3,059 entries from 49 states, five Canadian provinces, Brazil, Germany, Italy, Mexico and the United Kingdom. To qualify for the invitational event, horses must have earned a pre-determined number of points in AQHA-approved shows from Aug. 1, 2003-July 31, 2004.

Highlights from the AQHA World

Championship Show are scheduled to air on AQHA's weekly television show, "America's Horse," on the Outdoor Life Network, Monday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern/ 11:30 p.m. Pacific and again on Monday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. Eastern/ 11 p.m. Pacific.

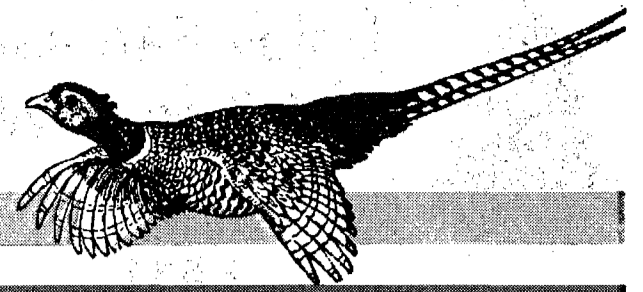
The American Quarter Horse Journal will have the results of the World Show in the January 2005 issue.

The AQHA World Championship Show is sponsored by Bayer, FedEx, Ford, John Deere, Justin Boots, Markel Insurance, MBNA America, MD Barns, Michelin, Montana Silversmiths, Nutrena, Oster, Professional's Choice, Sooner Trailer, State Line Tack, Tex Tan, Vetrolin, WeatherBeeta and Wrangler.

Additional sponsors include The American Quarter Horse Journal, Cripple Creek, Kiser Arena Specialists, Professional Auction Services, Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and State Fair of Oklahoma.

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Obituaries

Elma Gilliland

Elma Gilliland, 91, of Stanton, formerly of Wayne, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005 at Stanton Health Care Center in Stanton. Services were held Monday, Nov. 28 at First United Methodist Church in Wayne. The Rev. Cynthia Stewart officiated. Elma Pauline (Dugan) Gilliland was born March 31, 1914 to Charles and Edna (Thomkins) Dugan at College Springs, Iowa. She graduated from Amity High School in College Springs, Iowa. On Dec. 21, 1939 she married Wayne Gilliland at the church parsonage in College Springs. The couple moved to Wayne in 1940 where they operated a Guernsey Dairy Farm until retiring in 1970. The couple lived on their farm until moving to Stanton in December of 2000 to be near their daughter and family. She was a member of United Methodist Church in Stanton and a former member of First United Methodist Church in Wayne.

Survivors include two daughters, Rosemary and Lexie Holloway of Vancouver, Wash. and Joyce and Sanford Goshorn of Stanton; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Opal Griffith of Greeley, Colo.; sister-in-law, Ethel Dugan of Clarinda, Iowa; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wayne in September of 2002; an infant son; three brothers and one sister.

Pallbearers were Chan Goshorn, Terry Gilliland, Rodney Gilliland, Rodney Krinhop, Kirk Van Pelt, Darrell Gilliland, Kevin Gilliland, Kurt Gilliland, Wayne Holloway and Lex Holloway.

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

'Shine on Us' to be performed at The Barn

The Concord Evangelical Free Church Choir will present the Cantata "Shine on Us" by David Guthrie and Robert Sterling in a concert at The Barn, located at the Merle Ring farm east of Wayne.

The event will be held Sunday, Dec. 11, with performances at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. at a cost of \$7 per person. Reservations are required for the dinner, but not for the concert. The concert is free.

Singers in the choir are from the communities of Allen, Concord, Wayne and Laurel.

The barn is located 85545 580th Avenue, Wayne. It is heated. For more information, call (402) 256-9303 or (402) 375-2469.

Account set up for WSC student hurt in accident

A account has been set up at Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Wayne for Tara Jackson of Omaha, who was hurt in a automobile accident over Thanksgiving break. Jackson is a graduate student at Wayne State College, working on her Master's degree in edu-

Kim Baker

Kim Baker, 50, of Wayne died Monday, Nov. 28, 2005 at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

Services will be held Friday, Dec. 2 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne. The Rev. Carl Lilienkamp and the Rev. John Pasche will officiate. Visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 1 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Schumacher-Hasemann Funeral Home in Wayne with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m.

Kim Bradley Baker, son of Clifford and Leoma (Barner) Baker, was born Nov. 17, 1955 at Wakefield. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of rural Wakefield. He attended rural school District #33, graduated from Wayne High School in 1974, attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and graduated from Northeast Technical Community College in Norfolk. On April 11, 1981 he married Renee Wallin at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wayne. The couple later divorced. He farmed with his father and then moved to Hooper where he started Baker Drywall. In September of 1998 he purchased Melodee Lanes in Wayne which he owned and operated. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne, Nebraska Bowling Proprietors Association of America and American Bowling Congress. He belonged to the Wayne Eagles Club, Cedar View Country Club and was a member of the 1974 Wayne Baseball State Championship Team. He was an avid bowler, golfer and three sport letterman in high school. He was an avid sports enthusiast, especially for the Huskers, Cowboys and Cubs.

Survivors include three sons, Dustin Baker, Andrew Baker and Joel Baker, all of Wayne; parents, Clifford and Leoma Baker of Wayne; two sisters, Cathy and Larry G. Echtenkamp of Wayne and Connie and Jim Schmeichel of Fremont; girl friend, Lori Butler of Carroll; 16 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Honorary pallbearers will be Brad Wieland, Val Kienast, Bryan Denklu, Ric Barner, Darrin Barner, Mike Hansen, Paul Von Segger and Alan Paul.

Active pallbearers will be Rick Kay, Eric Wagner, Randy Workman, Tim Ortmeyer, Bill Schultz and Mic Daehnke.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Wayne. Schumacher-Hasemann Funeral Home in Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Fire prevention tips offered during holidays

With the Christmas season approaching, the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department has offered the following fire prevention tips connecting with Christmas trees.

When purchasing a live tree, look for the following signs of freshness:

1. The tree is green.
2. It should be hard to pull needles from the branches. Fresh needles don't break.
3. If you bounce your tree on the ground, a minimum number of needles should fall off.
4. Keep your tree stored outside your home until you are ready to decorate it.
5. To keep your tree fresh, cut off about two inches of the trunk so as to expose fresh wood for better

absorption of water.

6. Always keep the tree stand filled with water.
7. Select a location for your tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces, heat vents and wood stoves.
8. Check lights before decorating your tree for broken bulbs and frayed wires.
9. When candles are lit, don't leave them unattended. If you must leave, put them out.
10. Fiber optic trees can start fires when placed too close to drapes or curtains.

The Wayne Volunteer Fire Department reminds everyone "fires don't take a holiday. By taking some precautions, you and your family can celebrate a fire-free and safe holiday season."

Tour of homes planned in Allen

"Christmas in the Country" will include a tour of holiday-decorated homes and will be held Sunday, Dec. 4 in Allen.

It will feature farm homes in the area, including those of Jeanne Kavanaugh, George and Diane Sullivan, Verlan and Vicky Hingst, Bob and Jeanette Hohenstein, Wayne and Carol Chase, Marvin and Jane Keitges and Loren and Gracye Lund.

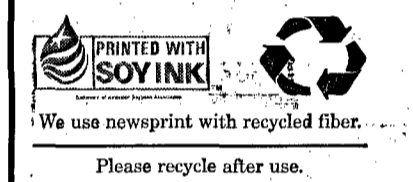
Because of the driving in the country and limited parking space at the homes, van transportation will be provided and is mandatory. Vans will leave the school at 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, and 3:45 with the tour taking about three hours. Those planning to attend

can call Shelly Saxen after 5 p.m. weekdays at 635-0010 to reserve a certain time slot but will need to pay for that reservation at least 1/2 hour prior to the departure time. Cost of the tour and refreshments is \$7 payable at the school Commons area on Dec. 4.

Also during that afternoon, the one-act play cast will present the 1/2 hour comedy, "An Evening of Culture: Faith County II," at 1 and 2:40 p.m. Cost of the ticket is \$2. Those taking part will be able to go to either performance and go on the tour afterwards.

There will also be door prizes to give away and a raffle for a Christmas centerpiece.

A Quick Look



Date	High	Low	Precip	Snow
Nov. 24	59	21	—	—
Nov. 25	27	20	—	—
Nov. 26	53	17	—	—
Nov. 27	53	17	—	—
Nov. 28	53	32	.90	3"
Nov. 29	35	18	.12	3"
Nov. 30	23	11	—	—

Recorded 7 a.m. for previous 24 hour period
Precip./mo. — 1.53" / Mthly snow — 6"
Yr./Date — 29.69" / Seasonal snow — 6"

Chamber Coffee

WAYNE — This week's Chamber Coffee will be held Friday, Dec. 2 at Fantasy Forest at the Wayne City Auditorium. The third and fourth grade students from Wayne Elementary will be singing. The coffee begins at 10 a.m. and announcements at 10:15.

Gifts for Kids

AREA — The annual Gifts for Kids campaign is now underway. The tree of names is located at Pamida and area residents are encouraged to choose a name and purchase gifts for those children who might not otherwise receive presents.

Eagles activities

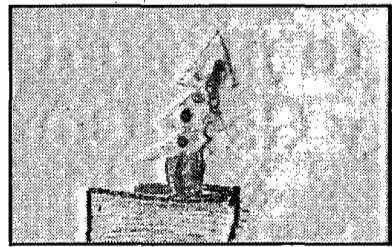
AREA — The Wayne Eagles Club will be holding soup suppers on Thursday, Dec. 1, 8 and 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Aerie home. On Thursday, Dec. 8, they will also be doing gift wrapping in the basement of the Eagles Club and on Saturday, Dec. 10 gift wrapping will take place at the Main Street Office, 208 Main Street.

Campus Showcase

AREA — 'Campus Showcase,' will feature the WSC Office of Multicultural Affairs Friday, Dec. 2, at 9 a.m. in the Elkhorn Room of the WSC student center. Clarissa Kaiser, director of multicultural affairs, will present the program that will focus on the importance of diversity education at WSC. She will be accompanied by students from a variety of cultures who will share their experiences at Wayne State. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Judy Johnson, director of college relations, at 375-7325.

Soup supper

AREA — The annual Wayne Optimist Club Soup and Bar supper will be held Thursday, Dec. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Residents are encouraged to come eat before the annual Parade of Lights. Proceeds will be used to benefit Optimist Youth Programs.



Kamber McNamara, Wayne Elem.



Tara Jackson

ation and counseling. Jackson had surgery Monday and is in intensive care at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Mississippi. She and her sister were hurt in the accident and their mother was killed.

Besides the account at the bank, there are two fundraisers taking place, including a WSC Aristocats held a spaghetti feed at Uncle Dave's in Wayne on Nov. 30. Jackson is an advisor for the Aristocats, a dance group at the college.

A pajama jam is planned for Thursday, Dec. 1 at Uncle Dave's from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with \$2 admission fee. The pajama jam is sponsored by MACT (Minorities in

Accordance Coming Together), an organization at the Multicultural Center at WSC. Jackson is an intern at the Multicultural Center. All proceeds raised will be donated to Jackson to help defray medical expenses.



Making preparations

Several volunteers worked to put up the large Christmas tree at the corner of Seventh and Main Street. The tree was cut from the John and Darlene Bowers residence and moved to its present location where it will remain through the holiday season.

Red Cross assistance available in time of need

With the recent winter weather in the area, many residents were without power for extended periods of time.

Loren Park, Director of Disaster Services for the Northeast Nebraska Chapter of the American Red Cross, put an announcement on KTCH radio to notify people who were in need of assistance to contact him and gave a phone number where he could be reached.

Realizing that without power, affected people probably would not hear the announcement of a shelter, it was hoped that word would get to those in need somehow. The local chapter would like to let everyone in the area know that if they are without power or have

other emergency needs, they can call the Red Cross office at 402-375-5209. If the office is closed, a 24-hour emergency number is listed to call so that Red Cross emergency services can be activated. Calls after hours go through the police dispatcher and they have an on-call calendar, as well as a listing of all trained Red Cross responders so help will be there as soon as possible.

Park also stated, "the other thing we need to make people aware of is that sometimes in weather-related conditions such as we had this week, our responders here in Wayne may not be able to get out on the roads or in to remote areas. We WILL however attempt to

make whatever arrangements we can to provide emergency assistance to people in need. We just have to emphasize that the people must call our office and let us know

what that need is. We can't assist unless we are notified."

Anyone who needs help is asked to remember to call the Red Cross at 402-375-5209.

Troops send 'wish list'

Troops with the 189th Transportation Company have sent a list of items they would like to have while stationed in Iraq to members of the Wayne AmVets Post.

These include AAA batteries; razors (men's and women's), white running socks (must go over the ankles), soft toilet paper, powdered Gator Aid, sunflower seeds,

ice tea bags, stationary, sheetrock screws (1 1/2" and 3"), ringshank nails, used DVDs, phone cards, canned soup, facial tissue, chapstick, bar soap, wet wipes, pens, beef jerky, candy.

It was noted that if sending a package to the whole unit, the package needs to be addressed to the 1SG and he will then distribute the package after it arrives.

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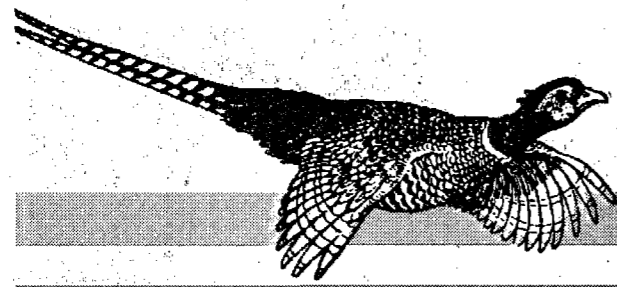
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Letters

Abandon Iraq?

Dear Editor,
Note: America and its allies are within one month of completing a political miracle: a freely-elected democratic republic in Iraq.
However, a "Democrat calls for immediate pullout" (OWH, Nov. 18), calls for America, in a 'cut n' run' tactic, to violate its promise to stand by the Iraqi people in their fight for freedom from tyranny. There is no question about this. No matter what argument Congressman John Murtha (Dem.-Pa.), or any of his partisans make, there is no doubt what his words mean. Pure and simple, it's 'cut n' run.'

In less than one month the final Iraqi election takes place. The Iraqi people will "freely elect" their own political representatives. For the first time in history Iraq will have a government answerable to its own people.

Congressman John Murtha, and his partisans, by this call for 'cut n' run' does not appreciate this event taking place. But why? Murtha's military rank, prestige and war medals are lauded liberally by the press, and his partisans. However, no one is explaining the "why" of the call by this ex-Marine. Still, the obvious reason is political. This 'cut n' run' tactic has to do with democrats frightened of the Bush policy proving true by the votes of the people of Iraq. It took America 13 years to get from 1776 to being a "democratic-republic." It will have taken the Iraqi people less than three years.

Murtha is a Korea and Vietnam vet; he is the ranking democrat on the House Armed Services Committee. He knows what he is doing. He knows the impact of his words. His words are easy to understand: "It's time to bring them home...our military has accomplished its mission and done its duty." This is plain English. Should we now 'cut n' run? What would Al Jazeera have to say about that? How about OBL and Zarqawi?

What say, America, should we 'cut n' run? Should we now abandon Iraq?
Allen O'Donnell,
Wayne

Goal achieved

Dear Editor,
It is an honor to recognize an area American Legion Auxiliary Unit for its diligence in making membership a Number One priority. Each of the 339 Units in Nebraska has been challenged to make membership a main objective and bring our numbers higher on the chart.

Roy Reed Unit No. 252, American Legion Auxiliary, Winside, Neb., as of Nov. 23, 2005, reached 100 percent goal with 69 members. Congratulations! Unit President Pat Miller, Membership Chairman Greta Grubbs and all members are to be commended for their great efforts in collecting renewals from current members and then bringing new members into their Unit. The Unit will be the recipient of a gold banner ribbon at Department Convention at North Platte in June, 2006, for their new "All-Time High" membership.

Letters Welcome

Letters from readers are welcome. They should be timely, brief (no longer than one type-written page, double spaced) and must contain no libelous statements. We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.
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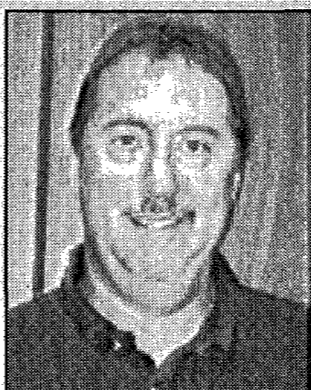
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Capitol View

Should voters re-hire candidates?

By Ed Howard
Statehouse Correspondent
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Sportswriters are sometimes the brunt of jokes, suggesting that their knowledge of other subjects is limited. In the extremis.

Remember when the late Mickey Mantle received a liver transplant? A doctor was briefing reporters. He told them that some of the donor's extremely vital organs had gone to help other people.

The doc acknowledged a raised hand. The question: What condition is the donor in?
Doctor's reply: "Sportswriter, right?"

However, a reporter in Lincoln did something recently to help redeem the trade.

During the weekly mass interview with Husker Coach Bill Callahan, a reporter asked the coach: If you were the athletic director, would you fire you?

Callahan responded with a question of his own. "What kind of question is that?"

No matter what anyone else might tell you, it was a darn good question.

To go with a baseball analogy, it could be regarded as high and inside. On the football side of comparisons, though, it most certainly was not unsportsmanlike conduct. Nor was it unnecessary roughness.

Since the realm of this column is the Tower on the Plains, we will proceed to explain how the question in the South Stadium can be applied to the Capitol.

How about asking a state senator, or attorney general or governor the same thing, sort of. If you were a voter, would you fire you?

The question tossed to Callahan reflected the fact that his team isn't doing so good. The folk, right or not, are not satisfied.

Well?
People in general clearly have that feeling about the Legislature. The people feel like they are losing, rightly or not, because of the way the state is managed under a variety of government policies. The Legislature enacts law reflecting tax policy, education policy and all manner of other policy.

It is not uncommon, during election year debates, for a reporter to ask a candidate: You are basically applying for the job of [fill in the blank]. Why should the voters hire you? Or, re-hire, as the case may be.

Why not phrase it in language that might reflect the mood of far more people.

"If you were a voter, would you fire you? I mean, when you ran for office you asked voters to hire you by firing the other guy. If the seat was open, you said you were the best guy for the job."

Such a question is not unfair. If the officeholder seems offended, a reasonable follow-up is at hand.

"When you ran you said you would do this and that and the other thing. Well? Are you going to roll out the 'special interests are the problem,' wheeze? Isn't every interest 'special' to someone?"

There is also a reasonable response to be offered by many elected officials, if they are up to being candid.

"It's a little bit like coaching foot-

ball. You don't know what you're up against until you get there. There aren't as many resources as you think. You find out that some things just aren't possible."

The difference between football coaches and politicians? Football coaches learned a long time ago that it is often suicide to promise this and that, not to mention the other thing.

A thing that football coaches and politicians have in common, however, was described by former President Gerald Ford during a visit to Lincoln.

Coaching football is a lot like politics. The people will name a street for you one day - and chase you down it the next!



Special donors

Dear Editor,
The Siouxland Community Blood Bank wishes to thank everyone who participated in the blood drives held Nov. 25 at the Wayne Fire Department. Forty-two donors registered and 57 units were collected. We also recruited one new donor!
Congratulations to the following donors for reaching gallon milestones: Gail Korn - 7 gallons; Alan Johnson - 4 gallons; Darrel Heier - 2 gallons; Mark Evetovich - 1 gallon; Kaye Morris - 1 gallon; Connie Wageman - 1 gallon.

Sandy Zalme
Siouxland Blood Bank

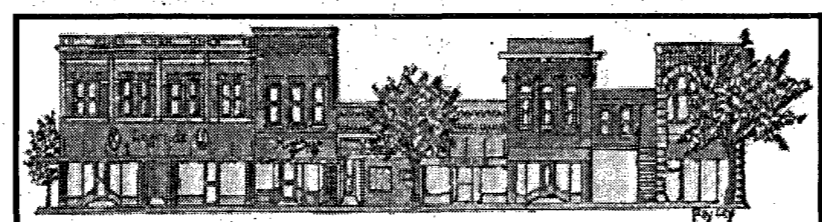
Holiday season has arrived in Wayne

The Holiday season has arrived and the Main Street Christmas tree is glowing on the corner of Seventh and Main Streets.

Special thanks goes out to a number of fine companies who made the tree possible - Otte Construction Company, Ernest Ping and Ping Tree Service, Vicki and Brent Pick for the tree stand, Gerhold Concrete for the anchors (Christmas presents under the tree), Heritage Industries for painting the anchors and volunteers Jeff Morlok, Doug Pierson, Paul Otte, Leo Ahmann and Gary Van Meter. An extra special thanks to John and Darlene Bowers for their contribution of the tree.

It turned out to be a beautiful day to set up the tree and it is eye-catching as one drives either east or west on Seventh Street or north and south on Main Street.

This is the week for Fantasy Forest, Holiday Sounds and



Main Street Focus

Holiday!!! Take some time to visit the beautiful exhibit of Christmas trees at some time on Thursday and Friday. Approximately 30 trees will be on display at some point prior to the Rotary Soup and Pie Supper Thursday and during the Chamber Coffee Friday morning up to and after the Holiday Sounds concert Friday evening at 7 p.m.

Make a point to attend the concert on Friday evening for an enjoyable evening of Christmas music by the combined Wayne churches' Bell

Choirs and singing choirs. A free-will offering will be taken at Holiday Sounds and refreshments will be provided by Main Street volunteers. We had many requests from people who attended last year to repeat the concert this year, so we decided to do it again this year. If you missed last year, please attempt to make it this year.

Holiday starts Sunday evening with the food tables ready at 6 p.m. Food will include a variety of meat entrees, assorted hors d'oeuvres and desserts prepared by Main Street and Habitat for Humanity volunteers and friends. Entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m. Dress up is optional, but come in the mood for fun and a great time. Tickets are on sale at Swans, Antiques on Main, Children's Collection and the Chamber Office and are \$7 per person. They will also be available at the door. At 7 p.m., we will have an impersonation of Julia Childs and at 8 p.m., the dance band from Wayne State

College will play.

This is a fund-raising event for the Wayne Habitat for Humanity and the group will have a model miniature house on display with plenty of opportunities for people to contribute to the building of the next house. Many people and businesses have contributed items for auction and for door prizes.

The list is not complete, but here is a sample of some of the items for auction - a Vic Reynolds' "Willow Bowl" water color scene, framed and matted; "Husker Memorabilia;" many framed pictures/paintings; a ladies shearing coat and possibly, Oprah autographed t-shirts, will be available as door prizes along with bottles of wine and a crystal broach.

This is a fun opportunity for you to kick off the Holiday Season and to contribute to a worthy cause in Wayne.

Next Thursday, the festivities will continue with "Christmas on the Main." Look for the individual stores and restaurants to advertise specials for this day and come downtown to see the annual

"Parade of Lights," which starts at 7 p.m. The parade will be followed by "Living Windows." There is still lots of room for parade entries, carrolers and youth groups to participate in Living Windows.

Information about participating in the parade and windows can be obtained at the three stores listed previously or by calling Irene at the Chamber Office.

Join us as a participant or observer. You are sure to have fun and you might even catch a bargain on a gift for that special person for Christmas.

Main Street Wayne hopes to have the December and final issue of its newsletter out in the next few weeks. The end of the calendar year is also the end of the Main Street Wayne's fiscal year. We will be asking you to help us find and elect new board members as we reorganize and join with the Wayne Area Economic Development, Inc. in an exciting venture that should make all segments of the Wayne community more vibrant and stronger economically as we face the opportunities for growth ahead of us in 2006.

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Holiday Sounds

The Bell Choirs and singing choirs from several Wayne Churches will present a concert on Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Wayne City Auditorium in conjunction with this year's Fantasy Forest. Above, is the choir from Our Savior Lutheran Church at last year's event.

Adopted

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Several members of the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department were on hand at the meeting to discuss the specific designs for a new city pumper truck.

Fire Chief Tom Mitzel told the council that the present pumper being used by the city is nearly 20 years old and during that time, a number of changes in requirements have taken place. He said that four years ago a committee was formed for the purpose of determining what needs to be included in a new vehicle.

Brent Doring, head of the committee, presented drawings and gave details of the vehicle the department would like to purchase. The estimated cost of the fully-equipped truck is \$250,000, although the exact cost won't be known until the truck is actually bid out.

Funding for the truck could come from a grant/loan from the USDA and Homeland Security. Mitzel told the council it could take 12 months from the time the truck is ordered until it is delivered.

Also discussed at Tuesday's meeting was an application for a permit to have an Alaskan Malamute/Wolf Hybrid dog by Jolene Bruna.

At issue was the effectiveness of a rabies shot on a non-domestic mix animal.

Bruna told the council she has been working a veterinarian to determine the breeding of the dog

and has also been attempting to locate the breeder of the dog to determine, if, in fact, it has wolf blood. She also noted she would not have a dangerous dog with her child.

City Administrator Johnson told the council he had recently received a letter from the state veterinarian stating that the Center for Disease Control does not recognize the type of rabies vaccination to be accepted as proof of immunity for wolf-dog hybrids. Because of this, there could be liability issues for the city if a permit was granted for the dog to be kept in city limits.

Several suggestions were made for amendments to Ordinance 2005-34 which would prohibit any person subject to the Sex Offender Registration Act from residing in certain areas within the city.

City Attorney Mike Pieper recommended several changes in the ordinance to make it more specific. He also noted that South Sioux City, who is also at the present time working to develop such an ordinance, has included language to include those offenders who were convicted of crimes against those 17 years and younger.

Calvin Kroeker asked a number of questions in regard to the ordinance, including whether or not rehabilitation would be taken into consideration and how the ordinance would effect Wayne State College students.

Following discussion, the council approved the ordinance on second reading. It will be brought back for final reading at the council's next

meeting.

Virgil Kardell told the council he questioned whether Level I offenders (least likely to re-offend) should be treated the same way as other offenders. He also shared several articles on related topics.

Ordinance 2005-31 received third reading approval. It will amend the city code to allow underage persons in establishments that serve alcohol during times that specific events, such as pool tournaments, are taking place.

George Ellyson, Chief Inspector/Planner and Lance Webster, Police Chief, presented a report on the Problem Resolution Team.

Ellyson noted that there have been 39 issues brought to the team this year, the majority by the public and city staff.

Chief Webster noted that a number of the issues brought to their attention dealt with quality of life issues, rather than code issues.

Mayor Lois Shelton made a number of appointments to the loan committee for down payment loans for the city's housing program. They include Nancy Braden, City Treasurer; Channele Belt, Administrative Assistant; Laura Neel, Police Dispatcher; Mark Lentz, Water/Wastewater Operator II; Della Pries, Wayne Community Housing Development Director and Dianne Frey, USDA Home Loan Specialist.

The council's next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers.



Dr. Kenn Hallgren stands with a family he became acquainted with while he was in Romania. He will speak about his experiences at the next 'Brown Bag' program at WSC.

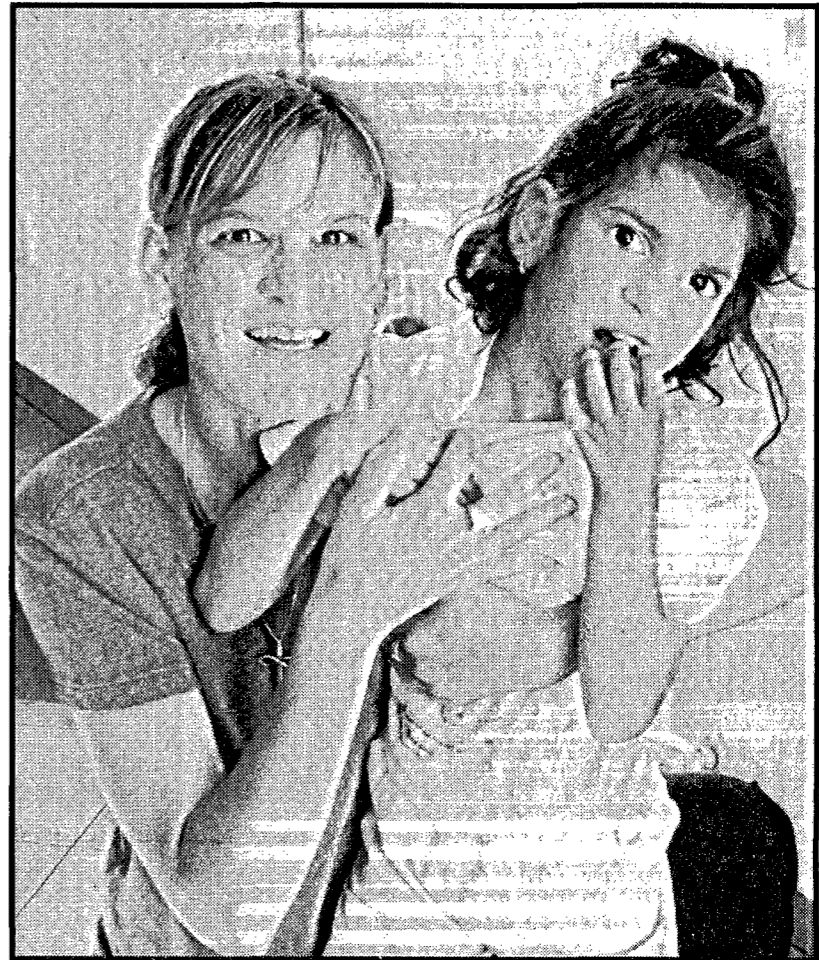
Braasch, Hallgren to share Romania experiences

Sandra Braasch, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) campus minister at Wayne State College, and Dr. Kenn Hallgren, professor of business at Wayne State, will present "Romania: Two Perspectives" for the December 'Brown Bag' program sponsored by the WSC Office of Multicultural Affairs. The presentation will be Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 1:30 p.m. in the Niobrara Room in the WSC student center. It is free and open to the public.

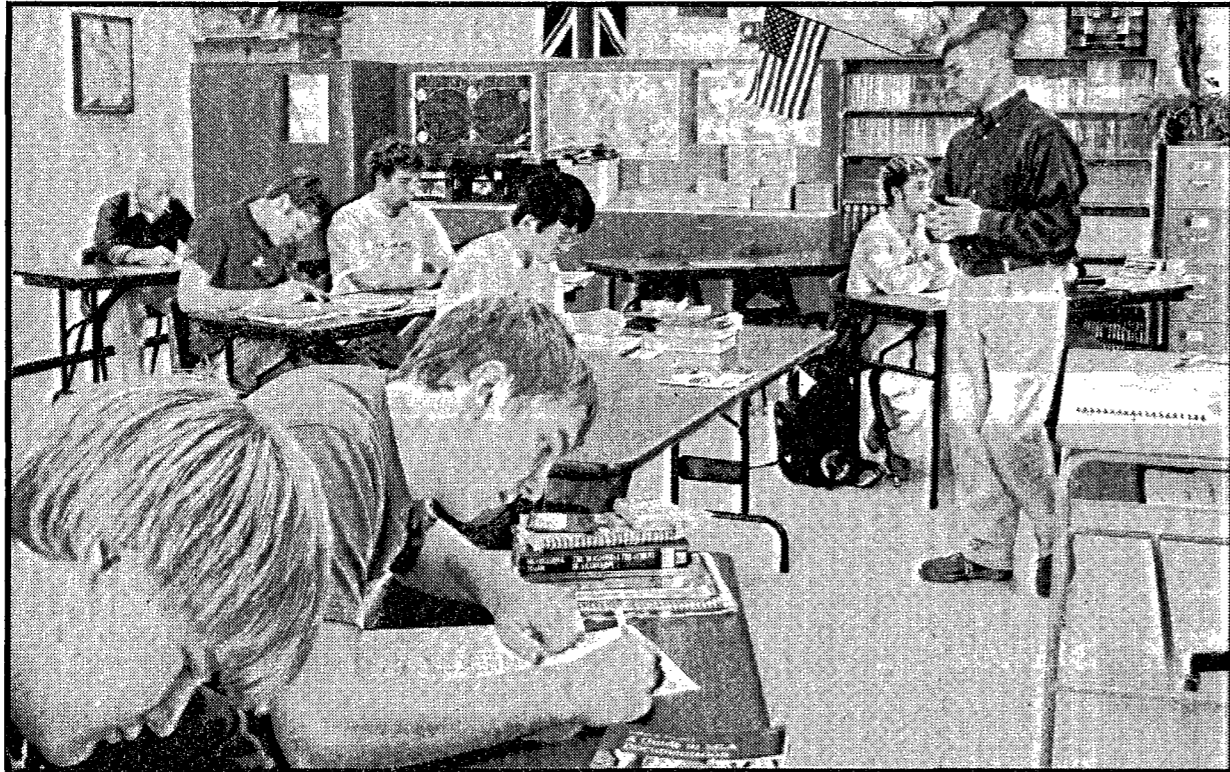
Braasch will speak about her experience working with Motivation Romania, a non-governmental organization in Romania whose mission is to improve the quality of life for those who have disabilities. She will show a short (seven minute) video of the children she worked with while in Romania last year.

Hallgren will share his experiences while teaching and touring Romania. He taught marketing management and research in 1994, and entrepreneurship and international business in 1999 through the Fulbright Commission. He photographed the landscape and people while traveling the countryside for a deeper understanding of folklore, tradition and culture.

For more information, please call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 402-375-7749.



Sandra Braasch, ELCA campus minister at WSC, worked with Motivation Romania organization in Romania. She is shown with one of the children she worked with there.



Wayne High English teacher Dwaine Spieker, right, explains what needs to be included in his student's senior research papers during a recent class session.

Term papers provide opportunities to broaden a student's knowledge

By Clara Osten
Of the Herald

With the Thanksgiving holiday just past, many of the Wayne High seniors are thankful that the majority of their senior research project is now completed.

Students in Dwaine Spieker's English classes have been working since mid-October to complete the eight-page papers on topics of their

choosing.

Among these are "How can GPS save farmers time and money?" "What are the optimal components of pre-competition nutrition?" "What are the causes of ischemic stroke?" "What are the latest medications for obsessive compulsive children ages eight to 16?" "What are the physical effects of Type I diabetes?" "What benefits would

installing more wind-generated power have on Nebraska?" "What are the major events that brought about the end of the Trojan War?" "What are the environmental causes of multiple sclerosis?" and "What Major League Baseball records are most in doubt because steroids were not banned until 2002?"

The term papers account for 30 percent of the students' semester grade and "the goal is to present specialized research to a general audience," Spieker said.

While researching information and completing the project, students work closely with the Wayne High School library staff to utilize all the information available to them at the school.

He said that the term papers have traditionally been a part of the second semester curriculum, but were moved to first semester for a number of reasons.

"First of all, having the students complete them earlier allows for a different grading time frame. Also, the knowledge gained during this process can be used as a building block for other aspects of the class. Finally, after the term papers are completed, everything else we do in class is easy," Spieker said.



Seniors use the computer resources available at Wayne Public Schools' library.

weekly spotlight

Plain Janes offers variety of customized items

By Clara Osten
Of the Herald

Everything is hand-made and everything is different at Plain Janes, located at 111 Main Street in Wayne.

Jane Rebensdorf and her husband John recently moved their business to Main Street Wayne after running it out of their home since 1998.

"I have actually been doing craft things since I was little. I started working with my grandmother, who was very crafty and have been doing it ever since," Jane said.

Prior to opening Plain Janes in early October, Jane had open houses periodically in her home and attended craft shows in the area to market her merchandise.

Merchandise is changed on a regular basis and includes items such as windows, screens and chairs that have been recycled.

John is responsible for cutting, sanding and staining wood which is often obtained from buildings that are being torn down.

"I am enjoying being on Main Street. It is nice to have a place to set up my creations. I have wanted to be able to do this for a long time," Jane said.

Many of the items created by Jane can be personalized, often while a customer is in the store. In addition to items constructed by Jane, the store carries Barn candles, a soy blend candle made in Hastings.

Sons Keegan, 12, and Brock, 6, help with the business when needed.

Plain Janes is open Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Some exceptions to these hours exist when the couple travels to craft shows. Extended hours are being planned during the holiday season.

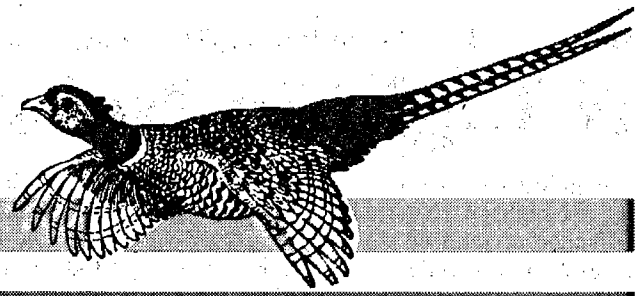
In addition, an open house is being planned for Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3 when Plain Janes will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Those attending will be able to enjoy cider and homemade cookies and browse through the shop.

For more information, contact Plain Janes at 833-8001.

Jane, left, and John Rebensdorf display several of the items available at Plain Janes in Wayne. An open house is scheduled at the shop at 111 Main Street in Wayne.

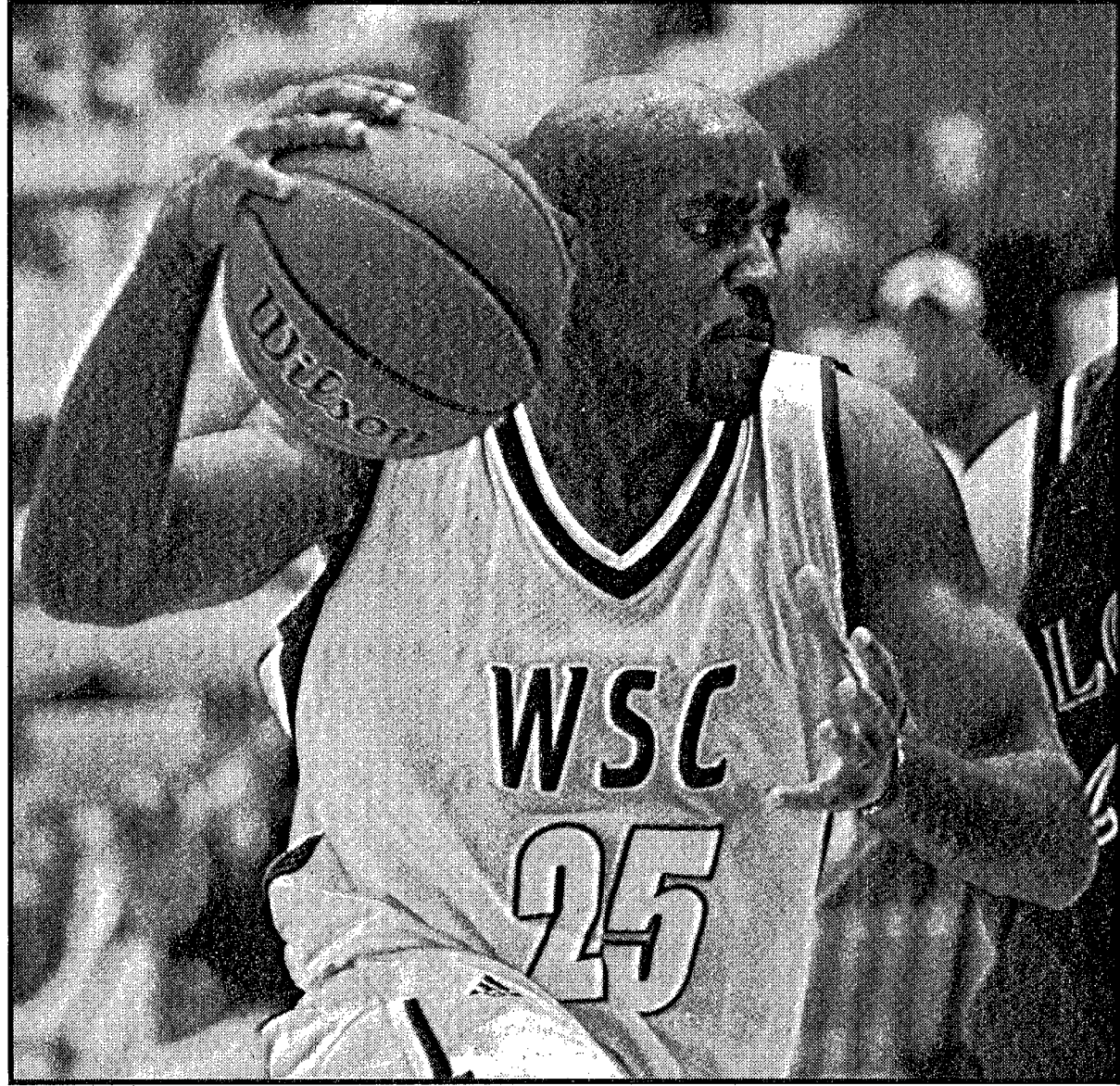
Sports

The Wayne Herald



Wildcats notch big win against UNK

Victory over Lopers is the first since 1999, team to travel to Colorado this weekend



Tim Taylor drives toward the basket in last Wednesday's home opening win against Nebraska-Kearney.

It was a monkey that's been riding Wayne State's back since 1999.

Last Wednesday night, a six-game losing streak to the Lopers was broken as the WSC men's basketball team downed in-state rival Nebraska-Kearney 76-74 in the Wildcats' first home game of the new basketball season.

Dating back to last season, the last three meetings between the two schools have been decided by a combined five points.

WSC jumped out to an early 11-4 lead at the 16:01 mark and held the lead for the entire first half, enjoying a 38-27 lead at the intermission.

The visiting Lopers would rally several times in the second half and cut the lead to two points on several occasions, but the Wildcats were able to hang on for the win.

"We've been trying to preach to our kids about being tough, and I think that's the identity that this team is trying to take on," WSC coach Rico Burkett said. "Tonight it was a team effort and that's what we got from our group."

UNK cut the WSC lead to two at 45-43 with 15:03, but the host Wildcats went on an 11-2 run over the next 3:30 to go up 56-45 with 11:33 remaining.

However, UNK mounted another rally as Chad Burger hit a jumper to make the score 60-58 with 6:59 left in the game.

UNK cut the Wildcat lead to two again at 64-62 on another basket by Burger with 5:41 remaining, but

that's as close as the Lopers would get until the final score as James Lane hit a jumper at the end of the game to make the final score 76-74 in favor of Wayne State.

Wayne State had four players score in double figures, led by Bryce Caldwell's 18 points, which included five three-pointers.

Sophomore center Matt Rathje scored a career-high 16 points, followed by Tom Sherlock with 15 and Dallas Hodges with 13.

WSC shot 29 of 57 from the floor for 50.9 percent, but hit just 11 of 20 free throws for 55 percent. UNK shot 30 of 69 from the field for 43.5 percent and was 12 of 20 from the free throw line.

The Lopers held a sizeable 46-28 advantage in rebounding over Wayne State. Caldwell pulled down seven grabs to lead Wayne State.

The Wildcats now 2-1 on the season, will travel to Durango, Colo., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3 to play in the Fort Lewis Tournament.

The Wildcats are scheduled to face Fort Lewis on Friday, at 9:00 p.m., and Adams State on Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

WSC	38	38	-	76
UNK	27	47	-	74
WSC scoring: Dusty Smith 8, Dallas Hodges 13, Bryce Caldwell 18, Tom Sherlock 15, Matt Rathje 16, Jonathon Thomas 2, Tim Taylor 4.				

Wayne State picks up its first loss at tournament

Sometimes an early season loss can build character for a team in the games later in the campaign.

The Wayne State women's basketball team picked up its first loss of the season in a split at the Metro State/Comfort Inn Downtown Denver Classic last weekend in Colorado.

Early last week, the Wildcats rolled in a 93-38 domination over Peru State in WSC's home opener. WSC improved to 3-0 and outscored Peru State 47-17 in the second half in last Tuesday's game at Rice Auditorium.

Peru State took an early 3-2 lead after a three point shot by Leisha Tennen, which was the only time in the game Wayne State trailed.

Erin McCormick put in a jumper from senior Nicole Gruntorad to take a 28-15 lead with 8:43 left in the half and, WSC closed the half on a 20-6 run to lead 46-21.

The run continued after intermission the second half as the Bobcats did not score again until 9:17 left in the game as WSC maintained control with a 69-23 advantage.

The Bobcats were able to put up 17 points in the final nine minutes of the game and WSC countered with 24 en route to the 93-38.

Wayne State had five players in double figures and were paced by Ashley Arndorfer and Gruntorad with 15 points each. McCormick added 12 points, while Allison Steffen and senior Kristen Humphries each tallied 10 points.

The Wildcats recorded 17 steals against the Bobcat offense and forced 24 turnovers.

Lauren Gustafson paced the team with seven rebounds, eight assists and six steals. McCormick and Steffen each added three steals.

Wayne State shot 52.9 percent from the field, while Peru State College was only 26.4 percent.

WSC	46	47	-	93
Peru State	21	17	-	38
WSC scoring: Nicole Gruntorad 15, Erin McCormick 12, Lauren Gustafson 6, Allison Steffen 10, Kristen Humphries 10, Amanda Covington 6, Amanda Walker 5, Ashley Arndorfer 15, Kylee McGill 4, Jackie Knievel 6, Karoline Salazar 4.				

WSC vs. Metro State
The Wildcats slipped to 3-1 as Metro State handed the team its first loss of the season last Friday afternoon at the Downtown Denver Classic in Denver, Colo. WSC fell to the Metro State Roadrunners 63-49 in a game that was close heading into the final eight minutes of play.

"We were a little sloppy and got rattled," WSC coach Ryan Williams said. "We didn't adjust to

how the game was called and we got freaked out. Our team can't play so rattled, especially on the road."

The game was close throughout until the Wildcats went nearly five minutes without a point midway through the second half to allow Metro State to pull away for the win.

Metro State led 44-43 with just under 8:00 remaining, then the host Roadrunners went on a 12-0 run over the next five minutes, going up 56-43, to put the game away.

Gruntorad was the only Wayne State player in double figures with 13 points.

WSC shot just 25 percent in the second half (8 of 32) and finished the game 20 of 50 from the field for 34.5 percent. The Wildcats were also outrebounded by Metro State 51-33.

WSC	28	21	-	49
Metro State	30	33	-	63
WSC scoring: Gruntorad 13, McCormick 6, Gustafson 6, Steffen 6, Humphries 6, Covington 4, Walker 3, Arndorfer 3, McGill 2.				

WSC vs. Adams State

The Wildcats withstood a strong second half comeback effort by Adams State in a 57-42 win against the Grizzlies on Saturday afternoon at the Downtown Denver Classic.

WSC led 29-20 at the half, but Adams State, who was plagued by earlier foul troubles, chipped away at the lead to get within a point with 7:42 left in the game. The Wildcats ignited for a 13-2 run over the next 5:37 to ice the win at the charity stripe, thanks to some late free throws.

Wayne State was paced by 12 points from Humphries and 11 from Amanda Walker. McCormick added eight points and recorded a game-high 11 rebounds.

Adams State held its biggest lead at 18-15 with 6:07 left in the first half, but a shooting flurry by Arndorfer and Gruntorad put eight straight points on the board to build a five-point advantage.

Arndorfer and Walker each hit jumpers in the final minutes to give the Wildcats a 29-20 halftime lead.

The Grizzlies fell behind by 10 points early after intermission, but rallied to close the gap by four points after an 8-2 run.

Gruntorad responded with a bucket and Walker hit the second of her two three-pointers in the contests to put WSC up 39-30 with 14:35 left in the game.

Adam State's Nicole Tatum then scored four of her six points to cut the WSC lead to three points and Clara Nevarez sank four free

throws in 31 seconds to pull within a point at 41-40.

WSC was able to turn up the defensive pressure and held ASC without a field goal in the final 10 minutes to take the 57-42 win.

"I wasn't pleased with how we played, but the kids found a way to win," Williams said. "We can't play well every night and I'm proud of the team for hanging in there."

WSC held Adams State to just 28.9 percent shooting in the game on 13 of 45 and outrebounded the Grizzlies 44-26.

"I thought we had a size advantage in the post and we got the ball inside and did a good job of rebounding and getting stops," Williams added.

McCormick helped the Wildcats to their big rebounding advantage by grabbing a team-high 11 rebounds and Steffen added seven boards.

WSC vs. Nebr.-Kearney

WSC dominated in-state rival Nebraska-Kearney 74-53 on Tuesday night in a game that was postponed due to a snowstorm on Monday at Kearney.

The win was especially sweet for coach Ryan Williams, who picked up his 119th victory to tie G.I. Willoughby's school record of coaching wins as a women's basketball coach at Wayne State.

Williams said he was concerned that the team could have gone into the game flat as the squad spent most of Sunday and all day Monday in a Kearney motel after the postponement.

"This was a good win for us," Williams said. "For being in a motel room for two days, I thought our energy level was great and we did a nice job of maintaining our focus. We executed our game plan in a tough place to win."

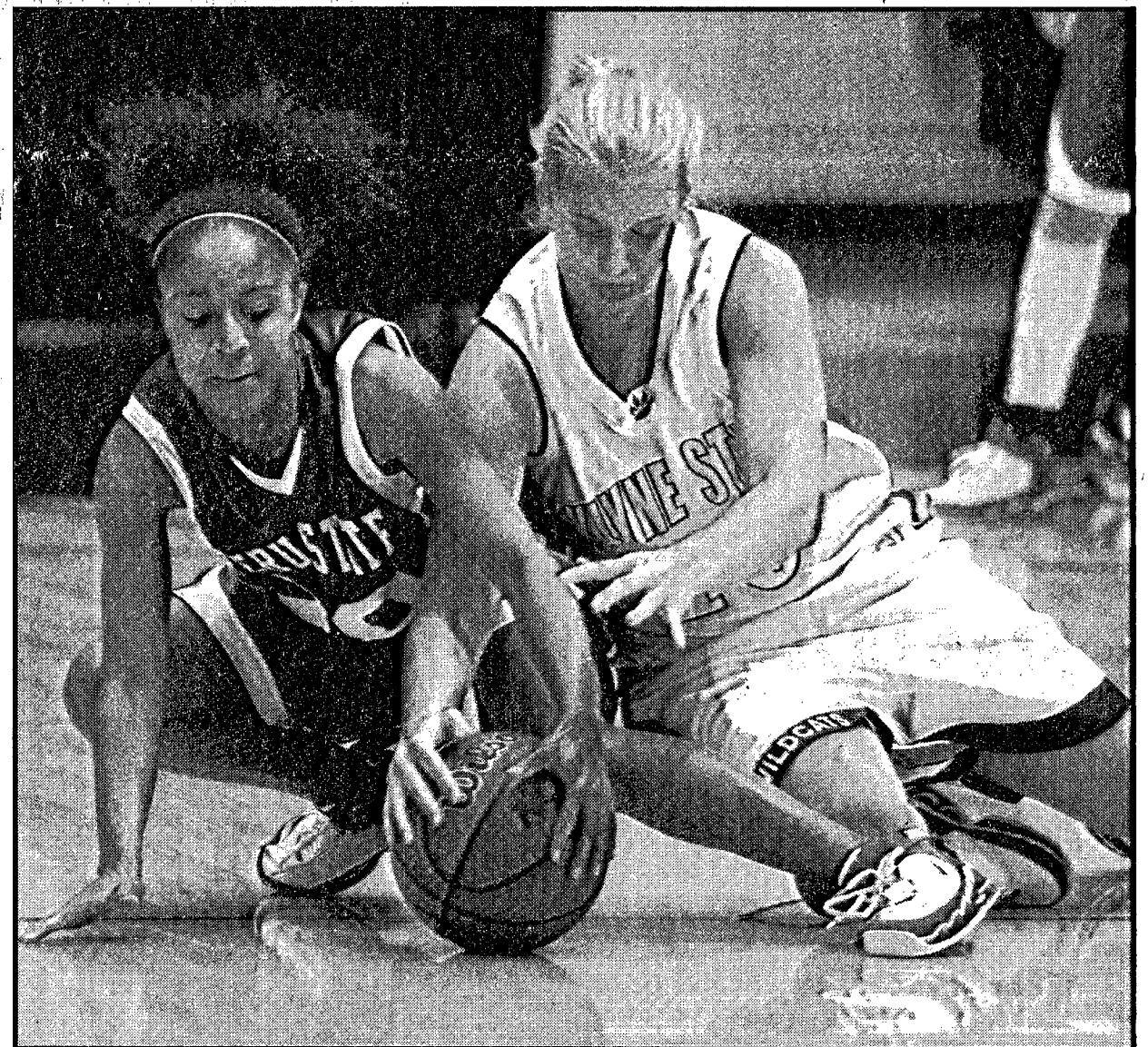
He also said the play of Nicole Gruntorad and Kylee McGill were highlights in Tuesday's win.

Gruntorad, a Kearney native, who also was a former UNK player, led four Wildcats in double figures with 19 points, while Humphries scored 16, Arndorfer added 12 and freshman Kylee McGill recorded her breakout game with 10.

WSC open quick 8-2 lead and used a balanced attack in the second half to outscore the Lopers 27-12 to put the game out of UNK's reach.

The Wildcats (5-1) return home on Thursday (tonight) to face Augustana College at 7:30 p.m. at Rice Auditorium.

WSC	30	44	-	74
Nebr.-Kearney	26	27	-	53
WSC scoring: Gruntorad 19, McCormick 4, Gustafson 7, Humphries 16, Arndorfer 12, McGill 10, Covington 4, Steffen 2.				



Lauren Gustafson (right) battles for the ball against Peru State's Kaylisha Taylor in last Tuesday's WSC home opener at Rice Auditorium.



Wayne State's Karoline Salazar jumps for a rebound in home action last Tuesday.

WSC Notebook

Wayne State inks baseball standout

WAYNE — Wayne State College head baseball coach John Manganaro announced the signing of a Minnesota pitcher to the Wildcat baseball team.

Eric Belter of Winona, Minn., is a 6-0, 180 pound pitcher who will have two seasons of eligibility with the Wildcats.

Belter attended Des Moines Area Community College in Iowa for two years, played in 2004 and redshirted the following year.

He then transferred to Ellsworth Community College, where he will pitch in the 2006 season. He graduated from Cotter High School in Winona, Minn., in 2003 and was a three year starter, earning All-Conference and MVP honors.

WSC places 21 on academic team

WAYNE — Wayne State College placed 21 student-athletes on the 2005 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Fall All-Academic Team last week.

To be eligible for the honor, members must be a member of the traveling varsity team, be sophomore standing or higher and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or better.

WSC team members were: **Men's cross country:** Ben Crabtree, Jeremiah Herron, Matt Schneider. **Women's cross country:** Lisa Froistad, Eric Norenberg, Erin Oswald, Haley Reeves. **Football:** Tyler Chambers, Dan Kruger, Zach Molacek, Adam Peterson, Jr. Rother. **Volleyball:** Lani Reeb, Michelle Eckhardt, Mattie Burnham, Laura Dolezal. **Soccer:** Kelly O'Connor, Melissa Benson, Gena Romano, Meagan Shear, Lindsay Wood.

N-Lighten Nebraska registrations open

Registrations are officially open for N-Lighten Nebraska 2006. Officials announced the opening recently and unveiled a new incentive program with thousands of healthy prize items available for active N-Lighten teams. Entries are expected to top the 10,000

mark. The three-month team wellness program which begins Feb. 1, offers assistance to teams of 2-10 people in healthy weight-loss and/or increased physical activity. Participants receive weekly activity and nutrition tips, log their activity periodically and can track their progress on a statewide leaderboard.

Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman praised N-Lighten Nebraska as a safe and fun way for Nebraskans to improve their health.

"Nebraskans are independent-minded folks who love a challenge. The N-Lighten program offers a competitive but non-threatening way to make weight loss and exercise into attainable group goals. By working together, these teams have an opportunity to set the tone for a healthier Nebraska," Heineman said.

Some 6,388 Nebraska adults participated in 2005, losing 19,500 pounds and logging 4.3 million activity miles. Surveys indicated that four months after the program, 86 percent of the 2005 participants had maintained their progress toward better health. Some 94 percent believed the experience was worthwhile.

The cost to participate is \$15 per person or \$13 for online registrants. Besides the weekly tips, each entrant receives a free t-shirt and free entry into the 2006 Cornhusker State Games Volkswagen. Team captains receive long-sleeved shirts. Shipping of

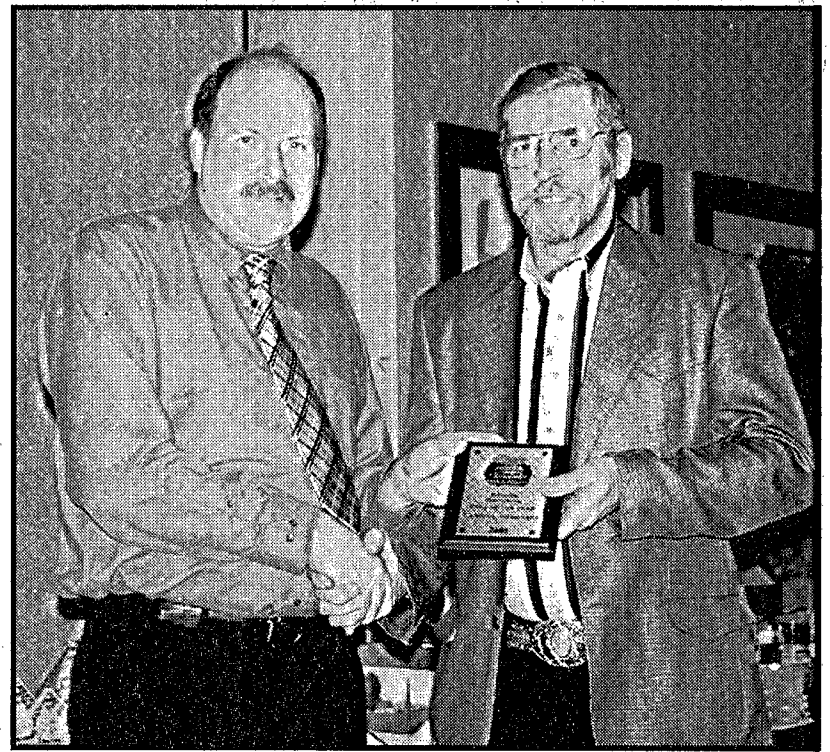
shirts and other materials is free.

"N-Lighten Nebraska works because it incorporates the team concept, it focuses on behavior change rather than a quick-fix and it's inexpensive - a buck twenty-five a week to be exact. Having a good chance to win prizes should help further motivate the participants this year," said Dave Minarik, executive director of the Nebraska Sports Council, which conducts the program.

Entry forms and information for N-Lighten Nebraska, which is sponsored jointly by St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center and St. Francis Medical Center of Grand Island, are available at NebraskaSportsCouncil.com or by calling the Nebraska Sports Council at 1-800-304-2637.

Weekly tip contributors for N-Lighten Nebraska include: the Nebraska Health & Human Services System, the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension and Tiger Coaching and Personal Training.

Prize contributors and other partners include: Gold Level - Arby's, Hy-Vee, KOLN-KGIN Television, Nebraska Beef Council, Runza, Subway, and Three Eagles Communications. Silver Level - Nebraska Dietetics Association, Nebraska on the Move, WELCOM, Well Workplace Nebraska and Workwell. Bronze Level - ARF, Bike Pedalers, Cycle Works, Lincoln Orthopedic Center, Moose's Tooth, and YMCAs of Nebraska.



Receives award

Dennis Rohde of Carroll Pulling, Inc. accepts the award for being selected the 2005 Regional National Pull of the Year. Pullers in this area also receiving awards were: Byron Deck of Winside, eighth place for Super Farm Division; David Geiger of Allen, third place for Modified Tractor Division; and Jason Klausen of Laurel, twelfth place also in the Modified Tractor Division. Present, left to right, Doug Roberts, Outlaw President, and Dennis Rhode, promoter of Carroll pull.

MDA seeking nominations for National Achievement Awards

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is seeking nominations for its 14th annual personal Achievement Awards. The awards, given on the local, state and national levels, recognize the accomplishments and community service of people with disabilities caused by neuromuscular diseases.

Nomination forms are available from the local MDA office and must be submitted by Jan. 23, 2006. Nominations may be made by individuals or organizations. The only qualifications are that the nominee be affected by one of the neuromuscular diseases in MDA's program and be registered with the Association.

Each MDA chapter chooses a local award recipient. He or she is automatically considered for a statewide award, and a national recipient is selected from among the state recipients.

MDA initiated the Personal Achievement Awards program in 1992 to honor the contributions of people with disabilities, especially in their own communities.

Scholarship deadline extended

Due to this week's blizzard and the school closings resulting from it, Wayne State College is extending its priority scholarship application deadline.

To accommodate students and counselors who have been unable to complete the process in time for the Dec. 1 postmark deadline, applications postmarked through Saturday, Dec. 3, will be accepted. This extension includes applications for the Neihardt Scholarship, and applications for the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP).

Please check with your local post office to determine by what time the materials must be in the box for a Saturday postmark.

Please contact Linc Morris, dean of admissions and recruitment, at 375-7234 if you have questions.

Since inception of the program, MDA has recognized over 2,000 local and state award recipients. Hundreds of other people have participated as nominees, nominators and members of volunteer selection committees.

Local and state award recipients receive certificates and are invited to appear on locally-broadcast segments of the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon. The National Personal Achievement Award recipient is announced on the national broadcast of the Telethon.

MDA's 2006 national award recipients are twin sisters Kelly Buonaccorsi and Kristen Connors of Cranston, R.I. Kelly is a Life Financial and Inforce Analyst for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (MetLife) and Kristen is a constituent caseworker for U.S. Rep. James Langevin.

Past national recipients include Michael Wasser of Brooklyn, N.Y., a tax and real estate attorney for the city of New York; Nicholas Johnson of Waltham, Mass., a senior heating, ventilation and air conditioning engineer; Amy Dunaway-Haney of Dayton, Ohio, a nationally-recognized high school Spanish teacher and counselor; Jan Blaustone of Nashville, Tenn., an author, educator and consultant; William W. Altaffer of Tucson, Ariz., an attorney and advocate for people with disabilities; and J. Stephen Mikita of Salt Lake City, a Utah assistant attorney general and recognized expert on the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Additional information and nomination forms for the 2006 MDA Personal Achievement Awards may be obtained from the local MDA office at 7602 Pacific Street, Suite 200, Omaha, NE. 68114 (402) 390-2914.

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Goldenrod Hills Community Action will hold the Wayne immunization clinic on Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The clinic is held at First United Methodist Church, 516 North Main Street. For an appointment, call (402) 529-3513.

Goldenrod Hills Community Action immunizations offers the Pediarix vaccine, which consists of the DtaP, Hepatitis B and IPV as a combined shot, the Menactra vaccination (meningitis vaccination for seventh graders and college freshmen and Tdap (tetanus with a pertussis component) for 10-18 year olds.

Adult Hepatitis B vaccine is available to the public at the immunization clinics to anyone 19 years or older. The cost of the vaccine is \$28 per shot to help defray the cost of the vaccine and administration.

Hepatitis B vaccine is available to the public immunization clinics for anyone 18 years of age and younger. Hepatitis B is a serious illness that can lead to liver cancer, liver failure and death. It takes three shots to protect against Hepatitis B.

Goldenrod Hills Community Action Agency, in conjunction with

the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services, is currently offering influenza vaccinations for children ages six to 23 months only, at the public clinic.

The immunization clinic is open to the public with no income guidelines. Children should be accompanied by the parent or guardian and to also bring past immunization records. Proxy forms may be obtained by contacting the Wisner office at (402) 529-3513. A \$15 donation is requested to help defray administrative costs. No one will be denied immunizations for inability to pay.

Wildcat Sports Medicine Center activities planned

There are a number of activities planned at the Wildcat Sports Medicine Center at the Rec Center at Wayne State College on Friday, Dec. 9:

- 2:30 p.m. Press conference.
- 4 p.m. Dedication of Wildcat Sports Medicine Center. Special recognition of Ralph Barclay.
- 4-7 p.m. Open house and tours of the facility.
- 6 p.m. Women's basketball game, Rice Auditorium.
- 8 p.m. Men's basketball game, Rice Auditorium.

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CHRISTMAS COFFEE

Security National Bank is holding its Christmas Coffee Open House on Friday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. until noon. Stop in and enjoy coffee, cookies, hot apple cider and good cheer.

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Just a reminder that the Allen FFA members have started collecting orders for fruit, meats, and cheeses for the 2005 Christmas season. Anyone who would like to order should contact one of the Allen FFA members of Mr. Wilmes at 402-635-2484.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

Music Boosters activities are continuing as the holiday season approaches.

There will be a "Christmas in the Country" tour of homes to the Jeanne Kavanaugh, George Sullivan, Verlan Hingst, Bob Hohenstein, Wayne Chase, Marvin Keitges and Loren Lund residences on Dec. 4. Because of the driving in the country and limited parking space at the homes, van transportation will be provided and is mandatory. Vans will leave the school at 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, and 3:45 with the tour taking about 3 hours and 20 minutes. You can call Shelly Saxen after 5 p.m. weekdays at 635-0010 to reserve a certain time slot but will need to pay for that reservation at least 1/2 hour prior to the

departure time. Cost of the tour and refreshments is \$7 payable at the school Commons area on Dec. 4.

Also for your enjoyment that afternoon, the one-act play cast will present the 1/2 hour comedy, An Evening of Culture: Faith County II, at 1 and 2:40. Cost of the ticket is \$2. You will be able to go to either performance and go on the tour afterwards. There will also be door prizes to give away and a raffle for a Christmas centerpiece. Come and enjoy the decorated homes and one-act performance on December 4.

PATRIOTIC BARN

DOOR SILENT AUCTION

There will be Patriotic Barn Doors painted by Allen Art Students (teacher Denise Hingst) on display at the school's Commons area. The doors will be up for silent auction from Nov. 29 through Dec. 4. Bids can be at the school with the winning bids being announced on Dec. 4 at the conclusion of the Tour homes. Money raised will be going to the Allen Public School Foundation.

MUSIC BOOSTERS

All Music Boosters families with children in 5-12 instrumental and 9-12 vocal music programs are reminded that the annual bake and craft sale will be held in conjunction with the Christmas concert on Monday, Dec. 19. Each family is to bring two items to the school the evening of the concert. Baked items will be priced, but ask that

you price your craft items. If you are unable to bring two items per family, you are expected to pay \$5. The up-dated community birthday, anniversary, and activity calendars will also be on sale for \$5 at the concert.

Santa will be visiting with children in the school Commons area after the elementary part of the Christmas concert on December 19. Santa will not be coming to Allen on the Saturday before Christmas as in previous years.

NO CHRISTMAS DRAWING

There will be NO Christmas drawing, but Santa Claus will visit town after the elementary part of the Monday, Dec. 19 Christmas concert. Santa will be in the school Commons area to visit with the children and to hand out candy.

ALLEN COMMUNITY CLUB

The Allen Community Club met for the Thanksgiving dinner at the Village Inn on Nov. 21 with 32 present.

President LeAnn Hoffman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read. LeAnn reported that Allen's entry in the Wakefield Ballon Day parade received the "Best Theme" award. Santa and accompany candy sacks will be at the School Commons on Monday, Dec. 19 following the elementary portion of the Christmas concert. There will be no Christmas drawings or Santa's visit to Allen the Saturday before Christmas. The gazebo will be decorated

with newly-purchased colored lights.

SENIOR CENTER

Friday, Dec. 2: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, cake & ice cream.

Monday, Dec. 5: BBQ Chicken, mashed potatoes, baked beans, mixed fruit.

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Deluxe burgers, Harvard beets, potato salad, pineapple.

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, orange juice, pudding.

Thursday, Dec. 8: Pork chops, scalloped potatoes, corn, coleslaw, cherries.

Friday, Dec. 9: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, lettuce salad, plums.

COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

Saturday, Dec. 3 - Jerald Stewart, Joel/Tonie Greve(A). Sunday - Shelly Jones, Michelle Williams, Kent/Stacy Chase (A). Monday, Dec. 5: Leroy Koch, Kevin Smith.

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Deb Chase, Barb Fendrick, Cody Stewart, Mike E. Anderson.

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Leslie Book, Gloria Dowling, Alicia Gregerson.

Thursday, Dec. 8: Betty Carr, Katie Hancock, Joanne Rahn, Ronelle Woodward, Merlin and Eleanor Jones (A).

Friday, Dec. 9: Betty Chapman.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 2: Birthday Party at Senior Center at noon; JVG/JVB/VG/VB at Coleridge 4 p.m.; Security National Bank's Christmas Coffee 9 a.m. - noon.

Sunday, Dec. 4: Christmas Tour of Homes - vans beginning at 12:40 p.m. and the last trip will be at 3:45 p.m.; One-act play cast 1/2 hour comedy at 1 p.m. and 2:40 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Somerset at 1:30 p.m.; JVG/VG @ Winnebago 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 9: JVG/JVB/VG/VB here vs. Homer 4 p.m.

Schedule for Siouxland Community Blood Bank

Monday, Dec. 5: Fire Hall, Dixon, 4-7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 9: United Presbyterian Church, Laurel, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 22: Wayne Fire Dept., Wayne, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Swanson gives presentation

Regg Swanson, ATC, gave a presentation to Wayne Rotary Club members Wednesday on the new Wildcat Sports Medicine Center in the Rec Center at Wayne State College, and their plans which includes working with the community. An open house is planned for Friday, Dec. 9 from 4-8 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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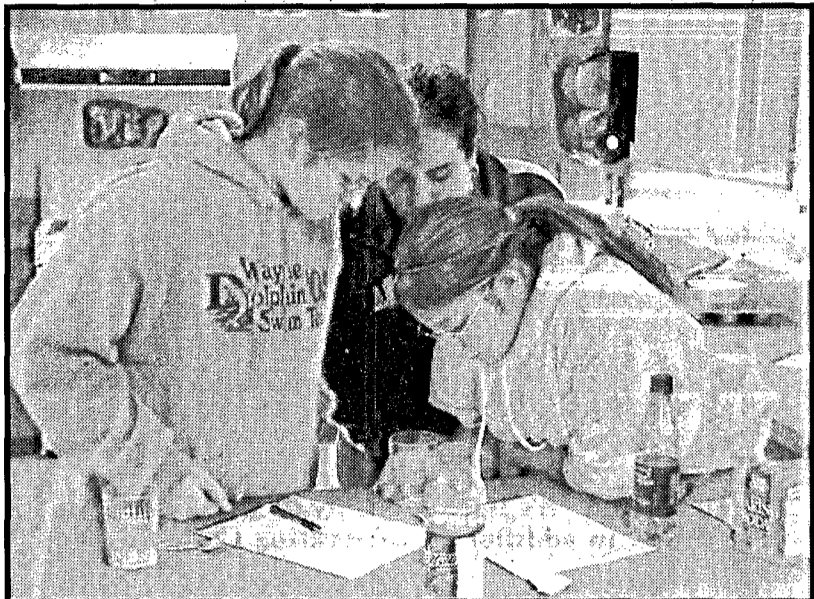
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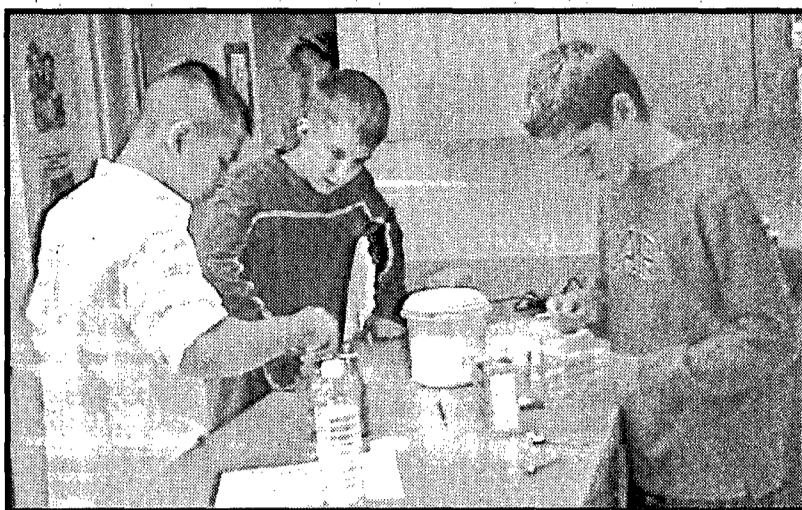
Wayne Middle School students perform experiments in FACS class

Which of the following ingredients, when combined, will produce the most amount of gas: baking powder, baking soda, vinegar, lemon juice, cream of tartar, butter-

milk or brown sugar? If you can locate a seventh grader who is presently taking FACS class at the Middle School, he or she should be able to tell you.



Mashayla Ruzicka, Rachel Maxson and Gina Smith conduct an experiment in FACS class.



Jamie Fernandez, Ben Bruflat and Nick Junck combine common cooking ingredients to determine which produces the greatest amount of gas.

Seventh graders in FACS class were introduced to chemistry by doing a food science experiment on leavening agents. "After the students did their basic experiment, they were asked to answer two questions. The students had to find

two ingredients that, when combined, would react and overflow the glass. Then, they had to find the two ingredients that, when combined, would solidify and not fall out of a glass held upside down," explained teacher Karen Schardt.

Wood stoves can provide an economic home heating alternative

To combat rising home heating costs, Nebraskans may turn to wood stoves as an alternative to gas or electric furnaces, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln forester said.

Wood stoves are offered in a variety of prices and types, ranging from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars depending on quality and efficiency of the stove, said Dennis Adams, a forester with the Nebraska Forest Service at UNL.

"Wood burning stoves may not only save people money on their heating bills this winter, but also are a clean alternative to electric or gas furnaces," Adams said. "However, if purchasing a wood burning stove this season, don't just go out and buy one without doing your homework."

Adams said wood stoves should be made of sturdy material, such as cast iron or steel. Modern, air-tight stoves are the most efficient. Buyers also should consider the ease of loading firewood into and removing ash from the stove.

Scott Josiah, state forester with the Nebraska Forest Service at UNL, said there also are environmental benefits to using wood heat. Wood heat produces little pollution and is environmentally friendly, especially when wood is used in a high-efficiency wood burning stove and where firewood is a readily available resource.

"Firewood is a renewable resource that can be harvested from low-quality trees in woodlands, leaving the best trees and improving the overall quality of our forests," Josiah said.

such as spruce, cedar or pine and lower-density hardwoods, such as cottonwood, Adams said.

Adams said there are many factors to consider when determining the cost-efficiency of wood heat use. The amount of money saved by using wood heat as opposed to gas or electric heat will depend on the type and efficiency of the wood stove, type of wood burned, and the size, insulation and desired temperature of the area to be heated.

If using a wood burning stove this winter, be sure to use caution to reduce risks associated with wood burning stoves, Adams said. This includes proper placement and maintenance of the stove and its components.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, wood stoves should be three feet from walls and other flammable items, such as furniture and curtains.

The stove, stove pipes, connectors and chimney should be properly installed to ensure the stove functions properly and fire risk is reduced.

Wood stoves must be installed according to local building codes, Josiah said.

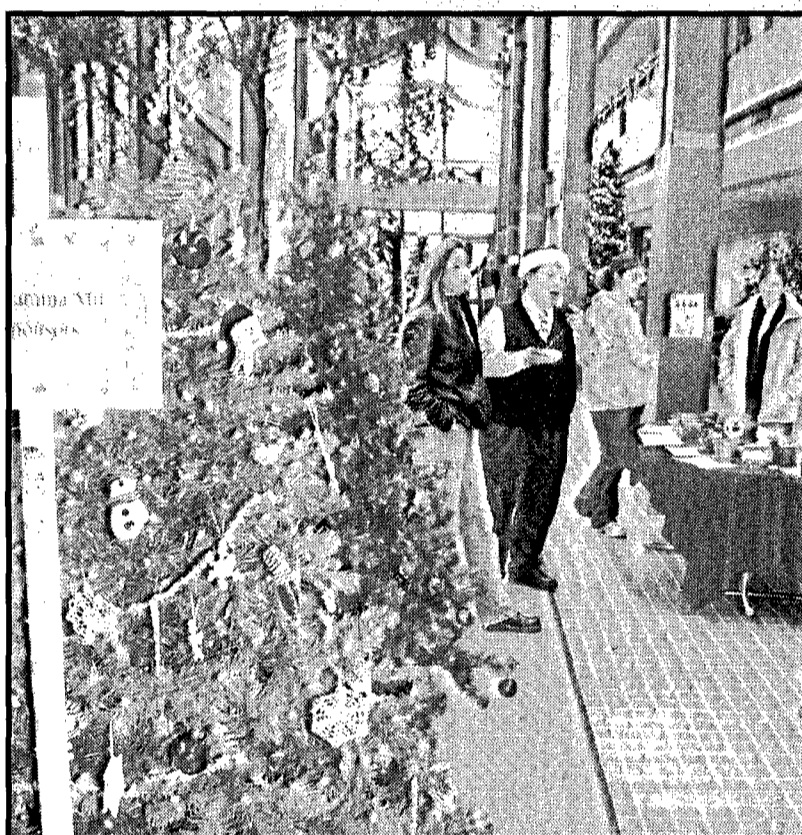
For proper installation or to ensure a wood stove is working properly, be sure to follow the manufacturer's guide or contact a wood stove or fireplace professional.

Also, be sure to clean chimney and stove pipes at least once every heating season. Creosote, a sticky, tar-like substance, can build up inside stove pipes and chimneys. If left uncleaned, the creosote can ignite and start a fire. Contact a local chimney cleaning service to keep chimneys clean and safe.

For more information about heating with wood and chimney installation, consult UNL Extension NebGuides G05-1554-A, Heating with Wood: Producing, Harvesting and Processing Firewood, available on the Web at <http://ianrpubs.unl.edu/forestry/g1554.pdf>, and G82-600, Chimneys: Their Installation and

Upkeep, available on the Web at <http://ianrpubs.unl.edu/safety/g600.htm>. Both are available at local UNL Extension offices.

The Nebraska Forest Service is a part of the university's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.



The 2005 Festival of Trees will be held at the Wayne State College Atrium.

Community invited to participate in '2005 Festival of Trees'

Imagine the holiday season in your home without decorations or gifts. For many northeast Nebraska families, this bleak situation faces them every year during what should be a joyous time. The community is being encouraged to help to make their holiday dreams come true and participate in the 2005 Festival of Trees at Wayne State College.

Campus organizations will purchase and decorate trees to be displayed in the WSC Student Center atrium from Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 5-7. The campus and community are invited to view the trees and to vote for their favorite "themed tree" via cash donations. Coin buckets for each

tree will be available Monday through Wednesday on Dec. 5-7 from 11:30-1:30 p.m. and again from 6-8 p.m. each evening.

All decorated trees will be delivered to area families in need, and all donations collected will go toward buying gifts for those family members. This activity is being coordinated with the Wayne HHS Office.

For more information about the Festival of Trees, contact Dr. Randy Bertolas at 375-7018 or at rabertol@wsc.edu.

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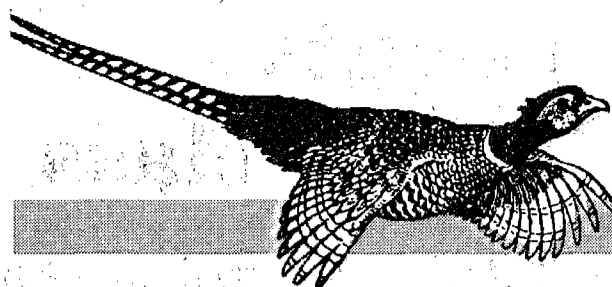
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Tips can keep stress from being a holiday tradition

Holidays - and the high expectations that accompany them - can often mean stressful times more than meaningful time together. Follow these suggestions to help make the holidays a true celebration:

- Focus on spending time with loved ones. Avoid getting caught up in finances, holiday activities and

busy work that can push family time to the back burner, at least until after the holidays. Take time to slow down and communicate.

activities can easily become fun traditions for the whole family. When traveling, sing holiday songs, tell stories about past holidays or bring simple art supplies and let children make cards for others.

- Make peace a holiday goal for the family. When everyone has time off from work or school and is gathered inside during cold weather, the situation can be stressful. Make an extra effort to get along, be forgiving and accept each others' differences. Some conflict is normal, but try to resolve it, understand the other person and be especially sensitive to others over the holidays.

- Feed the spirit as well as the stomach. The holidays are a good time for individuals and families to reflect on their spiritual well-being and the blessings they've received over the year. Teach children about the family's heritage and beliefs. Do activities that demonstrate family values and teach children how to share. Consider giving gifts to homeless shelters, nursing homes or local charities.

- Add a new reveler to family festivities. If aware of others who are alone for the holidays, invite them to join family celebrations. Their presence can be a fun addition and a way to share with others.

- Be flexible. Holidays can be unpredictable, so be open to change. Enjoy new experiences while still respecting old traditions. When new people join the family, allow them to add their own touches to the celebration.

SOURCE: Kathy Bosch, Ph.D., family life specialist



Ruth Vonderohr
Extension Educator

- Stop to prioritize. Don't get caught up in gifts, cleaning, decorating or cooking so much that the holidays become a chore. Focus on doing a few things well and let less important things go. When it comes to family time, decide on a few activities to do. Be sure they are activities most people enjoy, and leave the rest of the time unscheduled. Some ideas include decorating the house, caroling, making cards or ornaments, going to concerts or programs, baking cookies, sweeping snow from others' sidewalks, taking gifts to nursing homes and playing board or card games as a family.
- Turn chores into memories. Decorating, cooking and other

Briefly Speaking

Ivy Junck hosts Happy Workers Club

AREA - The Happy Workers Club of Carroll met Nov. 16 at the home of Ivy Junck. Four members and three guests, Anna Johnson, Elaine Lage and Doris Claussen, attended. Winners at pitch were Elaine Lage, high; Addie Jorgensen, low and Henrietta Cunningham, traveling. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 21 with Mary Davis as hostess.

Acme Club meets at Tacos & More

AREA - The Acme Club met at Nov. 21 at Tacos & More for the annual Guest Day. Nine members were present. Roll call was "introduce your guest." Guests present were Donna Boeckenhauer, Donna Shufelt, Dee Schulz, Barb Greve, Gloria Leseberg and Norma Tietz. President Bonnadell Koch presided at the meeting which included members introducing the guests. Betty Wittig gave the thought for the day, "Remember." No business was transacted. Joann Temme presented a travelogue on the recent cruise she and her husband, Fritz, took to California, through the Panama Canal and on to Florida. The next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 5 at the Wayne Senior Center. There will be a gift exchange.

Women's Club has Veteran Day program

WAYNE - The Wayne Woman's Club met Nov. 11 with 11 members present. Robert "Bud" Neel was the speaker. Following his presentation, the group gave a donation to the AmVet Post to help with postage for supplies being sent to area troops stationed overseas. Hostesses were Babs Middleton and Janice Meyer. The next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Tacos & More for a Christmas luncheon. The program will be a video presentation of the Biltmore Mansion in Ashville, N.C.

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Card shower to honor Youngmeyers

Leslie and Pearl Youngmeyer will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, Dec. 9, 2005. The couple's family has requested a card shower in honor of this occasion.

Pearl Marie (Reinhardt) Youngmeyer and Leslie Frank Youngmeyer were married Dec. 9, 1945 at First Trinity Lutheran Church at Altona.

The couple's children include Jon and Dianne Wilson of Greeley, Colo., James and Debra Youngmeyer of Wayne and Paul and Gail Youngmeyer of Colorado Springs, Colo. They also have nine grandchildren and are expecting a great-grandchild in 2006.

Anniversary cards may be sent to them at 1122 Lawndale Drive, Wayne, Neb. 68787.



Mr. and Mrs. Youngmeyer

Wichite - Endicott married in Florida

Natalie Wichite of Woodstock, Ga. and Adam Endicott of Wayne were married April 23, 2005 on the front lawn of St. Augustine Lighthouse in St. Augustine, Fla. The Rev. Paul Hoyer of Lake Mary, Fla. officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Maid of Honor was Katie McDonald of Valdosta, Ga. Matron of Honor was Carlee Kuenstler of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. Bridesmaids were Emileigh Wilhte of Jacksonville, Fla., Kimberly Endicott of Omaha, Deborah Pederson of Atlanta, Ga. and Candice Garner of Jacksonville, Fla.

Flowergirls were Morgan Baack of Norfolk and Shyan Zdenahlik of Farmington, CT.

Best Man was Drew Endicott of Norfolk. Groomsmen were Shane Baack of Norfolk, Jeremy Lutt of Plattsburgh, Mike Mullins of Phoenix, Ariz. and Ryan



Mr. and Mrs. Endicott

Stoltenberg of Wayne. A reception was held at the Lighthouse following the ceremony. Molly Redden of Wayne registered guests. The bride graduated from Woodstock, Ga. High School in 2000 and Valdosta State University in Georgia in December of 2004. The groom is a 1998 graduate of Wayne High School and served as an active member of the U.S. Air Force from 2000-04.

Open house planned for Rhods

Earl and Reta Rhods of Wayne will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Saturday, Dec. 1. The event will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the party room at Tacos & More, 509 Dearborn Mall in Wayne. The couple was married on Dec.

2, 1955 in Wakefield. Their family includes Mike and Teresa Rhods and family of Wakefield, Frank and Linda Daley and family of Seward, Carey and Laurie Rhods and family of Wakefield and Terry Rhods of Wayne. The couple requests no gifts.

New Arrivals

DUTIEL - Mark and Jennifer (Johnson) Dutiel of Omaha, a son, Max Ivan, 7 lbs., 14 oz., 19 1/2 inches, born Nov. 28, 2005. Grandparents are Dale and Karen Johnson of Wayne and Doug and Barb Dutiel of Omaha. Great-grandparents are Don and Elizabeth Johnson of Norfolk.

VAN HORN - Nick and Becca Van Horn of Wayne, a daughter, Katelyn Marie, 7 lbs., 3 1/2 oz., 20 inches, born Oct. 26, 2005. She is welcomed home by a brother, Austin and sister, Leanne. Grandparents are Bob and Phyllis (Van Horn) McKelvey of Highmore, S.D. and Mike and Vicky Westphal of Gettysburg, S.D. Great-grandparents are Evelyn Hoeman of Wayne and the late Ted Hoeman and Winford and Norma Jean Van Horn of Gillett, Ark., Maynard and Margaret Westphal of Huron, S.D. and the late Dorothy Westphal and Cliff and Cliff and Lynn Nygaard of Bristol, S.D.

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Carroll St. Paul women assemble

The Carroll St. Paul Lutheran Ladies Aid and LWML met Nov. 17 with Pastor Steckling and six members present.

The meeting began with the League Pledge and the gathering of mites. Pastor Steckling was in charge of the Bible Study from Luke 15: 1-10, the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin. He had an in-depth study of the parables. The hymn "How Precious is the Book Divine" was sung.

The president opened the meeting. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given. A thank you was received from the Red Cross. Mrs. Dorothy Kihne and Margaret Wittler were sent get well cards.

Four additional blankets were donated. They missed the deadline so they will be given the the Norfolk Rescue Mission in Norfolk.

Monetary gifts will be given to the Norfolk Rescue Mission and Goodwill during the holidays.

Carl Peterson is to be remembered with a party and a gift for his birthday on Dec. 6. Norma Peterson will set up the time. It was also noted that Margaret Wittler would enjoy visits at her home.

Election of officers for a two year period was held with the following results - Gerry Buresh, vice president and Ivy Junck, secretary. Both were re-elected to these positions.

The Christian Life Leader read an item from "Golden Nuggets" Thank the Lord, Psalm 36.

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held on the regular Aid day. All members of the church and invited guests are welcome to the Dec. 15 event at noon. The Pastor will be in charge of the program. Committees have been appointed for the dinner.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer and the common table prayer. Donna Leicy was hostess for the day.



Mr. and Mrs. Thies

Open house to honor Edward and Norma Thies

Edward and Norma Thies of Winside will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday, Dec. 11.

The event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Wayne.

The couple has four sons, Doug and Dona, Steve and Julie, all of Norfolk, Brad of Kuna, Idaho and Jeff of Winside. They also have seven grandchildren.

The couple was married Dec. 11, 1955 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wayne.

The honorees request no gifts, please.

Cards may be sent to them at 601 Dearborn Street, Winside, Neb. 68790.

Youth group selling Christmas wreaths

The First United Methodist Church Youth Group in Wayne is having a Christmas wreath sale. They are selling a 25" fresh cut balsam fir wreath for \$15.

Anyone interested in purchasing one of the wreaths is asked to call Terry Wert at 375-1424 to reserve a wreath.

Wreaths may be delivered to homes in Wayne or picked up at the United Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 4.



Confirmand reunion

Immanuel Lutheran confirmands gathered for a reunion on Oct. 11 at the Wayne Senior Center. The afternoon was spent visiting and playing cards. Those attending this year's reunion included, front row, left to right, Anita Rastede, Etlien Brudigan, Ellain Vahlkamp, Bernita Sherbahn and Betty Lessmann. Middle row, Bonnie Nelson, Lois Krueger, Irma Johnson, Delta Vosteen, Bernadine Backstrom, Bonnie Schrieber and Alice Roeber. Back row, Lois Hall, Ruth Erwin, Frances Hiemstra, Darlene Denbeck and Gloria Vogle. Dessert and coffee were prepared and served by Darlene Denbeck. Next year's hostesses will be Lois Krueger and Ruth Erwin.

Winside Auxiliary meets at Post Home

The Winside Legion #252 Auxiliary met at the Post Home on Nov. 14.

Five members were present. President Pat Miller presided.

The secretary's report given by Kathy Jensen and the treasurer's report was given by Marilyn Morse in the absence of Greta Grubbs.

Contributions were made to specific organizations. President Miller reported on an excellent Veterans' Day program.

Tentative plans are being made for Blaire Hokamp, Girls Stater, to speak at the January meeting.

The next meeting will be the Christmas supper on Monday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Post Home. President Miller will bring chicken soup and members are asked to bring an accompanying dish.

Also at the December meeting will be the draping of the charter for recently deceased members.

Musical to be held in Norfolk

Northern Heights Baptist Church Choir will present the Christmas Musical, "A Carol to the King" by Mosie Lister on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at Northern Heights Baptist Church at 708 Georgia Ave. in Norfolk. The public is invited to attend. A coffee hour will follow the event.

Eileen Damme of Winside is director, with Doris Kingsbury as accompanist. Soloists will be Julie Daniel, Auni Strong and John Grimes, all of Norfolk. Narrators will be Ed Felgate and Mechele Grimes, both of Norfolk. The musical will include duets, quartets, piano keyboard pieces, and a flute solo. There will be a Nativity cast.

Wayne State jazz musicians to perform

The Wayne State College jazz ensemble will perform during a concert on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Ramsey Theater, Peterson Fine Arts Building on campus.

The WSC Jazz Ensemble is comprised of 21 select jazz musicians performing a variety of music. This program will feature works by Woody Herman, Chick Corea, Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. The program will also include a number of soloists from the band.

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4-H News

COUNTRY CLASSICS 4-H CLUB

Fourteen children and six adults from the Country Classics 4-H Club met Nov. 13 at St. Mary's Holy Family Hall to discuss the coming 4-H year.

Six new members were welcomed into the club. After the new members were introduced, the club voted for the club officers for 2006.



New officers include: Samantha Dunklau, president; Megan Loberg, vice president; David Loberg, secretary; Colin Loberg, treasurer; Hannah McCorkindale, historian; Sawyer Jager, news reporter; Joe Dunklau, correspondence and Ande Schultz, flags.

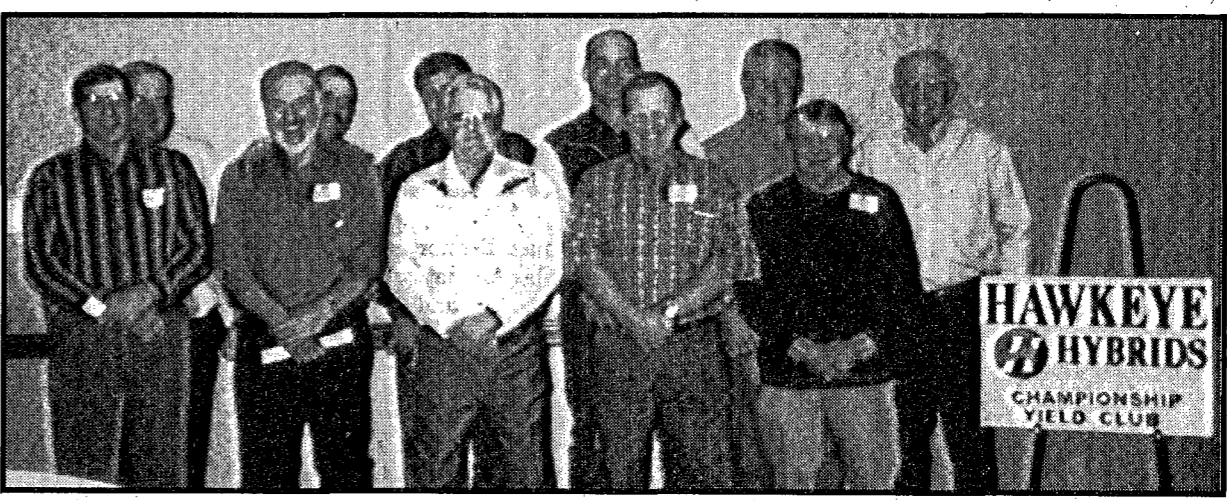
Jean Loberg, Country Classics Club Leader, stated her goals for the coming year. They include having a County Fair Theme Booth and requiring two record books for premium money. They must be turned in by the county due date.

Next, the club discussed goals for 2006. They include conducting a roadside cleanup; having a Chicken Day float; Bake and Take participation and making Hospital Day favors.

Later, the club set out to make ornaments for the Fantasy Forest Country Classics Tree.

The first meeting for 2006 for the Country Classics Club was then adjourned.

Sawyer Jager, News reporter



Area producers recognized by Hawkeye Hybrids included, front row, left to right, Roger Brandt, Steve Glassmeyer, Paul Sherman, Joe Kenny and Gary Nelson. Back row, Dean Junck, Dennis Junck, Greg Lackas, Andy Nelsen, Bryan Ruwe and Arlen Eggerling, owner of Hawkeye Hybrids.

Area farmers receive awards for championship yields

High producing farmers were honored recently at Hawkeye Hybrids' 2005 Championship Yield Club awards weekend.

The event highlights farmers who achieve high corn yields using a hybrid from Hawkeye Hybrids.

Roger Brandt (315Bt, 204.1 bu/a), Andy Nelsen (6538Bt, 194.7 bu/a), Joe Kenny (4945RR, 178.8 bu/a), Dennis Junck (309Bt, 190.7 bu/a) and Dean Junck (6538Bt, 186.1 bu/a), all of Carroll; Paul Sherman (3543RR 186.0 bu/a) of Dixon; Gary Nelson (SX70, 176.8 bu/a) of Wakefield; Steve Glassmeyer (315Bt, 176.0 bu/a) and Bryan Ruwe (SX52, 203.9 bu/a) of Wayne were honored.

The Championship Yield Club program is a yield-based incentive program to reward farmers who produce high corn yields in their farm fields. The club is open to anyone who yields a minimum of 225 bushels per acre on irrigated land or 175 bushels per acre on dryland in Nebraska using corn hybrid from Hawkeye Hybrids. A minimum of one acre in a 25-acre field must be measured with the yield to be eligible for the program.

"These farmers are working hard and making smart decisions. Their championship yields reflect those efforts," said Arlen Eggerling, president of Hawkeye Hybrids. "We are proud to be a part of their team."

Winners receive a special personalized award, a check for \$25 plus 45 for each bushel above the minimum yield, one night's hotel stay with dinner and breakfast, and a club cap. This is the 12th year of the program. The program is offered Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Minnesota.

To learn more about the Hawkeye Hybrids' Championship Yield Club, contact Rich Bailey, district sales manager for the Wayne area at (712) 255-7115 or call (641) 628-3827. Hawkeye Hybrids is a family-owned and operated hybrid corn and soybean company, based in Pella, Iowa.

School Lunches

LAUREL-CONCORD SCHOOLS (Dec. 5 - 9)

Monday: Breakfast - Pancakes. Lunch - Breaded chicken patty on bun, corn, fruit, dessert.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Omelet. Lunch - Salisbury steak, potatoes & gravy, peas, fruit, bread.

Wednesday: Breakfast - French toast. Lunch - Rib on bun, oven fries, fruit, dessert.

Thursday: Breakfast - Donut. Lunch - Goulash, lettuce & dressing, fruit, bread.

Friday: Breakfast - Egg/ biscuit. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, green beans, fruit, tea roll.

Milk and juice available for breakfast. Milk, chocolate milk, orange juice available each day.

WAKEFIELD (Dec. 5 - 9)

Monday: Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese, pineapple.

Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, peaches.

Wednesday: Mini corn dogs, green beans, homemade buns, pears.

Thursday: Barbecue pork sandwiches, peas, apple crisp.

Friday: Burritos, corn, homemade bun, strawberries.

cheese sticks, broccoli, dinner roll, fruit cocktail.

Milk served with each meal.

Also available daily: chef's salad, roll or crackers, fruit or juice, dessert.

WINSIDE SCHOOLS (Dec. 5 - 9)

Monday: Breakfast - Muffin. Lunch - Hot dog (chili), Cheetos, baked beans, peaches.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Cereal. Lunch - Taco salad, Doritos, pineapple, roll.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Bagels. Lunch - Macaroni & cheese, Lil Smokies, green beans, pears, roll.

Thursday: Breakfast - Cinnamon roll. Lunch - Pizza, lettuce, bread stick, fruit cocktail.

Friday: Breakfast - Donut. Lunch - Hamburger on bun, fries, corn, chocolate cake.

Grades 6-12 have choice of salad bar daily.

Served daily for breakfast is yogurt, toast and juice.

Nebraska observes World AIDS Day

Dec. 1, 2005, marks the 18th annual World AIDS Day, which is observed around the world as a remembrance of those lost to HIV and AIDS. It is a day for education and awareness in the fight against the stigma, discrimination, and prejudice still surrounding this deadly illness. It is, finally, a day of hope - hope for a world united against this virus, and united in compassion, for those affected.

It is estimated that in the U.S., the vast majority of HIV transmission takes place because those infected are unaware they have it. To reduce this possibility, free, rapid testing will be offered by Nebraska AIDS Project at the Norfolk Community Health Care Clinic on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 1:30-5:30 p.m. There are no needles involved, results are available in 20 minutes. All testing is anonymous.

Worldwide, every minute, 10 people become infected with HIV and six people die from AIDS. It is estimated that there are 42 million people living with the virus, with more than 25 million deaths so far.

The CDC estimates that there are 1.2 million people in the United States who are HIV positive. Four Americans become infected every hour, two of those are under age 25. One in every 250 Americans has the virus. One-third to one-fourth of them don't know it.

In Nebraska there were 1,192 people known to be living with the virus, unaware they are HIV positive.

The greatest barrier to eradicating this disease is complacency, the assumption that it cannot happen here, in my community. HIV is an equal opportunity virus - it does not discriminate based on age, gender, ethnicity, marital status, or community size or location.

In support of prevention through education, Nebraska AIDS Project conducts workshops, conferences, and presentations throughout the year, for groups including churches, business/staff meetings, health care providers, schools, civic/community organizations, and other service agencies. Nebraska AIDS Project also provides free anonymous testing on a daily basis.

Winside News

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CENTER CIRCLE CLUB

Claire Brogren hosted the Nov. 17 Center Circle Club with President Shirley Bowers conducting the business meeting. Roll call was a "Thanksgiving Poem or Reading."

Dec. 8 was confirmed for the Christmas party at the Brass Lantern at noon. There will be a \$5 grab bag gift exchange.

Yahrtze was played for fun with everyone getting a prize.

NO NAME

Kurt and Toni Schrant hosted the Nov. 19 No Name Kard Klub with 15 members and two guests, Bob and Marie Janke. Pitch was played with prizes going to Nel Schwedhelm, Ruthie Jaeger, Dwight Oberle and Rod Deck.

The next meeting will be a Christmas supper at the Brass Lantern at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3. Cards will be played afterwards at the Mike and Nel Schwedhelm's.

at home with Bloomfield, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10: Wrestling at North Bend, 10 a.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 2: Open AA meeting, fire hall, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3: Public library, 9-12 and 1-4 p.m.; No Name Kard Klub, Brass Lantern, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 4: American Legion Omelet Feed, Legion Post, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 5: Public library, 1-6 p.m.; Library board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Public library, 3-7 p.m.; Sons of the American Legion, 6:30 p.m.; American Legion, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Public library, 1-6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8: Neighboring Circle Club Christmas Party, Prengers, 11:30 a.m.; Center Circle Club Christmas Party, Brass Lantern, noon.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 5: Freshman and Sophomore wrestling at Ponca, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Wrestling at Wisner, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8: State One-Act Competition; JV girls and V girls and V boys basketball at Newcastle, 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 9: JV girls and JV boys, V girls and V boys basketball

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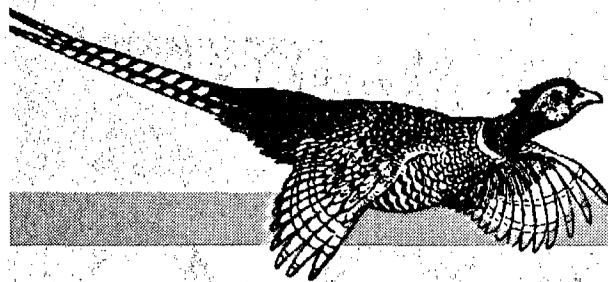
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It's been quite a week, and I can hardly believe all that has happened. The Big Farmer had his other hip replaced last Tuesday because the arthritic pain was getting intolerable. We went back to Council Bluffs because we were so happy with the surgeon three years ago. So, I had Thanksgiving dinner in the hospital cafeteria, with my Mom and my sis. And it was all free, including the pie. How about that?

On Friday, he was discharged to rehab at Tabitha. And we arrived in time to watch that football game. Wasn't that amazing? Where has that team been the last month? We've had e-mails from North Carolina, Florida, and Phoenix, full of excitement for "restoring the order!"

Then, the next night, we had to listen to the volleyball game on the radio and the girls lost for the first time; the last undefeated team in

the nation. Now comes the tournament, and they are the number one seed, so everyone will be gunning for them.

I went to church on Sunday in the Tabitha chapel and enjoyed an Advent service that was quite different from the one I usually



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

has played in Lincoln restaurants and churches for 50 years, and the rest of us sang as lustily as we could.

Today, I went back for a few minutes to hear the Lincoln Senior Choir sing Thanksgiving songs. For a bunch of "old fogies" they sound pretty darned good, and in close harmony.

The Christmas lights went up in the neighborhood last Friday and Saturday; but there are still a lot of leaves all over the place, too. Unfortunately, my decorations are still in the basement and there is still a fall wreath on the front door. The holiday stuff was in the first boxes I moved here last winter, and I can hardly believe it's time to bring it all out again. This year has flown by, in spite of heat and no bed and breakfast guests.

Because of the post polio, the rehab will be slow. I spend most of the day just being the "gofer" and find that the new house feels very lonesome at night when the boss isn't here. Please do keep him in your prayers, and as you prepare for the coming holidays, don't let the commercialism get in the way of your enjoyment of the simple things that make the season bright. Happy Advent!

For 2005 tax season

Farmers need to start planning

Now is the time for farmers to do year-end tax planning and assess farm income, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Farm Business Association's director said.

"Low crop prices pushed 2005's net farm incomes down, meaning farmers may earn less money this year. This means a grain farmer may want to bring in income to this year's tax return by perhaps selling more commodities this year rather than deferring that income until next year," said Tina Barrett.

"A low-income year is just as important to do tax planning with than a high income year," she said. "You can actually save more money in a low-income year so that when a high-income year comes along you don't have to pay as much in taxes."

Barrett said there are not a lot of new tax law changes this year, "so take some time and do some extra planning. Tax planning is only as good as the records, so be sure to have solid information to start with."

Farmers should maximize credits and deductions, but should be careful not to prepay too many

operation expenses or defer too much income. If they do, net farm income may be higher next year, and farmers could have to pay more in taxes, she said.

A new deduction farmers can take advantage of this year is the domestic production deduction. This deduction, which resulted from World Trade Organization negotiations, is available to anyone who produces a good or service in the U.S. The deduction previously applied to anybody who exported a product, regardless if they produced the product.

"This deduction will give producers three percent of their net income as a deduction against their taxable income, limited to 50 percent of their wages," Barrett said.

For example, if a farmer makes \$100,000 in net farm income this year, a three percent deduction would be \$3,000, she said. To qualify, a farmer would have to pay at least \$6,000 in wages. Wages can be paid to a spouse, but must be paid in cash wages, not in commodity wages.

Anyone who produces a product, such as growing crops or a cow-calf

operation, qualifies, she said.

"However, since this deduction is so new, we still don't know if a lot of things will qualify," Barrett said. "We still don't know if custom farming for custom feeding is included and we're not sure when we will get those details. That is why it is important to talk with your tax preparer because each farming operation will be based on an individual basis."

Another slight change this year is the Section 179 Expense Election limit increasing from \$102,000 to \$105,000.

This election allows farmers to write off the first \$105,000 in new or used assets. Also, the bonus election expired this year. This allowed farmers to write off 30 to 50 percent of an asset's cost in the year of purchase.

For more information about tax planning, contact a tax professional or ask for the 2005 Farmer's Tax Guide, available at local UNL Extension offices or on the Internal Revenue Service's Web site at <http://www.irs.gov/publications/p225/index.html>.

Livestock Market Report

The Norfolk Livestock Market had a run of 201 fat cattle at Friday's sale.

The market was \$1 higher on fat cattle; \$1 to \$2 higher on cows and bulls.

Strictly choice fed steers, \$90 to \$91.90. Good and choice steers, \$89 to \$90. Medium and good steers, \$88.50 to \$89. Holstein steers, \$70 to \$79. Strictly choice fed heifers, \$90.60 to \$90.75. Good and choice heifers, \$89 to \$90. Medium and good heifers, \$88.50 to \$89. Standard heifers were \$65 to \$75. Beef cows, \$50 to \$53. Utility cows, \$48 to \$50. Cannons and cutters, \$42 to \$47. Bologna bulls, \$55 to \$67.

The stocker and feeder sale was not held Thursday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

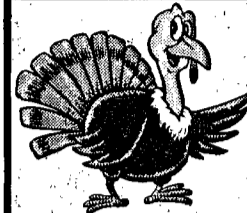
The dairy cattle sale was held Monday at the Norfolk Livestock Market.

The market was untested. Crossbred calves, \$150 to \$250; holstein calves, \$100 to \$150.

Monday at the Norfolk Livestock Market.

The market was steady to lower

on the 145 head sold. 30 to 40 lbs., \$25 to \$35, steady; 40 to 50 lbs., \$35 to \$43, steady.



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The sheep sale was held Monday at the Norfolk Livestock Market. There were 19 head sold.

The market was untested. Fat lambs — 110 to 150 lbs., \$78 to \$80.

Feeder lambs — 40 to 60 lbs., \$90 to \$120; 60 to 100 lbs., \$80 to \$90.

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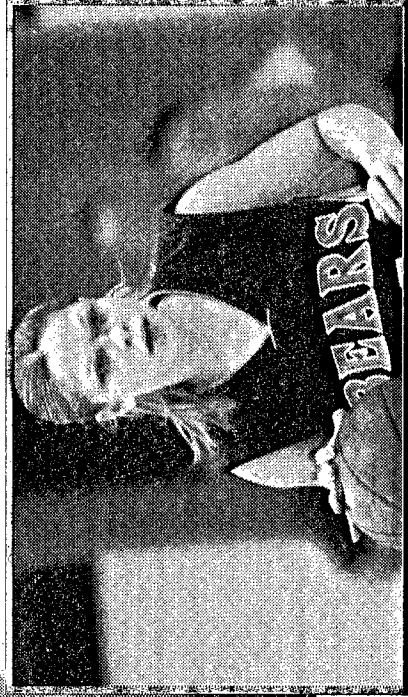
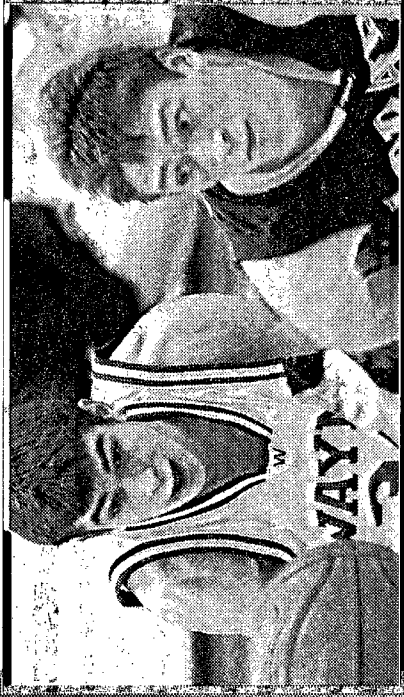
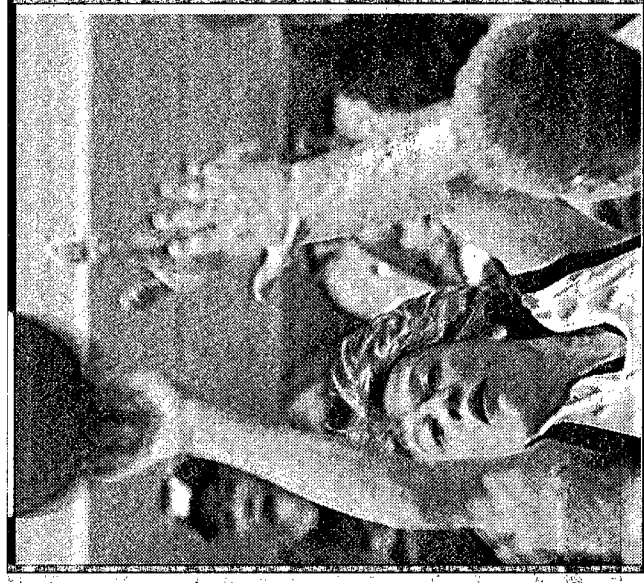
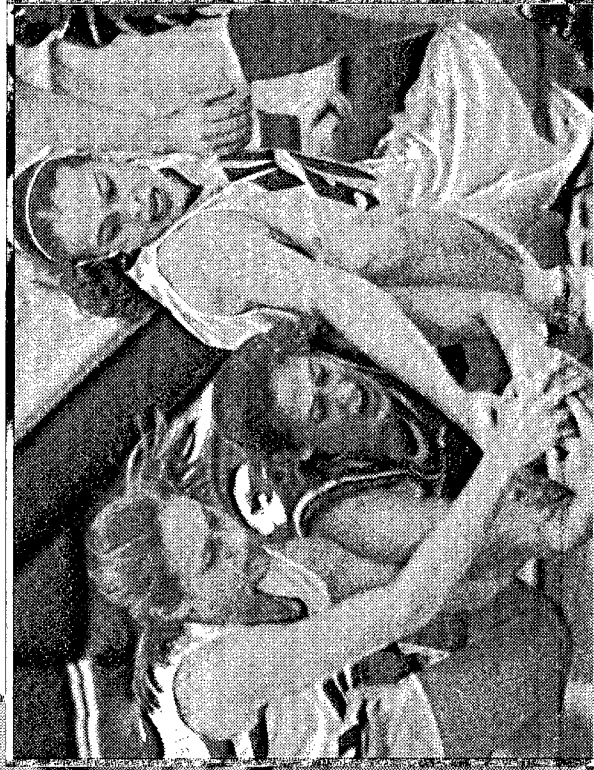
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Teams prepare for winter season

By David W. Carstens
Of the Herald

The teams of the Wayne Herald coverage area have been working hard in preparation for their respective seasons and the preseason anticipation is high for many area squads.

Featured in this special section are team photos and schedules along with a preview of each team from Allen, Laurel-Concord, Wakefield, Wayne and Winside.

Coaches are reminded to send game results on a game-by-game basis to the Wayne Herald by fax at 375-1888 or e-mail them to sports@wayneherald.com.

Our deadline is Wednesday morning by 8 am.

As always, we look forward to working with the area's coaches to bring our readers reports and photographs from some of Northeast Nebraska's top teams.

BOYS BASKETBALL

ALLEN

Allen Eagle fans can expect to see a scrappy hustle from this season's basketball squad.

Head coach Matt Hingst, along with assistants Neil Blohm and Corey Uldrich, have noted an unselfish work ethic in preseason drills and anticipate that kind of play on the court this winter.

"We want to play a lot of kids and be full court on both offense and defense," Hingst said. "One of our main objectives is to play hard and shut people down offensively."

Returning starters include Nathan Sturges and Chad Oswald, and will be joined by last season's letterwinners Luke Sachau, Kyle Sperry and Chris Blohm.

Hingst said the Eagles' schedule this season will be "very tough" as most of the area teams will return a good number of starters from last year.

"It seems like every team has every body back, so that's going to make it interesting for us."

The Eagles opened the season earlier this week at home in an exhibition game against Osmond and will hit the road on Friday to take on the Coleridge Bulldogs.

LAUREL-CONCORD

Youthful energy is hoping to pro-

pel the Laurel-Concord Bears to new heights this season as coach Clayton Steele enters his 15th year as head coach.

The Bears return nine letterwinners from last season's 8-14 squad.

"As a young team, we hope to be better as the year progresses," Steele said.

Serving as Bear assistants this season are Tim Fertig and Victor Johnson.

Senior forward Philip Nelson, along with sophomores Heath Erwin (forward) and Eli Shantz (guard) will bring previous starter experience to the team this winter.

As returning lettermen include Colten DeLong, Brian Saunders, Pat Harrington, Tate Cunningham, Jarrod Henderson and Tyler Peterson.

Eight freshman players could also give a spark to the team this season, Steele said.

The Bears will be tested early as the team will host conference foe Crofton to open the season on Friday, Dec. 2 and travel to Randolph on Dec. 10.

WAKEFIELD

At this time last year, Wakefield coach Mike Clay said one sentence that would be almost prophetic.

"How we play as a team, will determine our outcome," he said in preseason assessment of his squad.

The final outcome was nothing short of incredible as the Trojans responded many challenges en route to the Class C2 state runnerup title and finished 20-8 on the season.

Although five seniors were lost from last year's squad, a solid group of six experienced starters will return to the court this season.

Luke Henderson, Andy Hampl, Cory Gustafson, Joel Nixon, Tanner Soderberg and Max Greve all will be back this season.

Clay expects newcomers Matt Henderson, Brent Roeber and Evan Bartels to also contribute to the team.

"We must keep improving on our fundamentals to be successful," Clay, who enters his ninth year at WHS, said.

AJ Johnson, Paul Eaton and Tory Nixon round out the coaching staff for the Trojans this winter.

Wakefield hosted Emerson-Hubbard in an exhibition game earlier this week and will open the regular season in a home tilt with Pender on Thursday, Dec. 1.

WAYNE

Graduation losses are usually the first areas coaches talk about when giving a preseason outlook.

Wayne High coach Rocky Ruhl enters on his 13th season as head coach with a young team with limited varsity experience as the Blue Devils return two starters from last year's 15-8 squad.

"We will be young and have very little varsity experience," Ruhl said. "The young players who are expected to contribute have played a lot of basketball in their lifetime and understand the game."

Two returning starters, plus two letterwinners will guide the team this season.

Junior Nate Summerfield, who averaged 4.3 points per game last season and senior center John Whitt (4.9 ppg and 2.8 rebounds per contest) return to the fold this year after seeing considerable playing time on last year's squad.

Returning letterwinners include juniors Ransen Broders, who will be his strong inside game, plus guard Nate Finkey.

The "newcomers to watch" roster includes senior Derek Carroll, and sophomores Reggie Ruhl, Cory Harm and Jessie Hill.

Blue Devil assistants again this season are Duane Blomenkamp and Rob Sweetland.

The Blue Devils open the season in a home Mid-State contest with Battle Creek on Friday, Dec. 2.

WINSIDE

Preseason hopes run high for the 2005-06 boys basketball season in Winside.

Wildcat coach Jeff Messersmith heads into his second season with a talented group under the leadership of three senior players.

Forwards Mark Hawkins and Colby Langenberg, along with guard Justin Nathan, will be called upon to lead the team for their senior season.

Add talents from junior return-

ing starters at guard in Jared Roberts and Marcus Messersmith and it appears that all the elements are in place for the Wildcats to make some noise in conference play this season.

"We have a strong line up with lots of experience," coach Messersmith said. "The conference is also very strong, but we should be competitive throughout the season."

Wildcat assistants this winter include Jeremy Houghtelling and Ryan Olander.

The Wildcats played in an exhibition game at Lynch on Nov. 29, and hit the road with a conference test at Wynot on Friday, Dec. 2.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

ALLEN

Five returning letterwinners — Samantha Bock, Erin Keitges, Alissa Koester, Sarah Sullivan and Brooke Stewart — will anchor what's anticipated to be a solid team for coach Lori Koester this season.

"We will be very competitive in our area and in our class," Koester, who enters 17th season at Allen High, said. "Experience and leadership are two of our strong points."

Bock averages 10.5 points per game and is the team's rebounding leader with eight per contest.

Alissa Koester also brings strength to the team with 9.2 points and 4.4 rebounds per game.

Keitges and Sullivan return with their physical game at guard, while Stewart will play post.

Coach Koester said the team established a season motto of "begin where you are, but don't stay where you are" and the squad has pushed itself in preseason drills.

"I'm really excited about the depth of this year's team," she said. "We have a lot of girls competing aggressively each day in our preseason, so that makes for highly competitive practices."

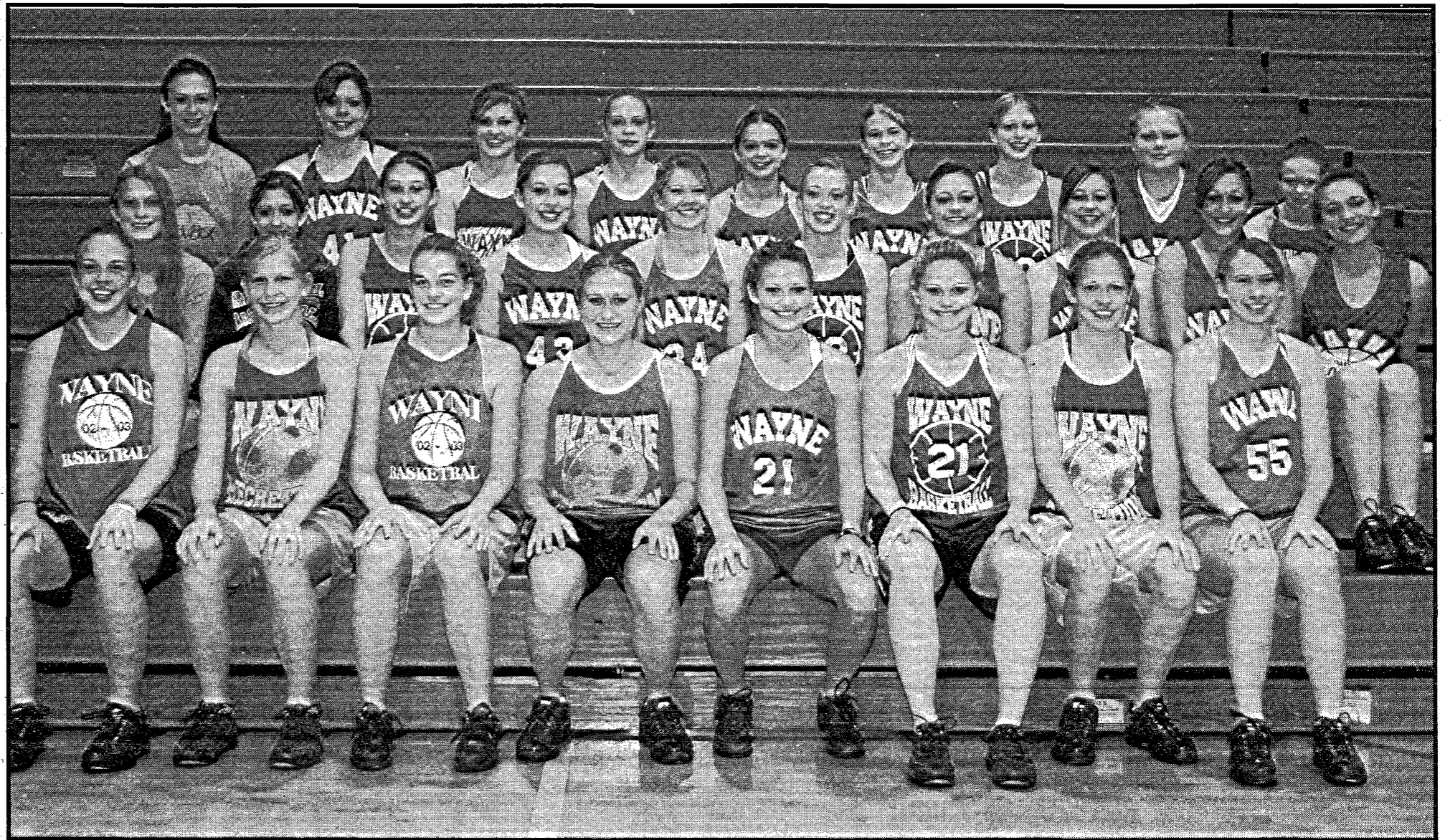
Other significant contributors for the Eagles' depth this season include Carla Rastede, Erin Stewart, Amber Rastede, Jenny Warner and Kayla Greve.

Christy Taylor will serve as an assistant coach with the squad.

The Eagles opened the season on

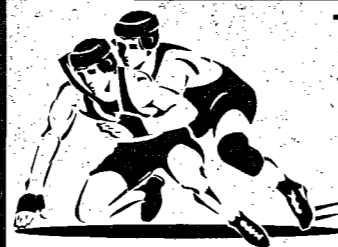
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Wayne Girls Basketball



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2005-2006 SCHEDULE					
Dec. 2	Battle Creek	Jan. 6	at Pierce	Jan. 30-Feb. 4	Mid State Tournament (TBA)
Dec. 9	at Schuyler	Jan. 7	at Boone Central	Feb. 7	at Hartington Cedar Catholic
Dec. 13	at West Point-Beemer	Jan. 10	Laurel-Concord	Feb. 10	Madison
Dec. 16	Wisner Pilger	Jan. 13	Norfolk Catholic	Feb. 13-16	Subdistricts at
Dec. 20	Columbus Scotus	Jan. 17	at Crofton		West Point Central Catholic
Dec 27-29	Great NE Nebr. Shootout	Jan. 19	West Point Central Catholic	Mar. 2-4	State Tournament
	@ Wayne State	Jan. 21	O'Neill		
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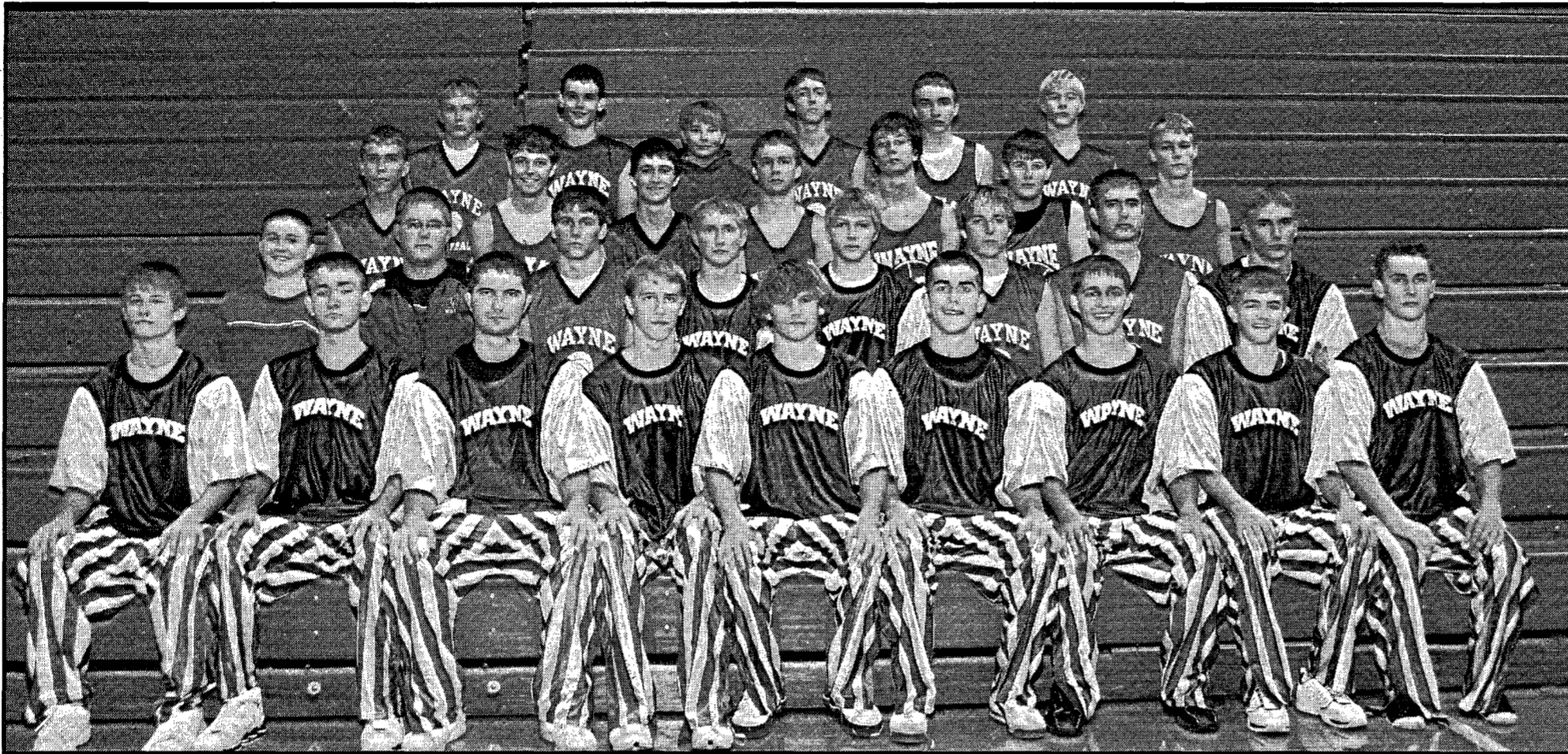
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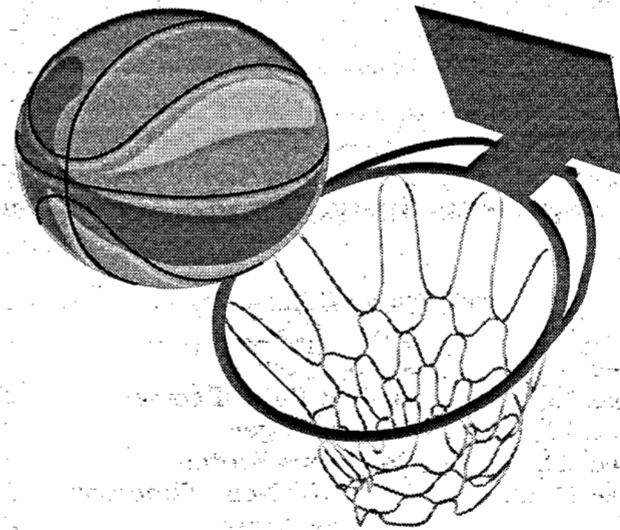


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2005-2006 SCHEDULE

Dec. 2 Battle Creek
 Dec. 9 Logan View
 Dec. 10 at Columbus Lakeview
 Dec. 13 Schuyler
 Dec 16 Wisner-Pilger
 Dec 20 Columbus Scotus
 Dec 27-29 Great NE Nebr. Shootout
 @ Wayne State
 Jan. 5 at Norfolk Catholic
 Jan. 7 at Boone Central

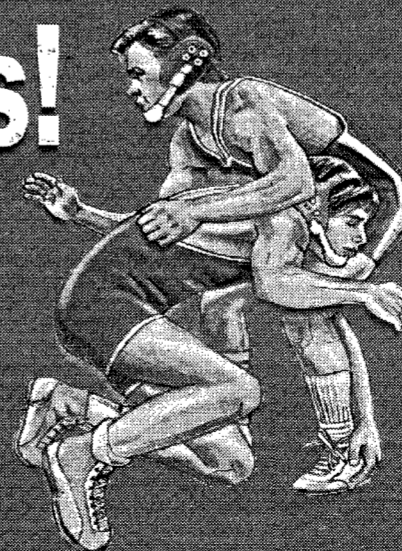
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 Jan. 20 at Hartington Cedar Catholic
 Jan. 21 O'Neill
 Jan. 27 at West Point-Beemer
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 Feb. 17 Pierce
 Feb 20-23 Subdistricts at West Point CC
 Mar. 9-11 State Tournament



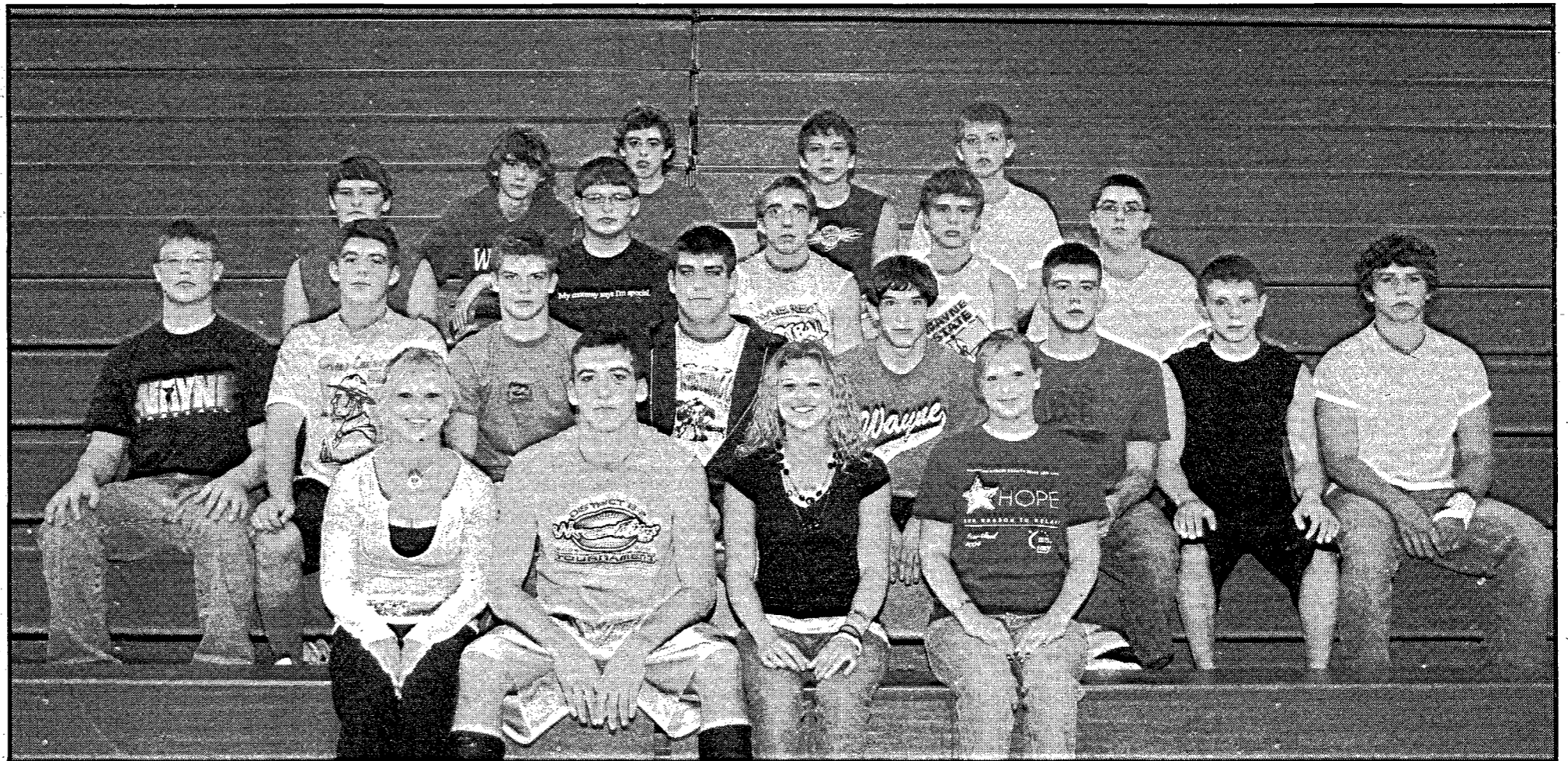
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2005-2006 SCHEDULE

Dec. 1 Schuyler Invite
 Dec. 3 at York Invite
 Dec. 6 at West Point
 Dec. 10 at West Point Invite
 Dec. 15 Wisner-Pilger
 Dec. 17 Wayne Invite
 Jan. 5 Norfolk Catholic
 Jan. 7 at Wisner-Pilger Invite
 Jan. 12 at South Sioux City
 Jan. 14 at Elkhorn Invite
 Jan. 20 at Madison
 Jan. 24 Winside

Jan. 28 at Boone Central
 Feb. 4 Mid State
 Conference meet
 at Norfolk Catholic
 Feb. 10-11 Districts at Gretna
 Feb. 17-18 State Tournament

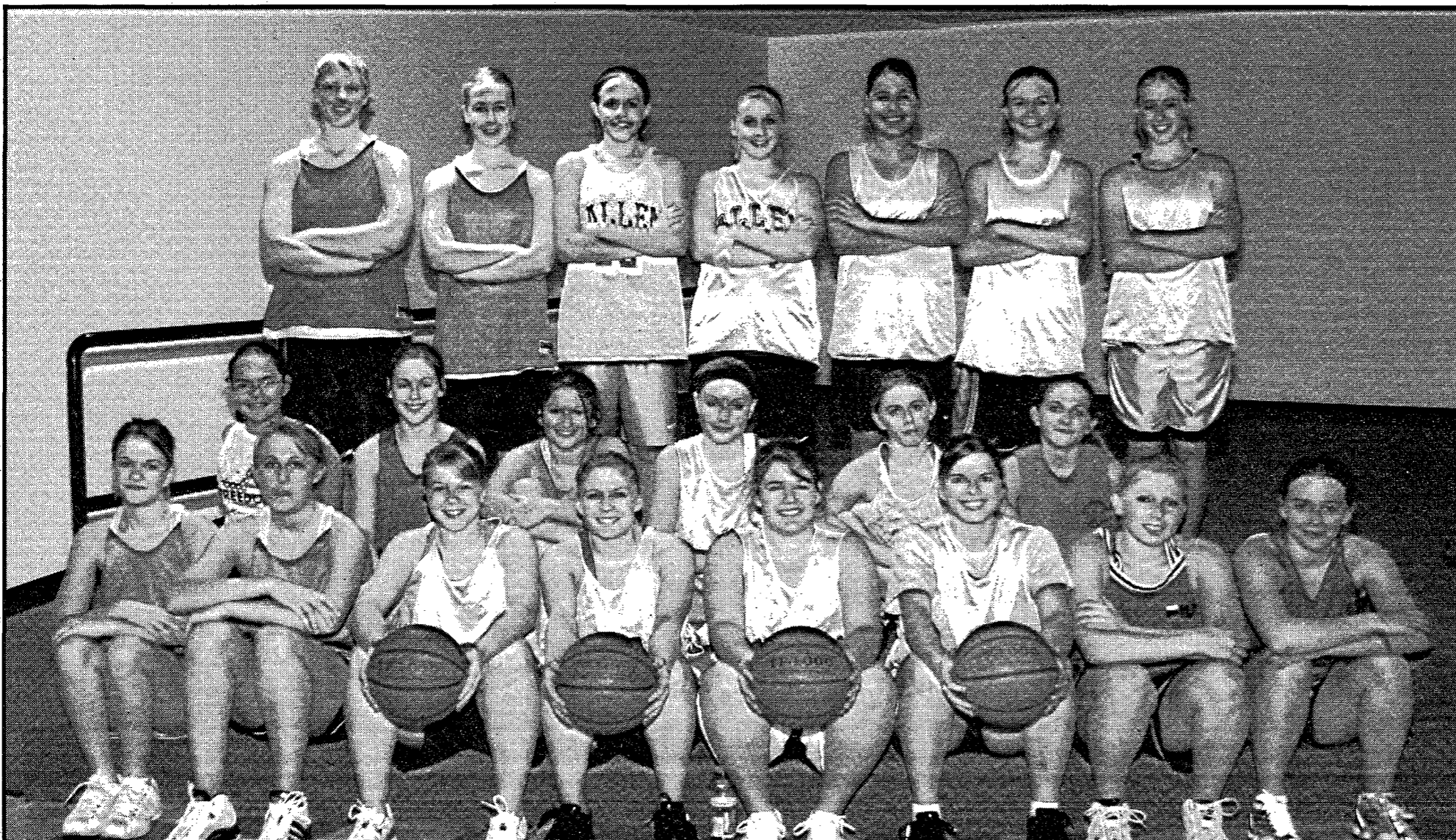


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Allen Girls Basketball

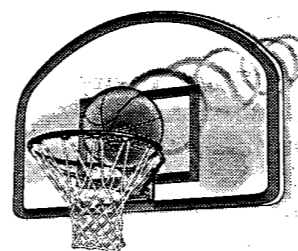


Front row, left to right: Amber Rastede, Brooke Stewart, Erin Stewart, Samantha Bock, Alissa Koester, Carla Rastede, Alicia Gregorson and Brittney Isom. Middle row: Hannah Flores, Beth Klaus, Erika McCarthy, Rebecca Swetnam, Jamin Cyr and Shannon Sullivan. Back row: Jenny Warner, Laura Staum, Sarah Sullivan, Courtney Sturges, Kayla Greve, Codi Hingst and Kelynn Cyr. Not pictured: Erin Keitges.

2005-2006 SCHEDULE
 Nov. 29 Osmond
 Dec. 2 at Coleridge
 Dec. 6 at Winnebago
 Dec. 9 Homer
 Dec 13 Hartington
 Dec. 16 at Newcastle
 Dec. 20 Bloomfield
 Dec. 27-28 at Clearwater Holiday Tournament

Jan. 6 Ponca
 Jan. 7 at Laurel-Concord
 Jan. 13 Bancroft-Rosalie
 Jan. 17 at Wynot
 Jan. 19 at Wausa
 Jan. 20 Walthill
 Jan. 26 at Emerson-Hubbard
 Jan. 28-Feb. 6 Lewis and Clark Tournament
 Feb. 7 Winside

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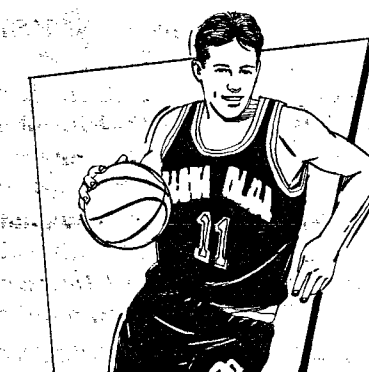
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Allen Boys Basketball



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2005-2006 SCHEDULE			
Nov. 29	Osmond	Jan. 17	at Wynot
Dec. 2	at Coleridge	Jan. 19	at Wausa
Dec. 9	Homer	Jan. 20	Walthill
Dec. 13	Hartington	Jan. 27	at Emerson-Hubbard
Dec. 16	at Newcastle	Jan. 28-Feb. 6	Lewis and Clark Tournament
Dec. 20	Bloomfield	Feb. 7	Winside
Dec. 27-28	at Clearwater Holiday Tournament	Feb. 10	at Santee
Jan. 6	Ponca	Feb. 17	at Winnebago
Jan. 13	Bancroft-Rosalie	Feb. 20-23	Subdistricts at Laurel-Concord
		Mar. 9-11	State Tournament

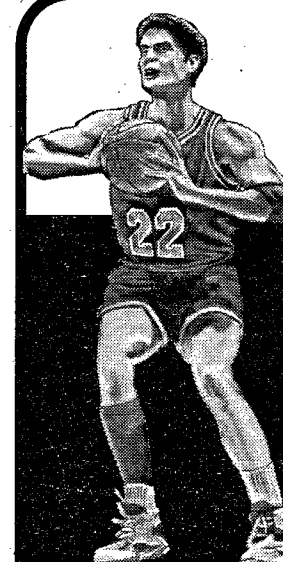


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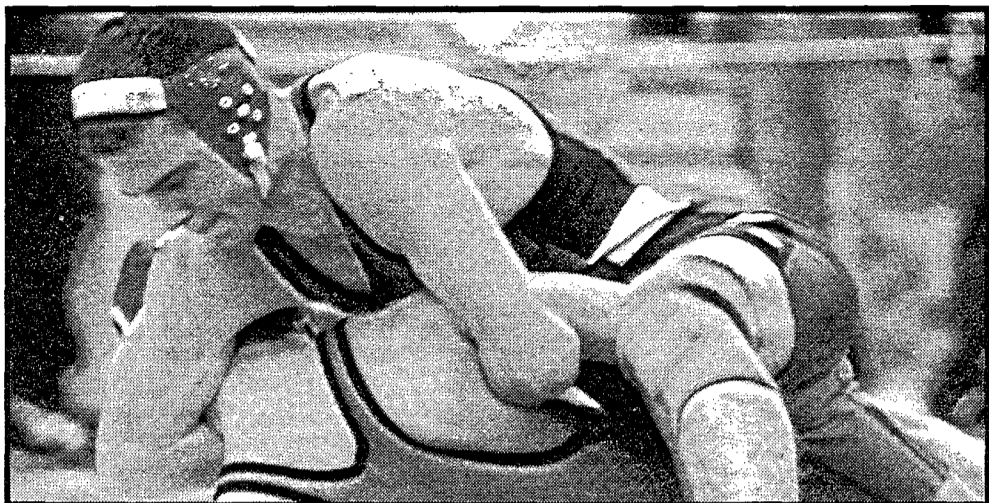
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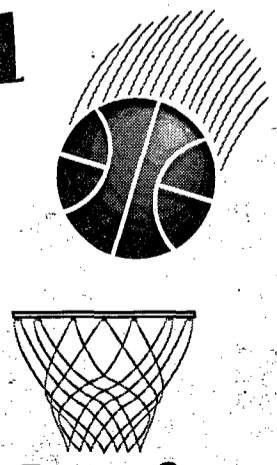
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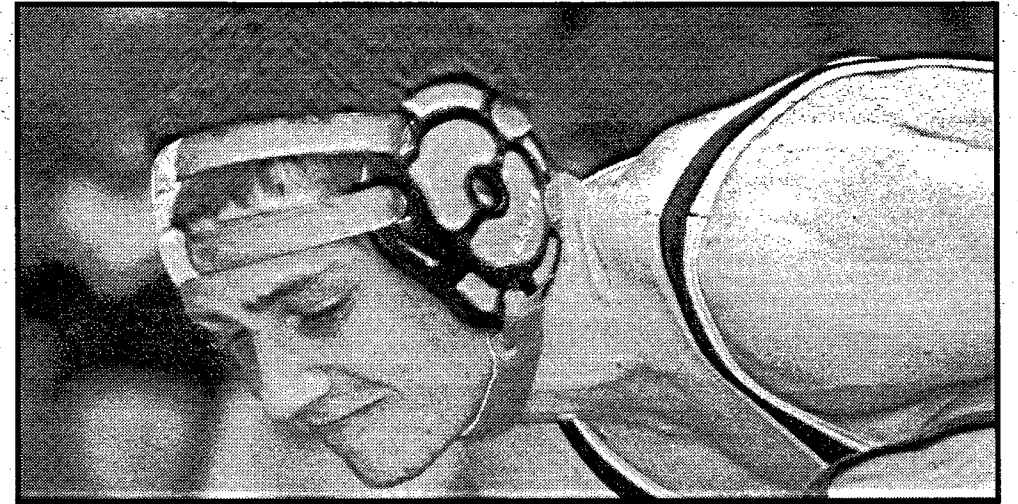
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2005-2006 SCHEDULE


Dec. 2	Crofton	Jan. 10	at Wayne
Dec. 10	at Randolph	Jan. 13	Creighton
Dec. 12	Ponca	Jan. 17	at Hartington
Dec. 16	Plainview	Jan. 19	at Battle Creek
Dec. 27-29	Great NE Nebraska Shootout at WSC	Jan. 26	Wakefield
Jan. 2	at Norfolk Catholic	Jan. 28-Feb. 2	NENAC Tournament (TBA)
Jan. 6	at Elkhorn Valley	Feb. 7	Coleridge
Jan. 7	Allen	Feb. 9	at Wisner-Pilger
		Feb. 10	at Neligh-Oakdale
		Feb. 13-16	Subdistricts at Wausa
		Mar. 2-4	State Tournament



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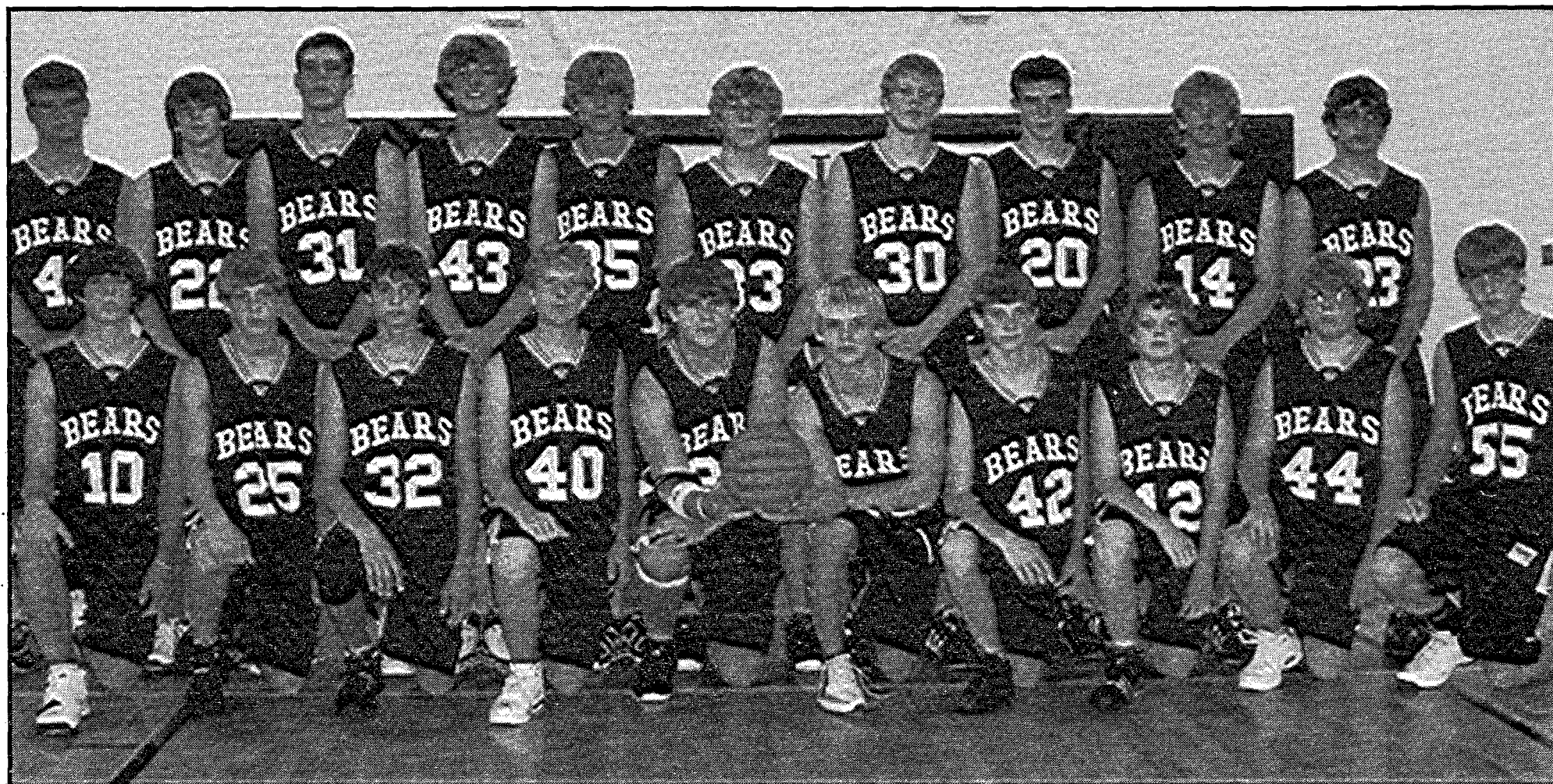



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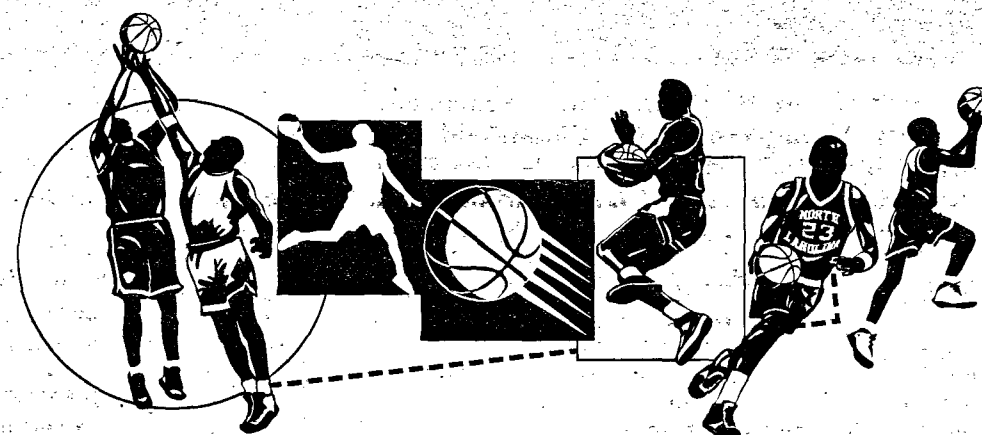

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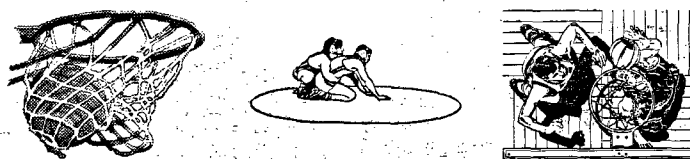


Front row, left to right: Eli Schantz, Justin Hart, Ross Kastrup, Max Rasmussen, Jarrod Henderson, Tony Jacobsen, Zach Thompson, Tyler Sherman, Josh Anderson and Adam Schroeder. Back row: Lee Larson, Tyler Petersen, Tate Cunningham, Pat Harrington, Colten DeLong, Scot Surber, Heath Erwin, Brian Saunders, Philip Nelson and Michael Patefield

2005-2006 SCHEDULE		
Dec. 2	Crofton	Jan. 19 at Battle Creek
Dec. 10	at Randolph	Jan. 26 Wakefield
Dec. 12	Ponca	Jan. 28-Feb. 3 NENAC Tourney
Dec. 16	Plainview	Feb. 7 Coleridge
Dec. 27-28	Great	Feb. 9 at Wisner-Pilger
	NE Nebraska	Feb. 10 at Neligh-Oakdale
	Shootout at WSC	Feb. 17 at Plainview
Jan. 5	Cedar Catholic	Feb. 21-24 Subdistricts
Jan. 6	at Elkhorn Valley	at Wausa
Jan. 10	at Wayne	Mar. 10-12 State Tournament
Jan. 13	Creighton	
Jan. 17	at Hartington	



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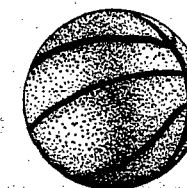
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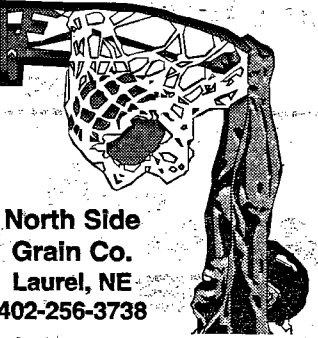
Laurel-Concord Wrestling



Kneeling, left to right: Jesse Gildersleeve, Marcus Jensen, Ben Kneifl, Kyle Knudsen, Josh Hangman and Dane Martindale. Standing: Arik Diediker, Tony Nelson, Jared Kvols, Ian Engbretsen, Eric Burns and Jonathon Mullen. Not Pictured: Bret Lunz and Andres Surber.

2005-2006 SCHEDULE		Dec. 30	at Pierce	Jan. 28	at Plainview Invite
Dec. 3	at Creighton Invitational	Jan. 7	at Winside Invitational	Feb. 10-11	Districts at Battle Creek
Dec. 10	at Newman Grove Invitational	Jan. 16	at Wakefield	Feb. 16-18	State Tournament at Omaha
Dec. 13	at Crofton	Jan. 19	NENAC meet at Creighton		
Dec. 17	at Wayne Invitational	Jan. 21	at Oakland-Craig		

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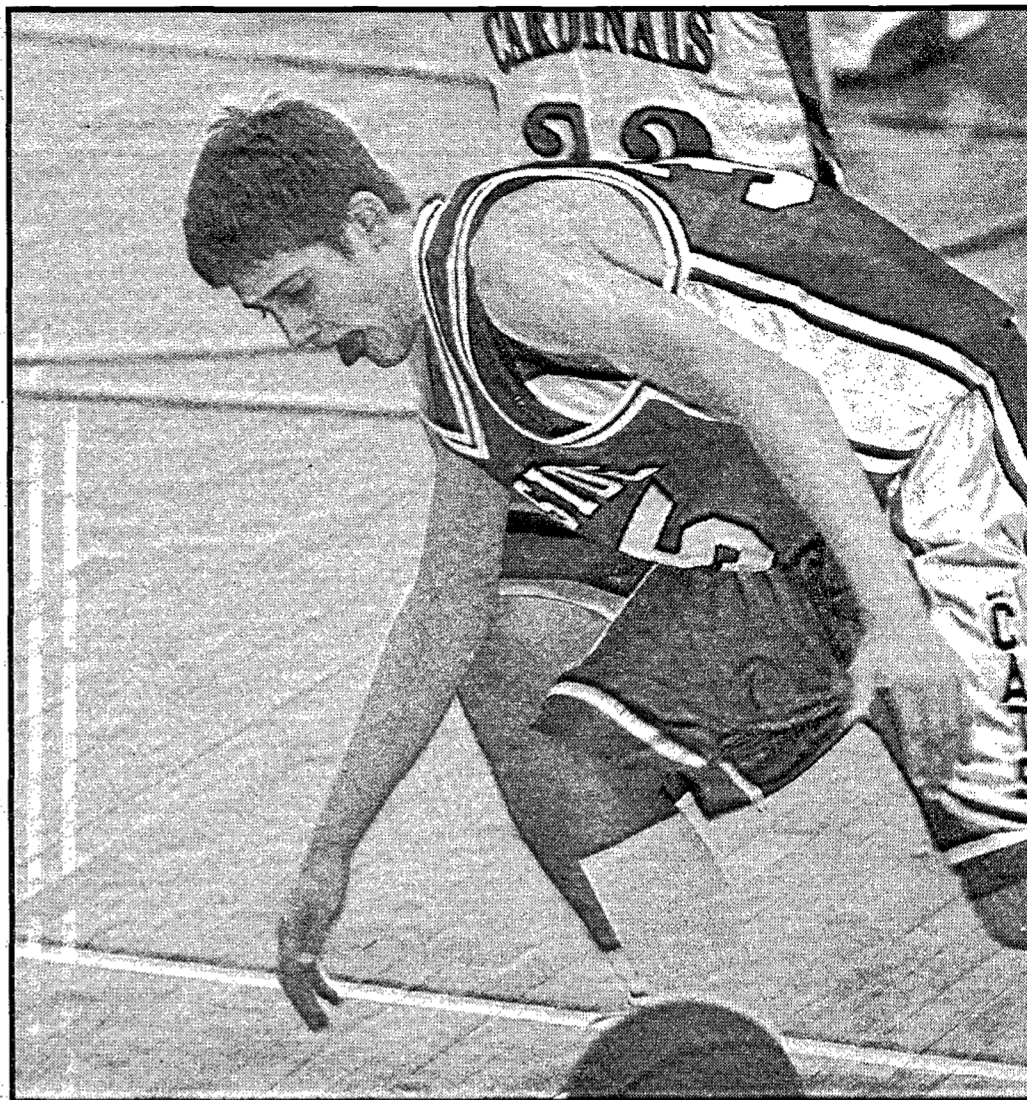
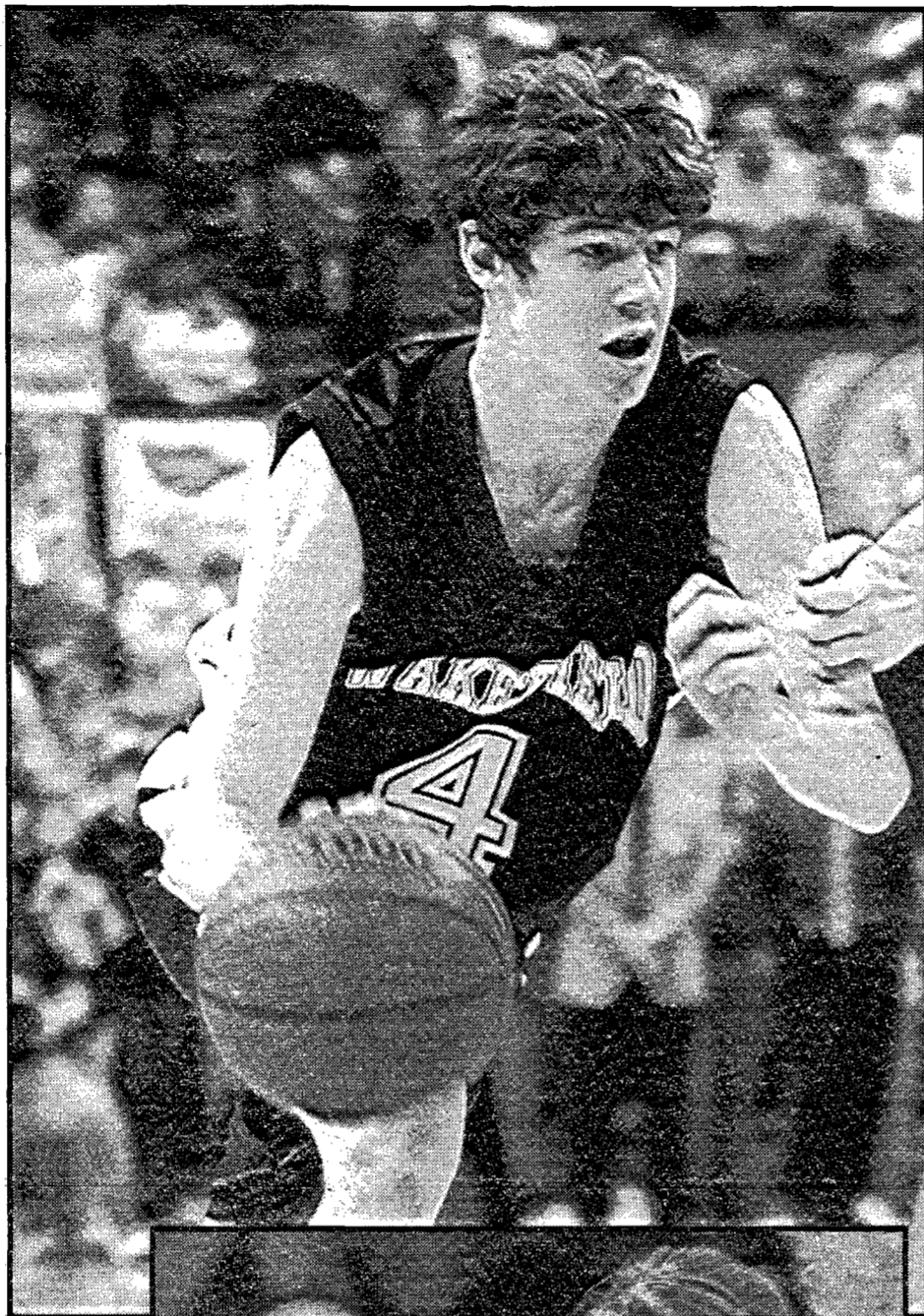



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2005-2006 SCHEDULE			
Nov. 29	at Lynch	Jan. 3	Walthill
Dec. 2	at Wynot	Jan. 5	Winnebago
Dec. 3	Humphrey	Jan. 17	at Clarkson
Dec. 8	at Newcastle	Jan. 20	at Wausa
Dec. 9	Bloomfield	Jan. 26	at Hartington
Dec. 13	Bancroft-Rosalie	Jan 28-Feb. 6	Lewis and Clark Tourney
Dec. 16	at Coleridge	Feb. 7	at Allen
Dec. 19	Emerson-Hubbard	Feb. 9	Osmond
Dec. 28-29	at Randolph Holiday Tournament	Feb. 13-16	Subdistricts at Norfolk Catholic
		Mar. 3-5	State Tournament



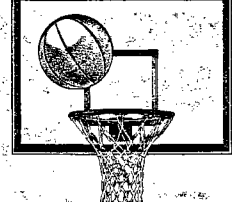
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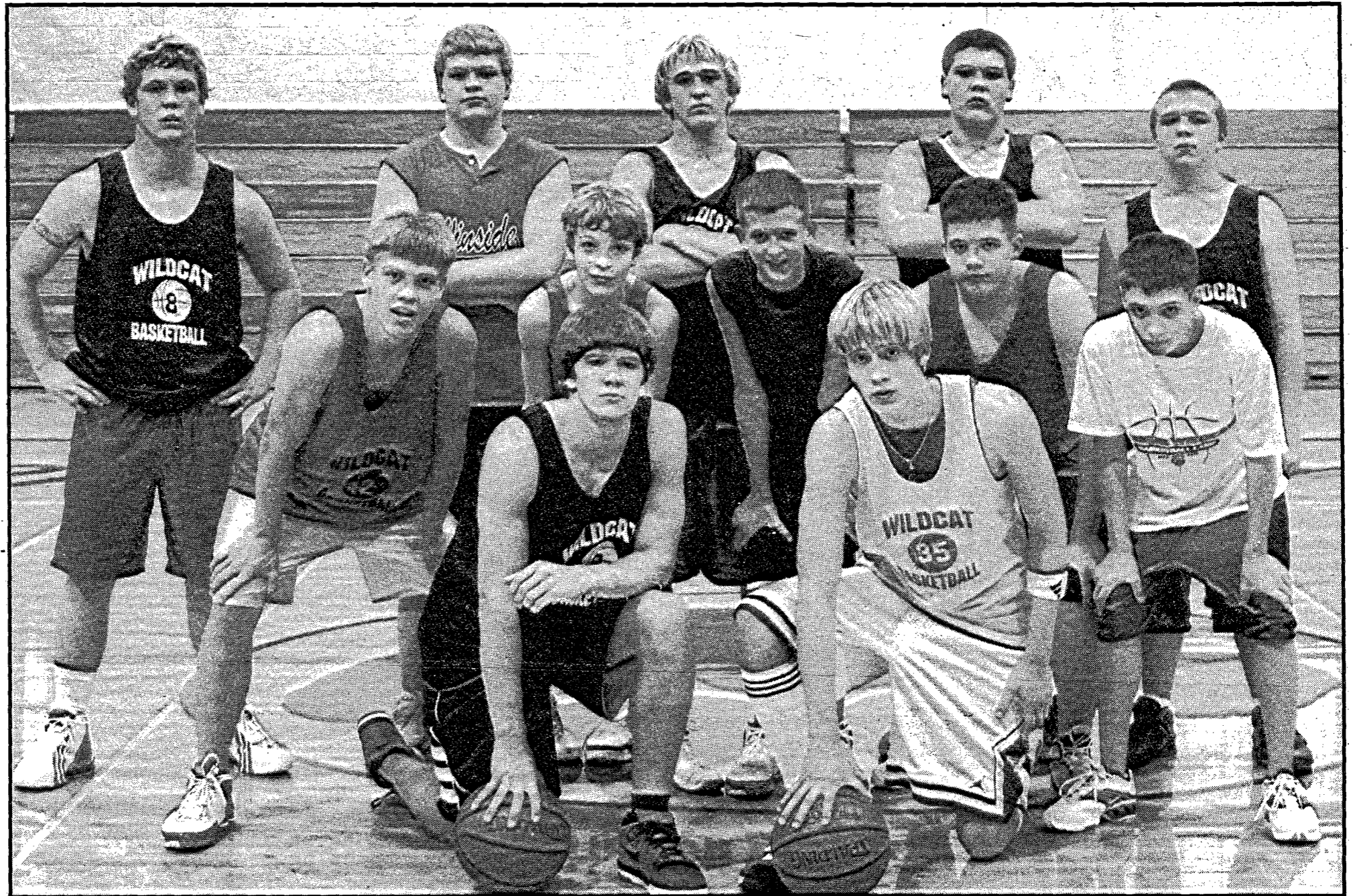
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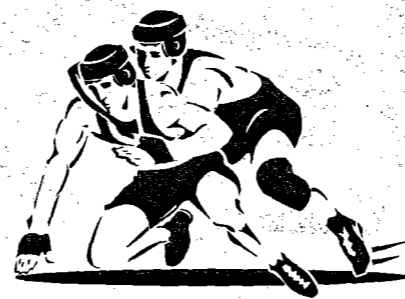
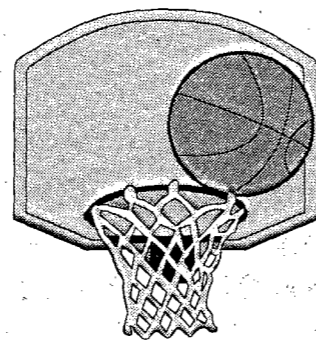
Front row, left to right: Mark Hawkins and Marcus Messersmith. Middle row: J.P. Roberts, Casey Lange, Andrew Mohr and Aaron Mangels. Back row: Jarad Thies, Colby Langenberg, Justin Nathan, Matt Peter and Sam Barg.

2005-2006 SCHEDULE
 Nov. 29 at Lynch
 Dec. 2 at Wynot
 Dec. 9 Bloomfield
 Dec. 13 Bancroft-Rosalie
 Dec. 16 at Coleridge
 Dec. 28-29 at Randolph Holiday Tournament

Jan. 3 at Walthill
 Jan. 5 Winnebago
 Jan. 12 Wakefield
 Jan. 17 at Clarkson
 Jan. 20 at Wausa
 Jan. 26 at Hartington
 Jan. 27 Homer

Jan. 28-Feb. 6 Lewis and Clark Tournament
 Feb. 7 at Allen
 Feb. 9 Osmond
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 Mar. 9-11 State Tournament

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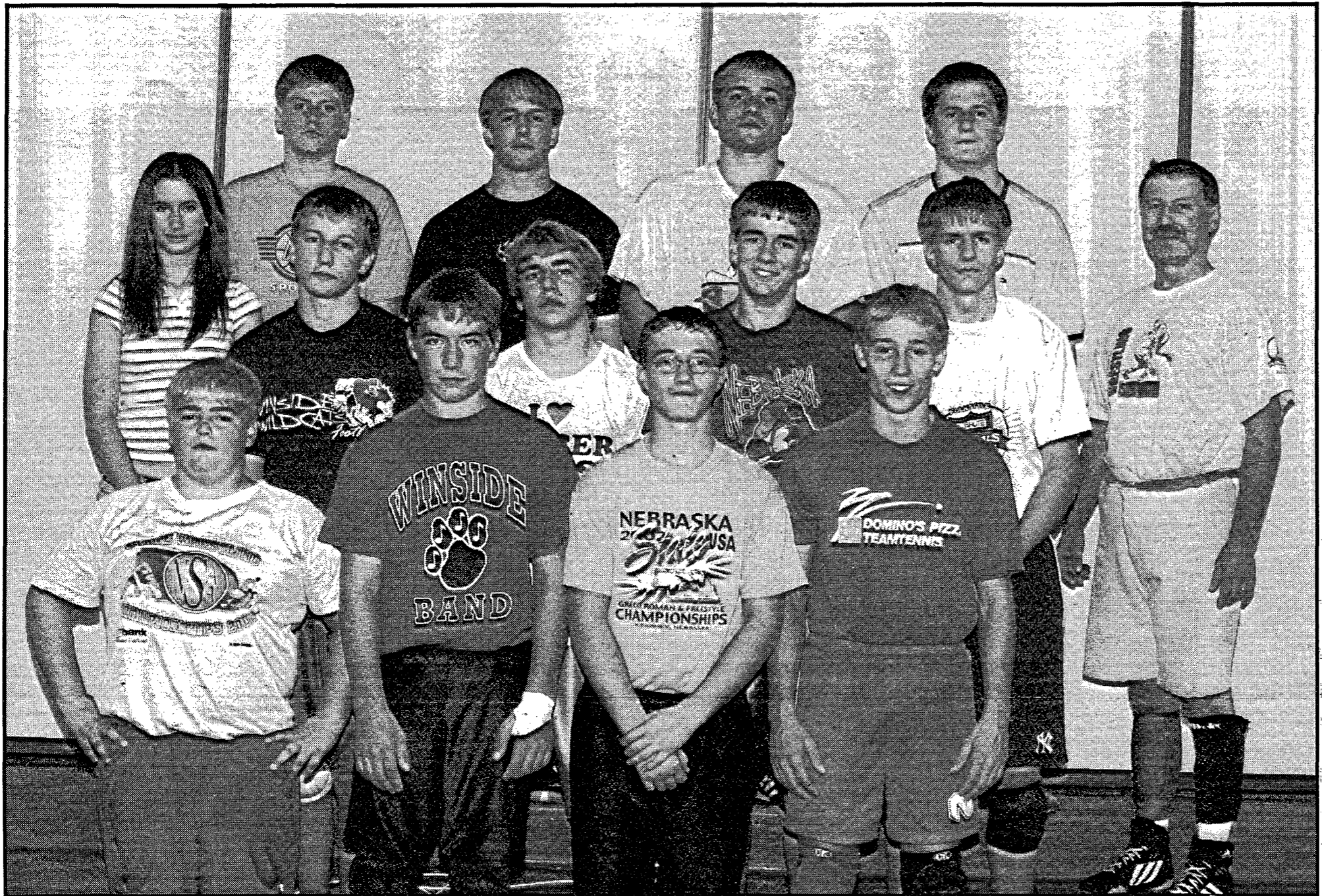
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2005-2006 SCHEDULE			
Dec. 3	at Creighton Invitational	Jan. 14	at Battle Creek
Dec. 6	at Wisner	Jan. 21	at Oakland-Craig Invitational
Dec. 10	at North Bend Invitational	Jan. 24	at Wayne
Dec 17	at Wayne Invitational	Jan. 28	at Ainsworth
Jan. 7	Winside Invitational	Jan. 31	Lewis and Clark conf. meet.
Jan. 13	at Norfolk Catholic	Feb. 3	at Clearwater Invitational
		Feb. 10-11	Districts at Stanton
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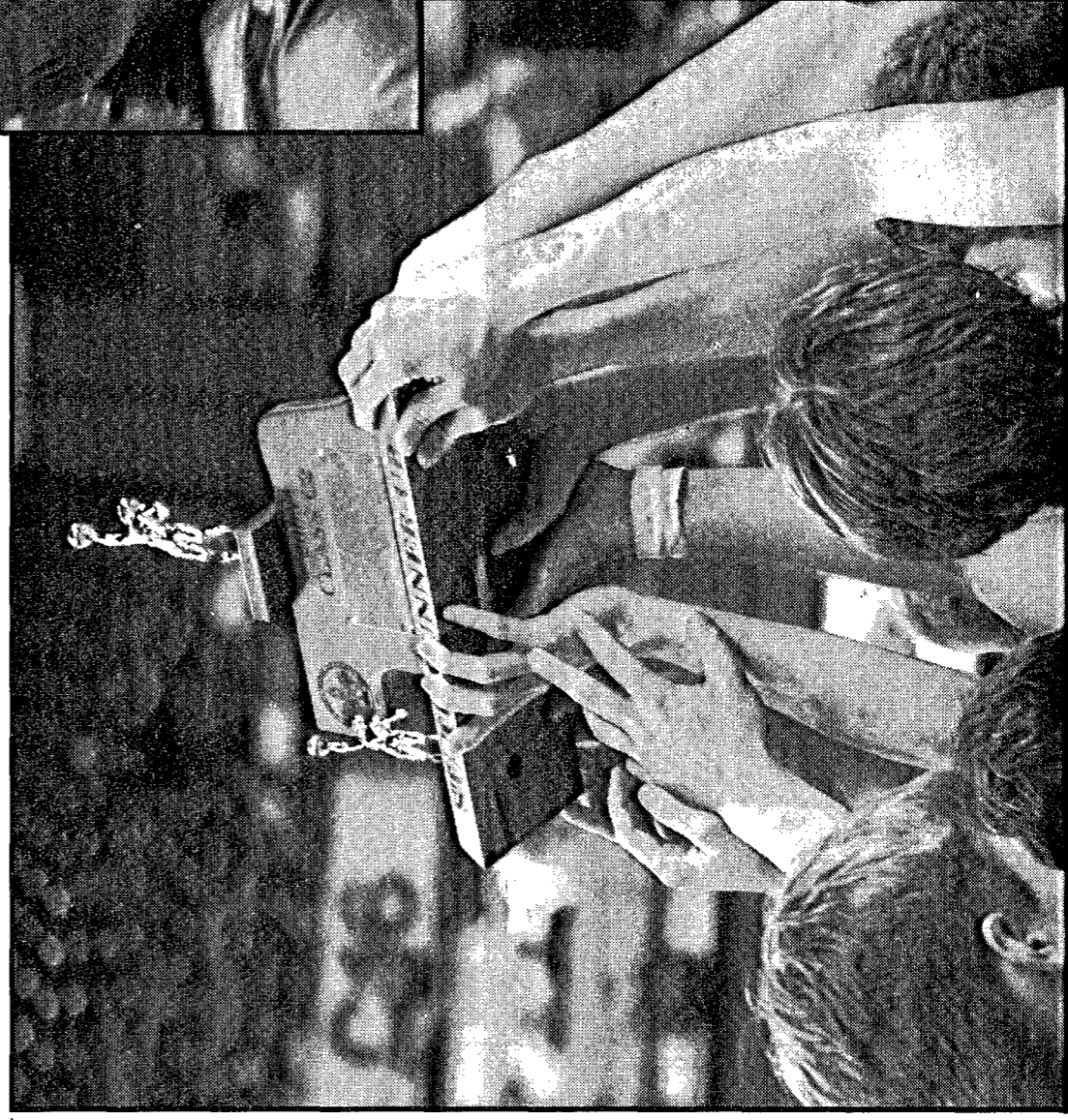
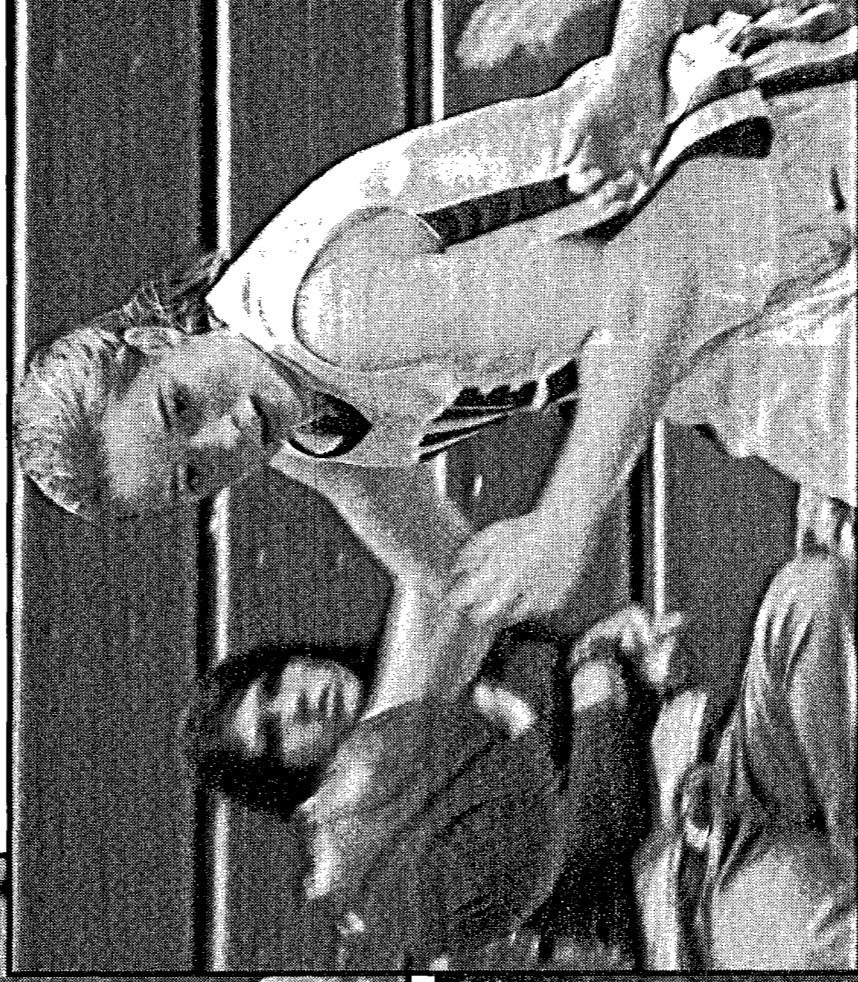
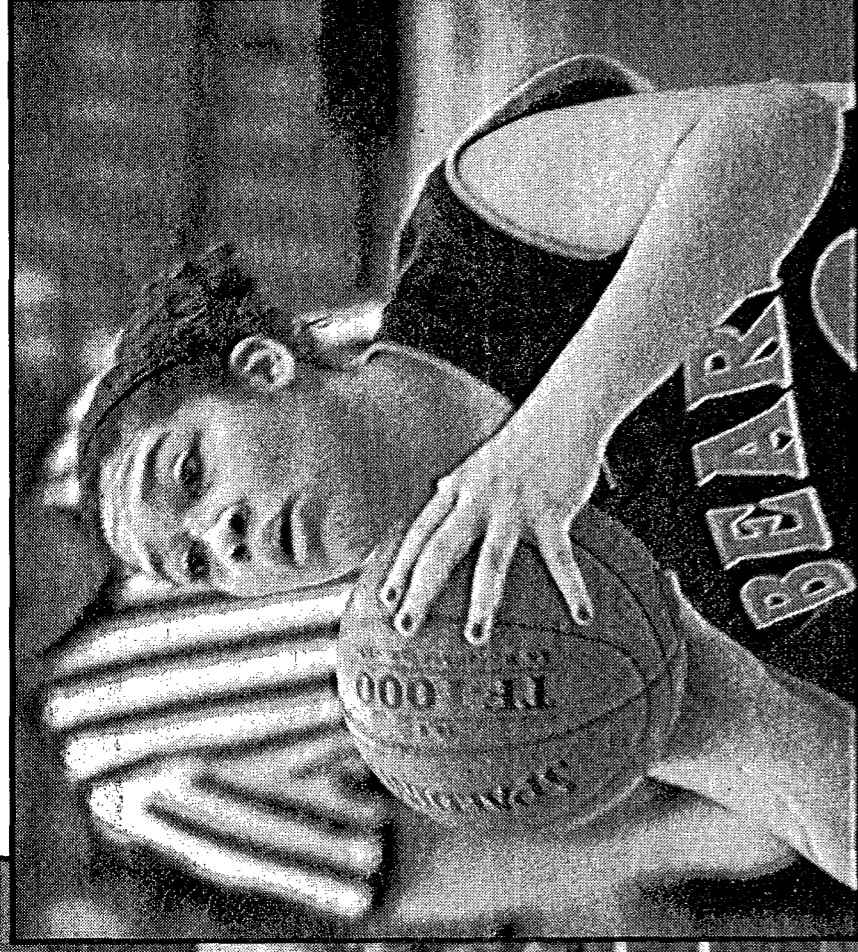
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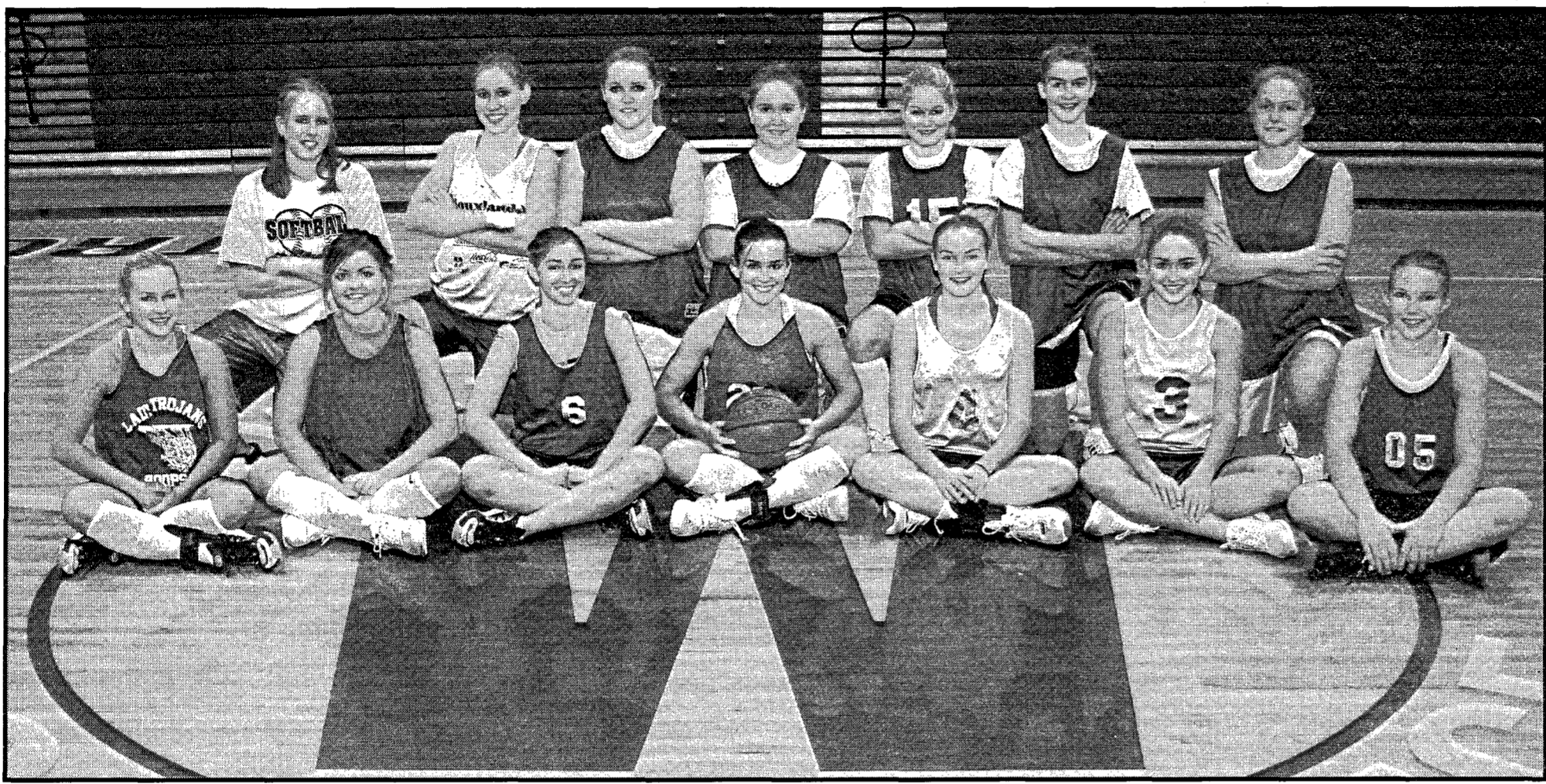
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2005-2006 SCHEDULE

Nov. 28 at Emerson-Hubbard
 Dec. 1 Pender
 Dec. 9 Wausa
 Dec. 15 at Hartington
 Dec 20 Osmond
 Dec. 27-29 at Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout at WSC

Jan. 5-7 at Clough Tournament
 Jan. 9 Emerson-Hubbard
 Jan. 10 at Ponca
 Jan. 14 at Lyons-Decatur
 Jan. 21 at Randolph
 Jan. 23 at Homer

Jan. 26 at Laurel-Concord
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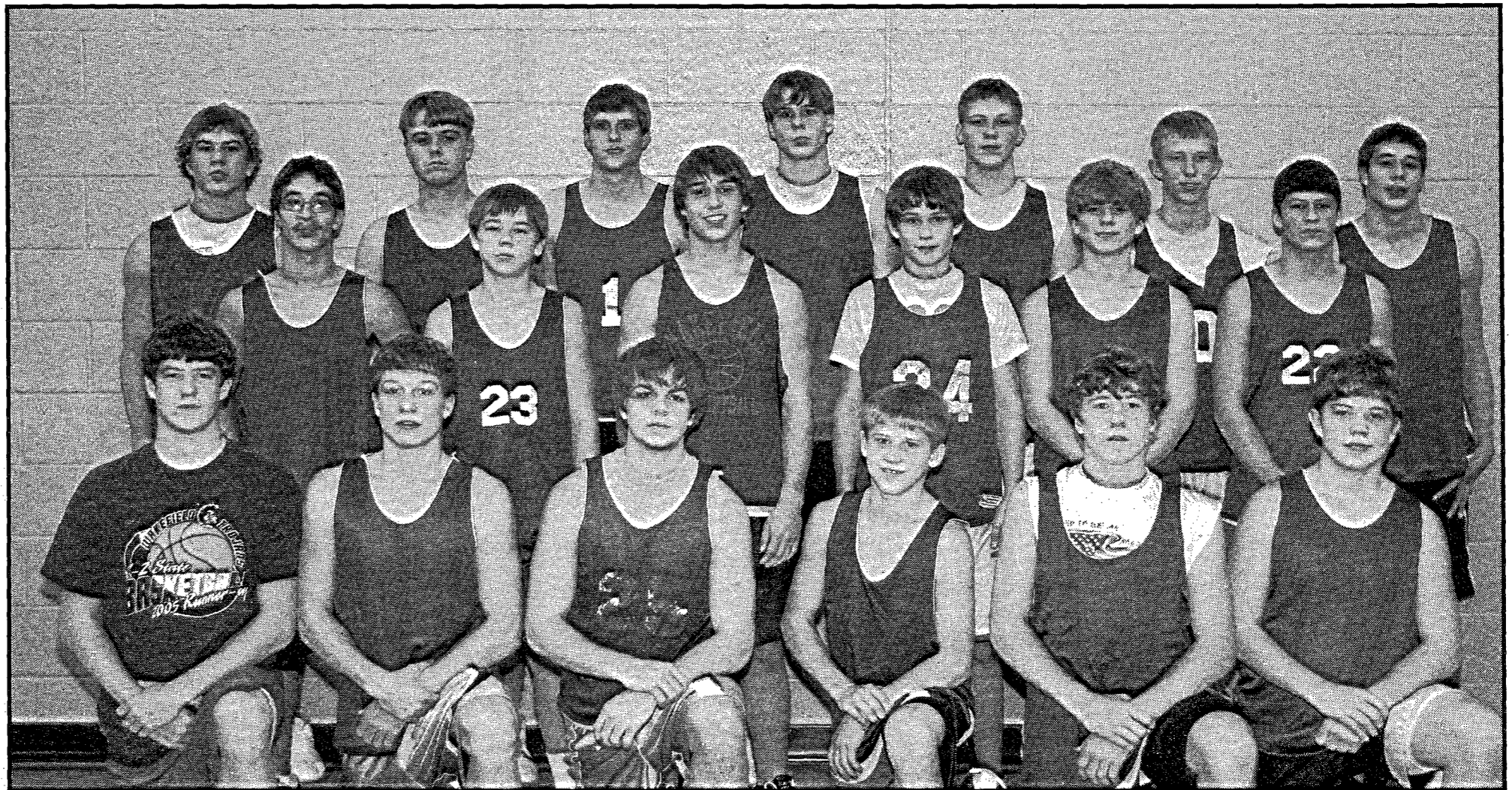
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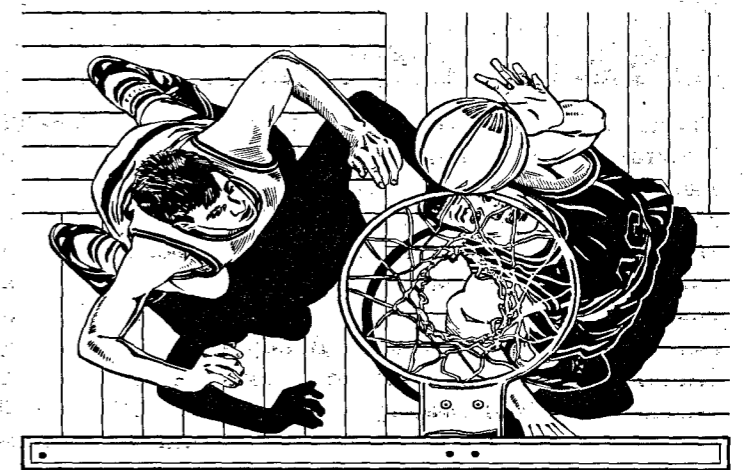


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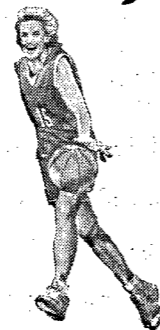
2005-2006 schedule

Nov. 28 at Em.-Hubbard
 Dec. 1 Pender
 Dec. 3 Norfolk Catholic
 Dec. 9 Wausa
 Dec. 15 at Hartington
 Dec. 16 at Stanton
 Dec. 20 Osmond
 Jan. 10 at Ponca
 Jan. 12 at Winside
 Jan. 14 at Lyons-Decatur
 Jan. 20 Emerson-Hubbard
 Jan. 21 at Randolph

Jan. 26 Laurel-Concord
 Jan. 28-Feb. 6 at Lewis and Clark
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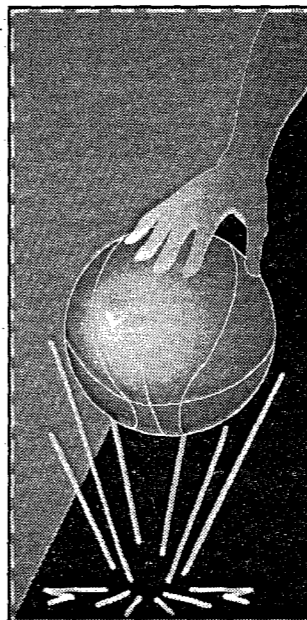
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2005-2006 SCHEDULE
 Dec. 3 at Creighton Invite
 Dec. 10 at Stanton
 Dec. 17 at Osmond
 Dec. 30 at Pierce
 Jan. 2 at Wisner-Pilger
 Jan. 5 at Lutheran High NE
 Jan. 7 at Wisner-Pilger
 Jan. 14 at Battle Creek
 Jan. 16 Wakefield triangular
 Jan. 20 at Madison
 Jan. 31 Wakefield quad

Feb. 2 at Randolph
 Feb. 10-11 Districts at Battle Creek
 Feb 16-18 State Tournament at Omaha



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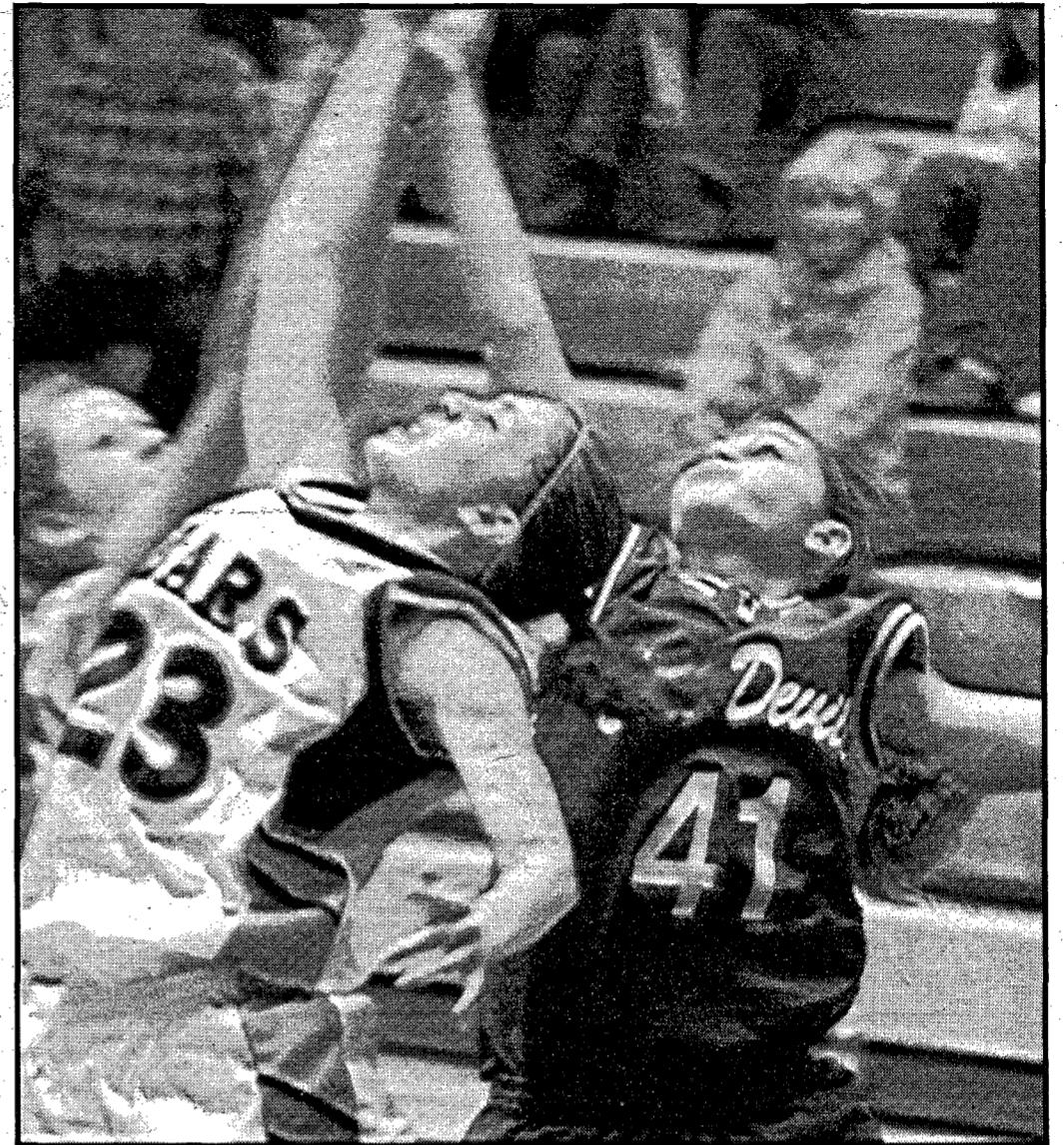
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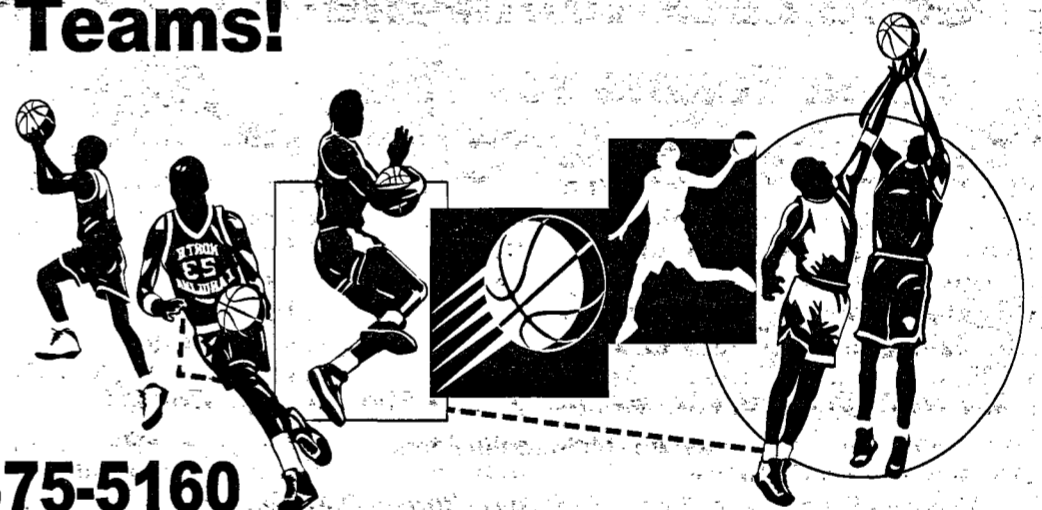
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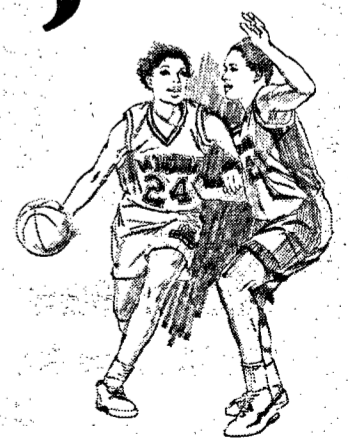
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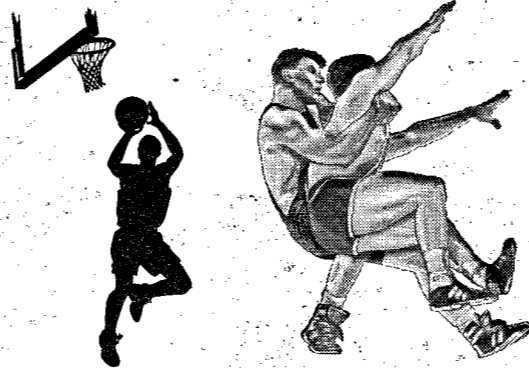


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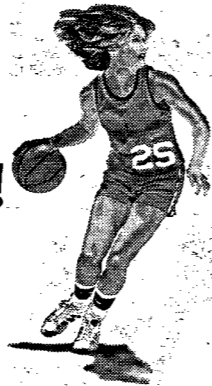


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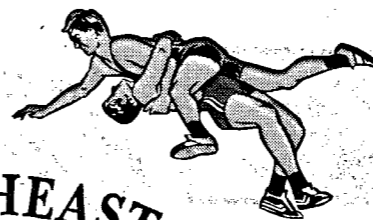


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Teams

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Nov. 29, with an exhibition contest when they hosted Osmond. The girls travel to Coleridge to begin the regular season on Friday, Dec. 2.

LAUREL-CONCORD

Nate Sims begins his second season as coach of Laurel-Concord's girls basketball team with a young, athletic group of players.

The team will return two underclassmen starters from last season including sophomore Kim Lubberstedt at point guard and senior guard/forward Brittany Thompson.

"We will once again be very young," Sims said. "What we lack in height, we will have to make up with hustle and athleticism. Keeping the game at our tempo will also be key."

The Bears will also rely on the talents of four returning letter winners from last season.

Senior Katie Bloomfield, juniors Nicole Lubberstedt and Becky Hoelsing and sophomore Jenny Schroeder round out the list of squad members with varsity experience from last year's 10-13 team.

Sims said newcomers Tarah Jelinek, Kari Schroeder and Kacie Gould are also anticipated to see playing time this winter.

George Schroeder will again serve as an assistant coach for the Bears.

LCHS opens the season at home against conference foe Crofton on Friday, Dec. 2.

WAKEFIELD

The Trojans begin the 2005-06 season seeking to fill spots left open from last winter's senior class and a team that finished 17-6.

Wakefield coach Matt Brenn starts his fifth season with only junior forward Alissa Bressler as the sole returning varsity player.

Three letter winners from last season also return for Wakefield including senior Amanda Nelson at guard, junior center Shay Tullberg and sophomore Anna Brownell at guard.

"We will have a challenging schedule," Brenn said. "We will have an athletic, but pretty inexperienced team. Hopefully, the success they have in volleyball

will carry over into basketball."

Other contributors for the Trojans this season included Becky Vraspir, Kelsey Bard, Whitney Rouse, Carly Gardner, Lexi Nelson and Kyna Miner.

Megan Fischer will assist with coaching duties this season, which kicked off on Nov. 28 in an exhibition game at Emerson-Hubbard. The team hosts Pender to open the regular season on Thursday, Dec. 1.

WAYNE

There's a high level of excitement heading into the season for the Wayne High Blue Devils girl's basketball team.

First-year head coach Eric Henderson said the athleticism of this year's squad is certainly a foundation on which to build a competitive season.

"I'm looking forward to an exciting year," Henderson said. "I feel like we have some good athletes and we are going to try to use that athleticism to pick up the tempo."

Michelle Jarvi and Sara Frerichs return as starters from last year's team that finished 8-14.

Letter winners Kayla Hochstein, Jean Pieper, Brooke Anderson and Renee Theobald logged considerable playing time last season and will also be adding to the Blue Devil mix.

Henderson also said that Regan Ruhl, Kara Hoeman, Leslie Backstrom, Samantha Dunklau, Alesha Finkey and Nicole Rauner will be some of the new faces to watch on the court this season.

"Our defensive pressure is going to be very important," he added. "If we force a few turnovers we can hopefully turn that into offense."

Rounding out the coaching staff are Courtney Maas and Josh Johnson.

The Blue Devils open the season at home on Friday, Dec. 2, and will host several key Mid-State league games this season, including Norfolk Catholic on Jan. 13, and West Point Central Catholic on Jan. 19.

WINSIDE

The Wildcats hope to carry over the "work in progress" theme from this fall's volleyball season and improve upon their record that's seen four wins over the past two

seasons.

Second-year coach Tim Stubbs, along with assistant Kristina Walker, will work to utilize the experience of four returning letter winners to guide the team this winter.

"We have four returning players that lettered last year and some younger girls which we hope can step up and help us this year," Stubbs said. "We are looking to continue to improve our defensive effort and increase our shooting percentage from the field."

Jessica Janke, Korrine Stubbs, Claire Elworth and Josie Longnecker will return for the Wildcats this season, plus newcomers Sam Harmeier, Sally Schwedhelm and Hillary Lienemann are expected to contribute to the squad.

The Wildcats traveled to Lynch for an exhibition game on Nov. 29, and will make open the season with another tough road test at Wynot on Friday, Dec. 2.

WRESTLING

LAUREL-CONCORD

First-year wrestling coach Terry Bear will have an increased number of wrestlers on the Laurel-Concord roster this season.

Team members this season are: Jesse Gildersleeve, Marcus Jensen, Ben Kneifl, Kyle Knudsen, Josh Hangman, Dane Martindale, Arik Diediker, Tony Nelson, Jared Kvols, Ian Engebretsen, Eric Burns, Jonathon Mullen, Bret Lunz and Andres Surber.

The Bears open the season at the Creighton Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 3.

WAKEFIELD

The Trojans hope to generate more team points this season with increased numbers out for wrestling this season.

"The junior class is a hard-working group," Justin Smith, who enters his sixth season at Wakefield, said. "Our two seniors should also be very productive."

Seniors for the Trojans this season are Anthony Storm at 275 and Ben Newton at 130.

The junior class includes: Ben Henderson (125), Yancey Sherer (135/140), Eric Bodlak (145), Mark Schroeder (152), Dex Driskell (171, 189), Paul Moody (160), Gereke Bebee (215) and Ryan Klein (130, 135).

Brady Nicholson (170/180) and Shane Compton (119) will impact the team as sophomores.

Smith also expects contributions this season from newcomers Steth Alleman, Andy Gustafson, Eric Lehmkuhl and Seb Kramer.

Pat Nicholson will serve as an assistant with the Trojans this season.

The team will open the winter campaign on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Creighton Invitational.

WAYNE

The Wayne High Blue Devil wrestling team is set to embark on a new era under first-year coach Greg Vander Weil.

"A young roster is loaded with potential for an exciting season," Vander Weil said.

Lone senior David Loberg will be the team captain and will compete at 160 pounds.

The junior class is led by two-year letter winners Curtis Pilger (135) and Bren Vander Weil.

Other juniors include Adam Reinert (189), Nick Klassen (152), Jon Pieper (189), Brian Zach (171), Jacob Nissen (171), Adam Done (119) and Brandon Karel (160).

The sophomore class is led by letter winners Sheldon Onderstal (125), Jordan McDonald (130) and Derick Dorsey (145), plus Brett Dorsey (189) and Tyler Wieseler (171). Freshmen wrestlers include Zach Long, Nate Hanson and John Murray.

The season gets underway with a dual at Schuyler on Dec. 1 and the York Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 3.

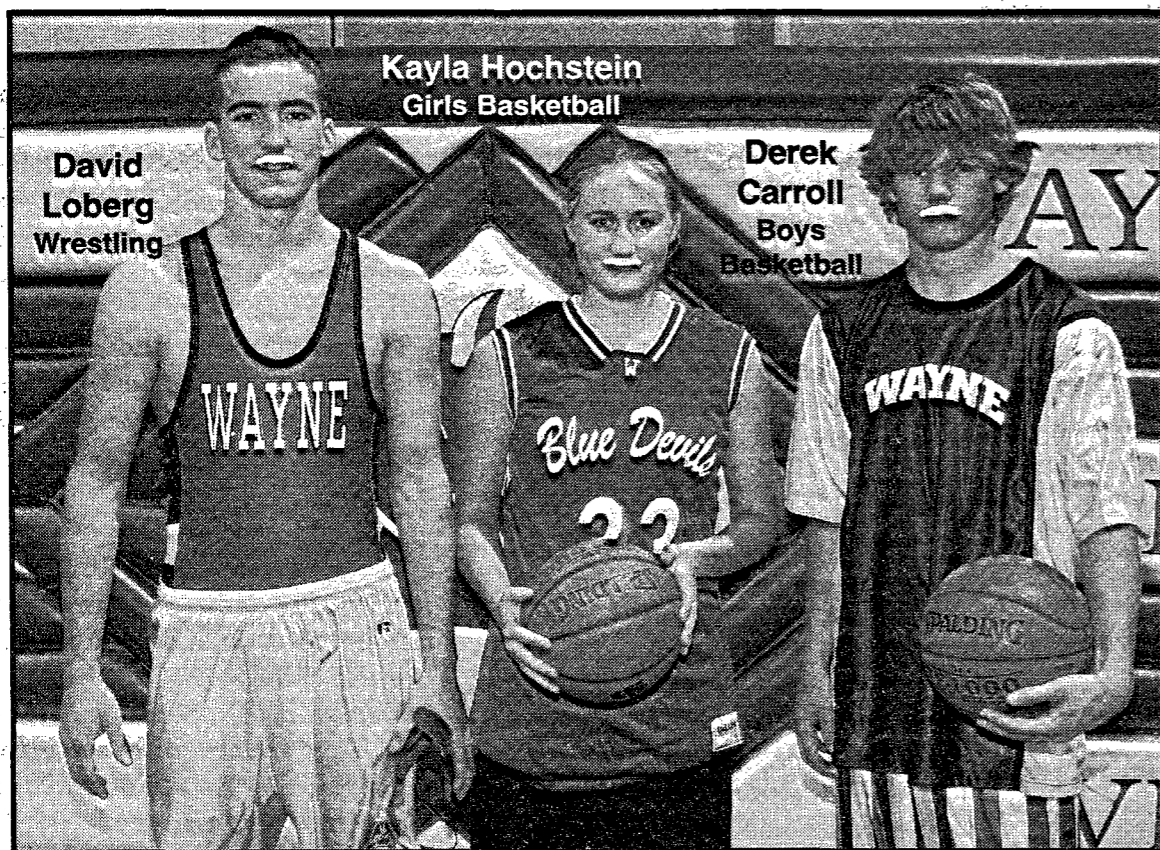
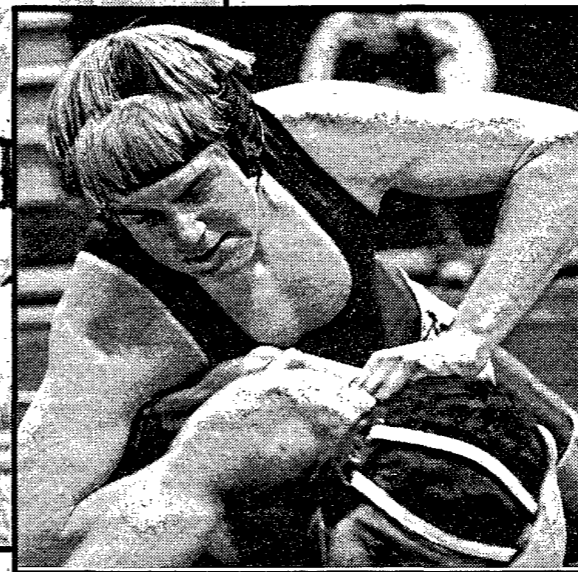
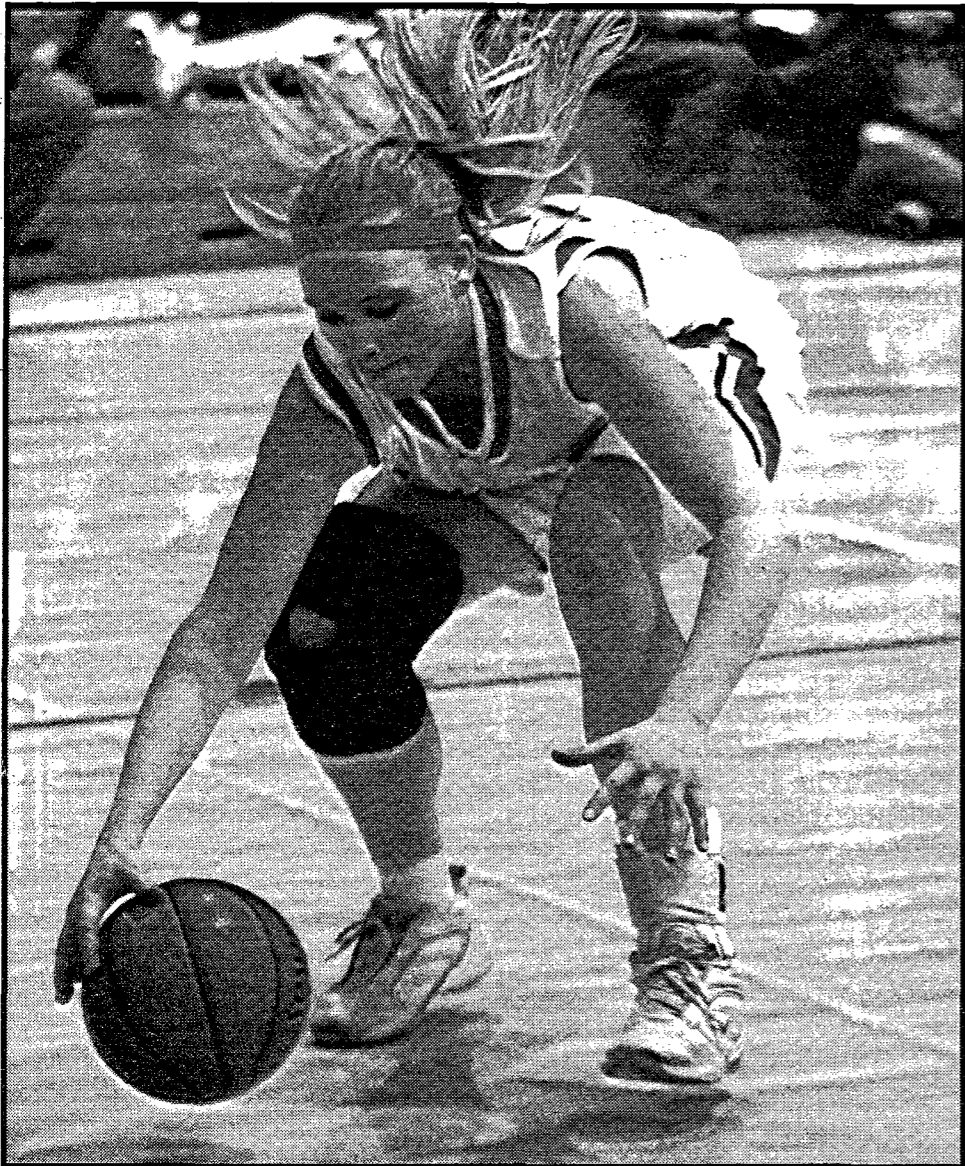
WINSIDE

The Winside wrestling team enters the new season in the unique position of defending Class D state champion.

This winter's team will see a mix of wrestlers with state tournament experience along with up-and-coming squad members.

"It will be an interesting year," head coach Paul Sok, who enters his 25th season as Winside's coach, said. "If things flow together we should be in the Top 10 at state, but some of our early tournaments may be tough."

Winside opens the season at the Creighton Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 4.



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