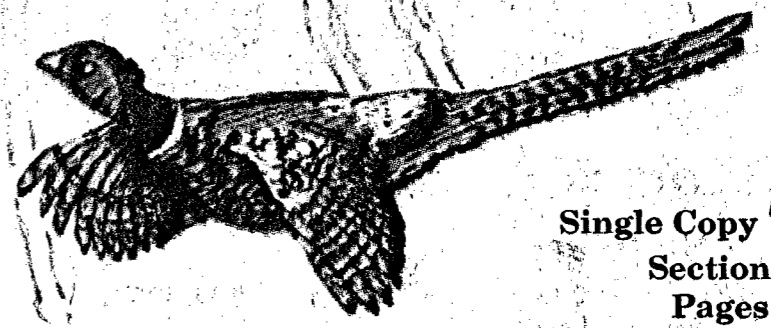


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## Commissioners approve Health and Human Services building to close during inclement weather

By Lynn Sievers  
 Of the Herald

Wayne County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday at the courthouse in Wayne. On the agenda were two social services issues; one was the closing of the Health and Human Services building east of Wayne during inclement weather when the Wayne courthouse closes, which the commissioners approved. Also approved was a quote of \$161 to replace the door threshold and weatherstripping and \$298 to replace the storm door on the west side of the Health and Human Services building.

Final action was taken on the Rugby Tournament Lodging Tax application. Also approved was the resolution for Livestock Friendly County designation for Wayne County.

Discussion was held on a justice system data line to the court services building. Installation of the data line would allow the district court judge to communicate with the justice system. It was noted that the State would pay to bring the connection to the courthouse. The additional connection to the court services building must be paid for by the county. If the data line is not installed, the charge for a separate line will be \$1,000 a month. Commissioner

Kelvin Wurdeman said it would be less expensive to put the line on the west side of the courthouse as there is less concrete there. The commissioners gave authorization to get an estimate for the work, which should be brought to the next meeting.

Action on road and bridge business items was taken. Highway Superintendent Elizabeth Carlson noted two bids were received for a new dump truck for district 3. Approval was given for a freightliner for \$85,940 from Norfolk Truck Center in Norfolk.

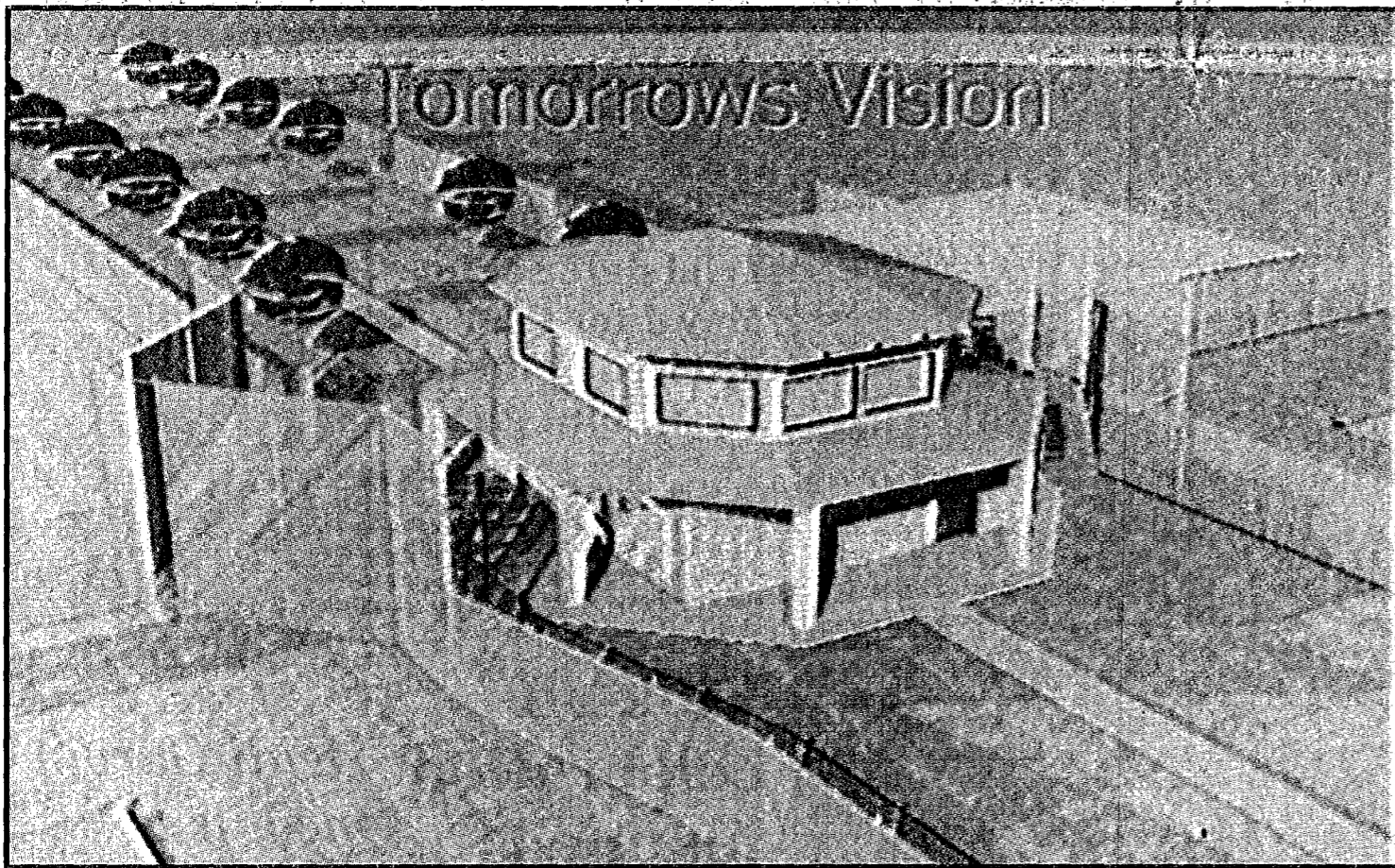
KimBerly Hansen, clerk magistrate, spoke to the board about having a courtroom desk built and wiring installed for the county court. The need for the desk is due to the new docket program that is mandated by the Supreme Court. Because of keyboards and monitors needed on the bench and the desk the board was presented with two quotes for the desk project. No special funds will be allocated for the project as Hansen has the money in her budget. The desk will be used by both county and district court. The project was approved by the board.

The next meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners will be on Tuesday, April 3 at 9 a.m. at the courthouse in Wayne.



## Bidding for the birds

A large crowd was on hand for the annual Logan Creek Chapter of Pheasants Forever Banquet on Friday. Those in attendance were able to learn of the work done by the local chapter in promoting pheasant hunting throughout the area. In addition, both a live and silent auction were held for a variety of items and several games were conducted.



This drawing shows the proposed concession/restroom facility at the Summer Sports Complex.

## Sports Complex to benefit from fundraiser

By Clara Osten  
 Of the Herald

Approximately 18 months ago, a group was formed to work on the upgrade of the restroom and concession stand at the Wayne Summer Sports Complex.

Since that time the group has developed a plan for a building to replace the deteriorating facility currently being used by youth and adults throughout community.

Operating under a mission statement that notes "the Wayne Summer Sports Complex will provide a facility that will promote wholesome activities that address the needs, interests and expectations for families and Wayne area citizens for generations to come," the committee came up with a plan to address a number of issues that would help make the facility reach its economic potential for the community.

The cost for the construction of a two-story building containing a new concession stand, handicap accessible bathrooms and a second level for multi-use is \$125,000.

"At the present time, approximately \$40,000 in cash contributions and pledges have been received. This includes a \$10,000 pledge from the Wayne Blue Devil Booster Club over a two-year period, \$5,000 from First National of Omaha and \$2,000 over two years from BankFirst," said Doug Carroll, a member of committee.

Other contributors have included the Wayne Softball Association, the Wayne Kiwanis Club and the Wayne County

Jaycees. In-kind donations have been received and the City of Wayne plans to upgrade the utilities to the complex this summer. This will include new water lines and power lines, which will accommodate lighting to the four fields.

In addition to local fundraising efforts, a grant committee is looking into a number of grant funding opportunities.

The committee hopes to meet its \$125,000 goal by October so Phase I of the project can begin. Phase I includes the concession stand/restroom upgrade and Phase II will involve additional/improved lighting to the fields.

Committee members note these improvements will have a positive economic impact to the community.

"At the present time, there are approximately 25 adult teams that use the facility for a tournament during the Chicken Show, but that is the only major event there. We can't bid for tournaments the way things are now. Hopefully, with these improvements we will be able to bring additional tournaments to town, which will benefit the community," said Laura Gamble, another member of the Complex committee.

A major fundraiser has been scheduled for Sunday, April 1 at the National Guard Armory in Wayne.

The event includes a pancake/omelet feed being served from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A free-will donation will be accepted. In addition,

a Live Youth Labor Auction begins at noon with 11 groups of youth available for "purchase." The youth will perform spring cleaning, yard work or other tasks for a three-hour time period.

A silent auction will be conducted for theme baskets donated by local families throughout the event.

Organizers stress that the April 1 event is a kick-off to get everyone in the community involved in "creating an improved facility which will benefit the entire community."

The fundraising committee has also established a raffle to be held the first day of each month, with a grand prize to be given away in October during demolition of the current concession stand/restroom.

As part of the fundraising effort, levels of giving have been established and naming opportunities patterned after a similar facility the group toured in Arlington.

Those contributing \$20,000 will have the opportunity to name one of the four fields, while anyone contributing \$75,000 will be able to name the entire complex.

Other levels of giving include - \$150 to \$249, Single; \$250 to \$499, Double; \$500 to \$749, Triple; \$750 to \$999, Home Run; \$1,000 to \$4,999, Grand Slam and \$5,000 and up, Hall of Fame.

The number of persons using the Complex has grown considerably since it

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## Celebrating America's Hometown Heroes with the American Red Cross

Heroes...you could be sitting next to a hero, right now. Every year, the President of the United States declares that March is Red Cross Month. But maybe what they've been saying all along is that March is "Hero Month," because that's what the American Red Cross is all about-heroes. The Red Cross is where ordinary people become real life, hometown heroes.

But what is it about the Red Cross that could earn the unanimous support of every president since Franklin Roosevelt? Why would each one of them declare that March is Red Cross Month? Maybe Ronald Reagan said it best when he said: "The spirit of volunteerism is deeply ingrained in us as a nation. The American people understand that there are no substitutes for gifts of service given from the heart." Or as he put it more succinctly, "We don't have to turn to our history books for heroes. They're all around us."

Today, heroes are still all around us. They're the volunteers, employees and donors of the Red Cross-our own hometown heroes.

In March, join the Red Cross in celebrating our hometown heroes-and not just those connected to the Red Cross, but all our hometown heroes...our firemen, police officers, teachers, nurses and anyone whose spontaneous display of compassion and courage earns them the right to be called a hero! Tell them how much they mean to our community. Say "thanks" for all they do to make our towns a safer, healthier and better place to live. And thank them for showing us that our neighbors in need aren't only down the block, but are also across the country or around the globe.

Every year across the country and right here in Northeast Nebraska, the Red Cross gives ordinary people the chance to ask themselves those same questions: What is my special ability? What can I do that's extraordinary? Many of them discover that they have the power to be at their very

best when times are at their worst. They are disaster responders. They help the Red Cross provide food, shelter, comfort and hope for people whose lives are disrupted by disaster.

In 2006 the Red Cross reached a historic mark. It was 125 years ago that the famous Clara Barton became the ultimate Hometown Hero when she founded the American Red Cross. Since then, neighbors helping neighbors has grown to become part of the fabric of America. What's most remarkable, is that most of this work-96 percent-was done by volunteers-our own hometown heroes-who generously gave their time to help others.

Most people think of the Red Cross as responding to major disasters like hurricanes Katrina and Rita, or international disasters like the tsunamis. And they're right. But we also respond to the immediate human needs, like food, water and shelter that result from more than 70,000 disasters each year-most of them single and multi-family home fires.

When disasters strike, we understand that first responders need care too, so we always provide support and comfort to those most important hometown heroes, our fire fighters, police officers, emergency medical personnel and other first responders.

That is why this year the Red Cross is placing special emphasis on house fires. Ask yourself: are you prepared? Do you have smoke alarms in your home? Do you have a family plan for what to do if your home catches fire? If your answer to any of those questions is "no" then please, contact the Red Cross. We can help you prevent and prepare for a potential fire in your home. You will be safer, your family will be safer and so will your community.

Following the unimaginable impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the terrible tornadoes that struck Florida in early

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## WSC to host Legislative Forum

The 16th Annual Northeast Nebraska Legislative Forum, co-sponsored by Wayne State College and the Wayne Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Task Force, will be held Friday, March 23.

The forum, which will run from 11 a.m. to noon, will be held in the Gardner Auditorium in Gardner Hall (Business School) on the Wayne State College campus. Speaker of the Legislature Mike Flood from Norfolk (District 19), Senator Pat Engel from South Sioux City (District 17)

and Senator Kent Rogert from Tekamah (District 16) will be present to answer questions about the Legislature in general and specific questions relating to the 2007 session.

The forum will be preceded by the weekly Wayne Chamber of Commerce coffee in the Gardner Hall lobby beginning at 10 a.m.

The public is encouraged to attend both events. For more information: Call the WAEDI Office at (402) 375-2240.











# Track teams open season at WSC

Wayne, Winside and Allen kick off spring with indoor meet at Wayne State

The Wayne State Recreation Center played host to two days of high school track at the annual Wayne State College High School Invitational on March 16-17.

The meet was the official season opener for Wayne, Winside and Allen girls' and boys' track and field teams.

In the Class II meet for smaller schools on March 16, Allen's boys' team finished first in two relay events — the 4 x 400 and 4 x 800 — plus an individual gold by Ross Rastede in the 400-meter dash.

Allen's girls' team was paced by three gold medal individual performances.

Codi Hingst, took first in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter run, while her teammate Sarah Sullivan picked up a gold in the 200-meter dash.

The Eagle 4 x 160 relay also earned a gold for the Allen girls' squad.

Winside's Marcus Messersmith was a dual medalist as he claimed gold in both the long and triple jumps.

In the Class I meet on Saturday, Wayne senior Nate Finkey edged Tyler Daake of Norfolk Catholic to win the boys' long jump.

Another Wayne senior, Regan Ruhl, also earned a gold for her finish in the 3,200-meter run.

Meet results for all Allen, Winside and Wayne include:

**Wayne girls' results**

800-meter run — 3. Maddie Jager, 2:48.12; 1600-meter run — 6. Courtney Preston, 6:57.56; 3200-meter run — 1. Regan Ruhl, 13:23.54; 4x160-meter relay — 2. 1:34.77; 4x400 meter relay — 1. 4:34.25; high jump — 5. Maddy Moser, 4-10; long jump — 2. Angie Ahrenholtz, 15-6.75.

**Wayne boys' results**

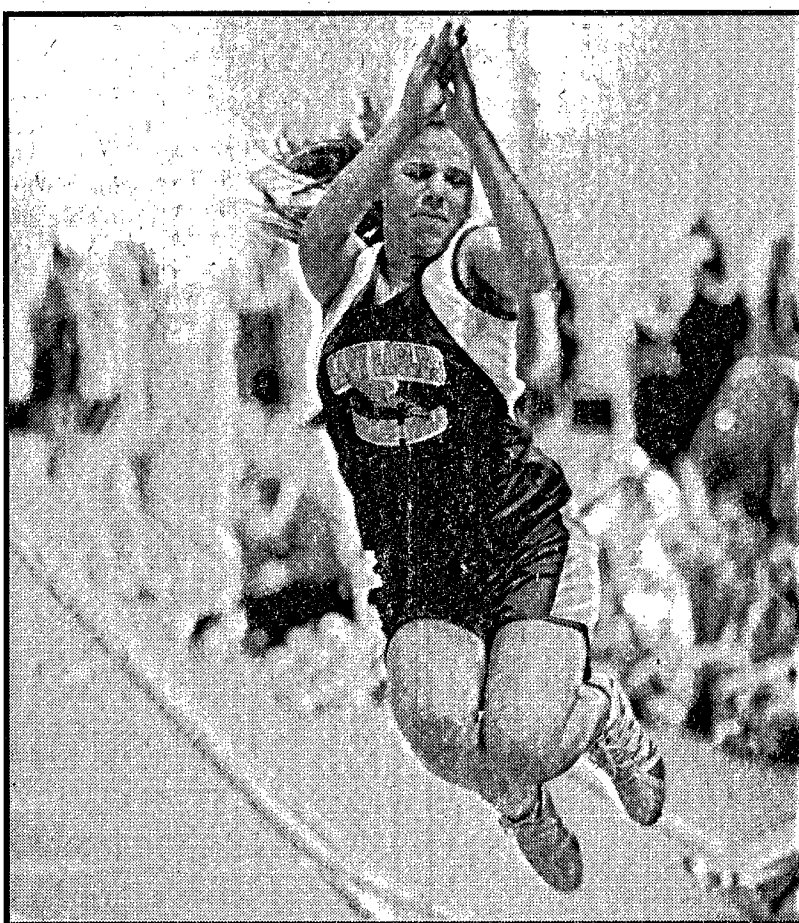
55-meter dash — 2. Nate Finkey, 6.96; 800-meter run — 5. Sheldon Onderstal, 2:14.35; long jump — 1. Finkey, 20-10.5.

**Girls' Class II results**

55-meter Dash — 2. Sarah Sullivan, Allen, 7.7; 200-meter dash — 1. Sullivan, 28.14; 400-meter dash — 5. Amanda Pfeffer, Winside, 1:11.09; 1600-meter run — 1. Codi Hingst, Allen, 6:09.40; 3200-meter run — 1. Hingst, 13:11.28; 55-meter hurdles — 5. Jordyn Roberts, Winside, 10.26; 6. Kelynn Cyr, Allen, 10.45; 4x160-meter relay — 1. Allen, 1:31.59; 4x400-meter relay — 3. Allen, 4:41.62; high jump — 2. Katie Gray, Winside, 4-10; long jump — 5. Shelby Meyer, Winside, 14-10.

**Boys' Class II results**

55-meter dash — 3. Jordan Brummels, Winside, 6.99; 200-meter dash — 4. Charlie Green, Allen, 25.37; 5. Brummels, 25.83; 400-meter dash — 1. Ross Rastede, Allen, 56.33; 4. Marcus Messersmith, Winside, 57.70; 5. Tobias Grunert, Winside, 59.46; 800-meter run — 4. Tucker Bowers, Winside, 2:14.50; 1600-meter run — 3. Jake Woodward, Allen, 5:16.73; 4. Luke Woodward, Allen, 5:25.44; 55-meter hurdles — 3. William Gnat, Allen, 8.98; 5. Luke Sachau, Allen, 9.11; 4x160-meter relay — 4. Winside, 1:22.85; 4x400-meter relay — 1. Allen, 3:46.92; 4x800-meter relay — 1. Allen, 8:50.02; long jump — 1. Messersmith, 21-1.5; 4. Gnat, 19-10.75; triple jump — 1. Messersmith, 43-11; shot put — 6. Chase Langenberg, Winside, 41-5.



Kayla Greve competes for Allen in the long jump at last Friday's meet at Wayne State College.



Winside's Jordan Brummels finished third in last Friday's indoor track and field meet at Wayne State College.

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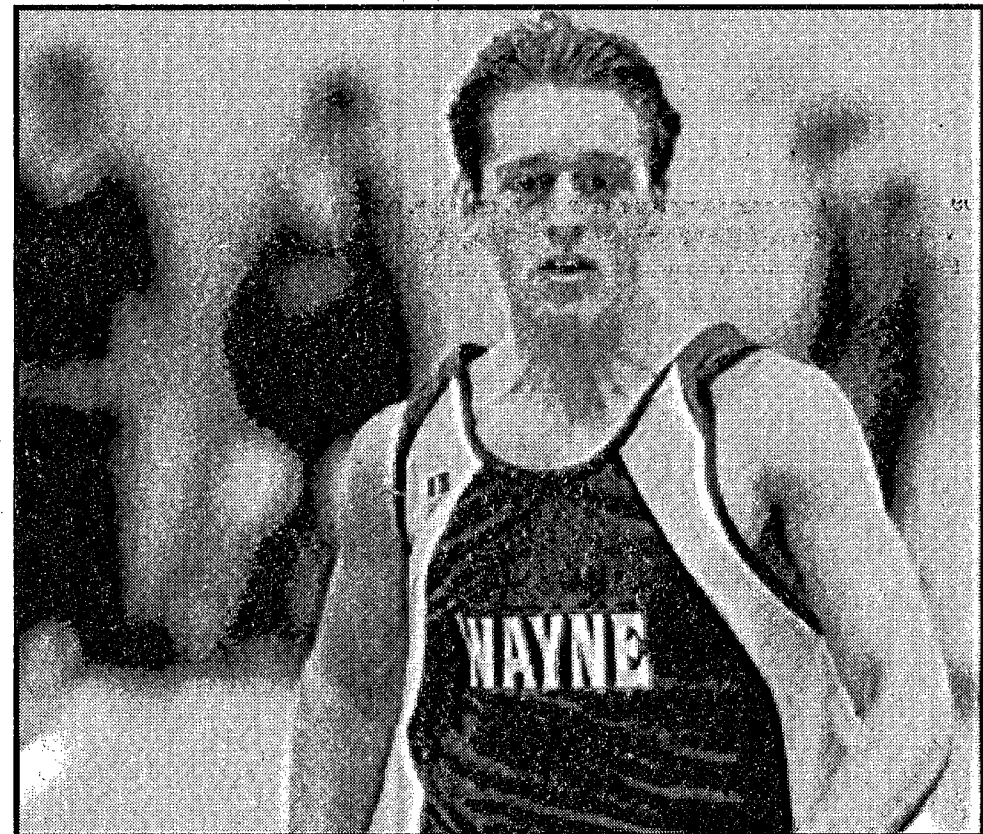
#16 Nebr. Cornhuskers Men vs. Wisconsin (Kickoff at 2:15)

WSC Men and women play at 1 pm and 3:30 pm on the same field (Championship Games are on Sun. at 12:30)

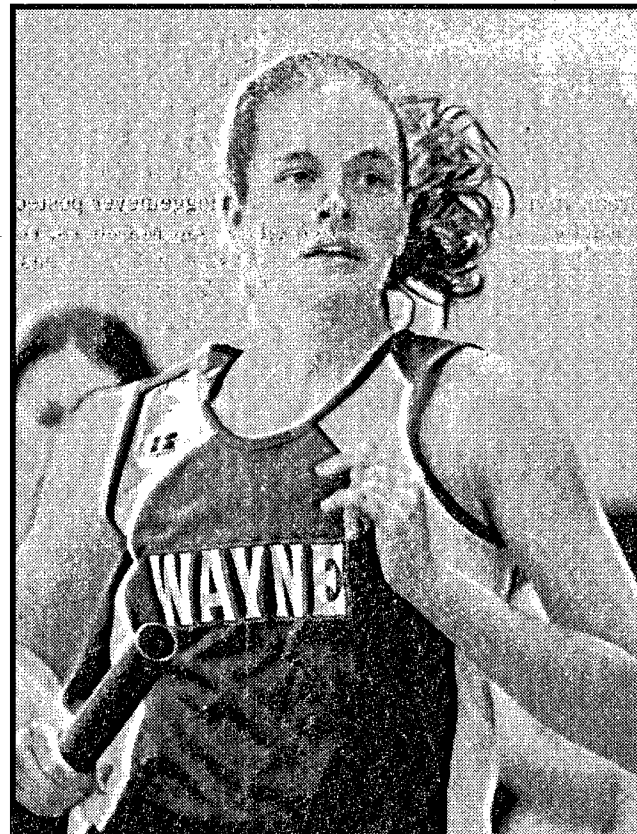
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Nate Finkey eyes the finish line in his second-place finish in the 55-meter dash in last Saturday's WSC Invitational.



Regan Ruhl led Wayne with a first-place finish in the 3,200-meter run.

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<b>Softball</b> March 21 3:00 p.m. vs. Mount Marty	<b>Baseball</b> March 20 1:00 p.m. @ NW Missouri St.
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	<b>March 25</b> 12:00 p.m. @ Upper Iowa
	<b>Softball</b> March 21 4:00 p.m. @ USD

Go WSC!

Catch the games on KTCH 104.9

## Youth wrestling season under way

The Wayne youth wrestling program has opened its season with a series of recent meets.

The squad competed at the Randolph Tournament on March 19. Wayne team results from the opener included:

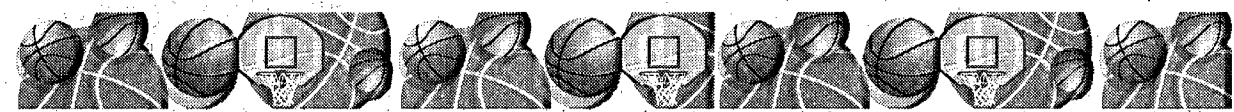
Kindergarten — 1. Tay Guill, 2. Harely Wheeler; Grade 3 — 3. (tie) Micah Sprouls, Drew Davie, Dylan Huribert; Grade 7 — 2. Roman Roberts; Grade 8 — 1. Drew Loberg.

The team traveled to the Pierce Tournament on

March 16. Meet results included:

Kindergarten — 1. Guill, 2. Wheeler, 4. Issac Braun; Grade 1 — 3. Hunter Jorgensen, 4. Justin Dean; Grade 3 — 2. Davie, 4. (tie) Jayse Munsell, Noah Braun; Grade 6 — 2. Austin McDonald; Grade 7 — 4. Paul Karch; Grade 8 — 2. Drew Loberg.

Eighth-grade wrestler Riley McManus also participated in a recent meet. McManus placed first at the Stanton Tournament on March 18.



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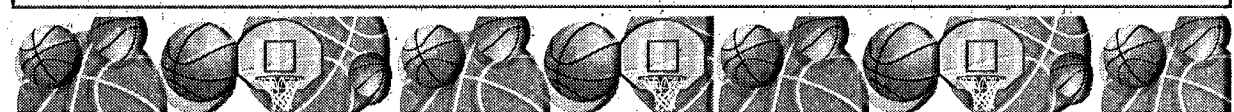
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# Athletes named to teams

All-conference teams for the Mid-State, Northeast Nebraska and Lewis and Clark conferences were all released over the past week. Among the student-athletes honored by their respective conferences in boys' and girls' basketball were:

- Mid-State Conference**  
**Girls' basketball** — All conference: Regan Ruhl, Michelle Jarvi, Wayne. **Honorable mention:** Sara Frerichs, Wayne.  
**Boys' basketball** — All conference: Nathan Summerfield, Ransen Broders, Wayne. **Honorable mention:** Jesse Hill, Wayne.
- Lewis and Clark Conference**  
**Girls' basketball** — All conference: Alissa Bressler, Wakefield; Brooke Stewart, Sarah Sullivan,

- Allen; Hillary Lienemann, Winside. **Honorable mention:** Shay Tullberg, Wakefield; Codi Hingst, Kayla Greve, Allen; Josie Longnecker, Claire Elworth, Winside.  
**Boys' basketball** — All conference: Max Greve, Wakefield; Marcus Messersmith, Jared Roberts, Winside; Chris Blohm, William Gnat, Allen. **Honorable mention:** Dusty Rhoads, Wakefield; Sam Barg, Max Peter, Winside; Drew Diediker, Scott Chase, Allen.
- Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference**  
**Girls' basketball** — All conference: Bethany DeLong. **Honorable mention:** Jenny Schroeder, both of Laurel-Concord.  
**Boys' basketball** — All conference: Colten DeLong, Heath Erwin, both of Laurel-Concord.

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## Rugby tourney is Saturday

Forty-five mens' and womens' rugby teams from 12 different states and Canada will come to Wayne for a two-day event to crown the fourth annual March Madness champion this weekend on Saturday and Sunday, March 24-25.

The tournament will be with pool play on Saturday, while Sunday will bracketed with a playoff system to crown the champion.

Last year, the Wayne State men won the tournament and the women earned second. Games on Sunday will be from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A key triple-header that will be watched by many fans will be when the WSC men, Husker men, and WSC women all play on the main field at 1,2 and 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The Nebraska men will be coming into the tournament ranked No.15 in the country, and matched up with Wisconsin for the featured match of the day.

Tournament games will only last 50 minutes, so first time fans can enjoy 3 games in 3 hours at the new Wayne Rugby Park with bleacher seating located next to the city softball complex on East 4th street with free admission.

A new public address system will be in use to help novice fans understand some simple rules about rugby football, with the scoring being the same as American football.

### Sports Notebook

#### Wakefield plans hoops tourney

WAKEFIELD — Wakefield Community School will be the host site for a youth basketball tournament on Saturday, March 24.

The event will feature teams from nine area towns in three age divisions for boys and girls.

Consolation games are planned for noon, while the title game is set for 1 p.m.

Funds raised at the event will be used toward the new Wakefield swimming pool.

#### Wayne softball camp scheduled

WAYNE — Girls age 8-14 are encouraged to attend the four-session Wayne Softball camp later this month.

The first session on hitting fundamentals is planned for Sunday, March 25 at the Wayne Community Activity Center from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The second program will be catching fundamentals from 6:30-8 p.m. on Monday, March 26 at Wayne High School.

The third session, on Tuesday, March 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the high school, will focus on infield fundamentals. The fourth program will be 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, March 28, at the High School and features outfield fundamentals.

Fee for each session is \$15. Participants need to bring gloves and bats. Registration forms are available at the Wayne Community Activity Center or from coach Rob Sweetland at the Wayne Elementary School. For information, call 375-2610.

#### Baseball signup is planned

WAYNE — Signup for Wayne American Legion summer baseball for both junior and senior leagues is planned for Sunday, March 18, at 7 p.m. at the Wayne Community Activity Center.

First-year junior players need to bring an original birth certificate. For information, contact Jeff Zeiss at 375-4803.

#### Athletic Hall of Fame nominees sought

WAYNE — The Wayne High School Athletic Hall of Fame is accepting nominations for membership through Saturday, March 24. To be eligible, former WHS athletes (alumni of 15 or more years) and coaches (more than five years) who are to be considered for the Hall of Fame should be submitted to Wayne High athletic director Rocky Ruhl. Nomination forms are available at the high school office or via the Internet at [www.schools.waynene.org](http://www.schools.waynene.org) in the high school athletics section of the website.

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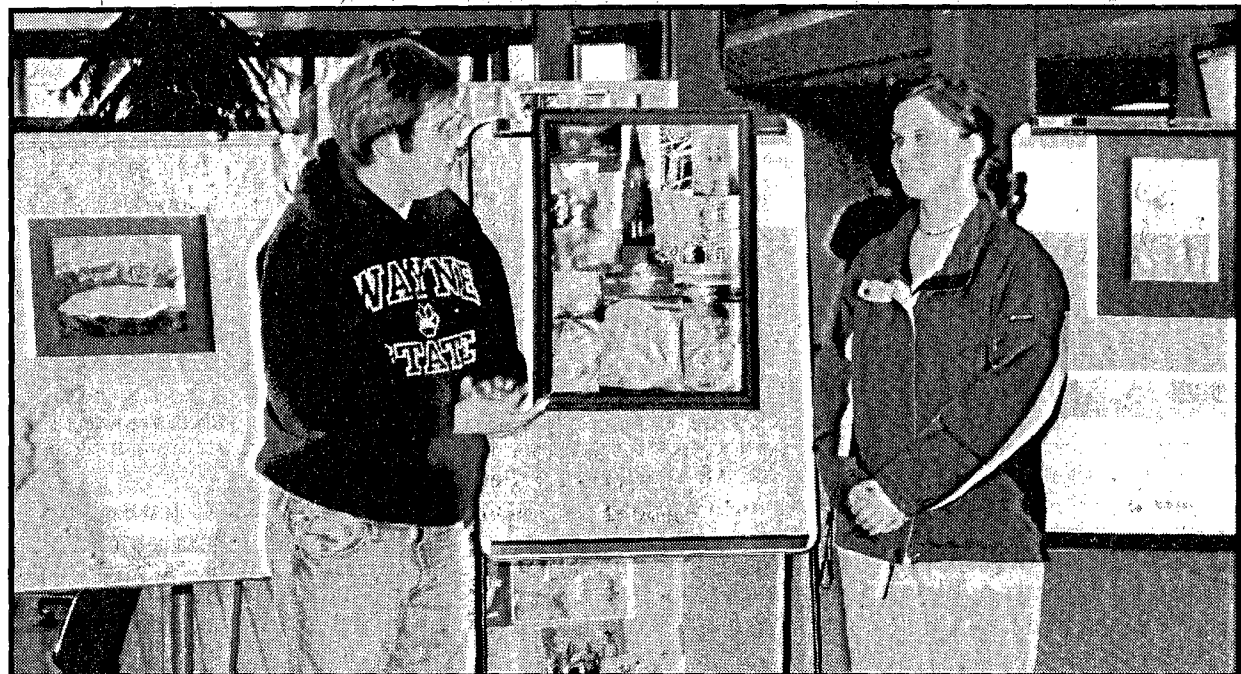
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## WSC Art Club Show

Wayne State College students Ross Laffleur of Madison and Emily Unger of David City talk during the Art Club's juried art show open to all WSC students. A reception and opening was held March 19 in the Student Center atrium.

## Credit card or debit card can be used when making payments at courthouse

The convenience of having a credit card or debit card can now be used at the County Treasurer's office and County Clerk's office at the Wayne County Courthouse. This system started in February.

Credit cards that may be used are Visa, MasterCard and debit cards. Debit cards must have the logo of Visa or MasterCard. The customer is charged a convenience fee of 2.49 percent for real estate and personal property taxes and four percent fee for all other transactions. This fee is charged directly to the customer's monthly bill. The credit card process takes only a couple of minutes, authorization is given within that time and a receipt is handed to the customer showing the amount paid to the Treasurer or Clerk and the amount of the convenience fee.

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Wayne County Treasurer Karen McDonald, front, and Wayne County Clerk Deb Finn work on one of the new credit or debit card machines at the Wayne County Courthouse.

Treasurer's office such as real estate taxes, personal property taxes, drivers license, motor vehicle license, sales tax, special assessments and miscellaneous payments.

The County Clerk's office will accept debit or credit cards for real estate filing fees, documentary stamp tax, motor vehicle title and notation fees, copies, maps and fax transmissions.

## Letter of intent for UNMC nursing division approved by NECC board

The road map that will eventually lead to the establishment of a northern division of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Nursing on the campus of Northeast Community College was approved Thursday by Northeast's Board of Governors.

Bob Bartee, vice chancellor for external affairs at UNMC, addressed Northeast's Board to explain the history of the project. "About a year ago," he said, "Senator Mike Flood, your Northeast President Dr. Bill Path and Faith Regional Health Services Chief Executive Officer Bob Driewer came to us with a dream to help improve health care in northeast and north central Nebraska. It was a good dream and one that we at the Medical Center soon shared."

He then said a feasibility study on the need and benefits of opening a UNMC nursing division in Norfolk was conducted. "We have taken the recommendations of that study and put them into this Letter of Intent that you have before you today," Bartee said. "This is a road map, a blue print, on how to achieve this dream of improving the health care in northeast and north central Nebraska."

With Northeast Community College, Faith Regional Health Services, and the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing as partners, Bartee said a similar document was approved by Faith Regional's Board of Directors recently. The document will be presented to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents today (Friday, March 9th).

He also expressed special thanks to the governing boards of Northeast Community College and Faith Regional Health Services, the Norfolk City Council, Madison County Commissioners, and Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce for their enthusiastic support. "We are extremely pleased with the response to this proposal," he said.

At the proposed site, students could earn their two-year associate degree nursing (ADN) from Northeast Community College or a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN), master of science in nursing (MSN), or doctoral degree in nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Enhanced continuing education opportunities for practicing registered nurses will also be a benefit of this unique opportunity for com-

bined educational resources and facilities.

The new northern division of the UNMC College of Nursing could also educate more students for work in community and public health services, which is part of the university's bachelor of science in nursing program. Public health nurses must have a bachelor's degree.

Students enrolled in a UNMC BSN program would take their general education courses through Northeast. Clinical sites for both Northeast ADN and UNMC BSN students will be determined for each program's level of need.

The Letter of Intent notes that a better-educated nursing workforce will improve patient care, advance sophisticated medical specialty care, and provide future faculty for colleges of nursing in the region. Proposed to serve the 24 counties in northeast and north central Nebraska, the building to house both the Northeast ADN program and the UNMC nursing division is proposed to be a 35,000-square-foot structure with an estimated cost of \$10.7 million. Funding for the project would come from private and public sources.

The Letter of Intent also described Northeast's Dr. Path, Faith Regional's Bob Driewer, and Virginia Tilden, dean, UNMC College of Nursing, as key leaders in the partnership.

The next step in the process is to hire a consultant to do a philanthropic planning study and launch a capital campaign to raise those funds. Once the building is constructed, it will be owned by Northeast Community College. A Joint Operating Agreement between UNMC and NECC (also called an Interlocal Agreement) will be developed at a later date.

Northeast President Dr. Bill Path noted that this was just the first of many steps for this joint initiative. "The very thought of what this will do is staggering," he said after the meeting. "Not only will it improve the health care of all area residents and alleviate the drastic shortage of registered nurses in the region, it will be a great economic development tool and provide well-trained, well-educated registered nurses to serve as future faculty at the nursing division."

UNMC currently has College of Nursing divisions in Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney and Scottsbluff.

## NECC administrator, alumnus honored by NCCA

A Northeast Community College administrator and alumnus were honored with prestigious awards at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) in Lincoln recently.

Mary Honke, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement at Northeast, was honored with the NCCA Administrator's Award while RADM James "Mac" Gleim, U.S. Navy (Ret.), received a NCCA Distinguished Alumni Award. Every year, each of the six Nebraska community colleges honors one former student with a Distinguished Alumni Award for career achievement.

As the Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, Honke directs and implements a comprehensive and integrated program of activities and services to help Northeast Community College fulfill its role and mission. She serves as a key advisor to Northeast President Dr. Bill Path on matters of institutional advancement and effectiveness issues. A member of the senior administrative team, she is also a public representative of the college and agent to the president.

One of Honke's key responsibilities is to direct and oversee the opening of the Northeast Community College-Wayne State College Center in South Sioux City. According to Dr. Bill Path, she also works tirelessly to keep Northeast's Strategic Plan an up-to-date, viable, working document. She also supervises the Foundation Development, Grants, Public Relations, Alumni, and Institutional Research Departments at Northeast while working closely with all other Northeast administrators.

In addition to those responsibilities, Honke also served as interim Vice President of Educational Services during the 2005-2006 academic year.

According to her nomination, Honke has expanded interactive distance learning classrooms, telecourses, Project Challenge (high school classes earning both high school and Northeast credit), and online classes. She also developed Northeast's West Point, O'Neill, and South Sioux City Education Centers in leased facilities with full-time coordinators. She also spearheaded efforts for Northeast's Advanced Studies program so high school students can earn a Northeast associate of arts degree within one year of high school by taking college courses in their own community.

Honke coordinated the successful High School Equivalency Program (HEP) grant application and later supervised the \$1,000,000, five-year grant for Northeast Community College to serve migrant agricultural workers. She also helped establish a

English as a Second Language (ESL) Bridge program offering additional language training for the non-English speaking who wish to take college-level courses. She also served on a planning committee, along with representatives of several two- and four-year colleges, that wrote a successful grant application to assist select bilingual, minority paraprofessionals in obtaining an elementary education degree.

She also wrote the proposal, subsequently approved by the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Schools, for Northeast online degree programs.

In addition to being the dean of continuing education and distance education from 1997-2004, Honke's other positions at Northeast have included Tech Prep and School-To-Career director from 1995-1997. She was also an adjunct faculty member at Northeast from 1981-1983 and 1987-1993.

She is a past recipient of the Gayle Ellison Award for Laboratory Safety from the Science Safety Institute, Inc. She was honored by the Northeast faculty and staff in 2003 for her efforts as co-chair of the NCA self-study process that resulted in Northeast receiving full accreditation.

Honke has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Nebraska and a master of education degree in curriculum and instruction from Doane College. She and her husband, Larry, have two adult children, Molly, who lives in Lincoln, and Matt, Sherman Oaks, Calif. She is the daughter of Ruth Woodrick, Columbus, and the late Ray Woodrick.

A 1951 graduate of Polk High School, RADM Gleim earned an associate's degree in business administration from the Norfolk Junior College (now Northeast Community College) in 1953. He was a two-year member of the football and basketball teams, student senator, an officer of the 'N' Club, and freshman class president while at Norfolk Junior College.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in 1967 while on active duty and graduated from the prestigious National War College in 1974. Other formal academic endeavors included the Navy General Line School and the Navy Aviation Safety Officer course.

RADM Gleim served with carrier battle groups in Caribbean, North Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Western Pacific waters. He flew over 100 combat sorties as a light-attack aviator in Vietnam, accumulated over 4,800 jet single-engine hours and 600 carrier landings, including 150 at night, operating from 11 carriers (CVs) during his Navy flying career. He led two light attack squadrons as Commander, and the Navy's newest air station in Lemoore,

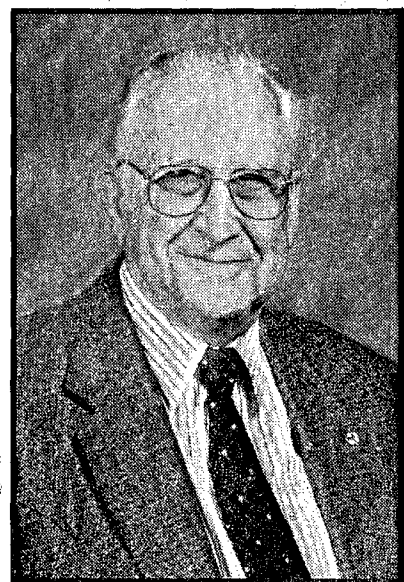
Calif., as a Captain during the fleet introduction of the FA-18 Hornet weapons system.

He was promoted to Commodore/Rear Admiral, one of a small group of ex-Naval Aviation Cadets ever selected for Flag Rank. He also served with distinction as the first Director of Plans, Policy, and Programs (J5) for the United States Central Command and was awarded the nation's highest peacetime award, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, at the end of his tour.

RADM Gleim retired from the U.S. Navy in 1987 and worked as Director of Operations for AZI Corporation, Regional Manager for RCI Corporation, and Senior Program Manager for TSM Corporation until he retired again in 1996. He has also worked as a Joint Warfare and Training Management consultant to various commercial companies working for the Department of Defense.

He is an active member of the Tailhook Association, the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the California Pilots Association. Additionally he serves on the San Luis Obispo County Airport Land Use Commission. He presently owns and operates an RV-6A experimental aircraft which he helped build.

He and his wife, Nancy, have three grown daughters, Stacie, Julie, and Jodi, and one grandson, Lucas Mac. RADM Gleim was unable to attend and the award was accepted on his behalf by his nephew, Scott Gleim of Lincoln.



Ray Sedivy

## Card shower requested for Ray Sedivy

A card shower is requested for Ray Sedivy in honor of his 80th birthday on Saturday, March 31. His family includes two children, Marilyn and Ron Harder of Concord and Bruce and Lisa Sedivy of Lincoln; six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Cards may be sent to him at 510 Sherman Street, Wayne, Neb. 68787.

## Wayne boys team in basketball tourney at Wakefield

Wakefield Community School will be the host site for a youth basketball tournament on Saturday, March 24.

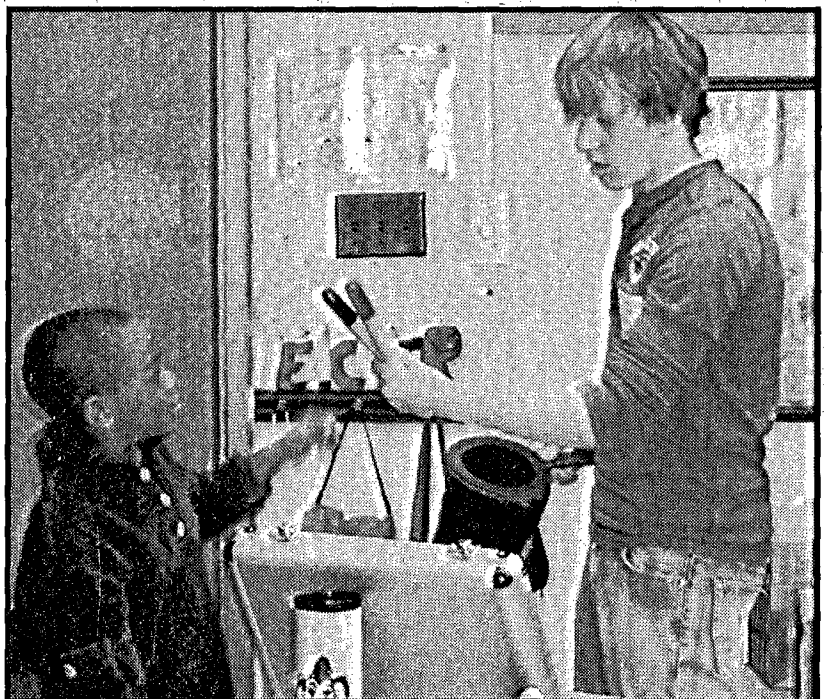
The event will feature teams from nine northeast Nebraska communities in three age divisions for both boys and girls. Wakefield will utilize both of its gyms, with two courts in each.

Wayne has a fourth grade boys team entered in the tournament. Other teams in the bracket are Emerson, Hartington and Wakefield.

Wayne will face Emerson in the 9 a.m. game. The consolation game is at 1 p.m. and the title game at 3.

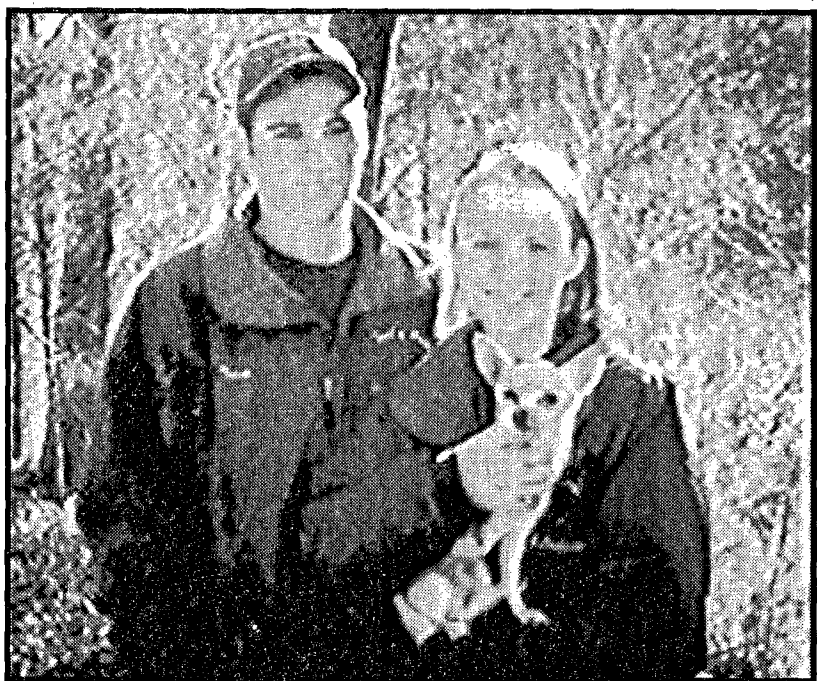
Other towns with teams in the tournament include Allen, Emerson, Randolph, Hartington, Laurel and Bancroft.

There will be an admission charge of \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and children under five will be admitted free. There will be concessions in the building that will be serving sandwiches for lunch. Funds raised at the event will go towards a new swimming pool in Wakefield.



## Pizza party

The first grade classes at Wayne Elementary had a Book It pizza party on March 16. The students were entertained by a magician (Joe Brogie). Above, Favour Eskay helps Brogie with a magic trick.



Travis Koester and his wife Becky have returned to northeast Nebraska and have established Touch of Pride Lawn & Landscape.

## Touch of Pride provides complete lawn service

Former Waynian Travis Koester has returned to his roots and now resides with his wife Becky on an acreage in northeast Nebraska. Long known for his success as a musician, Koester is also an educated and experienced lawn and landscape professional. He has more than 10 years experience in the lawn care industry and has now launched Touch of Pride Lawn & Landscape here in the Wayne area.

"Our clean professional image, as well as personal service from the owner/operator sets us apart from the competition. We simply strive to serve you better with affordable rates," Koester said.

Touch of Pride offers a wide variety of services such as mowing, shrub trimming, lawn care, spring clean ups, landscape maintenance and chainsaw carving.

Koester is also a talented chainsaw carving artist who can shape stump or logs into bears, critters, signs, etc.

"This is all part of the business that now serves both commercial and residential clients over the entire Wayne area. The business is both licensed and insured and now accepting accounts for the 2007 season," Koester said.

Free estimates are available by calling Travis at (402) 635-2626.



### North Bend Honor Band

Jr. High band members from Winside concert band that participated in the North Bend Honor Band included, front row, Tarrin Quinn trumpet. Middle row, left to right, Page Jensen clarinet and Destiny Nelson, tenor sax. Back row, Skyler Parkinson, trombone; Morgan Quinn, flute; Deserah Janke, flute; Audrey Roberts, alto sax; Blaine Meyer, drums and Alec Sindelar, baritone. The honor band was held Feb. 24 with guest conductor Steve Steager from Fremont Middle School. After practicing the music, the band members put on a concert. These band students are all under the direction of Kathy Hansen.

### 'Control Diabetes for Life' class scheduled

One of the greatest weapons in the fight against diabetes is knowledge. Information can help people assess their risk of diabetes, motivate them to seek proper treatment and care, and inspires them to proper treatment and care of their diabetes for a life time.

Whether you have just been diagnosed with diabetes, have had diabetes for many years, or are a family member or friend intent on learning as much as you can about the serious disease of diabetes and its life threatening complications we invite you to participate in the April 4 session of Take Control of Diabetes for Life.

Control Your Diabetes for Life is a program that will help you take charge of your life and learn to control diabetes and get up-to-date information related to controlling diabetes. The program will take place on Wednesday, April 4. Through the two-way interactive

distance education facilities, you will have the opportunity to discuss questions you have with the teaching team of Phyllis Heimann, R.N. and Certified Diabetes Educator; Stacie Petersen, R.N. and Certified Diabetes Educator; Mary Clare Stalp, R.D., all of Franciscan Care Services in West Point; and Debra Schroeder, UNL Extension Educator in Cuming County.

Topics included during the April 4 session are "Tips on Blood Sugar Monitoring," "The Basics of Carb Counting," "Changes in Blood Sugar Levels" and "The Emotional Challenge." Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters. Recipes for diabetic appropriate foods will be shared to help you with food management goals.

Participants have the opportunity to attend from 1:30 - 4 p.m. at Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department, at 117 West Third

Street in Wayne.

Participants are asked to pre-register for Control Diabetes for Life by calling your local Extension Office at (402) 375-3310. Please register by Monday, April 2, so the proper number of handouts may be prepared. School food service staff may earn two hours of continuing education credit for attending.

This program is offered free-of-charge by University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension, Franciscan Care Service of West Point and the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department.

Control your diabetes for life! Start by attending the April 4 educational program. Call today to register! This program is a repeat of the March 19 program offered via distance education.

SOURCE: Amy Topp, Extension Educator.

### Death by Alcohol, the Sam Spady story set for March 29

The gripping story of the alcohol-poisoning death of a Nebraska college student will be told by her mother at Northeast Community College in Norfolk on Thursday, March 29.

"Death by Alcohol: The Sam Spady Story," is set for Thursday, March 29, in the Cox Activities Center at 10 a.m. Patty Spady will detail the 2004 death of her daughter, Samantha Spady, who died of alcohol poisoning while a 19-year-old student at Colorado State University. Samantha Spady was a graduate of Beatrice High School.

The program, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by Northeast's Criminal Justice Association.

Those in attendance will be directed to the website [www.samspadyfoundation.org](http://www.samspadyfoundation.org) to learn more about protecting themselves from alcohol poisoning. They will be told to never leave an intoxicated person alone and to stay sober to take care of friends. Symptoms of alcohol poisoning will also be reviewed.

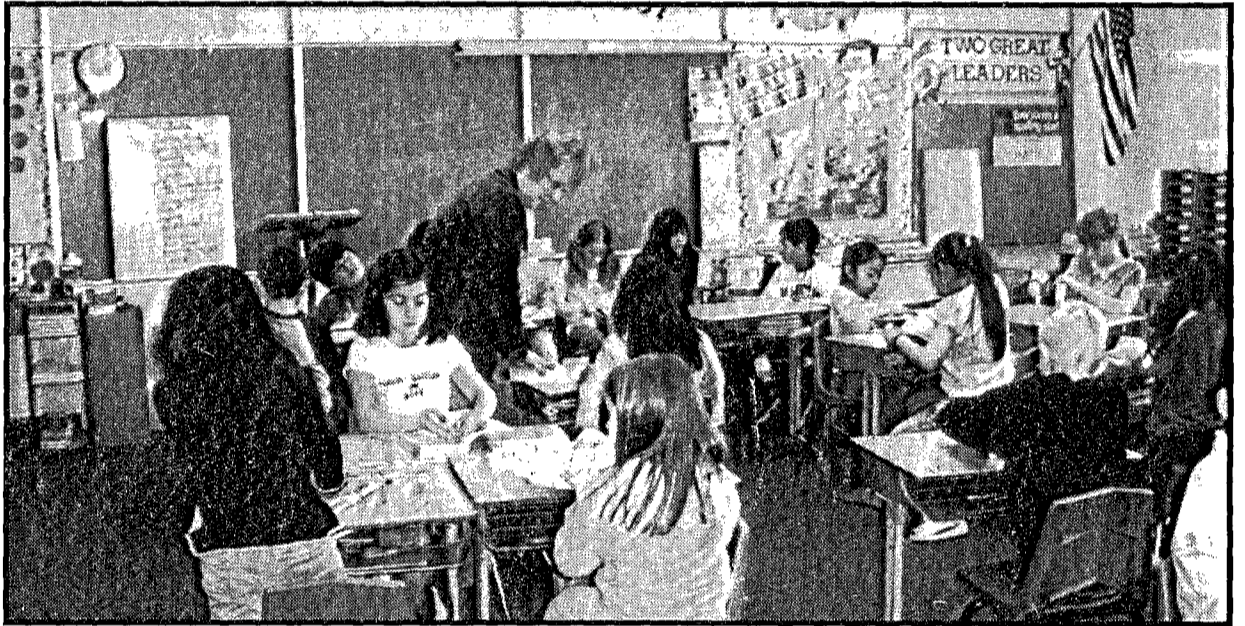
For more information, contact Northeast Community College Criminal Justice instructor Matt McCarthy at (402)844-7345.



In the background, Wayne Rotarian Larry Brodersen stands with Joy Smith and her third grade class at Allen Consolidated School. The students received their dictionaries recent-



Back row, left to right, Star Smith, Darrell Miller, Larry Brodersen and Audrey Klassen stand with third graders at Laurel-Concord Public School who received dictionaries.



Janelle Eaton's class in Wakefield were among area third graders receiving dictionaries.

### Wayne Rotary Club giving a dictionary to each third grader in area schools

The Wayne Rotary Club is presenting a new dictionary to every third grade student in the Wayne-Carroll, Wayne St. Mary's, Winside, Wisner-Pilger, Pender, Emerson-Hubbard, Wakefield, Allen and Laurel-Concord elementary schools.

Wayne Rotary has partnered with The Dictionary Project in this activity.

The goal of this program is to assist students to complete the school year as good writers, active readers and creative thinkers by having their own personal dictionary. They have targeted the third grade and are striving to give every third grade student in the U.S. their own dictionary. To date, there have been 4.4 million dictionaries distributed. This is being done with the assistance of individuals and organizations such as Rotary.

The Wayne Rotary views this as a very worthwhile project and has been encouraged by the positive response from school faculties and administration. Because of the response, this is strongly being considered as an ongoing annual project.

### Focus on digital cameras class being planned at Northeast

Take better pictures this spring with your digital camera after taking the one-session Focus on Digital Cameras class at the Northeast Community College Education Center in West Point.

The class, with course number DP0300-34, meets Wednesday, April 11 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the NECC Education Center, 539 E. Decatur, Room 102, in West Point.

This noncredit workshop is designed for those considering buying a digital camera that want to know more about the costs and

advantages of a digital. Those who have just purchased a digital and would like to learn its basic functions can also benefit from this class.

Instructor Patty Schinckock will teach students the basics of transferring photos from a camera to a computer, and many ways in which they can share photos with others. A Kodak and Sony camera will be available for demonstrations.

Cost of this class is \$10. To register, call (888)794-6322.

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## Medical students receive residency assignments through Match Day Program

A total of 119 senior medical students at the University of Nebraska Medical Center have received their residency assignments through the National Resident Matching Program. The program, a private, not-for-profit corporation, was established in 1952 to provide a uniform date of appointment to residency positions, which last from three to five years and allow newly-graduated

physicians to specialize in an area of medicine. Match Day, an annual event held at the same time at medical schools nationwide, is designed to optimize the rank ordered choices of students in medical programs. Of the 119 students, 39 percent are staying in Nebraska for their training programs. Thirty-six percent will do residencies at UNMC and The Nebraska Medical Center, UNMC's

hospital partner. The students, who will graduate May 5, are listed by hometown, name, specialty and residency assignment. Katherine Annalisa Monson of Laurel, anesthesiology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville Va. Ryan Andrew Martin of Wayne, internal medicine-primary care, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha.



The members of the OID group are Rachel Kluthe, Chelsey Victor, Mark Schroeder, Lane Clay and Brian Robinson.

## Members of Wakefield Speech Team earn way to competition

State Speech was held at UN-K on March 15. Wakefield had several who earned their way to the state competition. Taysha Hingst performed her informative speech, "Dominos." Lane Clay did his skit in entertainment. Chelsey Victor and Rachel Kluthe paired up for a comedy duet. The OID placed fifth with the audience laughing hysterically as they performed "12 Reasons Not to Be In a Play." Mark Schroeder earned second place during state in humorous as he performed "The Big Bang."

The Wakefield Speech Team has won several meets in both Varsity and Novice this season. The team is coached by Mrs. Vanderweil, and the assistant coach is Mrs. Muir.



Taysha Hingst gave an informative speech, "Dominos."

## Students named to honor roll at Wakefield

Wakefield Community Schools has released the list of those students named to the honor roll for the third quarter of the 2006-07 school year.

To be named, a student must earn at least a 94 percent in two or more solid subjects and no grade below 87 percent.

Students named to the second quarter honor roll include:

**Seniors:** Evan Bartels, Gerek Bebee, Eric Bodlak, Alissa Bressler, Dexter Driskell, Tim Haglund, Emily Henderson, Clint Luhr, Drew Rose, Mark Schroeder, Yancey Sherer and Shaylyn Tullberg.

**Juniors:** Kelsey Bard, Anna Brownell, Lane Clay, Nicholas Curnyn, Desiree Driskell, Wesley Erickson, Matthew Erwin, Taysha Hingst, Stephanie Klein, Rachel Kluthe, Kristina Lunz, Lexi Nelson, Aubrey Shultz, Chelsey Victor, and Rebecca Vraspir.

**Sophomores:** Steth Allemann, Jessica Berns, Deetta Davis,

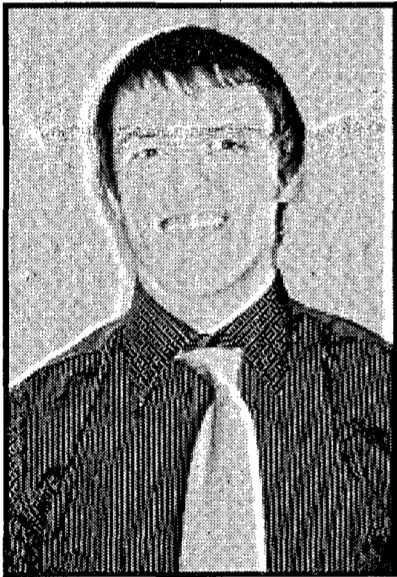
Joshua Dorcey, Carly Gardner, Erin Johnson, Joshua Kai, Aaron Kaufman, Cassandra Kay and Alissa Stark.

**Freshmen:** Tyler Bodlak, Chad Clay, Libby Henschke, Jacob Lundahl, Erika McNeil, Trever Rose, Sydney Vander Veen and Andy Vazquez.

**Eighth grade:** Tara Bjorklund, Michal Bodlak, Kristyne Cederlind, Christian Gallardo, Alison Luhr, Amanda Luhr, Keri Lunz, Victoria Nelson, Brendan Nicholson, Alexander O'Neill and Tori Plummer.

**Seventh grade:** Torie Alleman, Laura Berns, Bailey Echtenkamp, Lane Foote, Ashley Gilliland, Vanessa Harder, Luke Lundahl, Blanca Moreno, Anthony Munson, Jacob Nelson, Diana Ruiz and Daniel Vander Veen.

Those students receiving Honorable Mention, earning no grade below 87 percent, included seniors Jamie Barge and Kristi Odens and sophomore Andrew Gustafson.



Mark Schroeder



Present at the recent Toastmasters Speech Contest held in Norfolk were, left to right, Pat Hannon, Lt. Gov. of Marketing, Chris Czerwinski, Lt. Gov. of Education and Training, Judy Carlson, Raymond Payton, Sheila Hoffert, District Governor, and Karen Karr, VP of Membership for the Wayne Toastmasters and Toastmaster for the Area Speech Contest.

## Toastmasters hold Area Speech Contest

Judy Carlson of Laurel recently won Second Place in the Areas 3 and 4 Toastmasters Speech Contest held in Norfolk on Feb. 17. The category for the speech was "Tall

Tales." Carlson is a member of the Wayne Toastmasters. Raymond Payton, a member of the Point Masters club in West Point, took First Place. An Officer Training

was held prior to the contest, with clubs from Omaha, Fremont, Wahoo, Norfolk, West Point and Wayne participating.

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Greg and Alicia Boeshart with daughter, Becca.

## Benefit held in Allen

First Lutheran Church members held a benefit for Greg and Alicia Boeshart on March 18 at the Allen Firehall. It was a Spaghetti Dinner.

Greg has had a tough time the last few months. On Jan. 15, after two months of pain and numbness in his legs, Greg underwent surgery. This three part surgery consisted of first removing the bone that interlocks over the back of the spine on his last three lower vertebrae.

The doctor removed two damaged discs and inserted titanium spacers in place of the damaged

discs. Then six titanium screws were inserted on each side of his spine followed by a titanium cage built to hold and support his spine during fusion.

Lastly, they sprinkled the crushed bone from the first step back into the area to start the fusion process. His muscles were stitched back into place and his 10 inch incision was sown up using 45 stitches. After three days in the hospital, he was sent home to recover. Three weeks later he had his stitches removed and started five weeks of physical therapy. It will be at least six months before he will be completely recovered.

## EducationQuest awards \$1 million in scholarship funds to Nebraska Colleges; WSC included in distribution

EducationQuest Foundation has awarded \$1 million in need-based scholarship funds to 32 Nebraska public and not-for-profit colleges, including Wayne State College, for distribution to eligible students during the 2007-08 academic year. The funds are designated for undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need. Each college selects the students who will benefit from the scholarships.

This marks the ninth year that EducationQuest has awarded need-based scholarship funds to Nebraska colleges, bringing to \$7.5 million the total amount awarded thus far. Through 2006, the funds have benefited nearly 8,000 students.

EducationQuest developed the scholarship program - and has continually increased the annual distribution amount - as part of its mission to improve access to higher education in Nebraska.

"This program helps offset the shortage of state-funded financial aid for low-income students in Nebraska," said EducationQuest President Liz Fieselman. "\$1 million will go a long way toward helping hundreds of students realize their educational dreams."

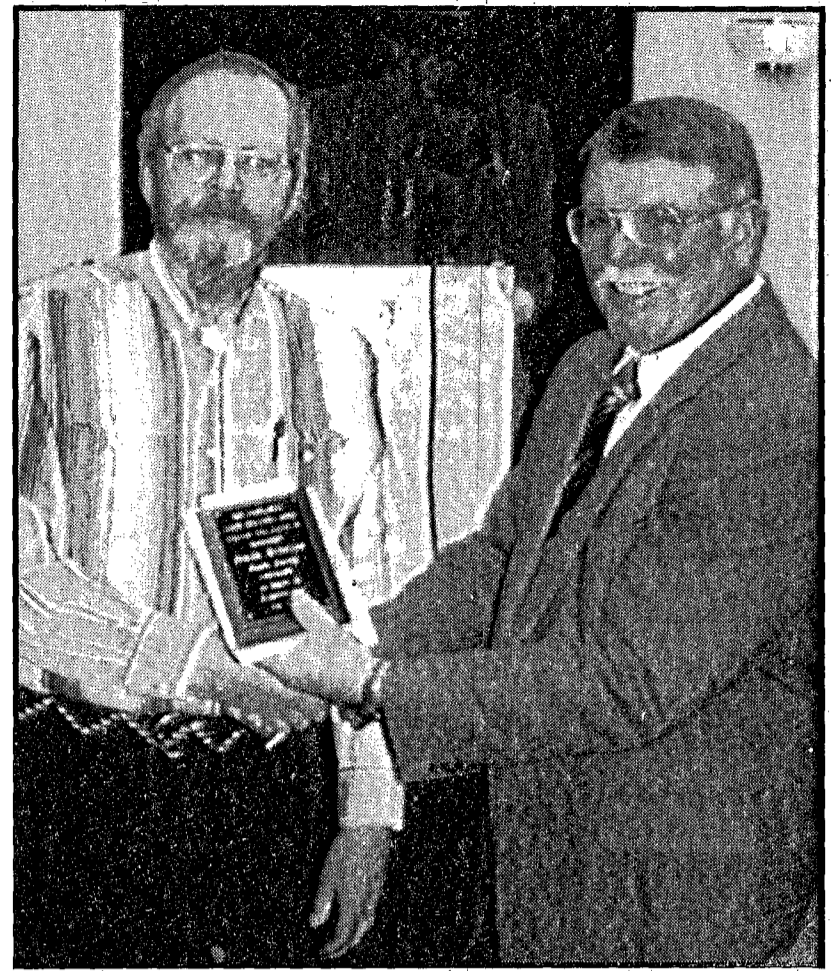
According to a survey conducted by the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs, Nebraska ranks 41st in the nation in estimated grant dollars for students in the 18-24 age group.

Colleges receiving funds include Bellevue University, BryanLGH College of Health Sciences, Central Community College, Chadron State College, Clarkson College, College of Saint Mary, Concordia University, Creighton University, Dana College, Doane College, Grace University, Hastings College, Little Priest Tribal College, Mid-Plains Community College - North Platte and

McCook, Metropolitan Community College, Midland Lutheran College, Nebraska Christian College, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, Nebraska Indian Community College, Nebraska Methodist College of Nursing and Allied Health, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Northeast Community College, Peru State College, Southeast Community College, Union College, University of Nebraska Medical Center, University of Nebraska at Kearney, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Wayne State College, Western Nebraska Community College, and York College.

EducationQuest Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization with a mission to improve access to higher education in Nebraska. Headquartered in Lincoln, EducationQuest provides free college planning services; funds need-based scholarship programs; provides grants that help high schools increase their college-going rate; and provides outreach services for statewide community agencies.

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Marlan Schuttler of Wayne, left, was presented the Outstanding Superintendent for Region 3 Award from Charles Brooks, president of NWCA.

## Schuttler receives award from Nebraska Weed Control Association

Marlan Schuttler of Wayne has received the Outstanding Superintendent for Region 3 award from the Nebraska Weed Control Association (NWCA) at its annual conference held in Kearney. Schuttler was nominated for the regional award for his dedication

and efforts to provide Wayne County residents with a strong noxious weed program. State of Nebraska Department of Agriculture Director Gregory Ibach congratulated Schuttler on his achievement.

## AARP seeks nominees for award

AARP is seeking nominations for its 2007 AARP Andrus Award for Community Service, which honors those individuals who are sharing their experience, talent, and skills to enrich the lives of their community members.

"Volunteerism is clearly a new way of looking at retirement for older Americans. Many are finding that they want to remain active and involved and that volunteerism fulfills this need and the desire to help others," said AARP State President Sunny Andrews. "Through this recognition, AARP encourages members and prospective members to use their skills and assistance as a way to remain vital as well as make a difference in their community."

The screening of nominees will be performed by AARP Nebraska and involves a range of criteria, including positive impact on the lives of individuals age 50 and over, improvement of the community in or for which the work was performed, and inspiration of others to volunteer. The award recipient will be announced on or about Sept. 1, 2007.

AARP Andrus Award for Community Service nominees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- \*Nominees must be current AARP volunteers or AARP members; or must have been AARP volunteers or members during 2006.

- \*The accomplishments, achievements or service on which the nomination is based must include the year 2006, but it need not be exclusive to 2006.

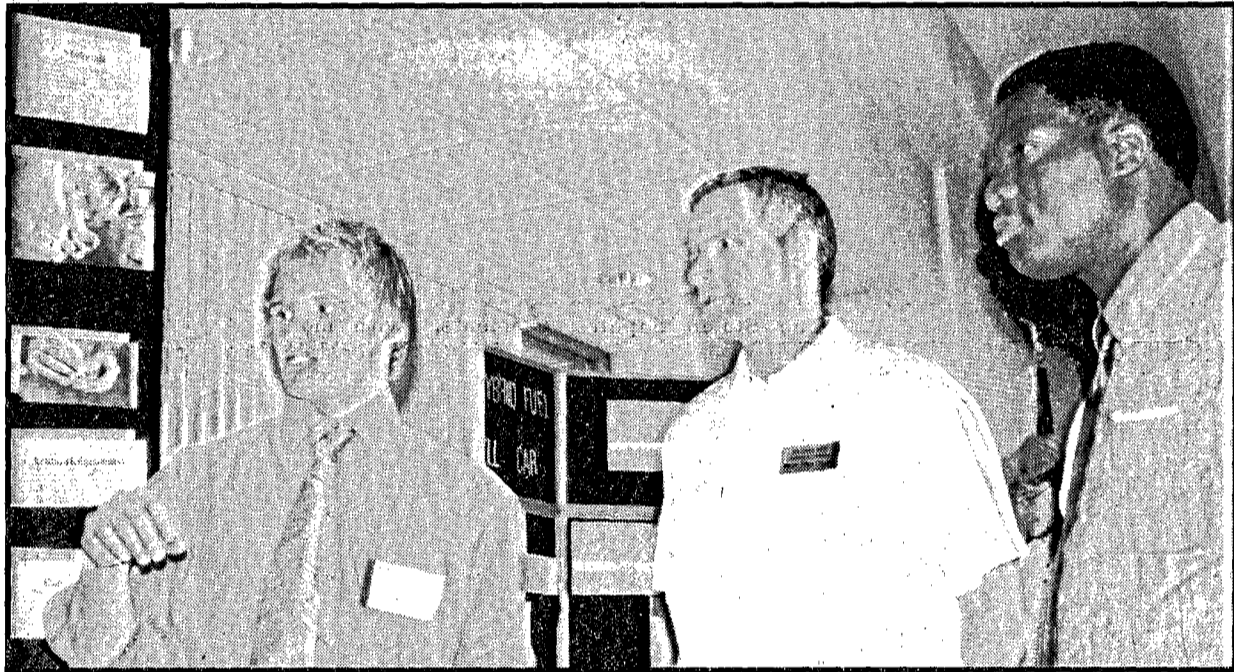
- \*Couples or partners who perform service together are also eligible, however teams are not eligible.

- \*The accomplishments, achievements, or service on which the nomination is based must have been performed on a volunteer basis, without pay.

- \*The accomplishments, achievements or service on which the nomination is based must reflect AARP's priority issues of Health, Livable Communities and/or Economic Security.

Please contact Robin Szwanek toll free at 1-866-389-5651 for further information and a nomination form. The application deadline is June 1, 2007.

The AARP Andrus Award for Community Service is an annual awards program developed to honor individuals whose service is a unique and valuable contribution to society. Last year, AARP recognized 53 outstanding individuals from around the country.



## WSC Hosts Regional Science Fair

Laurel-Concord High School student Tony Jacobsen, left, answers questions about his project from judges Dr. David Peitz, center, Associate Professor of Chemistry; and Dr. Darius Agoumba, right, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Wayne State College during the Northeast Nebraska Regional Science Fair on March 15 in the Frey Conference Center of the Wayne State College Student Center. Jacobsen was a senior division competitor. The title of his project was "An Aromatic Study Using Essential Oils as an Inhibitor." For more information, please contact, Sally Harms, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Natural Sciences/Education, 375-7331.

## Adventure race set for April 1

The Link, an urban adventure race featuring 5-8 hours of navigating, running, biking, kayaking and numerous mystery challenges, returns to Lincoln on Sunday, April 1.

Organizers expect more than 70 teams to participate in the event, which counts for double-points in the new NSC Racing Series. Last year, 48 teams braved the course, with Team Bird Flu winning in just over five hours.

Race Director Jim Craig, known across the Midwest as a creative course designer, promised plenty of surprises.

"Having a race on April Fool's Day is an adventure race director's dream," Craig quipped, adding that checkpoints will be strategically placed at landmarks throughout the capital city and will require racers to keep their eyes open and

pay close attention to maps and race instructions.

As usual in adventure racing, teammates must remain together at all times, and will know nothing of the route until the race begins. Racers will compete for cash prizes and other awards in four divisions, including men, women, coed and masters (over 40). A portion of the proceeds from each entry will benefit the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign.

Craig said the NSC Racing Series is off to a great start with good participation in three winter tune-up races held in the Panama, Neb. area. Current Series leaders include Road Rash in the Coed Division, Team NSC Maxx in the Men's Division and the Mighty Tough Mistresses leading the women.

Athletes interested in participating can learn more or register online at [NSCRacing.com](http://NSCRacing.com) or call 1-800-304-2637. The Nebraska Lottery is the sponsor of the Link and the NSC Racing Series, along with Blue's Bike & Fitness/Bike Rack, Champion Physical Therapy, Arby's, Tiger Coaching & Personal Training, Cycle Works/ Moose's Tooth, ProFormance Physical Therapy and Max Muscle.

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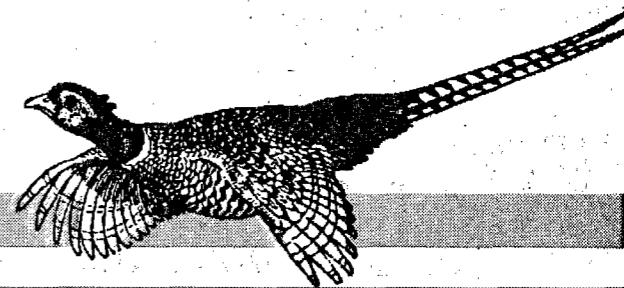
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## Calcium is important for every woman's body

Milk does a body good. Unfortunately, many women avoid milk products during their teen years and beyond which can leave them at risk for osteoporosis. Calcium supplied by milk and

bone frame and lean build, white or Asian ancestry, lack of weight-bearing exercise, such as walking, jogging or running, excessive alcohol use or smoking and menopause.

At least 3 cups of low-fat or fat-free milk or its equivalent should be consumed each day. Other calcium-rich foods include low-fat or nonfat yogurt, low-fat cheese, canned fish with bones, green and leafy vegetables, dried beans and peas. Adults should aim for daily intakes of 1,000-1,200 milligrams of calcium. Teens and pregnant women should have slightly higher amounts. It is best to get calcium sources throughout the day because the body can only absorb about 500 milligrams of calcium at one time, whether from supplements or food.

Make every effort to get calcium from foods rather than supplements. However, for some, supplements are needed to meet calcium needs. Calcium supplements come in various forms. The most popular forms are calcium citrate and calcium carbonate. Calcium carbonate needs to be taken at meals for best absorption. Calcium citrate doesn't

need to be taken at meals but generally is more costly than calcium carbonate. Calcium supplements also should contain vitamin D, which is needed for the body to absorb calcium. Work with a doctor to decide which supplement is best.

SOURCE: Linda Boeckner, Ph.D., nutrition specialist; Karen Schledewitz, extension assistant

## Minerva Club learns history

The Minerva Club gathered at the Wayne Senior Citizen's Center for lunch on March 12 with Hallie Sherry as hostess.

Marilyn Wallin called the meeting to order with a trivia challenge. Phyllis Rahn shared a short reading, comparing cell phones to the Bible.

For roll call, 13 members responded with the reading of an Irish blessing. The birthday song was sung for Connie Webber, Margaret Anderson and Joyce Mitchell.

Hollis Frese shared historical moments from the 1950's, giving a brief history of the club's origin, name and purpose. Included was a list of members from 50 years ago and a brief synopsis of their lives, illustrating how their character traits exemplified what Minerva club represents.

After adjournment Hallie Sherry delivered an animated program on Zeus, king of the Greek gods.

Fauneil Bennett will host the next meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, March 26.

## Card shower requested for Wanda Novak

A card shower is being requested for Wanda Novak, in honor of her 85th birthday, which is Saturday, March 31.

Her family includes a daughter, Sharon Bennett of Norfolk, a son, Robert and Bruna Van Cleave of Monument, Colo., six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. The former Wanda Novak lived in Allen. She was married to George Van Cleave and later Darrel Novak. Both are deceased.

Cards may be sent to the honoree at The Oaks, 1500 Vintage Hill Drive, Wayne, Neb. 68787.

## Engagements



### Victor — Freeman

Audrey Victor and John Freeman, both of Hartington, will exchange vows in a June 2, 2007 wedding at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne.

Parents of the couple are Mike and Marta Victor and Dwayne and Marietta Freeman, all of Laurel. Grandparents are Ruth Victor of Wayne, John and Turena Gradwhol of Laurel and Evelyn Freeman of Long Pine.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Laurel-Concord High School. She will graduate in May with a bachelor of science degree in history and political science education.

Her fiancé, a 2002 graduate of Laurel-Concord High School, earned an associate of applied science degree in utility line in 2004 from Northeast Community College. He is an utility lineman with Cedar-Knox Public Power in Hartington.



Dean Owens

## Dean Owens to note birthday

Dean Owens will observe his 80th birthday on Friday, March 23.

His family is requesting a card shower in honor of the occasion.

His family includes his wife, Eleanor, two daughters, Becky and Rick Lange of Hoskins and LeAnn Beltz of Pierce, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to him at Dean R. Owens, 206 Court Street, Carroll, Neb. 68723.

## Senior Center Calendar

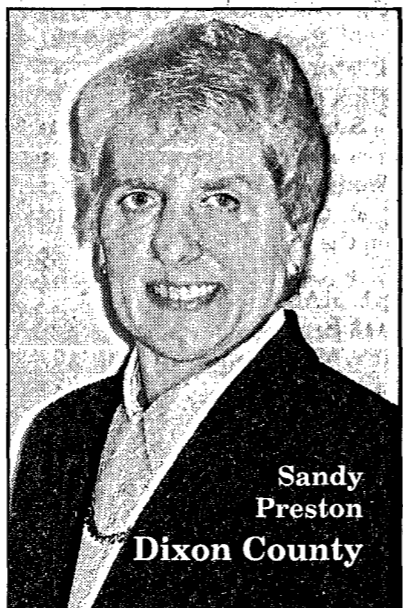
**Monday, March 26:** Morning walking; Cards & quilting.

**Tuesday, March 27:** Morning walking; Cards and quilting.

**Wednesday, March 28:** Morning walking; Cards & quilting.

**Thursday, March 29:** Morning walking; Cards and quilting; Pitch party, 1:15 to 3 p.m.

**Friday, March 30:** Morning Walking; Cards & quilting; Pool, 1 p.m.; Bingo, 1:15.



Sandy Preston  
Dixon County

other foods is needed to build strong bones during adolescence and young adulthood. During the middle and older adult years calcium continues to be used for maintaining bone structure and reducing bone loss.

Low calcium in the diet at all life stages is a risk factor for osteoporosis. Other risk factors include family history of osteoporosis, small

## Square dancers plan upcoming events

Leather and Lace recently met to dance on March 9 with Steve Bailey calling.

There were 24 guests and 15 members present. The participants were treated to salads after the dance.

Dave Diediker received the free pass. Split the pot winners were Donna Tietzort, Ardie Stanley, Bianca Marrio and Gerald Stanley. Laurel Town Twirlers took their banner home.

Dancers were reminded that Gerald and Ardie Stanley will host the Laurel Town Twirlers dance on Sunday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. in

honor of their wedding. Dancers were also reminded of the Spring Festival on Friday, April 13 with Dean Dederman calling at 7:30 p.m. at the Wayne City Auditorium.

Twelve Leather and Lace dancers traveled to Hartington to dance at Diane Kutcha's benefit. Diane recently lost her husband in a tragic farm accident. A dance was held in conjunction with the benefit.

The next scheduled dance will be Friday, March 23 with Mike Hogan calling. The doors will be open at 7:30 p.m. and spectators welcome. Hogan is a national caller. It will be Snack Night and everyone is encouraged to bring a snack for the evening.

Leather and Lace will hold their graduation for new dancers on Friday, April 27 with Marshall Poole calling. Instructor Dale Muehlmeier will conduct the ceremony.

Those brushing up on their Round Dance techniques will continue to meet at The Oaks on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. for several more weeks.

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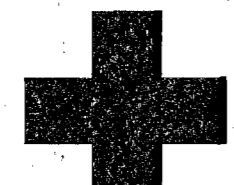
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## School Lunches

**ALLEN (March 26 - 30)**  
**Monday:** Breakfast - Cereal & bagel. Lunch - Hot ham & cheese, bun, green beans, mixed fruit & cake.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast - Cereal & French toast. Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peaches, rolls.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast - Cereal & turnovers. Lunch - McRib, bun, French fries, pears & cheese cake.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast - Cereal

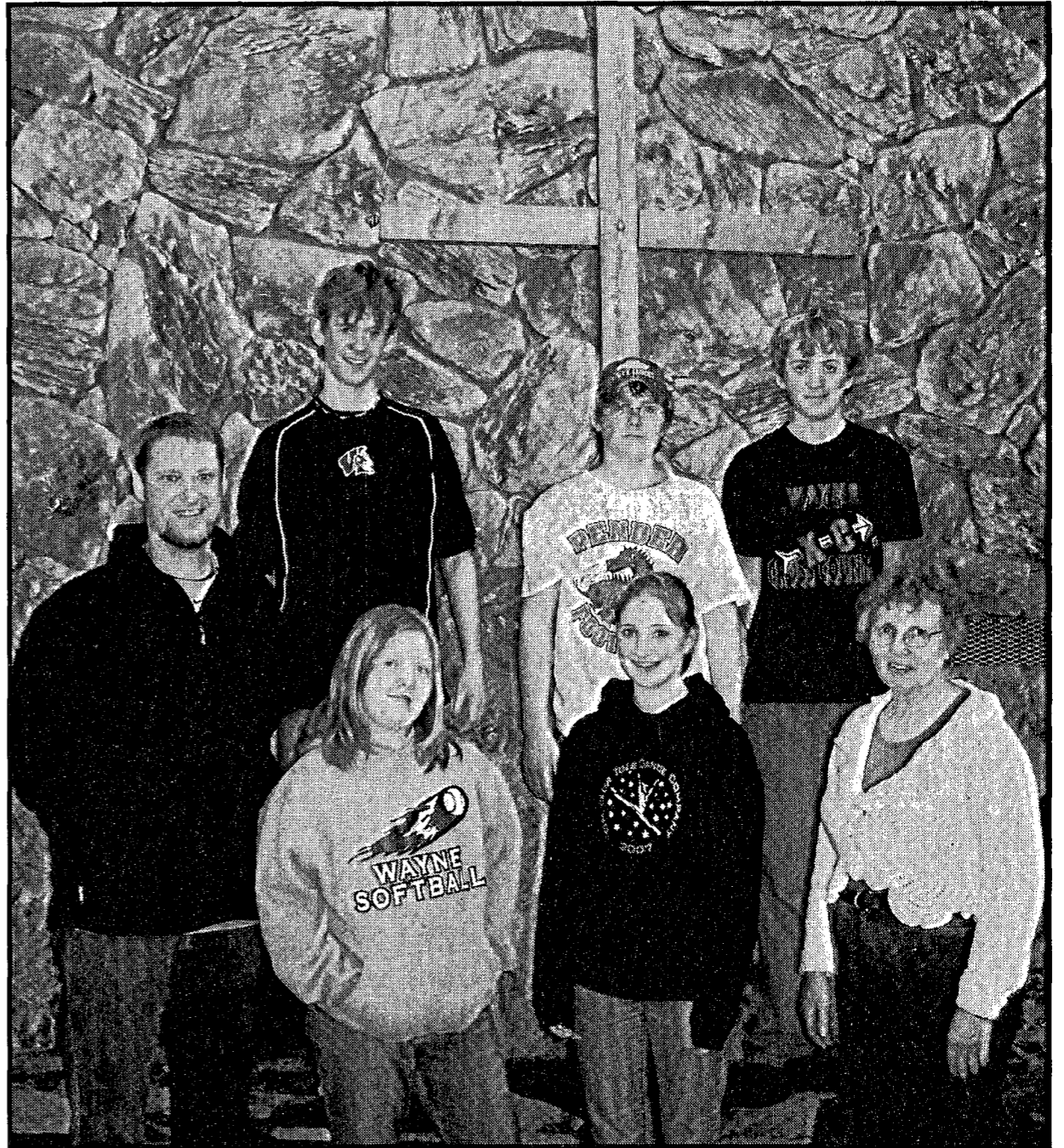
& muffins. Lunch - Meatball subs, Doritos, peas, pineapple, cookie.  
**Friday:** Breakfast - Cereal & toast. Lunch - Fish, bun, winter blend, strawberries, cake.  
 Milk served with breakfast and lunch.  
 Salads served upon request.

**LAUREL-CONCORD (March 26 - 30)**  
**Monday:** Breakfast - Cereal. Lunch - Chicken Noodle Soup, fresh veggie salad, apple juice, cheese bread.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza. Lunch - Cheeseburger/bun, oven fries, corn, grapes.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast - French toast. Lunch - Mini corn dogs, macaroni salad, green beans, pineapple, dessert.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast - Sausage Wrap. Lunch - Chicken breast sandwich, tator tots, peas, applesauce.  
**Friday:** Breakfast - Egg Wrap. Lunch - Fishsticks, macaroni & cheese, lettuce/dressing, peaches, roll. Alternate - Chef Salad. Milk, chocolate milk, orange juice available each day.

**WAKEFIELD (March 26 - 30)**  
**Monday:** Turkey Spaghetti Bake, green beans, dinner roll, pears.  
**Tuesday:** Stromboli, corn, baby carrots, applesauce.  
**Wednesday:** Barbeque pork sandwich, carrots, fruit salad.  
**Thursday:** Burritos, topping bar, breadbasket, peaches.  
**Friday:** Macaroni & Cheese, peas, dinner roll, strawberries. Milk served with each meal. Breakfast served every morning.

**WAYNE (March 26 - 30)**  
**Monday:** Chili, crackers, carrots, applesauce, cinnamon roll.  
**Tuesday:** BBQ ribs with bun, baked beans, pears, cookie.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast for lunch, tator rounds, orange juice, muffin.  
**Thursday:** Chicken Tenders, wheat dinner roll, corn, pineapple, cake.  
**Friday:** Mac & Cheese, green beans, wheat dinner roll, peaches, bar. Milk served with each meal. Also available daily: chef's salad, roll or crackers, fruit or juice, dessert.

**WINSIDE (March 26 - 30)**  
**Monday:** Breakfast - Omelet. Lunch - Ham & Cheese, chips, baked beans, applesauce.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast - Cinnamon Roll. Lunch - Taco Salad or taco on a bun, Doritos, pears, roll.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast - Waffles. Lunch - Burrito, rice or wild rice, corn, pineapple, roll.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast - Eggs, extra. Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll.  
**Friday:** Breakfast - Donut. Lunch - Cheese Quesadilla, lettuce, fruit cocktail, chocolate cake. Yogurt, toast, juice and milk served with breakfast. Milk served with each meal. Salad bar available for all grades daily.



## Confirmation Retreat

Five middle-school youth from First Presbyterian Church in Wayne attended a Confirmation Retreat at Camp Calvin Crest, near Fremont, on March 9-11. The youth enjoyed activities such as campfire, worship, playing basketball and getting to know other Presbyterian youth from all over eastern Nebraska. They also explored the building blocks of faith - loving God and loving others - and were given an opportunity to commit their lives to Jesus Christ. Pictured above are, left to right, Pastor Ray McCalla, Andrew Pulfer, Jacob Pulfer, Levi Heese (of Pender), Hannah McCorkindale, Jaci Alexander and Sandra Metz.

## Northeast's Women's History Month continues with talk by AAUW leader

The Women's History Month observance continues at Northeast Community College in Norfolk with a talk by the Nebraska State President of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Susan Goos. Goos will speak on Tuesday, March 27 at noon, in the Maclay Building, Room 100B, on the campus in Norfolk. Her presentation is free and open to the public. Her presentation, Education...The Gateway to Economic Security for Women, will review

why women, even though more educated, more employed and employed at higher levels than ever before, still earn 74 cents for every dollar earned by men. She will also discuss why women are largely pigeonholed into "pink collar" jobs. Goos will make recommendations for change to improve women's economic status. She will particularly emphasize the benefits of women earning educations in computer science, engineering and mathematics, and enhancing education in financial management and economic sufficiency. With a theme of Generations of Women Moving History Forward, other Women's History Month activities include a photo display entitled Women's Work in Nebraska from 1880-1940, on loan from the Nebraska Humanities Council, and another photo display, Women's Work...We've Come A

Long Way. Both photo displays are in the Maclay Building. Books by female authors and biographies of famous women are on display in the Northeast library. A women's history display has also been set up in the Student Center Upper Level.

## Trinity Lutheran WELCA women gather

Nine members of Trinity Lutheran Church's WELCA in Winside answered roll call. The meeting opened with President Kathy Jensen reading "For Another" taken from Romans 5:7-8 and written by Ken Klaus. The Bible Study was led by Kathy Jensen and taken from Ruth 1 and 2 on Naomi and Ruth's friendship. The secretary's report was presented by Peggy Krueger and the treasurer's report was given by Lois Krueger. Both were approved. New water pitchers have been purchased for the church and new curtains for the upstairs and the basement have been decided on and will be ordered and put up as soon as they come in. A thank you from Tabitha was read for a donation the ladies made.

Greta Grubbs has found a speaker for the Guest Day, which will be Wednesday, Sept. 12. Her sister-in-law, Marilyn Iversen, will speak on her trip to Honduras. With Easter coming, Mary Ann Soden volunteered to get the Easter lily for church. The next meeting will have a date change. It will be Wednesday, April 4 with Dorothy Jo Andersen serving. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer. Lunch was served by Peggy Krueger.

## Senior Center Congregate Meal Menu

**(Week of March 26 - 30)**  
 Meals served daily at noon. For reservations, call 375-1460. Each meal served with bread, 2% milk and coffee.  
**Monday:** Swiss steak, baked potato, lima beans, rye bread, pudding.  
**Tuesday:** Fillet of Cod, scalloped potatoes, tomato vegetable medley, two fruit salad, whole wheat bread, lemon bar.  
**Wednesday:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, wax beans, lemon 7-up salad, dark sweet pitted cherries.  
**Thursday:** Hamburger broccoli casserole, sauerkraut salad, cranberry juice, whole wheat bread, Butterfinger dessert.  
**Friday:** Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dill pickle, white bread, peaches.

## New Arrivals

**CHURCHES** - Garth and Leah (Boeckenhauer) Churches of Greeley, Col., a son, Cael Edward, 8 lbs., 9 oz., 20 inches, born March 9, 2007. Grandparents are Lauren and Kathy Boeckenhauer of Ainsworth and Carl and Linda Churches of Golden, Colo. Great-grandparents were the late Robert and Inez Boeckenhauer of Wayne.  
**BOEHLE** - David and Mandy Boehle of Sioux City, Iowa, a son, Tristen Christopher, 6 lbs., 14 oz., born March 9, 2007. He is welcomed home by a brother, Brayden, 2. Grandparents are Gary and Pam Boehle of Wayne and Jim and Carlene Svoboda of Wahoo. Great-grandparents are Alda Boehle of St. Libory and Lucille Hopper of Wahoo.  
**SAMEK** - Scott and Connie Samek of Cedar Bluffs, a daughter, Ely Josephine, 7 lbs., 6 oz., born March 10, 2007. She is welcomed home by brothers, Nolan, Wade, Neil and Taylor and sisters, Stacy and Shelby. Grandparents are Lester and Donna Hansen of Wayne and Bill and Elaine Samek of Rising City.

## Briefly Speaking

**PEO Chapter meets with Kris Gies**  
 AREA - Chapter AZ, PEO met March 10 in the home of Kris Giese. Election and installation of officers for 2007-2008 were held. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the home of Pam Matthes.

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## RC&D Annual Tour, Ghost Towns & Cemeteries, set for April 28

Visiting quaint rural cemeteries, log cabins, Native American churches and ghost towns is the theme for the ninth annual seasonal tour to be held Saturday April 28.

The annual tour sponsored by the Northeast Nebraska Conservation and Development Council at Plainview will once again make the crisscross trip through Knox County taking motor coach passengers to little known

cemeteries and several "ghost towns" which once dotted the pages of early plat books.

According to research projects completed in the late 1960s, Nebraska has over 900 abandoned or nearly abandoned towns. Northeast Nebraska, including Knox County can attest to being home to a number of them.

Barb Hoffart, Program Support Assistant with the RC&D said, "It is a good way to familiarize the

participants to the history and beauty of our local area. The Council has conducted this nearly identical tour for the past two years but in the fall. It was decided to offer the same tour again this year but in the spring. It seems many people can relate to their roots that lead back to early pioneers and homesteading in rural Nebraska."

Sites of interest will be several Indian churches and cemeteries, Walnut, Venus, Sparta, Tewesville, Lindy and Winnetoon. A stop at Oak View Park will be one of the main things to see on the tour. "The charm of the old buildings and scenic landscape along with the historic information from the step-on guide, Janet Eckmann will make this a trip for all ages," said Hoffart. "Of special interest will be guest speaker Judy Carlson, Knox County historian and author of a recently published book on local cemeteries. Carlson will demonstrate grave divining on the cemeteries on our tour."

Hoffart added, "Rods or "witching sticks" have been used since ancient times to find underground water or minerals but people also use them to locate unmarked graves. This is a real photo opportunity for those with a camera.

The motor coach will pick up passengers at Jerry's Hilltop and Lindy. A noon lunch in Verdigre and afternoon snack will be provided. Seating is limited and more information is available at the RC&D office in Plainview or by calling 402-582-4866.

## Landowners urged to use caution in wind energy agreements

Attorney General Jon Bruning and State Senator Annette Dubas (District 34) reminded landowners to use caution when approached by wind energy developers. These developers are seeking to enter into agreements with Nebraska farmers, ranchers and other landowners for the wind rights on their land, including Custer, Holt, Cherry, Madison and Boone counties.

"As with any contract, once you sign on the dotted line, you're making a commitment that could affect you for a long time," Bruning said. "It's important to clearly understand the terms of the agreement and consult a legal or financial professional before signing anything over."

Bruning and Dubas noted that

such agreements have a long-term impact not only on the value of land, but on landowners and future generations. Because the wind energy industry is only beginning to develop, the long-term financial impact may be difficult to gauge.

"This could be much like the historic rush for ownership over land, gold, oil and water. After the value of a natural resource reaches mainstream, the person who profits usually understands its worth," Dubas said. "Nebraska landowners must carefully consider the wind industry and its potential future for profitability in Nebraska. Nebraska is ranked sixth in the nation for the amount of wind potential it could produce on an annual basis. The industry is underdeveloped in Nebraska in comparison to surrounding states. Nebraskans should be very excited about the potential for a profitable future but should remain vigilant of the worth of this resource."



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## Dan Pries recognized for land sales

Farmers National Company, the nation's leading farm and ranch management and brokerage company, has announced that Dan Pries, Accredited Farm Manager (AFM) of Wayne, as recently recognized for his outstanding efforts in real estate sales.

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Dan can be contacted at (402) 375-1176 or at dpries@farmersnational.com or at www.farmersnational.com/danpries.

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## 4-H News

### COUNTRY CLASSICS 4-H CLUB

The Country Classics 4-H Club met at the NNPPD building on March 18 for the monthly meeting. After the 4-H pledge, the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call were taken, the club passed the sponsoring of two awards, the Championship Senior Goat Showmanship and Championship Senior Foods.

Some items also discussed were the early bird registration for the 4-H camps, the Big Red Roadshow, the Bake & Take and the time for the next meeting.

After the adjournment, the presentations were given. Jakob Thompson gave a presentation on making a care package for kindergartners and Brandon Bear gave a presentation on small animals. Luke Pulfer showed a type of project you could do for small engines, while Jacob Bear gave a demonstration on preserving insects for his entomology project.

After the demonstrations/presentations, the club enjoyed refreshments provided by the Thompson family. Sawyer Jager, News reporter

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## NRDs announce use of helicopter in upcoming Groundwater Studies

In the past few years water issues have taken center stage in discussion of natural resources in the State of Nebraska. In order to better understand and manage groundwater, several Eastern Nebraska Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) along with other State and Federal Agencies, have formed the Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA). This study, which will take several years to complete, will be conducted to better understand the hydrologic connection between aquifers and the interaction of groundwater and surface water.

Pilot studies at three sites will take place to further examine Eastern Nebraska's complex glaciated geology. The location of these sites will be near the towns of Oakland, Ashland, and Firth. Each of these sites will be approximately 36 square miles and have been designated because of their unique geologic setting related to glacial terrain. The pilot studies will evaluate research methods to determine the feasibility of using them on a wide scale in other glaciated areas of Nebraska.

Several geologic research methods will be used in this study. These methods include test-hole drilling and monitoring well construction to collect geologic samples and groundwater information. Geophysical surveys will also be completed by the use of direct current (D.C.) surveys and helicopter electromagnetic (HEM) survey. These geophysical surveys aid in determining the physical nature of subsurface sediments by sensing their electrical properties. Because coarse-grained sand and gravel deposits have different electrical properties than silts and clays, these surveys can be used to map the extent of aquifer boundaries. The HEM is a state-of-the-art method that is used to quickly map the subsurface geology over a large area. A device that transmits electromagnetic signals that interact with the ground is suspended beneath a helicopter that flies 100 to 300 feet above the ground during this survey. The helicopter will follow a preplanned route via global positioning system (GPS) guidance, which will provide optimal coverage of the area. These flights will pose no threat to livestock, facilities, homes or people. The helicopter flights near Oakland are expected to begin in mid to late-winter.

Earlier this year the Nebraska Legislature created the Interrelated Water Management Program Fund with the passing of LB 1226. This program includes appropriations of \$2.5 million to help offset costs incurred by NRDs to facilitate the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act. Part of the funding for the ENWRA will be received from this fund. The remainder of the cost will be incurred by the involved NRDs, the U.S. Geological Survey and the UNL Conservation and Survey Division. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Conservation and Survey Division along with the U.S. Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.) will be conducting the surveys.

The involved NRDs are the Lower Platte North, Lower Platte South, Lower Elkhorn, Papio-Missouri, Nemaha, and the Lewis & Clark. If you have any further questions about the ENWRA or the Oakland Pilot study please contact your local NRD.

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## Lack of services for returning soldiers demonstrates need for brain injury awareness, advocacy

Just in time for Brain Injury Awareness Month in March, reporter Bob Woodruff's special report documenting his experience with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) also showed the continuing unmet need for returning soldiers to receive the "support that matches their sacrifice."

Over 23,000 soldiers have been wounded in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Brain injuries account for approximately two-thirds of the known injuries suffered in the war, although it is estimated that at least 10 percent of soldiers and marines that have served may have undiagnosed

brain injuries. Despite these overwhelming numbers, President Bush's recommended budget eliminates the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) program, which includes funding for Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (PATBI) - a program essential to so many troops returning with disabilities acquired in combat. Given the nature of brain injuries, these individuals run a high risk of falling through the cracks if advocacy programs such as PATBI are eliminated, as recommended in the President's budget.

"This directly affects Nebraska veterans who are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with traumatic brain injuries. That the President's Budget recommends absolutely no funding for the Traumatic Brain Injury program is, to say the least, a great disappointment," said Tim Shaw, chief executive officer of Nebraska Advocacy Services, The Center for Disability Rights, Law and Advocacy (NAS).

Along with the estimated 5.3 million Americans (295,850 of them Nebraskans) already living with disabilities resulting from TBI, these service men and women face an array of advocacy needs provided by the PATBI program, including assistance with returning to work; accessing needed supports and services; and obtaining appropriate mental health, substance abuse, and rehabilitation services.

Effective protection and advocacy services for people with traumatic brain injury can lead both to reduced government expenditures and increased productivity, independence and community integration. With limited current funds, the TBI program at Nebraska Advocacy Services is:

- Providing direct individual advocacy for children and adults with TBI, including access to appropriate health care, community living supports, education, guardianship and employment;
- Providing individuals with TBI with the knowledge and skills to help them be effective self advocates;

• Challenging the failure of state regional centers, rehabilitation facilities, intermediate care facilities and schools to provide appropriate supports and therapies to individuals with TBI who may require modifications to traditional supports in order for them to be effective; and

• Educating policymakers about the needs of individuals with TBI and the importance of supporting programs designed to address these needs and working on legislation to reduce the incidence of TBI, such as seat belt, helmet and All Terrain Vehicle laws.

"In his State of the Union address, the President assured the nation that 'we will meet [the] responsibilities of [caring] for the elderly, the disabled, and poor children.' In a state where services for Nebraskans with traumatic brain injuries are currently few and far between, what kind of message are we sending to Nebraska's service men and women who return home?" said Shaw.

For more on NAS' work on traumatic brain injuries, links to state efforts, and information for individuals with traumatic brain injuries, please visit [www.nebraskaadvocacy.org](http://www.nebraskaadvocacy.org).

NAS is a private, not-for-profit organization established to assist people with disabilities and their families in protecting and advocating for their rights. NAS, the protection and advocacy system in Nebraska, serves people throughout the State. It operates federally funded protection and advocacy (P&A) programs and is part of a nationwide network of congressionally created disability rights organizations.

### Bruning meets with former U.N. Secretary-General in Cairo, Egypt

Attorney General Jon Bruning met with former Secretary-General for the United Nations Boutros Boutros-Ghali in Cairo, Egypt, as part of the Aspen Institute-Rodel Fellowships in Public Leadership program. Boutros-Ghali currently serves as speaker of the National Council for Human Rights.

"I'm honored to meet with such esteemed leaders in international affairs as Mr. Boutros-Ghali," Bruning said. "He provides unique insight into the region's complex relationships and their impact on Nebraska."

In addition to Boutros-Ghali's position as U.N. Secretary-General from 1992 to 1997, he was a member of the Egyptian Parliament and an active participant in the 1979 Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel.

As an Aspen-Rodel fellow, Bruning is currently visiting Egypt, Israel and Jordan. The purpose of the trip is to interact with foreign leaders and understand how developments in the Middle East impact American policy.

The Aspen-Rodel Fellowship program was founded in 2005 to provide the nation's top young political leaders with a better understanding of America's underlying democratic principles and to help foster civility in the public arena. The two-year bipartisan program is sponsored by the Aspen Institute, an international nonprofit leadership organization and the Rodel Foundation, a group of public and private organizations committed to improving education.

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