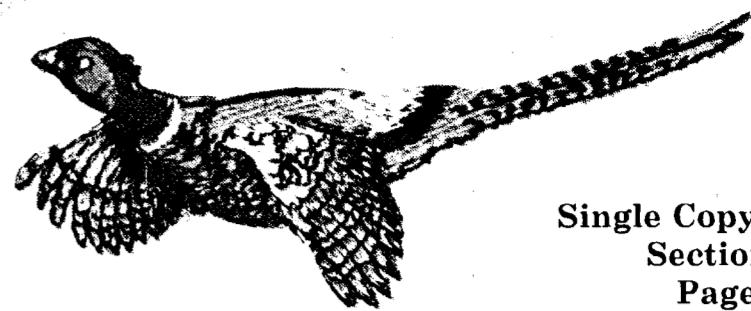


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## Wayne Herald to co-host debate in Ponca

Legislative District #17 has a primary race with three candidates running for State Senator Pat Engel's seat. Engel will be "term limited" out of office at the end of this Legislative session.

Given that it is rare for much political competition to occur in the district, the four district newspapers will host a debate located as close to a district mid-point as possible—in Ponca. Co-hosting the debate are the Wayne Herald, The Wakefield Republican, the Dakota County Star and the Nebraska Journal-Leader in Ponca.

The debate will take place in Ponca at the newly refurbished restaurant "Oscars," on Monday, April 14, beginning at 7 p.m. A social hour begins at 5 p.m. for those who might wish to dine or to participate at the cash bar.

All the newspapers are inviting the public to e-mail questions to pose to the candidates. The newspapers, in turn, will forward the public's questions to the candidates so that they might better prepare

their answers. Invariably, the public is most interested in taxes, and tax questions will be submitted, therefore we suggest the citizen to pose, not only their tax questions, but to include additional questions that embrace cultural, environmental, or other issues of interest. The citizen is reminded that Tocqueville noted that "it is the States that mostly govern the individual and have the most direct impact on citizens' lives."

The three candidates running for office include Jason Bowman, South Sioux City Councilman and electrician; Bob Giese, South Sioux City Mayor and Hy-Vee Produce department manager; and Doug Garwood, Dakota County farmer, manufacturer and transportation company businessman.

The public is invited to attend and pose their questions to the candidates, in what should be a very entertaining and democratic event.



## Carnival atmosphere

Hundreds of area youth took part in the annual Wayne Elementary Booster Carnival on Friday. The carnival was held at the Wayne Middle School and involved a large number of parents and other volunteers. Above, a bird's eye view of those in attendance. Below, Orion Spieker takes a bean bag from Gretchen O'Reilly while taking part in the bean bag toss. The event helps raise for the elementary school.

## Benefit for injured WSC student was well attended

A spaghetti feed benefit for Wayne State College student Gina Giaffoglione was held at Riley's in Wayne on April 1. Giaffoglione was seriously injured in a car accident in Wayne on March 22, which left her para-



Gina Giaffoglione

lyzed. She is being treated at Emmanuel in Omaha in the rehabilitation program. The fundraiser was well attended by WSC students, faculty, staff and members of the community. The event was organized by STRIDE/SSS at WSC, where Giaffoglione was a participant and mentor.

Proceeds from the benefit will go to Giaffoglione towards her medical expenses.

"We had a great turnout at the spaghetti feed," said Danny Gonzales, M.Ed, STRIDE SSS, Program Coordinator. "The line went outside the door and attendance way exceeded our expectations; it was awesome. So far, over \$4,000 was raised but we are hoping for more."

Gonzales noted a couple more fundraisers are planned which include t-shirts with Giaffoglione's photograph on them and also a drawing for a signed guitar and poster from singer Jason Aldean, who was in concert at WSC on March 30.

"Gina is a fighter and is at least a week and a half ahead of schedule in her rehabilitation," Gonzales said. "Her goal is to walk across the stage at her graduation. She is in great spirits."

Gonzales thanks the community for attending and donating in any way to the benefit. Anyone who would still like to donate can make out a check to M.A.C.T with the memo note: Gina Giaffoglione and send it to Wayne State College, STRIDE/SSS Department, 1111 Main Street, Wayne, NE 68787. Attn: Danny Gonzales.

Anyone wanting more information or is interested in purchasing t-shirts or in the drawing can contact: Danny Gonzales, M.Ed STRIDE SSS, Program Coordinator, Wayne State College 402-375-7500, ext. 7556.



## Three-year old battling cancer

By Clara Osten  
Of the Herald

Ashton Becker is too young to understand most of what has been happening in his life in the past two months.

However, the three-year old son of Jenny Becker of Wayne "has been a fighter" through several chemotherapy treatments and surgery to remove a cancerous tumor and one of his kidneys.

Jenny said her son complained of a stomach ache on Feb. 9 and she notice that there was a bulge on his side. A trip to the emergency room at Providence Medical Center and an x-ray indicated a large mass in his stomach and a need to visit Children's Hospital in Omaha for further testing.

"After several days the doctors determined that Ashton had Stage 4 Wilms' Tumor, which is a fairly common childhood cancer," Jenny said. The cancer was located in left kidney and there were several spots on his lung.

Jenny said that while the doctors do not know what causes the cancer, it is possible that it was a mutated gene that Ashton was born with. It is also a fast growing tumor.

Ashton began treatment at that point, traveling to Omaha once a week for chemotherapy. He was hospitalized for 10 days. The treatment involved alternating between three chemotherapy drugs. One of the drugs made him ill, but tests indicated that the tumor had shrunk to one-third its

size.

On March 24 Ashton underwent surgery to remove the tumor and his left kidney. He will now begin a new series of chemotherapy, possibly on an in-patient basis. The family was scheduled to travel to Omaha on April 2 for evaluation and a determination of the next step in the treatment process.



Ashton Becker with his mother, Jenny, at Christmas time.

ment process.

"Although I really don't know how much of all this Ashton understands, he has been really good so far," Jenny said. She noted that the surgeons are positive in their outlook for Ashton.

Ashton has not been able to attend regular day care since beginning his treatment. His mother, who is employed as a criminal justice liaison with Bright Horizons in Norfolk, has been able to work from home in recent weeks. She noted that Bright Horizons has "been very supportive."

A benefit for Ashton and his mother is being organized by family members, friends and co-workers.

It will be held Sunday, April 13 at the Dixon City Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will include a pancake feed, silent

auction, raffle and bake sale. A free-will donation will be accepted and supplemental funding by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Raffle items include a vacuum cleaner, Terry Redlin print, luggage set and a savings bond. Silent auction items include a bracelet, framed art, a children's wooden rocking chair and a number of gift cards.

Donations may also be made at the State National Bank & Trust Company in Wayne at P.O. Box 130, Wayne, Neb. 68787.

Ashton's family also plans to be a part of this year's Relay For Life event in Wayne and Cedar County.

His grandmother, Renee Wragge has been involved with Relay For Life in the past and had already decided to put together a team in memory of Jenny's father and in honor of a number of other family members who are cancer survivors.

Jenny said she will be among the walkers at the Wayne event and Ashton will be one of the survivors at the event.



Ashton is still all smiles after undergoing chemotherapy.



Multicultural Center Director Tyrone David Gordy Wrice signs a poster for Gina Giaffoglione.

## Bomb threat occurs during concert on WSC campus

An incident occurred on the Wayne State College campus at approximately 10 p.m. on March 30. The Wayne Police Department received a 911 call at 9:43 p.m. that evening that stated there was an explosive device planted at the Jason Aldean concert in Rice Auditorium set to go off during the concert.

Wayne police then notified WSC Campus Security who began the process of evacuating the building. The building was cleared by 9:58 p.m. Once audience members and band personnel were evacuated, the deci-

sion was made to cancel the concert and the area outside Rice Auditorium was cleared by 10:10 p.m.

The Nebraska State Patrol dispatched an explosives detection canine team to the scene upon notification from Wayne P.D. Chief Lance Webster. The team arrived on site at 12:20 a.m. March 31 and began a thorough search of the building. The search was completed by 1:45 a.m. The search team did not discover any explosive devices.

The Wayne Police Department's inves-

tigation of the incident is ongoing. Rice Auditorium is open at this time.

Many personal items were left in Rice during the evacuation. These items are secure in the WSC Campus Security office. Please stop by the office at 1119 Walnut Street on the east side of campus to identify and retrieve your belongings.

Campus community members with concerns about this incident can contact the WSC Counseling Center at 375-7321 or visit the office in Room 103 of the Student Center.

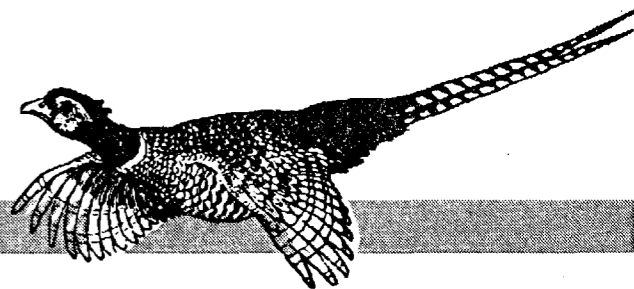






# Sports

The Wayne Herald



## Wayne youth wrestlers go the distance at Winside Youth Tournament

By Casey Schroeder

With record high numbers this year, the Wayne Youth Blue Devil wrestlers had little problem finding success as they competed at the Winside Youth Wrestling Tournament last Saturday.

The wrestlers were coached by Cody and Cory Schweitzer and returned home with several youth medalists.

The Blue Devils had 13 wrestlers who finished in third place or higher, with Kindergarten Cade Janke leading all Blue Devil wrestlers as he recorded Wayne's lone first place finish.

To further compliment Wayne's effort at Winside, five different wrestlers finished fourth among the tough pool of competition.

Wayne will conclude its season with a meet at Madison on Saturday, followed by the Youth Wrestling potluck on Mon. April 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Wayne High School commons area.

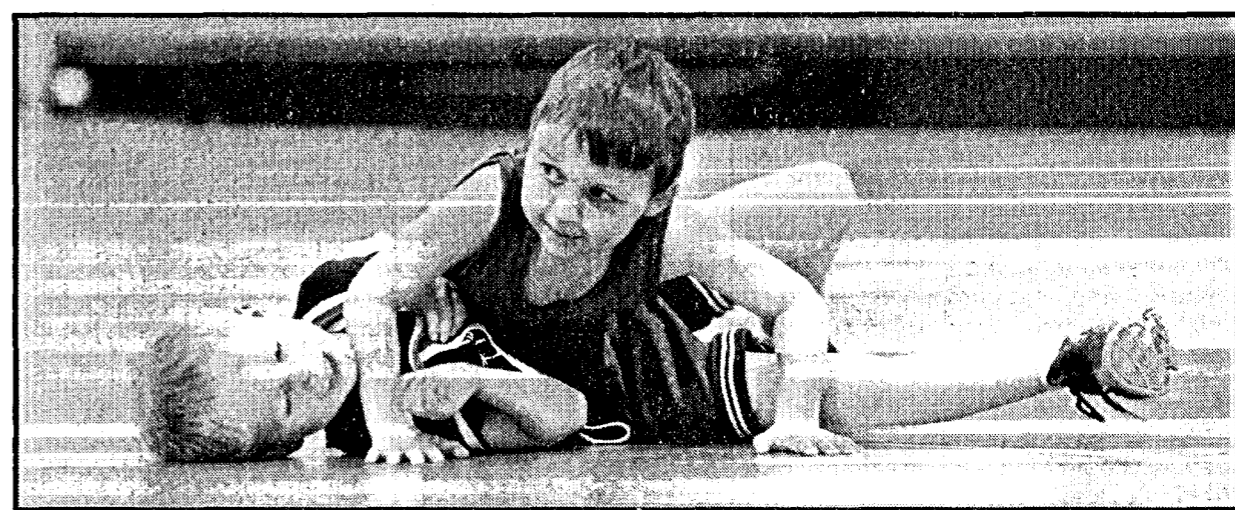
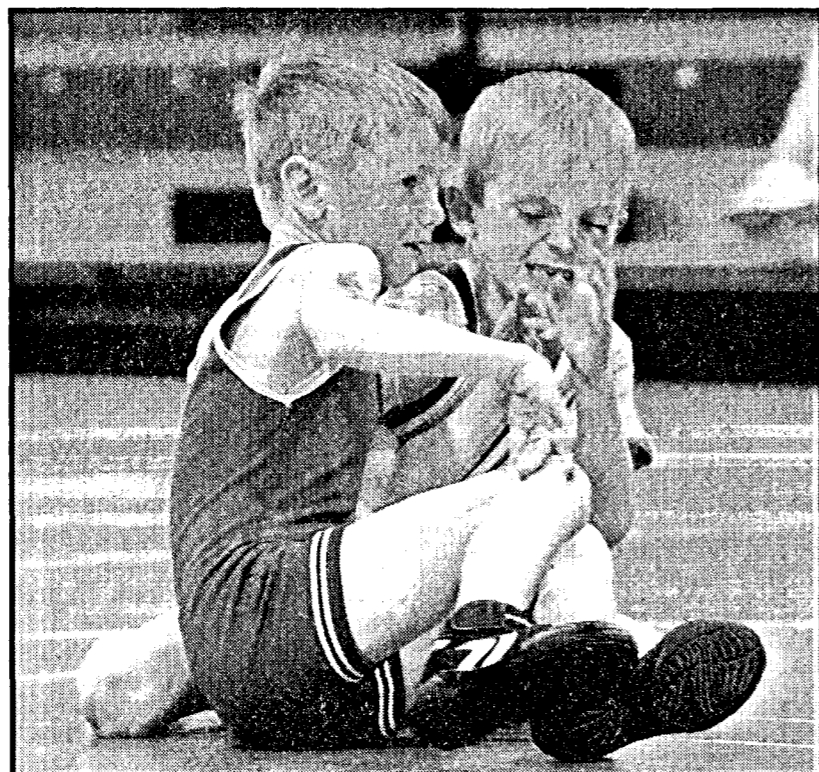
Listed are the results from Saturday's Winside Youth Tournament.

Pre-K: Reid Korth, 2nd. Lil' Blue Devil wrestlers Tay Guill and Cody Vaselaar.

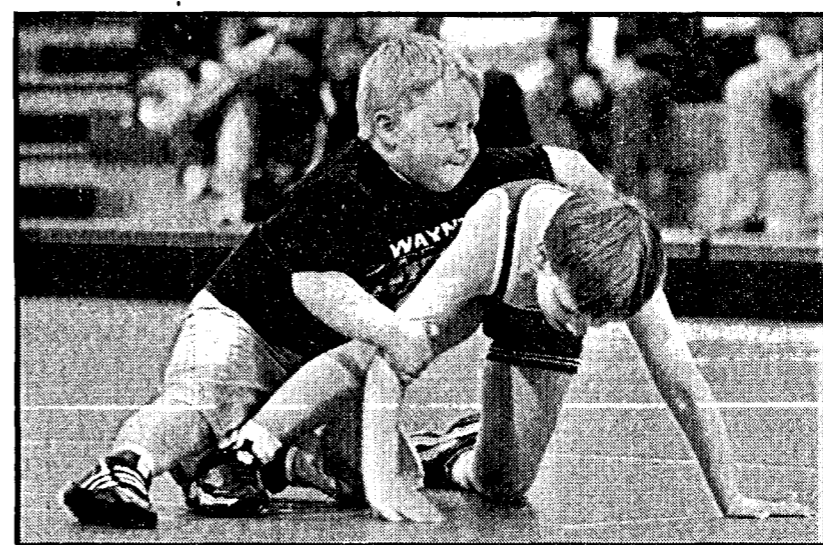
Kindergarten: Cade Janke, 1st; Shea Sweetland, 2nd; Gunnar Jorgensen, 3rd. First Grade: Tay Guill, 2nd; Cody Vaselaar, 3rd; Tyler Gilliland, 3rd; Anthony Krzycki, 3rd. Second Grade:

Justin Dean, 3rd; Hunter Bowers, 4th; Jaylin Wiese, 4th. Third Grade: Connor Vaselaar, 2nd; Caden Korth, 3rd; Steven

Keiser, 4th. Fourth Grade: Micah Sprouls, 4th. Seventh Grade: Austin McDonald, 3rd.



Kindergarten wrestlers Cole Hobza and Nathan DeWald are all smiles.



Gage Chinn and Shea Sweetland at the Intermural dual.

### Blue Devil Academic All-State recipients announced

Lincoln--The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) is proud to announce 2008 Winter Academic All-State Selections.

The NSAA recognizes students who meet the required criteria and are nominated by their school in the season that the activity takes place.

The nominated student must be a varsity participant, or organizational leader who has played a significant role on the team or in the organizational activity throughout the season.

Also, nominated students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average, in all curricular subjects of 3.7 on a 4.0 scale.

Schools are allowed two nominations for each NSAA sponsored activity.

Listed below are area selections. Michelle Jarvi, Basketball, Wayne; Maddy Moser, Basketball, Wayne; Reggie Ruhl, Basketball, Wayne; Shawn Jenkins, Basketball, Wayne.

### WSC's Goetzinger named NSIC Softball Pitcher of the week

Katie Goetzinger of Wayne State College was named the Northern Sun Conference Softball Pitcher of the Week on Monday by the league office in St. Paul, Minn.

The freshman from Harlan, Iowa, led the Wildcats to a 7-2 record last week and went 4-0 in five appearances (four starts) last week with a 2.02 ERA and four complete games.

Her top effort came against the University of South Dakota on

Sunday where Goetzinger pitched a complete game two-hit shutout in an 8-0 win over the Coyotes.

She also pitched complete game wins last week over Augustana (9-1), Minnesota Duluth (6-3) and Augustana (3-1) at the UNO Tournament on Sunday.

For the season, Goetzinger is 10-6 with a 2.97 ERA and has recorded 53 strikeouts in 108.1 pitched innings.

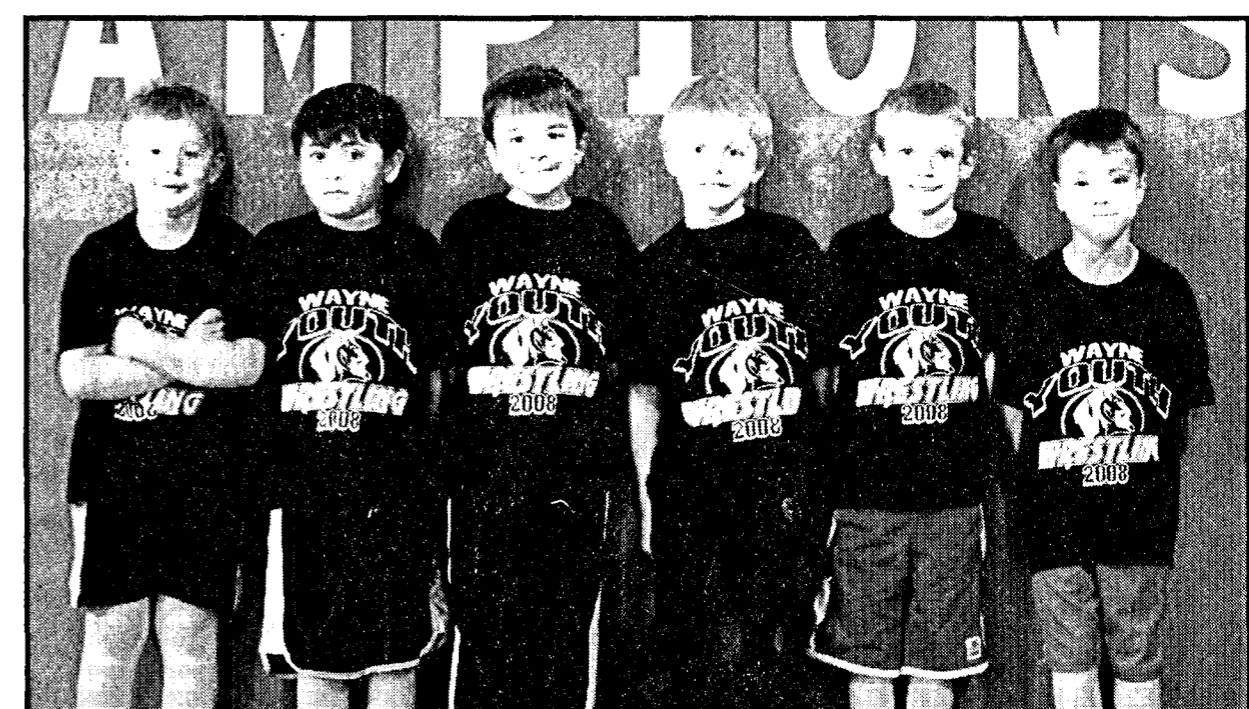


Photo Courtesy of Greg Vander Weil

Pre-K : Front row, left to right: Coach Mike Woerdemann, Chris Woerdemann, Tanner Walling, Cal Janke, Toby Braun, Reid Korth, Dillon Anderson, Coach Chris Janke. Not pictured: James Dorcey, Max Miller.



2nd Grade: Front row, left to right: Zaylor Langschwager, Hunter Jorgensen, Sam Bruckner, Payton Rusk, Jaylin Wiese. Second row, left to right: Ethan Jareske, Trey Jareske, Beau Bowers, Brennen O'Reilly, Justin Dean.



1st grade: Fron row, left to right: Zach Urbanec, Brandon Wacker, Daniel Maxson, Chance Lassila, Cody Vaselaar, Harley Wheeler.



4th and 5th grade: Front row, left to right: Micah Sprouls, Noah Braun, Schuyler Schweers, Jacob Daum, Cole Koenig. Second row, left to right: Jesse Heithold, Chase Magwire, Drew Davie, Jack Tyson, Nathaniel Phelps. Not pictured: William Dyer, Joe Keilty Kilty.



3rd grade: Front row, left to right: Jacob Powell, Caden Korth, Brady Henderson. Second row, left to right: Tristan Miller, Steven Keiser, Connor Vaselaar.





# Blue Devils clean house against Madison at home dual last Tuesday

By Casey Schroeder

With half of Wayne's golf team in action at Oakland-Craig last Tuesday; several Blue Devil golfers opted to stay home and clean house in a dual against Madison at the Wayne Country Club.

Despite poor weather conditions Wayne ended the day with a score of 187 and a first place finish, while the junior varsity defeated the Madison J.V. with a combined score 201.

The Blue Devils were led by Taylor Racely, who finished the day nine over with a score of 45 on a par 36.

Assisting Racely, was Dustin Stegemann who finished second with a score of 46.

"I thought Taylor Racely played pretty steady, despite a 45," Wayne coach Rich Rethwisch said. "He had a quadruple bogey on his first hole and a triple on his last, so he played very well in between."

In junior varsity action, Michael Denklaus and Zach Rasmussen guided the Blue as both recorded scores of 49.

"It is pretty neat that we can play two duals on the same day and try to keep our competition level high," Rethwisch said. "That is simply going to help us come district time."

**Team Scores:** Wayne, 187; Madison, 215. **Individual Scores:** Taylor Racely, Wayne, 45; Dustin Stegemann, Wayne, 46; Taylor

Martin, Wayne, 48; Max Stednitz, Wayne, 48; Reggie Ruhl, Wayne, 48;

**Team Scores:** Wayne J.V., 201; Madison J.V., 239. **Individual Scores:** Michael Denklaus, Wayne J.V., 49; Zach Rasmussen, Wayne J.V., 49; Trevor Beza, Wayne J.V., 50; Jordan Barry, Wayne J.V., 53; Alex Arneson, Wayne J.V., 54.

# Winside claims third place finish at Stanton season-opener

By Lee Koch

The Winside boys and girls track teams both ran threw and jumped to third place finish on March 27, at the Stanton Invitational in a meet that saw performances hampered by extremely cold weather.

The boys finished behind Humphrey St. Francis and Clarkson, while the girls followed

Humphrey St. Francis and Lyons-Decatur in the standings.

Jordan Brummels led the Wildcat boy's effort winning the 100-meter dash (11.5) and the 200-meter dash (23.7). Brummels, also competed in the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 meter relays.

Zach Brokaw earned four medals for the Wildcats, with a third place finish in the 1600-meter run (5:31.00) and a fifth-place performance in the triple jump (35' 5").

Amanda Pfeiffer and Michaela Staub paced the Wildcat girl's effort as the two combined for four medals.

Pfeiffer, placed second in the 300-meter hurdles (53.6) and was a member of the 4 x 100, 4 x 400 and 4 x 800 meter relay teams, all of which earned medals.

To compliment Pfeiffer, Staub earned a pair of individual medals placing third in the 400-meter run (1:06.00) and second in the 800-meter run (2:47.00).

After missing last season with an injury, Virginia Fleer made her debut and took home the gold in the 1600-meter run (6:28.00).

Fleer, will look to assist Staub throughout the season, where as sophomores both guided Winside to a Class D State gold medal in the 4 x 800 meter relay.

### Boys Results

Team Standings:	
1. Humphrey St. Francis	143
2. Clarkson	122
3. Winside	114
4. Stanton	76
5. Lyons-Decatur	19
6. Leigh	10
7. Nebraska Lutheran (Waco)	4

**110 Meter Hurdles:** Andrew Mohr, 4th (18.8).

**300 Meter Hurdles:** Andrew Mohr, 5th (45.9).

**400 Meter Dash:** Anthony Nelson, 5th (60.9); Garet Hurlbert, 6th (61.6).

**800 Meter Run:** Tucker Bowers, 1st (2:11.10); Will Janke, 2nd (2:22.4).

**4 x 100 Meter Relay:** (Kalin Koch, Tucker Bowers, Ethan Taylor, Jordan Brummels) 2nd (48.0).

**4 x 400 Meter Relay:** (Jordan Brummels, Anthony Nelson, Zach Brokaw, Tucker Bowers) 3rd (4:01.00).

**4x 800 Meter Relay:** (Ryan Janke, Zach Brokaw, Peter Hansen, Will Janke) 4th (10:12.00).

**High Jump:** Andrew Mohr, 2nd (5' 4"); Justin Buresh, 3rd (5' 4").

**Discus:** Matt Peter, 2nd (108' 2"); Chase Langenberg, 5th (102' 2").

**Shot Put:** Chase Langenberg, 2nd (45' 4"); Matt Peter, 3rd (43' 8 1/2"); Nathan Janke, 4th (41' 2 1/2").

### Girls Results

Team Standings:	
1. Humphrey St. Francis	145
2. Lyons-Decatur	141
3. Winside	103
4. Stanton	49
5. Clarkson	32
6. Nebraska Lutheran (Waco)	7
7. Leigh	6

**100 Meter Hurdles:** Jordyn Roberts, 3rd (18.2); Caitlyn Prince, 5th (18.6).

**200 Meter Dash:** Cassie Mrsny, 6th (29.6).

**1600 Meter Run:** Page Jensen, 5th (6:40.00).

**4 x 100 Meter Relay:** (Shelby Meyer, Cassie Mrsny, Amanda Pfeiffer, Caitlyn Prince) 4th (56.8).

**4 x 400 Meter Relay:** (Michaela Staub, Katie Gray, Kristin Messersmith, Amanda Pfeiffer) 2nd (4:47.00).

**4 x 800 Meter Relay:** (Michaela Staub, Megan Leicy, Page Jensen, Amanda Pfeiffer) 2nd (11:51.5).

**Long Jump:** Sam Harmeier, 5th (14' 3 1/2").

**Triple Jump:** Jordyn Roberts, 4th (30' 3 1/2").

**Discus:** Sally Schwedhelm, 2nd (85' 0"); Amanda Backstrom, 3rd (79' 3"); B.J. Cushing, 4th (77' 0").

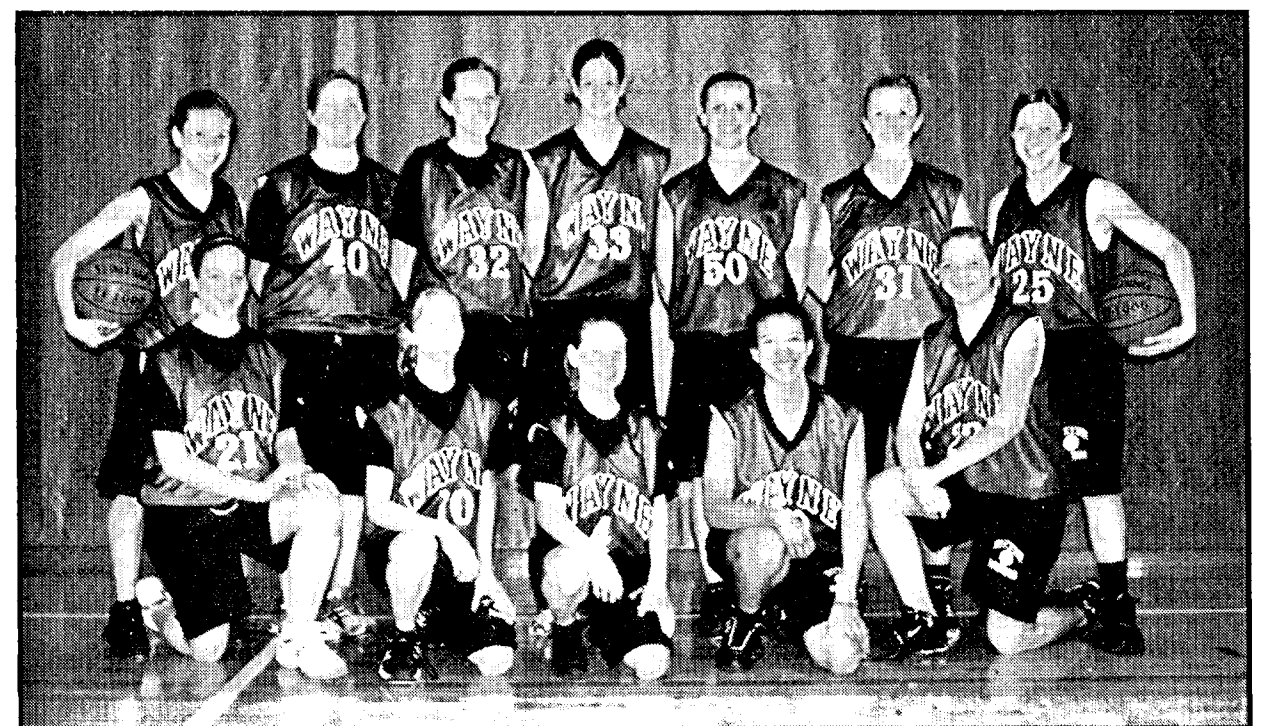
**Shot Put:** Hillary Lienemann, 1st (31' 8 1/2"); Amanda Backstrom, 3rd (29' 6").



Wayne 6th grade: First row, left to right: Coach Jeff Zeiss, Cienna Stegemann, Kendall Gambell, Coach Laura Gamble. Second row, left to right: Ashton Schweers, Victoria Kranz, Bailey Bentjen, Amanda Hurlbert, Lauren Gilliland. Third row, left to right: Jaci Jenkins, Angie Nelson. Fourth row, left to right: Jalyn Zeiss, Megan Backer.



Wayne 7th grade: First row, left to right: Hannah Gamble, Sydney Burke, Martha Mitiku, Kendra Liska. Second row, left to right: Coach Jeff Zeiss, Megan Hoffart, Kennedy Stowater, Jaci Lubberstedt, Sarah Maxson, Sydney Harris, Jaci Alexander. Not pictured: Coach Kevin Hoffart.



Wayne 8th grade: First row, left to right: Jenna Pieper, Taylor Burke, Brittney Peterson, Marissa Fallesen, Emily Nelson. Second row, left to right: Kristin Carroll, Courtney Davie, Elle Schramm, Katie Hoskins, Morgan Centrone, Cassie Harm, Caitlin Fehringer.



Wayne 8th grade: Front row, left to right: Ben Braun, Max Morris, Austin Schmale, Tony Sinniger, Jordan Backer. Second row, left to right: Coach John Sinniger, Quentin Jorgensen, Miles Anderson, Joe Dunklaus, Andrew Pulfer, Chris Rogers, Sean Ganseboom, Luke Trenhaile, Luke Rethwisch, Coach Rich Rethwisch.

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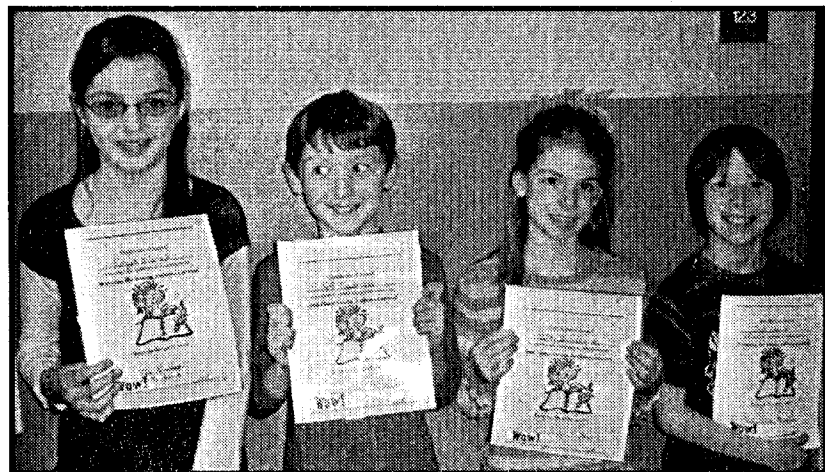


# Character Shines students recognized

The March Character Shines and Birthday Assembly was held at Wayne Elementary School on March 26. First grade students, under the



March Character Students of the Month at Wayne Elementary pose with the certificates they were awarded.



Recognized as Young Authors were, left to right, Kayla Schrunk, Jack Evetovich, Kiley Wiedeman and Jack Osnes.

responsibilities of students. Students of the Month were recognized and March birthdays were celebrated.

Winners of the Young Authors Contest were announced. Winning the K-2 division were Jack Evetovich in second place and Jack Osnes in first place. Winning the 3-4 division were second place, Kiley Wiedeman and first place, Kayla Schrunk. The contest was judged by Mrs. Kathy Ostrand and Mrs. Jennifer Thomas, who recognized many students with Honorable Mention, and who commented on the high quality of the stories submitted. Students were encouraged to keep writing and keep creating good stories.

Students of the Month for March include:

Kindergarten: Lutt — Erin O'Reilly; Tiedtke — Kevin Kieley; Heikes — Emily Armstrong.

First grade — Colleen Janke — Katelyn Grone; Maas — Terran Sievers; Ostrand — Jessica Schenck.

Second grade: Suehl — Shania Anderson; Wall — Justin Dean; Jaixen — Molly Hoskins.

Third grade: Garvin — Emily Matthes; Thomas — Ty Grone; Hansen — Matthew Frevert.

Fourth grade: Kris Janke — Jorge Vergara; Spethman — Jenessa Kardell; Ruskamp — Jacob Bear.

direction of their teachers, Mrs. Kathy Ostrand, Mrs. Courtney Maas and Mrs. Colleen Janke, performed a program focusing on the Character Word: RESPONSIBILITY.

With a little help from Karaoke singer, Mrs. Carolyn Harder, School Nurse, they performed a rocking dance routine to the song, "Taking Care of Business" with lyrics modified to highlight the

## NECC Tau Chi chapter of PTK earns three star status for service work

The Tau Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Northeast Community College was recently named a Three Star Chapter in PTK's Five Star Chapter Development program.

The commendation distinguishes Tau Chi chapter's progress in attaining specific program goals, including community service, community service, scholarship, leadership and fellowship are hallmarks of the honor society for two-year colleges.

With Julie Ptacek-Wilkey, Amy Ries and John Miller as advisors, members of the Northeast chapter recently prepared 1,300 meals for Kids Against Hunger, an international food relief campaign based out of Orphan Grain Train facilities in Norfolk. Students involved in the recent meal preparations included PTK President Jeremy Jepsen, Denison, Iowa; Vice President Jonathan Haefle, Plattsmouth; Courtney Moore and Alexandra Froberg, both of Norfolk, and Jessica Bowling, Plainview.

PTK members also packaged 1,900 meals last fall for Kids Against Hunger.

"It is service work like this that helps us remember that even a few people can make a difference," said

Ptacek-Wilkey. "It was fun and we also were able to work toward the chapter goal and hallmark of service."

Since 1996, some 1,442 students have been inducted in to the Tau Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Northeast Community College. Students must have earned at least 12 credit hours and achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or above out of a 4.0 system to join the honor society.

## Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 7 through April 11

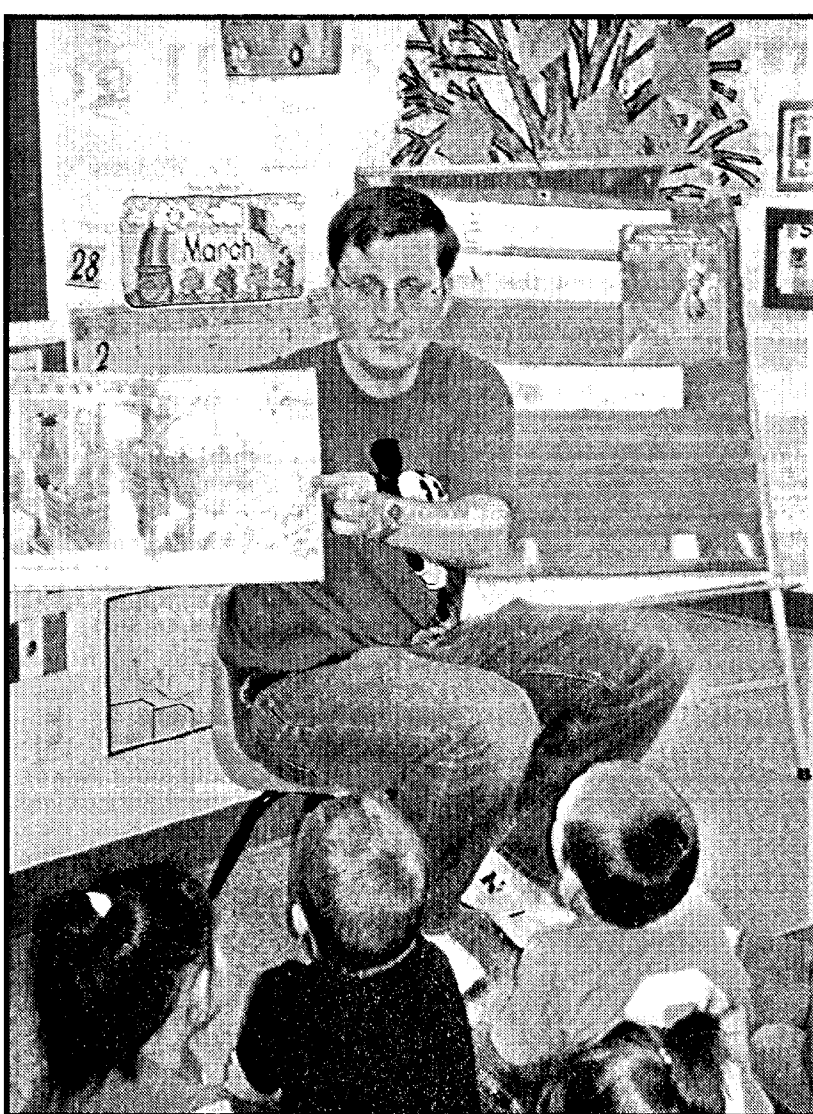
The National Weather Service, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management will conduct a Severe Weather Awareness Week to promote severe weather safety to the citizens of Iowa and Nebraska. This week is April 7-11.

Recent devastating tornadoes in the southeast United States are a clear example of how horrible severe weather can be. Schools, businesses and individuals should think about severe weather before it strikes and have an action plan in place at work and home to respond to severe weather.

During Severe Weather Awareness Week, the National Weather Service will promote weather-safety by issuing informative daily Public Information Statements.

Topics will include: Monday, Flooding, Tuesday...Severe Thunderstorms, Wednesday...Tornado (10 am test), Thursday...NOAA Weather Radio, Friday...Family preparedness plans.

The TORNADO DRILL DAY is Wednesday, April 9. This is the timeline for the drill ... 0900 AM CDT...EM Conference call notification 0930 AM CDT...Practice EM Conference call 1000 AM CDT...Drill sequence begins. For Iowa counties, a test tornado watch will be issued. 1010 AM CDT...Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Omaha issues TEST Tornado Warning for our area, valid for 20 minutes. 1020 AM



## Special visitor

Wayne Head Start had a special visitor to the classroom on March 28. Mr. Shrunck, principal from Wayne Elementary, came to share a book about kindergarten.

## Bloodbank makes stops in Wayne

The Siouxland Community Blood Bank held blood drives March 27 at both the Wayne Fire Hall and Wayne High School.

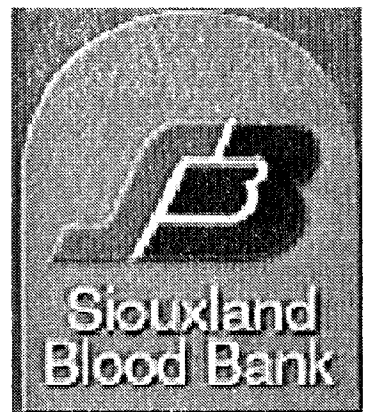
Between both drives, 113 donors registered and 117 units were collected. The Bloodbank also recruited 39 new donors.

Everyone deserves to be recognized for giving the gift of life and the following is a list of donors:

Vernon Bauermeister, Nancy Braden, Ann Dana, Erica Diediker, Mark Evetovich, Alan Finn, Pearl Hansen, Melia Hefti, Laura Hochstein, Todd Hoeman, Deanna Jensen, Kathryn Ley, James Lindau, Dennis Lipp, Jim Lutt, Judy Martindale, Roselena Maxson, Leon Meyer, Janice Newton, Daniel Nielsen and Kenneth Nolte.

Also, Pam Nolte, Richard Nolte, Avanelle Olson, Kevin Puls, Tim Schaefer, Charles Shapiro, David Shelton, Robert Sherry, Diana Smith, Douglas Spahr, Shakeeta Svitak, Lyndi Tietz, Connie Upton, Gary VanMeter, Connie Wageman, David Woslager.

Other donors included Micah Agler, Renae Allemann, Lesa Backstrom, Michaela Belt, Duane Blomenkamp, Erica Brenner, Anthony Cantrell, Mirisa Carroll, Juan Casillas, Kaitlyn Centrone, Lindsey Costa, Staci Daum, Diana Davis, Jacob Davis, Kelsey



Denklau, Trent Doescher, Derick Dorcey, Becca Dowling and Samantha Dunklau.

Also, Ayla De Ebbeka, Jordan Eberhardt, Alesha Finkey, Genelle Gardner, Heidi Garvin, Shannon Gibson, Caitlin Gustafson, Cory Harm, Jesse Hill, Melody Hill, Dave Hix, Tyler Holcomb, Michelle Jarvi, Shannon Jarvi, Shawn Jenkins, Shaun Kardell, Mike Kieley, Calyn Krantz, Alvin Longe and William Long.

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# Students named to honor roll at Winside

The honor roll for the third quarter of the 2007-08 school year has been released at Winside High School.

Named to the Principal's All A List for the third quarter were seniors Tucker Bowers, Virginia Fleer, Teresa Hansen, Samantha Harmeier, Dean Janke, Amanda Pfeiffer, Sally Schwedhelm and Michaela Staub; junior Katie Gray; sophomores Caroline Burris, Peter Hansen, Seth Mangels, Cassandra Mrsny and Sara Pfeiffer; freshmen Deserah Janke and Audrey Roberts; eighth graders Alec Sindelar and Tanner Woslager and seventh graders Alyssa Anson, Shannon Gray, Colin Hansen, Brittany Janke and Levi Lange.

and B's) for the third quarter were:  
**Seniors:** Jordan Brummels, Ashley Doffin, Noelle Doffin, Matthew Peter, Lara Sok and Mashala Thies.  
**Juniors:** Amanda Backstrom, Kaitlyn Clocker, Hillary Lienemann, Aaron Mangels, Shelby Meyer, Chelsey Milenkovich, Andrew Mohr, Caitlyn Prince and Jaycie Woslager.  
**Sophomores:** Bradley Doffin, Alyssa Fox, Jordan Jaeger, Nathan Janke and Kyle Mundil.  
**Freshmen:** Lesley Milenkovich and Dillon Stickley.  
**Eighth graders:** Hannah Clocker, Erin Gray, Tyler Jaeger, Natasha Jensen, Blaine Meyer, Abbie Thies and Kelsie Tweedy.  
**Seventh graders:** Bridget Gray,

Brian Greunke, Gatlin Jensen, Matthew McDermott, Stephyn Peterson, Courtney Petzoldt and Dylan Tweedy.  
 Those receiving Honorable Mention (A's, B's and no more than one C) recognition included:  
**Seniors:** Leah Beezer, Kayla Frederick, Ryan Janke, Nicole Jensen, Chase Langenberg and Heather Wylie.  
**Juniors:** Jared Brockmann, Betty Cushing, Garet Hurlbert, Jacob Kander, Casey Lange and

Kristin Messersmith.  
**Sophomores:** Emily Backstrom, Justin Buresh, Dominique Gowler and Paul Hansen.  
**Freshmen:** Miranda Hansen, Page Jensen and Michael Lage.  
**Eighth graders:** Jerae Doffin, Kourtney Frederick, Shelby Lienemann, Bianca Marino, Aubrey McDermott, Tina Nelson, Tarrin Quinn and Megan Skokan.  
**Seventh grades:** Demi-Jo Gowler, Shailynn Mundil, Laurel Olson and Tanner Schwedhelm.



## Conference held

Heather Reinhardt, right, of Career Services talks with Diversity leader A'Jamal Byndon, director for Public Catholic Charities and founder of Omaha Table Talk, before his introduction as a keynote speaker during an event hosted by the President's Council on Diversity at Wayne State College, "Connecting with Leadership on Diversity" March 24-26 at Wayne State College. The second annual conference featured several distinguished speakers and seminars addressing diversity issues. For questions or more information, please contact Dr. Kenneth Hallgren at kehallg1@wsc.edu or 402-375-7529. For a full description of conference sessions: www.wsc.edu/international\_education/diversity\_conference/

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## Peter Kiewit Foundation announces scholarship winners

The Peter Kiewit Foundation in Omaha has announced the 50 recipients of its Peter Kiewit Legacy Scholarship Program Awards for 2008.  
 Local winners include Alyssa Lundahl of Laurel, a senior at Laurel-Concord High School.  
 The winners were chosen from more than 600 high school seniors throughout Nebraska who applied for the scholarship.  
 Each student will receive a four-year scholarship worth \$30,000. The scholarship provides \$7,500 per year and is renewable for up to four consecutive years of study at a

regionally accredited public or private four-year college in Nebraska.  
 The scholarship winners were selected by an independent panel of judges who considered class rank, character, ACT/SAT scores, essays and financial need. High school senior who rank in the top 20 percent of their graduating class, are Nebraska residents and who are on schedule to graduate this school year from a Nebraska high school were eligible to apply. The Trustees of the Peter Kiewit Foundation created this scholarship program in 2004 to recognize excellent students and encourage them to continue their education in Nebraska.

## Spring Sing planned at Welcome Center

The Corps of Discovery Welcome Center will be hosting a "Spring Sing" featuring Bob Kortemeyer and his good friend John Broadbooks. John and Bob will be greeting spring with music for your lunch time enjoyment on Friday, April 11.

Nebraska and southeast South Dakota; thereby enhancing the economic prosperity of our communities. Please stop or call to find out how to be a part of this adventure by calling Rhonda Kneiff, Director at 402-667-6557.

The public is invited to bring a sack lunch or grab a pizza or sandwich at your favorite shop and drive out to the welcome center from noon till 1:30 p.m. The staff at the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center will be on hand to help with the seating and will supply complementary drinks.

## Phelps County Emergency Management Director gives presentation on 2007 ice storm

This unique duo has been performing together for years and has recently accomplished an amazing feat. Kortemeyer said, "It took us five years but we visited every nursing home in South Dakota. There were 114 nursing homes scattered across the state. I enlisted the help of many friends to make sure I was able to sing in each one."

Recently, Pat Gerdes, Phelps County Emergency Management Director, was in Wayne at the Wayne Fire Hall to do a presentation on the January 2007 ice storms which impacted portions of several counties in Nebraska (Phelps, Gosper, Hitchcock, Frontier).  
 Gerdes has been an emergency management director for six years and in that time, he has put in nine federal declarations for disasters. The presentation was sponsored by the Wayne County Emergency Management.

The Welcome Center is open seven days a week and bird watching is picking up. Our view of the valley turning green is a sure sign that spring is in the air. Come out and greet spring with the musical sounds of Bob and John.

The first ice storm in that time period was from Dec. 19-21, 2006 and started around 3 a.m. As a result, power was knocked out in the area. Highways became impassable, utility poles snapped off at the ground (because of moisture that builds up at that level); lines and trees were down everywhere. Generators were brought in and volunteer firemen/EMS worked hard taking care of the generators and transporting elderly to shelters that the Red Cross set up.

Upcoming events at the CDWC April 6 at 2:30 in Crofton; Trivia Event (spring fund raiser); April 19 and 20, Lewis & Clark Quilt Show 10-4 p.m.; April 20, Meet the Author "Down to Earth" Curt Arens.

The second storm hit on Dec. 29, 2006 into Jan. 1, 2007 so there were problems on top of problems. All highways in Phelps county closed. By that time, there were 109 wood utility lines down by Holdrege. Wires were everywhere, even across the railroad tracks and at one point, a moving train caught some wires and snapped poles two miles in each direction before it came to a stop. Gerdes said in the end, the Hazard Mitigation fund paid for two and a half miles of the snapped off poles which were replaced by steel poles.

The Corps of Discovery Welcome Center is a non-profit 501 (C) 3 organization going into their seventh year of operation. Their mission is to share the unique history, culture and landscape of northeast

By the time the second storm hit, there were 11,612 NPPD customers without power and around 10,000 of them were in Phelps county.

Public safety was an issue, as well as adequate food and water. Also, residents were purchasing personal generators and many were installing them incorrectly. He added that if the generator isn't large enough to accommodate a residence, people should not turn on electronic devices as the current isn't strong enough and the fluctuation can burn out the device. "One guy ruined three televisions and a computer in his home before he figured that out," Gerdes said. He added that FEMA reimburses public entities (with proper documentation); not private owners.

Other problems included a lack of communication as cell phones didn't work, power was down so computers couldn't be used, radio communications failed, public radio didn't work and there was little service from the land line phone system.

State officials needed to be notified but that was hard to do. "We should have had a ham radio but



## Visiting artist

Recently, Tamara Schardt, former Wayne High art student came back for a visit. This time, instead of being the art student she was the visiting artist. Schardt has been attending Fort Hays State University since her graduation from Wayne High School in 2003. During her presentations, she shared her artwork and offered advice about having a successful college career. She will be graduating with a Masters in Drawing and Minor in Psychology from Fort Hays State University in May.

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Associated Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI), a leading Midwest milk marketing cooperative, reported a record-setting performance for 2007.

"The value of your investment in AMPI is growing," President and Chief Executive Officer Mark Furth told 400 annual meeting delegates and guests gathered at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. "In 2007, AMPI earnings reached \$24.8 million—an all-time high."

Furth said the farm-to-market dairy business exceeded all budget expectations by:

- growing consumer-packaged butter sales following a fire that nearly destroyed the manufacturing plant;

- increasing processed cheese sales to the food service sector; and

- exporting milk solids to a growing world market.

AMPI further diversified its line of value-added dairy products by acquiring North Dakota-based Cass-Clay Creamery and its Cass-Clay® brand of dairy products. Fluid milk, ice cream and cultured dairy products are now part of the AMPI product portfolio.

Dairy product sales, membership, milk volume and owner equity increased sharply, strengthening the business owned by Midwest dairy farmers. In 2007, the owners also shared \$9.7 million in prior years' earnings and

equity payments.

"As an AMPI owner, I can find many reasons to take pride in this company, particularly after a stellar 2007 performance," said AMPI Board Chairman Paul Toft, a dairy producer from Rice Lake, Wis. "We own what Wall Street traders call a 'blue-chip' company. It's a well-established business that is financially sound, providing a consistent return on our investment."

The annual meeting culminated with delegates considering resolutions and reviewing the cooperative's legislative priorities.

Operational highlights: Member Farms – 3,600; Member Volume (lbs.) – 5.5 billion; Sales –

\$1.6 billion; Earnings – \$24.8 million; Equity Payments – \$9.7 million.

About AMPI: Associated Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI) is a leading milk marketing cooperative with 3,600 member farms, 5.5 billion pounds of milk and \$1.6 billion in annual sales. Members operate dairy farms located throughout the Midwest states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota. They own 15 manufacturing plants and market a full line of consumer-packaged dairy products, including the Cass-Clay® brand. For more information about AMPI, visit the cooperative's Web site at [www.ampi.com](http://www.ampi.com).

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## Bake and Take Days

The new 4-H club "American Country 4-Hers" participated in the service project Bake and Take on March 22. Members of the club interested in baking for their 4-H project gathered at the WSC/ Chartwell's kitchen in the morning to bake five different recipes. The club then visited the Oaks Retirement Community and shared a short program and the treats made that morning. Those involved included, front row, left to right Tucker Nichols, Colton Broer, Tyler Lutt, Kaitlyn Janke and Emily Claussen. Back row, Matthew Frevert, Lucas Longe, Madison Frevert, Riley Nichols, Kayla Janke and Leader Scott Nichols. Not pictured, Devan Henschke. Pictured with the cookies are, left to right, Kayla Janke, Karlee Janke, Emily Claussen, Riley Nichols, Madison Frevert, Kaitlyn Janke and Allison Claussen.

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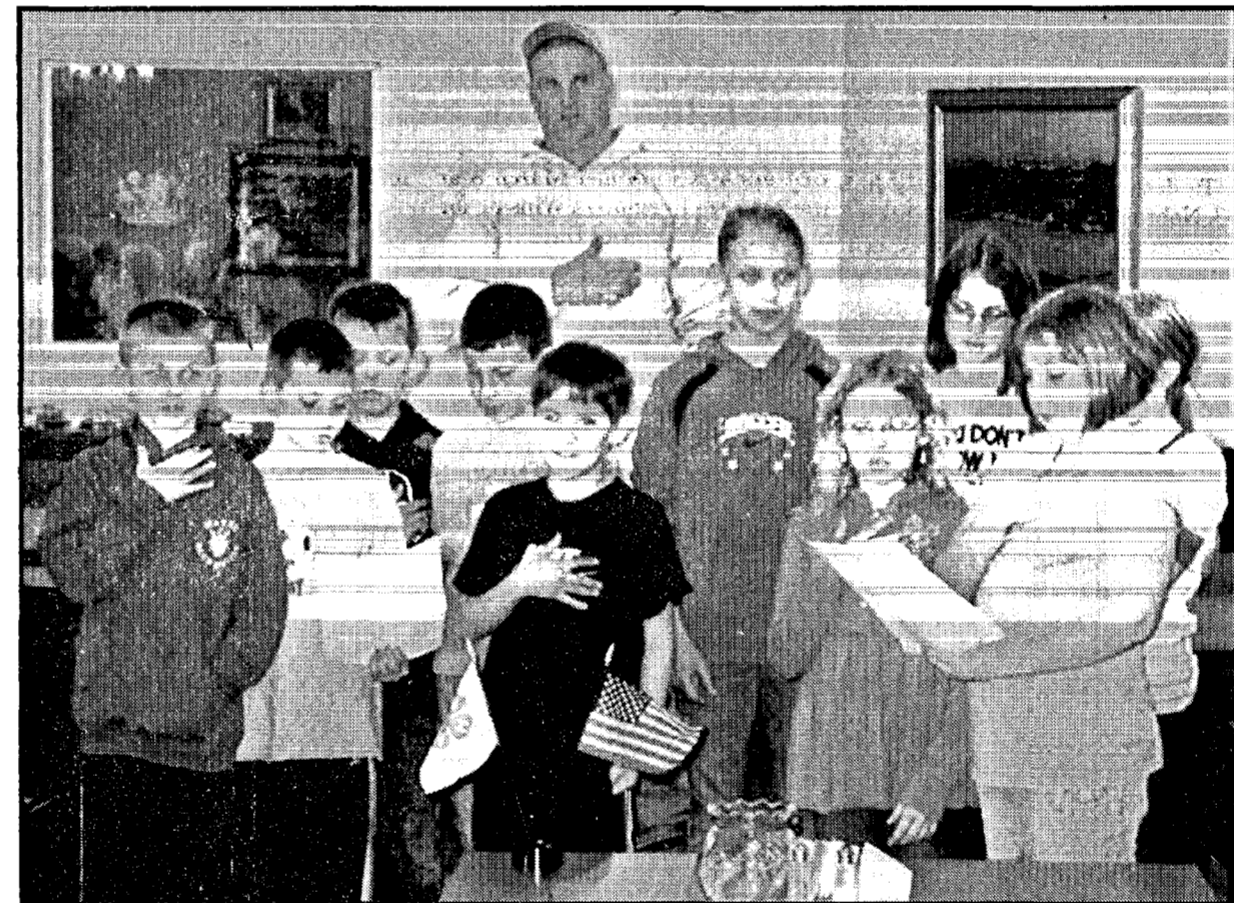
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**NDA issues import order for rodeo cattle**

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The Order requires tuberculosis (TB) testing be conducted on all cattle being imported into Nebraska for rodeos, timed events, or team events.

The Import Order is in addition to the current Nebraska Animal Importation Act. Individuals who are planning to import cattle into the state should contact the NDA, Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), at 800-572-2437 for more information.

The complete Import Order can be found on the NDA web site at [www.agr.ne.gov](http://www.agr.ne.gov), under Animal Health.

## Spring PTK inductees announced at NECC

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), Tau Chi Chapter, at Northeast Community College in Norfolk added to its numbers recently with a special Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony. Since the installation of Northeast's Tau Chi chapter in 1996, some 1,442 students have been inducted into the honor society which recognizes academic excellence.

Local students inducted were Jennifer Williams of Allen and Brian Robinson-Gallagher of Wakefield.

The honor society, now over 80 years old, began with six charter members under the name of Kappa Phi Omicron at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., in 1910. By 1918, a variety of honorary groups had sprung up at many colleges. It was decided to organize this honorary society, chapters of which would have a common character, standard, and similarity of organization.

For more than 80 years, membership in Phi Theta Kappa has signified a singular honor and a willingness to embrace the Society's shared commitment to academic excellence. The Northeast students who were recently inducted into PTK have earned at least 12 credit hours and achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 or above out of a 4.0 system.

Phi Theta Kappa sponsors are math instructor John Miller, wellness/aerobics instructor Amy Ries, and English instructor Julie Ptacek-Wilkey.

## Looks like mulch; must be tires?

No matter what it's made of, landscape mulch needs to look like mulch to be acceptable to consumers. It also must be safe. So when Tire Environmental of Muscatine wanted to improve its shredded tire products to gain market ground in the landscape mulch arena, the company called upon ISU Extension's Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS). (<http://www.ciras.iastate.edu>)

With CIRAS' connections, better metal detection and some new coloring technology, what once rolled down the highway is now beautifully underfoot on playgrounds and in landscaped spaces.

To be safe for playgrounds and landscapes, products made from shredded tires can't contain exposed wire or entrapped steel bits. CIRAS' Paul Gormley brought in Iowa State's Institute for Physical Research and Technology (IPRT) to review the company's process. IPRT helped the company improve metal detection and sorting capabilities to remove the wire and steel.

As a result, the company's black shredded tire material "had all the positive characteristics it needed to be sold, except it didn't look like the products it was supposed to replace," said Tire Environmental's general manager Dennis Froehlich.

Once again, enter Gormley. "I knew of two Iowa companies that work in the colored wood mulch industry — Becker-Underwood and Marion Mixers — that could help Tire Environmental make their ideas real. So I set up some phone calls, and they took it from there. Sometimes it's just about putting the right people together."

In 2007 Tire Environmental implemented the new coloring technology and sold 50 tons of the colored, shredded tire material and 200 tons of black ground cover. Froehlich said, "We have had nothing but good comments from our dealers and customers; sales are increasing as more and more people are exposed to our mulch."

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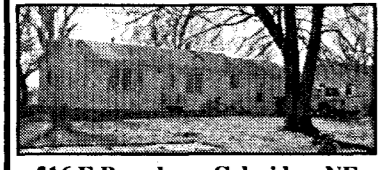
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