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(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Blowing up in Wakefield

Clear skies and calm winds greeted balloon enthusiasts and local residents in Wakefield Sunday morning. The annual Balloon Fest celebration brought about a dozen hot-air balloons to the school, where pilots unloaded their equipment, inflated their balloons and floated west out of town.

Vets spot may be full-time

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

The Wayne County Veterans Service Committee encouraged the Wayne County Commissioners to consider full-time applicants for the Veterans Service Officer position.

During Tuesday's meeting, three members of the committee spent almost two hours discussing the position with the county board, which is expected to be open soon pending the retirement of longtime officer Wayne Denklauf, who is expected to announce his retirement due to health considerations.

County board members said they thought Denklauf would retire around Nov. 1, and they had originally looked at making the Veterans Service Officer position a part-time position, which would allow the county to keep the position in place while not offering health insurance and paid vacation for the position. County officials said the county would save close to \$30,000 by having the position as a part-time position for 25-29 hours a week.

That idea didn't sit well with Veterans Service Committee members.

"I think somebody who is a little more serious about the position would be more interested in it if it were a full-time position," committee spokesman Jean Nuss said. "Unless it really puts the county in a bind money-wise, you should look at a full-time position."

Nuss noted that several counties in the surrounding area have full-time Veterans Service Officer positions. Exceptions include Cedar County, which has a part-time officer; and Dixon County, where the county sheriff also serves in that capacity. Madison and Pierce counties share an officer.

The idea of sharing a Veterans Service Officer between counties was not one the county board was willing to consider.

"I would rather go part-time before consolidating," board member Kelvin Wurdeman said. "If you combine with another county, you're going to force veterans to drive out of the county and I'm totally against that."

While the officer serves veterans in Wayne County, some veterans from surrounding

Council waiting on deadline extension

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

Whether or not a contractor working on the city's downtown revitalization project has to pay liquidated damages for not meeting a deadline is up in the air.

At Tuesday's Wayne City Council meeting, the board held off on making a decision whether or not to grant a request from M.E. Collins Contracting to extend the deadline for finishing the downtown sidewalk project. The Wahoo-based contractor has asked to extend the deadline beyond the original Nov. 1, 2010 date agreed to originally.

Jerry Kabourek, vice president of M.E. Collins, told the board that they had fallen behind on other projects due to the wet spring, and got a late start on the Wayne project as a result. He told the board that two of the three sidewalk crews they employ are working in other locations, and when asked if those crews could be brought in, he said that some of the crews don't do sidewalks as well as the one that is in place.

"I'd rather do it slow and have something you can be proud of," he said. "We've done the hardest part, and the rest of it should go relatively quickly."

Councilman Doug Sturm expressed frustration with the delays in the project.

"I haven't seen one bid that we've let that seems to come in on time," he said. "I know I sound like a crab, but it seems like we have this with every contractor and I'm getting tired of letting people off the hook."

City administrator Lowell Johnson said the project is being paid for through a grant that stipulates the project must be finished by March 30, 2011. While the city would not have to repay the grant if the project isn't finished, it might affect the city's ability to apply for future grant funding.

"That's why we wanted to get it done by Nov. 1, so that the weather would not be a problem," he said, referring to last year's record-setting winter weather.

Kabourek said the crews can pour concrete in temperatures as low as 35 degrees, and the long-term forecast appears to be good from a weather standpoint. He said the handicap-accessible ramps can be protected better from winter conditions, and the company's letter said the sidewalks could be completed by Nov. 19, with ramp work done by Dec. 17.

Sturm moved to table the request until the council's Nov. 2 meeting to see what progress has been made between now and then.

"I'd like to see what progress they've made by then, and we can get a clearer and more complete accounting of what's been done," he said.

The council voted 7-1 to table the request, with Councilman Ken Chamberlain casting the lone dissenting vote.

The Council also voted to approve a \$125,000 loan from the Wayne revolving loan fund made to Wayne Hospitality Group, a local group of investors looking to build a new hotel in Wayne, into a grant that would be repaid by the group.

Wes Blecke, executive director of Wayne Area Economic Development, said the USDA was not going to guarantee a financial package for the hotel project because there was not enough equity in the project due to the fact that USDA reclassified \$340,000 in TIF bonds as debt, rather than equity. As a result, the request failed to meet a 20 percent threshold.

By modifying terms of the LB840 agreement, making

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(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Merlin Beiermann (right) and his son, Mark show off a custom-made mobile deer stand that they construct at the elder Beiermann's farm southeast of Wayne.

Project is a family affair

By CLARA OSTEN
Of The Herald

Approximately 10 years ago, Merlin Beiermann of rural Wayne decided he needed to make some type of stand to use during deer hunting season because "I was tired of sitting in a tree and thought there has to be a better way."

Beiermann, with assistance from his family, especially his wife, Pat, has built more than 20 steel hunting blinds since that time.

40 years, and during that time was able to purchase scrap steel. I have been able to put that steel to good use when making the blinds," he said.

The standard blind is four feet by eight feet. Several single-person blinds have also been built.

The blinds have been shipped to the Sioux City area, Hartington, Aurora and three have gone into Missouri.

Beiermann noted that his wife, Pat, who

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Young hunters experience sport with help of mentoring program

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

A warm sunrise offsets a cool, crisp start to an autumn morning, providing an ideal opportunity for the next generation of hunters to learn about the sport.

And so it was Saturday morning at the Izaak Walton Lake northwest of town, where members of the Logan Creek chapter of Pheasants Forever invited about two dozen area youth for a day of hunting education and the chance to put their knowledge to work out in the field.

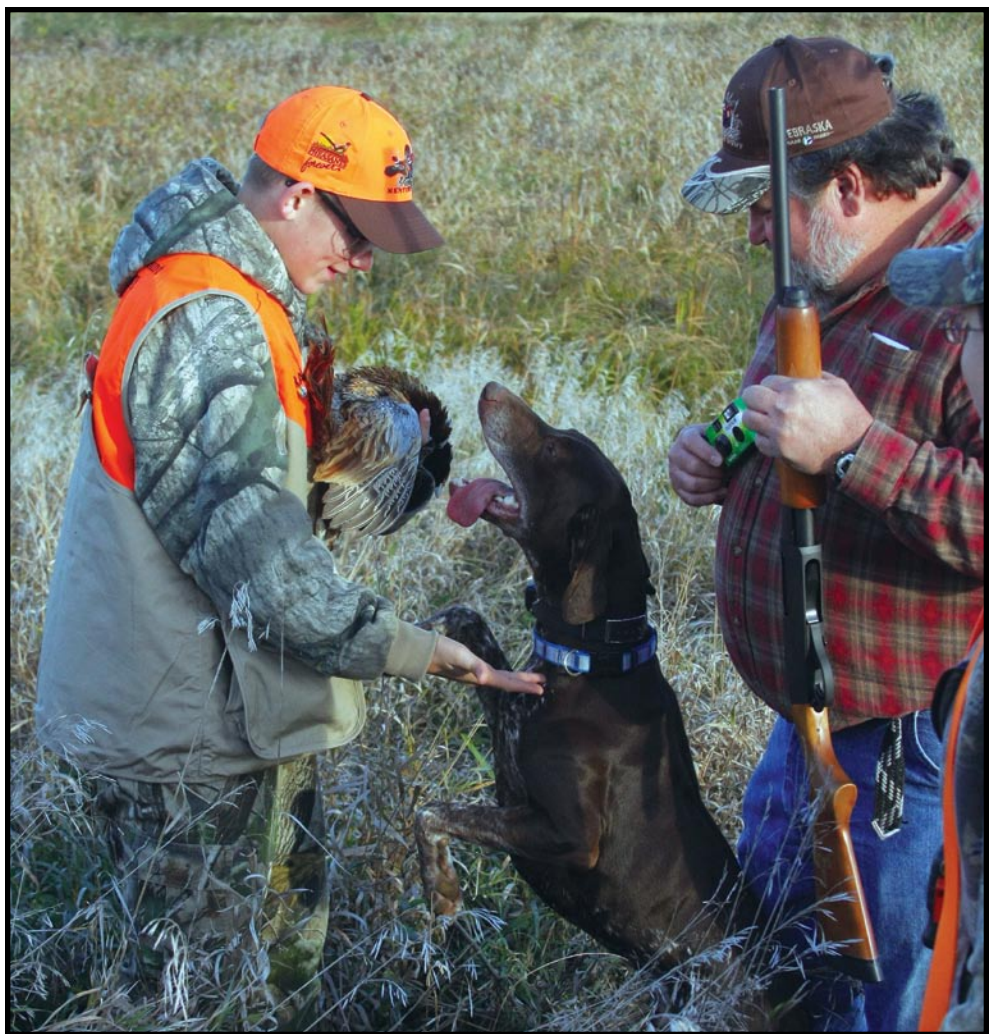
Jim Modrell, chapter president, said the program has been in place for more than a decade, and gives area youth an opportunity to experience the great outdoors.

"We've become such an urbanized society and kids don't go out and hunt like they used to," he said. "We're hoping that this is something the kids can enjoy and get away from the TV and the computer and do something that they can do the rest of their lives."

Young hunters between the ages of 12-15 are paired up with an adult mentor, who follows them around throughout the day and encourages them as they get comfortable handling a shotgun in the open field. The kids are eligible to participate in the mentor hunt only after earning their hunter safety card and completing a Nebraska Game and Parks firearms safety course.

The kids and their mentors were broken up into several groups. One group was seen walking in a grassy area near the lake as Russ Hamer, wildlife biologist for the Game and Parks Commission, talked to them about the kind of brush pheasants like to

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(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Schuyler Schweers is greeted by Henry, who retrieved a pheasant Schweers shot during a hunting mentorship program run by the Logan Creek chapter of Pheasants Forever. With Schweers is his mentor, Ron Hirschman.

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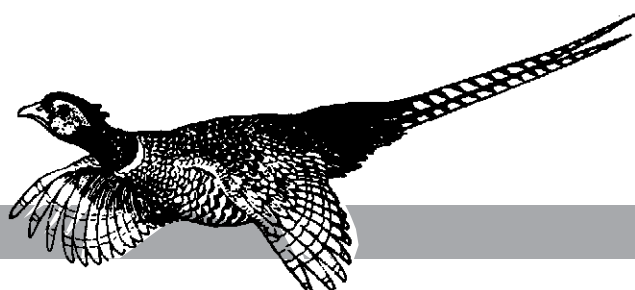
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Sports

The Wayne Herald



From The Bleachers

Michael Carnes



Cross country teams send a message

Boys run away with title, girls qualify in third place

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

ALBION – Wayne High's boys cross country team wanted to send a message to the rest of the Class C teams that they are going to be a team to be reckoned with.

Consider the message sent. The Blue Devils had all four scoring runners finish in the top 10, and Wayne High ran away with the C-2 district title Thursday at Albion Country Club, finishing with 19 points to finish well ahead of runner-up Columbus Scotus.

Quentin Jorgensen, who ran a disciplined race and came home as the district medalist, led Wayne's sextet of runners to a dominating effort, which was especially pleasing to coach Rocky Ruhl.

"Coming into this district and getting four in the top nine is really awesome," he said. "The kids believed in the team plan and ran an awesome race. We stayed back early on and there were four or five guys that we were able to chase down."

Jorgensen, who actually was in the back of the pack early in the race, picked up the pace and worked his way toward the front of the field. By the time he hit the final 200-meter stretch, he was all alone and pulling away from runner-up Jake Kment of Logan View to bring home the medalist honor.

"I just wanted to kind of start slow and pick them off as they died off," Jorgensen said of his race. "I wanted to stay relaxed, and when I heard I ran my first mile in 5:37, I knew I had to pick it up."

"He's our rabbit, and our guys like to feed off him," Ruhl said of the junior. "We ran our first 1,000 about what we practiced, and our first mile was about 10 seconds slow, but we wanted to race that last 1,600 and we were still strong and were able to complete the race the way we wanted to."

Zach Thomsen and Seth Onderstal kept pace with one another throughout the race and finished fourth and fifth, respectively. Jacob Pulfer also came home strong, finishing ninth to give Wayne 19 points, well ahead of the runner-up Shamrocks, who scored 51. Pierce was the third qualifying team, finishing with 67 points.

Even Wayne's two non-scoring runners, Joey Dunklau and Aaron Bernal, finished in the upper third

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C-2 DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Boys Team Standings (Top 3 to state)

Wayne 19, Columbus Scotus 51, Pierce 67, Boone Central 71, Norfolk Catholic 82, Logan View 91, O'Neill 99, West Point-Beemer 120, Columbus Lakeview 192, Hartington 204. Madison/Humphrey St. Francis did not field a full team.

Individual State Qualifiers

1. Quentin Jorgensen, Wayne, 15:55; 2. Jake Kment, Logan View, 16:03; 3. Daniel Waterman, O'Neill, 16:21; 4. Zach Thomsen, Wayne, 16:25; 5. Seth Onderstal, Wayne, 16:27; 6. Tyler Maguire, NC, 16:30; 7. Ivan Chilapa, Scotus, 16:33; 8. Matt Koepp, Pierce, 16:33; 9. Jacob Pulfer, Wayne, 16:35; 10. Joel Ostdiek, Scotus, 16:36; 11. Calvin Kozio, BC, 16:37; 12. Glen Ready, Logan View, 16:45; 13. Jacob Lindgren, BC, 16:48; 14. Myles Sudbeck, Pierce, 16:49; 15. Isaias Solorio, Madison/HSF, 16:51.

WAYNE – 1. Quentin Jorgensen, 15:55; 4. Zach Thomsen, 16:25; 5. Seth Onderstal, 16:27; 9. Jacob Pulfer, 16:35; 20. Joey Dunklau, 17:13; 22. Aaron Bernal, 17:26.

Girls Team Standings (Top 3 to state)

Columbus Scotus 35, Boone Central 58, Wayne 63, Norfolk Catholic 65, O'Neill 75, Madison/Humphrey SF 76, Pierce 108, Hartington 126, Logan View 159, West Point-Beemer 165. Columbus Lakeview did not field a full team.

Individual State Qualifiers

1. Briana Adams, Pierce, 15:31; 2. Amber Ewers, Scotus, 16:07; 3. Morgan Benesch, Scotus, 26:09; 4. Rachel Loecker, Hartington, 16:40; 5. Cassidy Pribnow, BC, 16:44; 6. Breanna Brockhaus, Madison/HSF, 17:00; 7. Jaime Kennedy, BC, 17:09; 8. Morgan Hauser, NC, 17:12; 9. Tia Jech, Wayne, 17:20; 10. Emily Huettner, Madison/HSF, 17:26; 11. Tasha Lechtenberg, O'Neill, 17:31; 12. Abby Beller, NC, 17:32; 13. Angie Nelson, Wayne, 17:32; 14. Brooke Olmer, Scotus, 17:32; 15. Lizzette Martinez, WP-Beemer, 17:44.

WAYNE – 9. Tia Jech, 17:20; 13. Angie Nelson, 17:32; 17. Megan Stalling, 18:03; 24. Emily Nelson, 18:37; 36. Dulce Torres, 19:58; 54. Martha Mitiku, 25:41.

(Photos by Michael Carnes)
(above) Quentin Jorgensen pulls away from the competition to earn medalist honors in the C-2 district meet. He was one of four Wayne High runners to finish in the top 10 as the Blue Devils ran away with the team title. (right) Newcomers Tia Jech and Angie Nelson helped lead the Wayne High girls to a third-place finish and qualify for state as a team. Both runners finished in the top 15.



Caitlin Fehringer makes a diving catch in the outfield during Wayne High's 7-3 loss to Ashland-Greenwood in the Class C State Softball Tournament in Hastings.

Wayne is 2-and-out at state

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

HASTINGS – With the No. 1 seed and a 28-game winning streak, all systems were go for the Wayne High softball team to blast off on their way to the school's third state championship.

Their hopes came crashing down, though, as the Blue Devils were ousted in two games to bring their season to a quick and surprising close in the Class C State Softball Championships.

The Blue Devils were caught in a pitcher's duel in Wednesday's opening-round matchup with eighth-seeded Cass County Central, dropping a 2-1 decision in eight innings. The Blue Devils appeared to have things figured out in an elimination game that evening against Ashland-Greenwood, only to see the Bluejays light up the Blue Devils for six runs in the fourth inning, eliminating Wayne with a 7-4 decision.

It was a finish that left coach Rob Sweetland trying to find the words to describe the disappointing end of the season.

"There are a lot of teams that would take 28-3 and a trip to state, but these kids have high expectations and

I feel for them, because they worked really hard to get here," he said. "We talked about coming down here and playing well, and we just didn't do that."

Wayne High and Cass County Central opened the tournament with an outstanding pitching performance coming from each dugout.

The Blue Devils' ace, Cassidy Miller, put out a fine performance, striking out 15 batters and scattering five hits. She gave up an unearned run in the first inning on a wild pitch, then got out of a couple of big jams, including a bases-loaded situation in the seventh.

The eighth-seeded Crush did Miller one better, though, as Taylor Mohler mowed down 18 Blue Devils and limited Wayne's high-scoring offense to a pair of hits, allowing Cass County Central to pull off the first-round upset with a 2-1, eight-inning victory.

"We couldn't figure her out," Sweetland said of the Crush pitcher, who struck out 10 of the first 12 batters she faced. "Our goal was to put the ball in play and make their defense do the work, and the kids didn't do that enough."

Cass County led 1-0 until the fifth inning, when

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Fluellen taking shot with indoor league

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

If you're a Wayne State football fan and enjoy watching indoor football, you'll have a good reason to root for the Omaha Beef next spring.

The Beef announced Tuesday that they have signed former Wayne State quarterback Silas Fluellen to a free agent contract, bringing his signal-calling talents to one of the traditional power teams in the Indoor Football League. The Beef have made the playoffs 11

straight seasons, and will be adding Fluellen to a team that is expected to contend for a title run in the league in 2011.

For the Bellevue native, joining the Beef will be like going home again.

"I had signed with the Billings Outlaws originally, but the team folded so I became a free agent," he said. "I was trying to figure out what was best for me, and the Beef owners called and said they wanted me. It was definitely high on my

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Former Wayne State quarterback Silas Fluellen will play for the Omaha Beef of the Indoor Football League next spring after signing a free-agent contract Monday.

Two teams looking to the future

Last week, Wayne High sports fans got to see two programs with different expectations compete with the best in the state.

On the one hand was the softball team, a perennial Class C power that earned its eighth district title in nine years. On the other hand was the girls golf team, who made it to state for the first time in several years.

Not a whole lot was expected of the girls golf team as far as competing for a state title. Boone Central was the clear favorite, and while the Blue Devils were district champions, their season averages didn't translate to a potential high finish.

And yet, this all-junior fivesome put together a pretty impressive two-day run. When all was said and done, the golfers came away with a strong fourth-place finish, and the team left Quail Run Golf Club with a certain level of excitement heading into what should be an interesting fall season next year.

The softball team, though, had visions of greatness heading into their state tournament. Riding a 28-game winning streak and carrying the No. 1 seed into the tournament, hopes were high that the Blue Devils would rule the diamond and bring home the school's third state softball title in the last eight years.

Alas, softball can be a funny game sometimes. Wayne ran smack dab into the middle of a pitcher's duel to open the tournament, then couldn't find an answer to a rare six-run outburst against its pitching tandem and earned the dubious distinction of being the first No. 1 seed in state softball tournament history to, as they like to say at the College World Series, "go 0-2 and barbecue."

The girls golf team had an interesting two-day run in Columbus. Brittney Peterson has been the team's No. 1 golfer all season, and had the experience of two previous trips to state as an individual player.

And while Peterson has carried the team for much of the year, it was Taylor Burke who picked up the team while its leader battled an uncooperative putter and gave Blue Devil golf followers an idea of what kind of team they will see out on the links next year.

As far as softball goes, last week's one-day cup of coffee in Hastings was not indicative of the kind of team Rob Sweetland coached this year.

While several players were back from last year's state runner-up team, this year's team had some question marks going into the year that were quickly answered by some talented play from veterans like Caitlin Fehringer, Cassidy Miller and the team's lone senior, Lindsay Frahm. Young stars like Jalyn Zeiss and Victoria Kranz also showed promise for the future.

No matter their final outcomes, both teams had outstanding seasons this year and should be congratulated for their efforts. The really neat thing about each team, though, is the fact that almost all of these young ladies will be back next year. All five golfers are juniors, and Frahm is the only softball player that will be lost to graduation.

It will be interesting to see how each team responds to this year's finish, and how they use those outcomes as inspiration for even greater things in 2011. One thing's for certain – both teams will be exciting ones to watch next fall.

Here are The Bleacher Bum's picks for this week. Check out the details on www.mywaynenews.com.

- Pierce 31, Wayne 17
- Wakefield 28, LCC 26
- Winside 42, Hartington 20
- Creighton 56, Allen 14
- Wayne State 27, Minn. St. 24
- Nebraska 38, Okla. St. 35
- Oklahoma 42, Missouri 28
- Wisconsin 28, Iowa 24
- Auburn 38, LSU 31
- Oregon 56, UCLA 42
- Last week: 7-3 (.700)
- Season: 50-20 (.714)

Fluellen

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list, because it's home and a lot of friends and family are there."

Fluellen, who has spent this past season serving as Wayne High's quarterback coach, certainly made a lot of friends in the record-keeping department at Wayne State College, all but rewriting the record books during his four years as the Wildcats' starting quarterback.

During Fluellen's career, he set records for career passing yards (10,355), total yards (11,760), completions (780), attempts (1,358) and touchdowns (75). He threw for a career-best 469 yards against Winona State in 2008, and his 3,030 yards and 25 touchdown passes during his senior year in 2009 are in the top three in team

history. He is also one of a select few quarterbacks in NCAA history to have accounted for more than 10,000 yards in passing and total offense. He also holds several Northern Sun Conference career marks and led the conference in total offense and passing yards per game during his senior year.

He said he was hoping to get on the roster with the new Omaha Nighthawks of the United Football League, but came back to Wayne to finish his final semester of classroom work toward his degree in education.

"The Nighthawks said they liked what they saw of me on film and said I played more like D.J. Shockley of the Atlanta Falcons," he said. "It didn't pan out, but now

I'll get the opportunity to get some experience at the pro level and it will be a good opportunity for them to keep tabs on me while I'm with the Beef."

In the meantime, he said he's enjoyed the experience of seeing football from a different side while working under Wayne High head coach Rich Rethwisch.

"It's been nice to be out with the kids and gets me some experience with coaching," he said. "It's been interesting helping to implement an offense for high school kids that's a little more complex, and it's been a great experience to see it from that side of things."

With the Indoor Football League playing a March-to-July schedule, Fluellen said he will get his classroom work done and delay the student-teaching element that he'll need to finish his college degree. He said his faith will lead him through his football and education plans.

"I know the time for me to play football is now, so I'm going to go play and then come back when I know I'm done with football and do my student teaching and get my degree," he said. "With God's will, I'm hoping all goes well this spring and I can find a way to get on with a team next fall. I try to walk by faith instead of by sight, because you don't know what tomorrow's going to bring for you."



(Photo by Kevin Peterson)

Champions again

For the second time in three years, the Wayne State men's golf team captured the Nebraska Intercollegiate Golf Tournament. The Wildcats edged Hastings College by one stroke, 611-612, to win this year's tournament. Individually, Adam Fields was the top finisher for WSC shooting a 147 to place third overall. Other Wayne State scores included Jake Hirz at 155, Brett Shively came in at 158, Tyler Thompson at 159 and Tyler DeJong at 159. Pictured from left to right are coach Troy Harder, Tyler Thompson, Tyler DeJong, Blake Shively, Jake Hirtz and Adam Fields.

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State

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Lindsi Frahm got the only ball hit out of the infield with a leadoff double into the gap in left center. Kristin Carroll followed with a line-drive infield single off Mohler's glove, and Victoria Kranz executed a perfect suicide squeeze to tie the game at 1-1.

It would stay that way until the eighth, when Mohler led off the inning with a double in the gap, scoring Katie Vice, who started the inning at second with the international tie-breaker rule in effect. Wayne didn't have an answer in the bottom of the eighth, falling into the losers' bracket.

Wayne appeared to have swung its way out of its tournament-opening funk, jumping on Ashland-Greenwood early and building a 3-1 lead.

The Blue Devils jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first when Caitlin Fehringer led off with a double and scored on a Bluejay error. Miller, who reached on a fielder's choice that scored Fehringer, later came home on a wild pitch to give Wayne the two-run lead.

Wayne made it 3-1 in the third when Miller reached on a fielder's choice and scored on Carroll's single. Wayne loaded the bases and had a chance to break the game wide open, but the Bluejays got out of the bases-loaded jam.

That seemed to change the momentum of the game, as the Bluejays chased Miller with the game tied and touched Carroll for four more runs, keyed by a two-run double by Kamie Fuller, who went 3-for-4 in the game. Wayne didn't have an answer for Ashland-Greenwood's outburst, and the



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Lindsi Frahm strokes a leadoff double during action at the state softball tournament. Frahm is the lone senior on the Blue Devils team.

season came to a close.

"We just didn't play our style of softball today," Sweetland said. "We knew they were going to hit the ball and we needed to keep scoring and keep the pressure on them, and we got complacent. They hit the ball hard and made the plays that got

them a big inning."

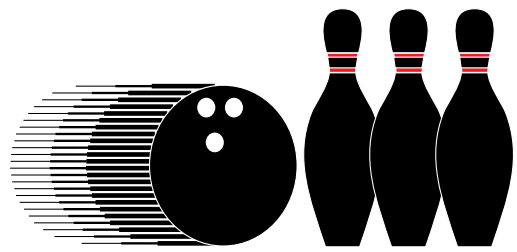
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WP: Goff. LP: Carroll. 2B: Fehringer, Fuller.					

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Week #3 9/21/10		
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Y104	9.0	3.0
Half-Ton Club	9.0	3.0
Wildcat Sports Lounge	5.0	7.0
Brudigam Repair	4.0	8.0
Logan Valley Golf Course	0.0	12.0

High Team Game and Series: Tom's Body Shop, 1024 and 2860. High Game and Series: Doug Rose, 259 and 678.

Notable Scores: Kent Roberts 247, Jayme Bargholz 244/221, Doug Rose 236, Dusty Baker 231, Jim Johnson 219, Mark Klein 216, Brad Jones 215, Rick Kay 214, Randy Bargholz 212/203, Mick Kemp 206, Steve Jorgensen 202, Brian Gamble 200.

Notable Series: Jayme Bargholz 615, Randy Bargholz 607.

Hits and Misses		
Week #2 9/23/10		
Gary's Foodtown	8.0	0.0
Stadium Sports	7.0	1.0
Kathol and Associates	5.0	3.0
Logan Valley	5.0	3.0
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Katie Jacobsen (left) of Laurel-Concord/Coleridge qualified for her fourth state cross country meet. She'll have a chance to win a fourth medal at state this week. Winside's John Hansen just missed out on a trip to state, finishing 18th.

Two to state for LCC; Winside heartbroken

WAUSA — Laurel-Concord/Coleridge will have two individuals going to the state cross country meet, while Winside's hopes for qualifying for state came up short in the D-3 district meet Thursday.

Katie Jacobsen won the girls race and will have a chance to be a four-time medalist at Friday's State Cross Country Championships in

Kearney. She won the race at the Rolling Hills Country Club in a time of 15:24, winning by a comfortable margin of 15 seconds.

She will be joined by classmate Isaac Haahr, who qualified in the boys race with a 13th place time of 18:22 to earn his third trip to state.

"It's a fitting close to their cross country careers," coach Megan Meyer said. "Both have had solid season for us and placed in nearly every meet. Katie's had a prolific career and will be going for the fourth time, and this is Isaac's third trip to Kearney."

The Winside runners had a couple of kids get close to qualifying, but were not able to finish among the 15 individual qualifiers in each race.

On the boys' side, John Hansen was very close to making the field, finishing 18th overall. On the girls' side, Natasha Jensen led the Wildcat girls with a 26th place finish.

Coach Jennifer Kesting said she was proud of her kids' efforts, especially that of Hansen.

"It was heartbreaking," she said. "I haven't had a runner put it all on the line like that in years. John left nothing behind, but unfortunately it wasn't enough to earn him a trip to Kearney. Hopefully, it's enough to motivate him to put in longer summer runs next year and truly dedicate himself to the goal of making it to state. He ran with a lot of heart, and I'm very proud of him."

Kesting said several other runners, including Colin Hansen, Alex Davis, Selena Finn and Monica Marino, ran solid races for underclassmen and she is looking forward to next season.

D-3 District Girls Team Standings (Top 3 to state)
 Crofton 24, Ainsworth 35, Stanton 57, West Holt 68, Chambers-Wheeler Central 77, Wisner-Pilger 92, Winside 131, Pender 146, West Boys 166, Niobrara/Verdigris, Laurel-Concord/Coleridge, Bloomfield, North Central, Stuart, Lutheran High Northeast, Creighton, Plainview and Winnebago did not field full teams.

Top 15 Qualifiers
 1. Katie Jacobsen, LCC, 15:24; 2. Danielle Riesburg, Crofton, 15:39; 3. Tiffany Tramp, Crofton, 15:48; 4. Shaely Thiele, West Holt, 15:56; 5. Brittni Hart, Stanton, 16:03; 6. Mattea Gallegos, Ainsworth, 16:08; 7. Audrey Novotny, Stanton, 16:11; 8. Ashley Appelt, Ainsworth,

16:13; 9. Alyssa Kinning, Ainsworth, 16:20; 10. Rebecca Unger, Stanton, 16:23; 11. Heather Lancaster, Crofton, 16:32; 12. Abigail Braun, Crofton, 16:34; 13. Jazmin Wubben, Crofton, 16:38; 14. Elizabeth Kube, Crofton, 16:52; 15. Ashley Chinana, Niobrara/Verdigris, 17:16.

LCC — 1. Katie Jacobsen, 15:24; 2. Samantha Camenzind, 17:57.
WINSIDE — 26. Natasha Jensen, 18:14; 44. Monica Marino, 20:27; 47. Selena Finn, 20:43; 50. Tina Nelson, 21:00; 57. Bianca Marino, 23:08.

Boys Team Standings (Top 3 to state)
 Ainsworth 17, Stanton 41, Wisner-Pilger 93, Pender 94, Bloomfield 102, Lutheran High Northeast 118, Crofton 122, Laurel-Concord/Coleridge 148, Winside 150, Elkhorn Valley 163, West Holt 190, Creighton, West Boyd, Plainview and Winnebago did not field full teams.

Top 15 Qualifiers
 1. Michael Schumacher, Ainsworth, 16:57; 2. Jose Martinez, Ainsworth, 17:00; 3. Austin Hamm, Bloomfield, 17:05; 4. Grant Nordby, Stanton, 17:44; 5. Dexter Patterson, Stanton, 17:51; 6. Ausitt Baldwin, Creighton, 17:53; 7. Keaton Gracey, Ainsworth, 17:54; 8. Tyler Ellis, LHNE, 17:55; 9. Nicholas Martin, Ainsworth, 17:57; 10. Silas Oltjenbruns, Bloomfield, 18:01; 11. Ben Novotny, Stanton, 18:02; 12. Brett Pacha, West Holt, 18:20; 13. Isaac Haahr, LCC, 18:22; 14. Shane Carrender, Pender, 18:24; 15. James Parker, Ainsworth, 18:30.

LCC — 13. Isaac Haahr, 18:22; 45. Adam Haahr, 20:38; 51. Tyler Schindler, 20:58; 55. William Leapley, 21:09.

WINSIDE — 18. John Hansen, 18:53; 33. Colin Hansen, 20:10; 56. Alex Davis, 21:11; 58. Tanner Woslager, 21:20; 76. Tanner Westerhaus, 25:23; 77. David Greunke, 25:53.

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Wildcats avenge earlier defeat

After suffering their first loss of the year to Minnesota State two weeks ago, Wayne State was looking for payback.

Senior All-American middle hitter Jennifer Hefner knocked down 17 kills and had six blocks to power third-ranked Wayne State to a four-set win over No. 14 Minnesota State Tuesday evening at Rice Auditorium, winning 25-17, 25-20, 22-25, 25-17.

The win avenged an earlier loss to the Mavericks in Mankato when Minnesota State handed then-No. 1 Wayne State — now 19-2 overall and 10-2 in the NSIC — its first loss of the season on Friday, Oct. 8. And that loss was fuel to the fire, coach Scott Kneifl said.

"Our loss to this team was the motivation coming in," he said after

the match. "We felt we were the better team, and we came in tonight and took them out of their game, and our kids stayed disciplined and did some good things."

The Wildcats jumped out to a quick 9-0 lead in the first set and held Minnesota State to a .000 hitting percentage, forcing eight errors in the opening set. The second set was a lot tighter, but Wayne State turned a 10-9 deficit into a 17-11 lead and cruised to the two-set advantage.

Minnesota State had 17 kills in the third set to avoid the sweep, forcing a fourth set. Wayne State trailed 5-0 in the fourth set, but battled back to tie the match at 9-9 and took the lead for good when Shelby Schultz got back-to-back kills and Mindy Moody and Tali Fredrickson combined on a block.

"I thought we played well at times tonight, and it was good to be home," Kneifl said. "The girls did some good things tonight and battled back, and I was really proud of their effort."

Hefner hit at a .395 clip with her 17 kills and just two errors in 38 attacks. Fredrickson added 10 kills while Moody, Cori Hobbs and Schultz each accounted for seven kills. Freshman McKenna Reagan had 20 digs and four aces, while

Fredrickson finished with 18 digs for her third straight double-double. Leigh Connot accounted for 17 digs, and Diedra Artz had 42 assists.

Hefner had a match-high 14 kills and no attack errors to lead the Wildcats to a sweep over Minnesota, Crookston on Friday, winning 25-17, 25-21, 25-18.

The Wildcats hit .354 in the match and had a 48-33 advantage in kills over the Golden Eagles. Fredrickson added 12 kills with 11 digs for her seventh double-double of the season. Connot added 11 digs while Artz had 40 set assists and nine digs.

On Saturday, Wayne State rallied for a four-set win at MSU Moorhead, winning 22-25, 25-20, 25-20 and 25-22.

Hefner led a balanced attack with 16 kills and a team-high five blocks. Schultz finished with a career-high 13 kills and four blocks, while Hobbs had 11 kills. Fredrickson had her second straight double-double with 10 kills and 19 digs. Freshman McKenna Reagan notched a team-high 25 digs, with Connot adding 16 and Nicole Brungardt 13. Artz had 55 assists and 11 digs.

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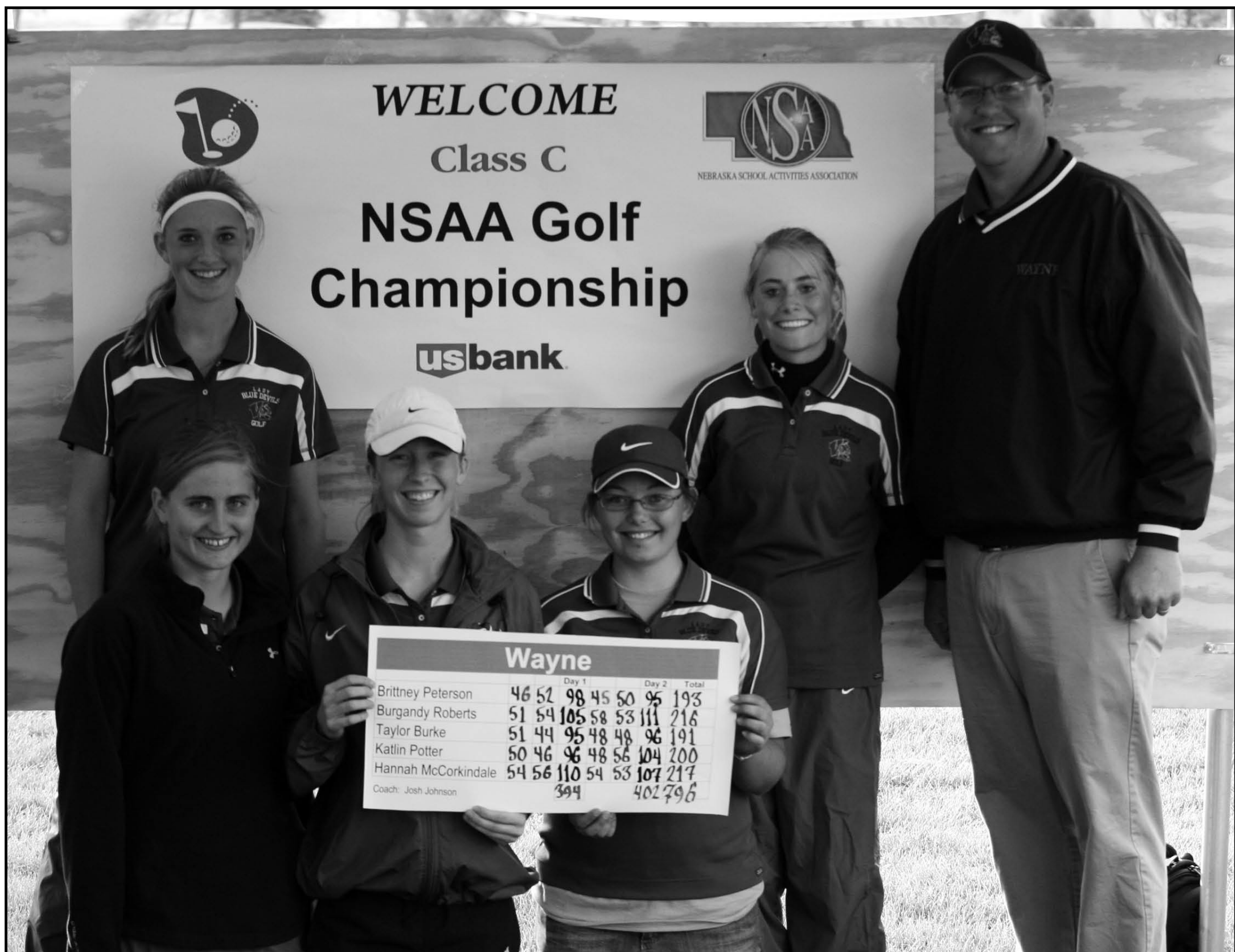

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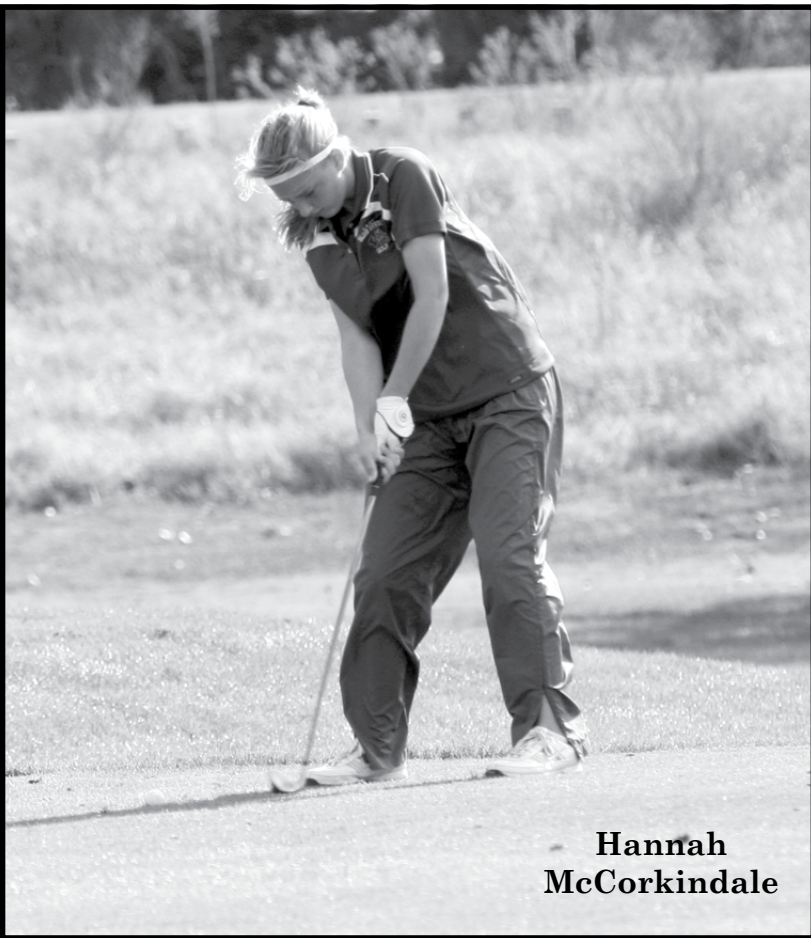
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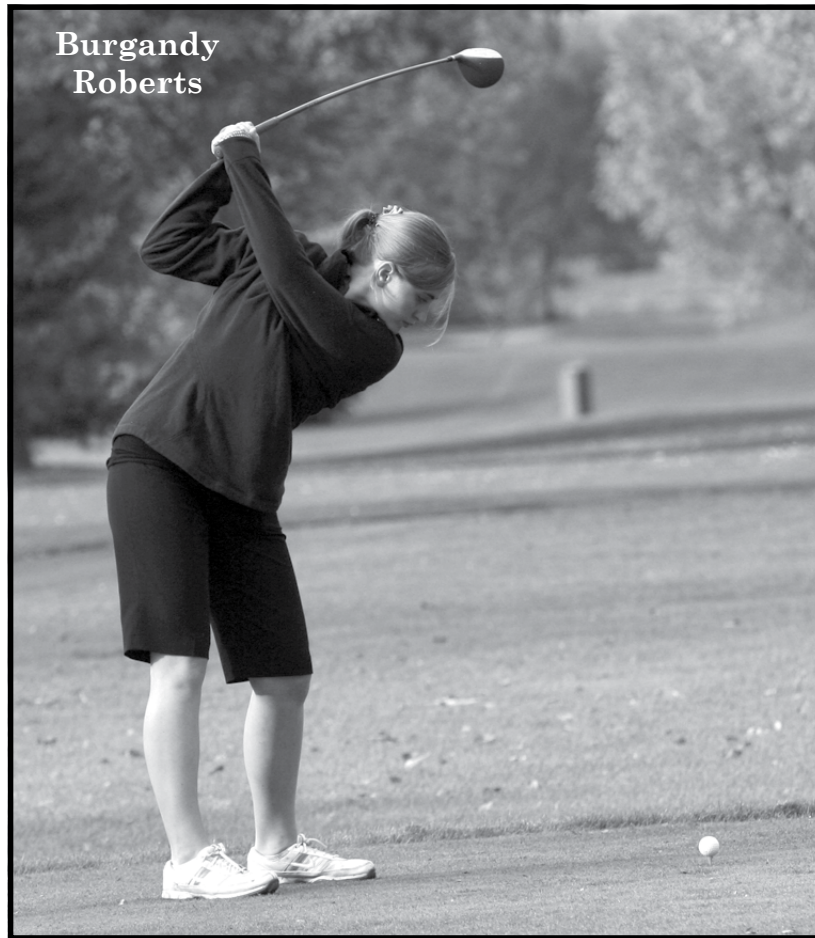
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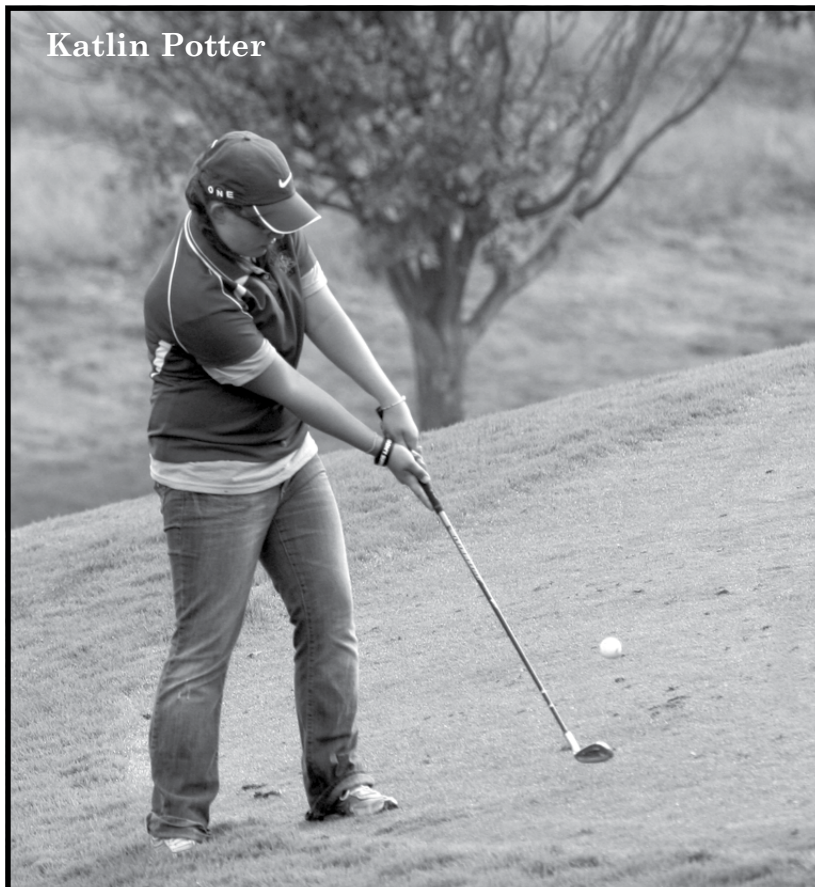
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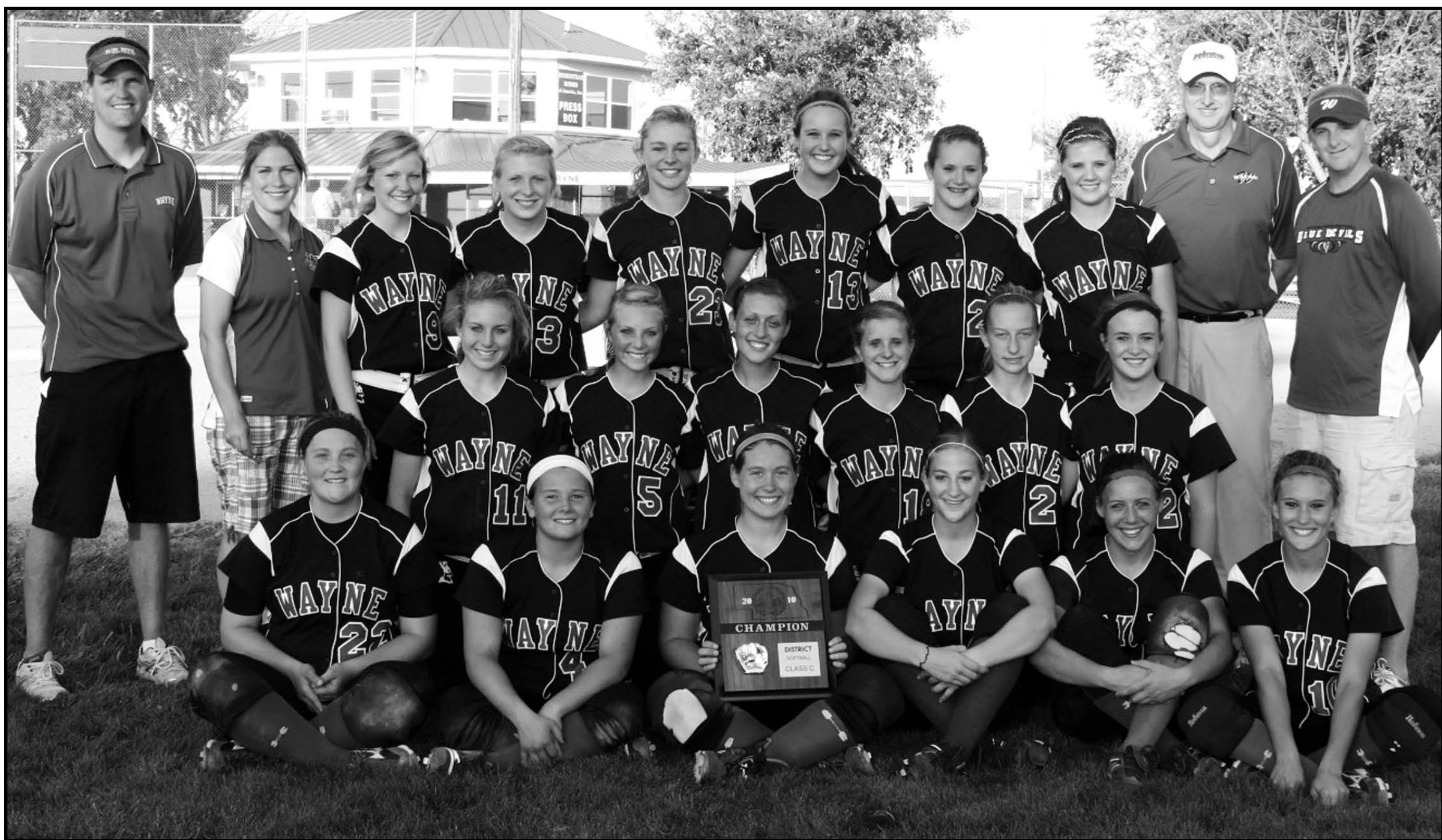
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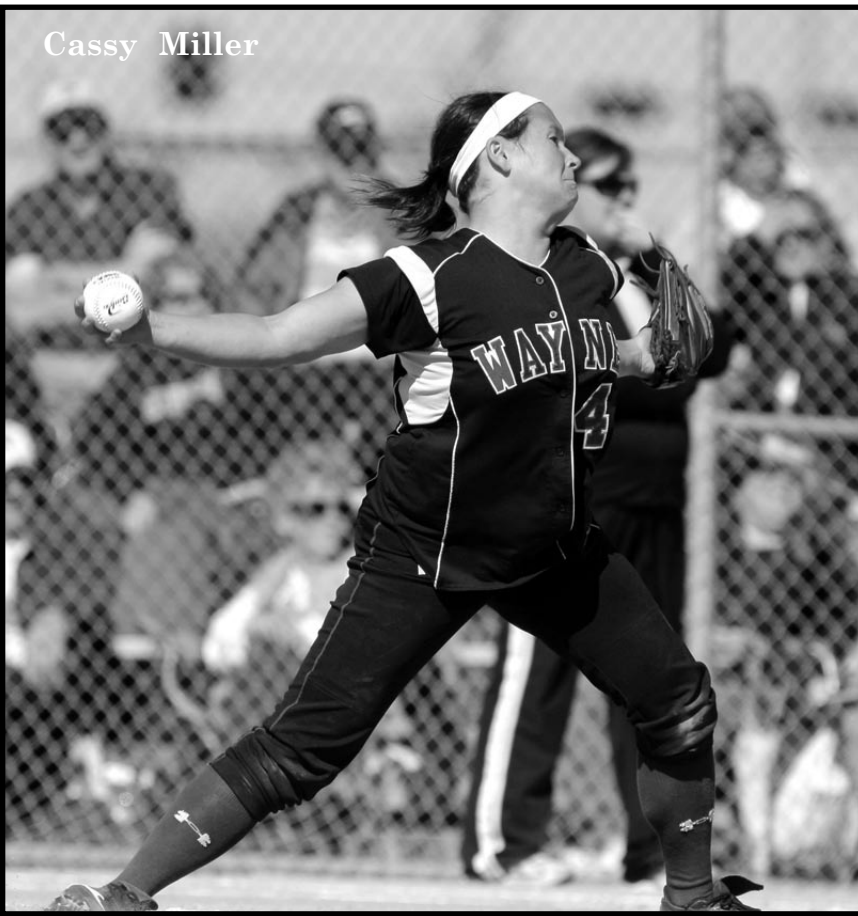
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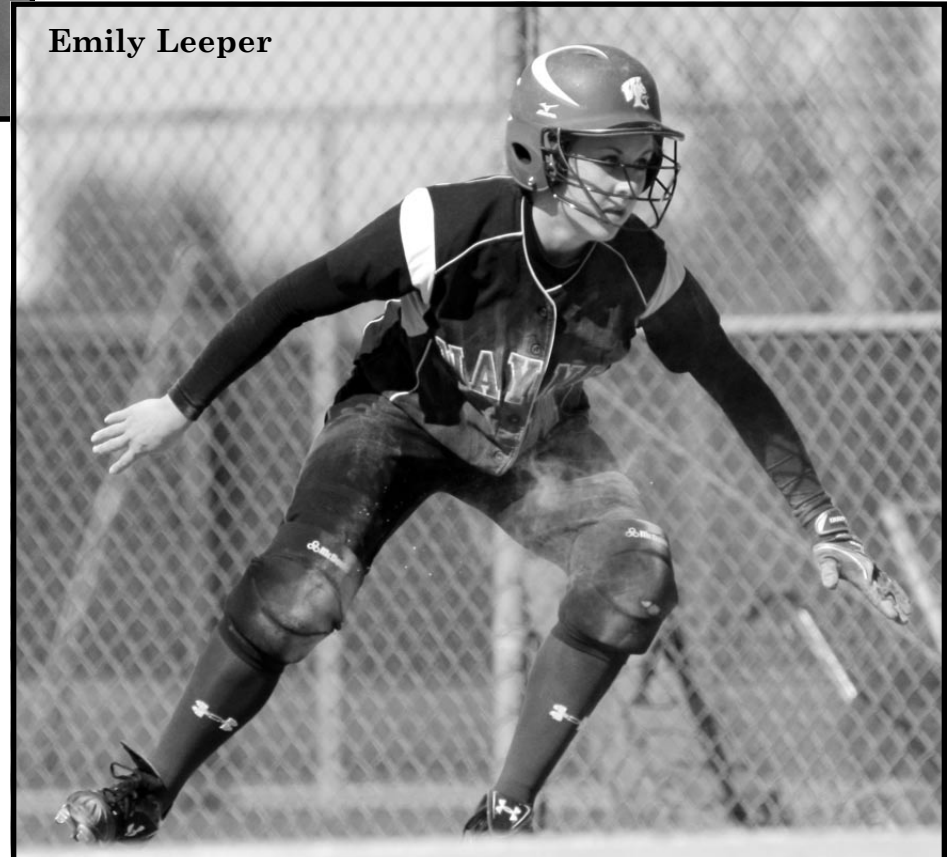
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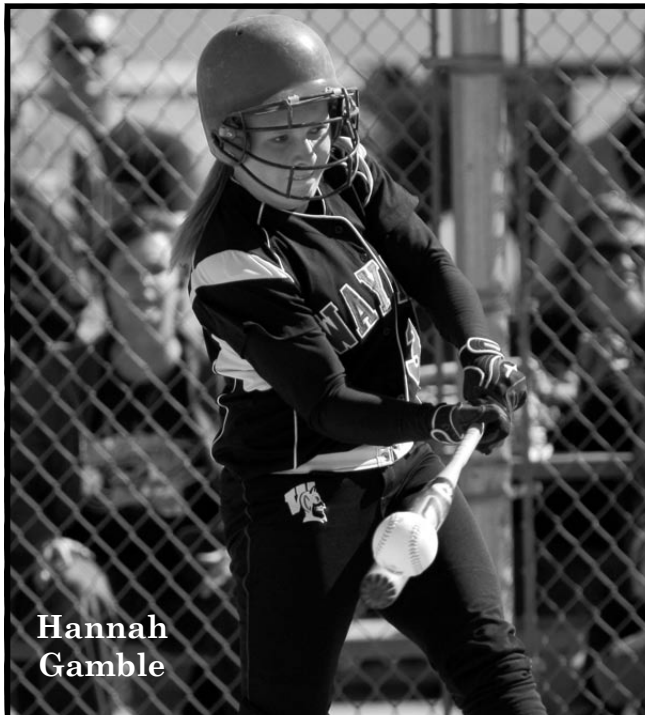
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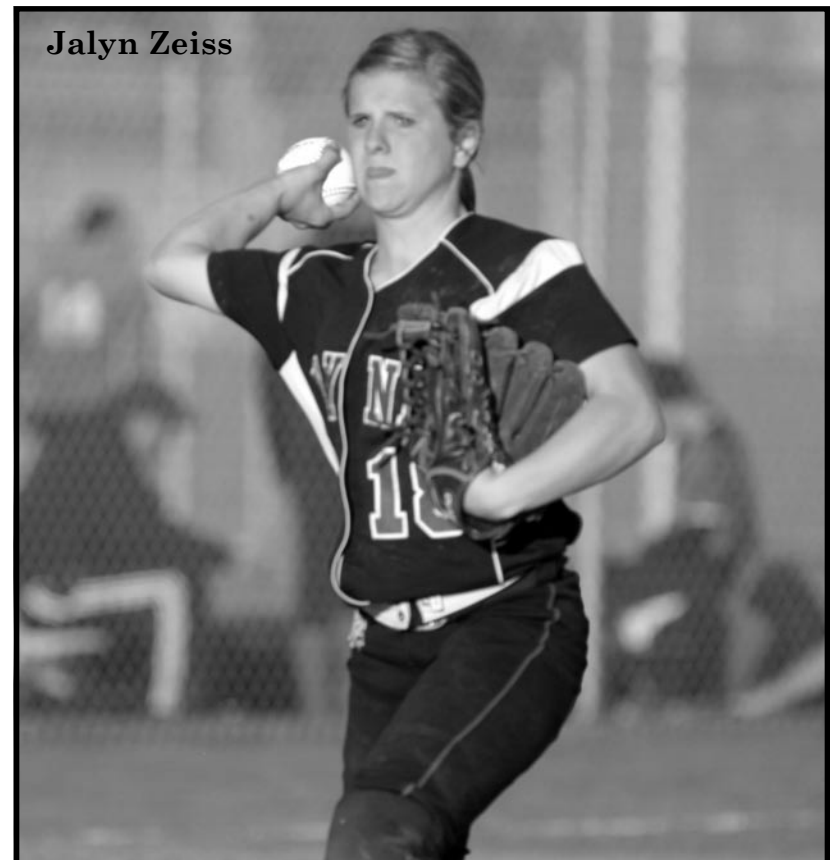
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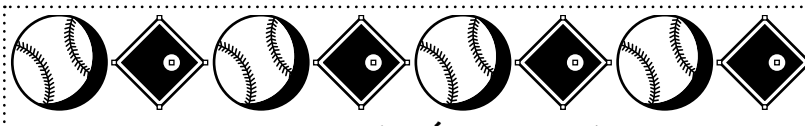
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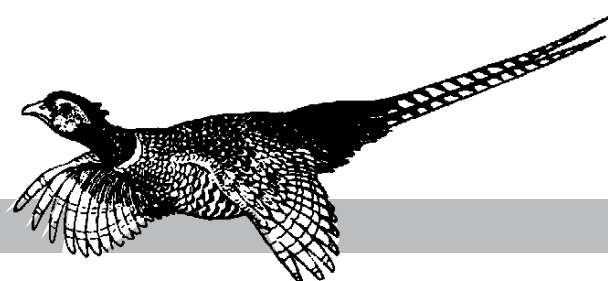
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TOPS NE 0200 met Oct. 13 in the Providence Medical Center Boardroom with 10 TOPS and three KOPS members present.

Leader Jeannine Wriedt opened the meeting. TOPS Best Loser this week was Gail Godbersen who received a coupon toward a charm. TOPS Best Loser for the previous week was Diane Sullivan and the KOPS Best Loser was Lois Spencer, and each received a coupon.

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Dorothy Skovbo

Open house to honor Dorothy Skovbo

An open house is being planned to honor Dorothy Skovbo of Laurel on her 80th birthday.

The event will be held Saturday, Oct. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Laurel Senior Center.

Hosting the celebration will be her children, Susan and Gene Roach of South Sioux City, Jim and Mary Wentworth of Marietta, Ga. and Carolyn and Brad Harder of Laurel. She also has seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The honoree requests no gifts please.

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Norma Warner

Norma Warner to note birthday

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Norma's actual birthday is Dec. 19.

The honoree requests no gifts please.

Cards may be sent to the honoree at 58440 867th Road, Allen, Neb. 68710.

Briefly Speaking

Bridge played at Senior Center
AREA — Bridge was played at the Wayne Senior Center on Tuesday, Oct. 19 with 12 people attending. Bridge was played at three tables.

Hostesses were Margaret Kenny and Pat Roberts.

Bridge will be played again on Tuesday, Oct. 26. Hostess will be Fauneil Bennett. For reservations, call (402) 375-3542.

Mary Ann DeNaeyer hosts Minerva Club

Minerva Club met Oct. 11 at the home of Mary Ann DeNaeyer. Eight members and one guest, Ansleigh Grassmeyer, were present.

Members answered roll call by telling how they would spend a fifth Friday, a fifth Saturday, or a fifth Sunday since October, 2010 has all three and this will not happen again for 853 years.

President Mary Ann DeNaeyer opened the meeting by reading humorous questions and answers about retirement and "What Is Friendship."

Minutes were read and approved. No report was given due to the absence of the treasurer. Historian Hollis Frese, read from the October 1975 minutes; these minutes revealed discussion about Minerva decorating one half of Swan's window to observe the United States Bicentennial in 1976.

There was no old or new business.

The birthday song was sung for Hallie Sherry and Phyllis Rahn. Members signed to birthday card to be sent to Norma Koeber.

In keeping with the yearly theme of Calendar Kaleidoscope, Ms DeNaeyer presented a program about Polish-American History Month. Immigrants from Poland began coming to the United States and settling where glass, pitch and tar were abundant. Most were artisan and served as indentured servants.

Because of the Polish skills, the first furnace was put in an American factory to make glass and these glass products became the first exports. Indentured servants were not allowed to vote so stopped working and this set the tone as the

first striking worker. Many festivals still take place today because of the Polish influence.

MaryAnn shared recipes for pierogi (dumplings), golabki (stuffed cabbage rolls), kluski (noodles) and babka (coffee cake). A lively discussion followed about how these dishes have been adapted and are served today.

The next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 25, at the Senior Center, beginning at noon with Hollis Frese as hostess.



Mr. and Mrs. Oberg

Obergs to observe 60th anniversary

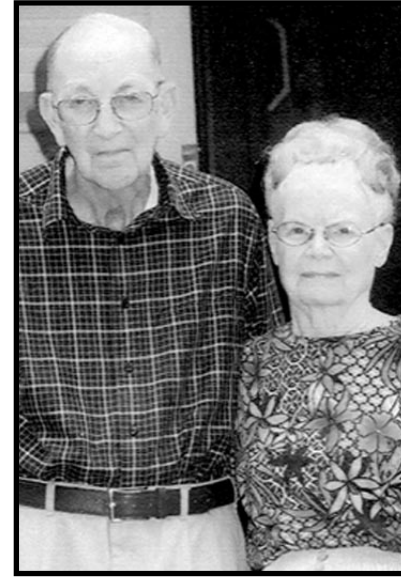
Harold and Patricia Oberg of Wakefield will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 28.

Their family has requested a card shower in honor of the occasion.

Their family includes three children, Dennis and Deb Oberg of Norfolk, Deborah and Joe Braden of Tulsa, Okla. and Nancy and Wayne Bressler of Idaho Falls, Idaho and four grandchildren.

Harold Luther Oberg and Patricia Mildred Larsen were married Oct. 28, 1950 at Salem Lutheran Church in Wakefield.

Cards may be sent to the couple at P.O. Box 84, Wakefield, Neb. 68784.



Mr. and Mrs. Oberg

Leather and Lace dance cancelled

Leather and Lace danced to a local and national caller Jerry Junck on Oct. 8.

Forty-three participants enjoyed the evening and then were treated to salads following the dance which were provided by club members.

Dan Svitak won the free pass. Split the pot went to Dwain Hydell, Denise Jacobson and Connie Kirkpatrick.

Members were encouraged to get the banner back from Laurel Town Twirlers on Oct. 17. Members and surrounding area dancers are asked to note that the club will not meet Friday, Oct. 22 as scheduled because of illness of the caller.

The next scheduled dance will be Friday, Nov. 12 with Ken Marks calling. It will be a Veterans Day dance. Members are reminded to bring snacks for the evening.

Anyone wishing more information about learning to dance is asked to contact club President Vernon Bauermeister at 833-8270 or Darrel and Phyllis Rahn at 375-1667. Arrangements may be made to have Leather and Lace club members take those receiving lessons to Norfolk.

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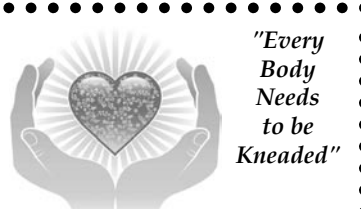
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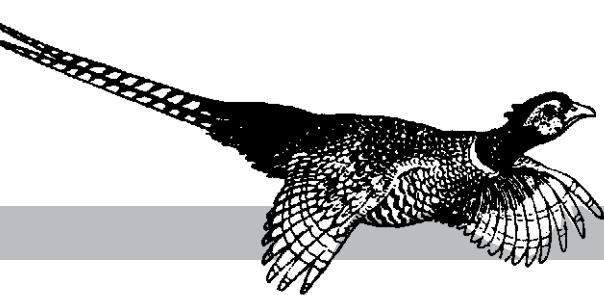


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Agriculture

Grandchildren's activities keep writer busy

MORE beautiful fall weather! Such a treat, after the hot, sticky summer and the nasty weather last year. The weather man is predicting 33 tonight, which will be a change.

How about that football team? All I ask is for a little consistency. And a few less dropped passes. It seems to be every other game; Washington was sparkly, SDSU was pathetic, we went to Manhattan and dazzled, and last Saturday, we let those darned Longhorns stick it to us again!

I have to admit, I didn't even see any of it. I was across the street, at East High, watching the LPS band competition. And I enjoyed every minute of it. I sat by old friend Becky Fundum Marshall, and her mother, Lorna. Her Collin is a trumpeter for Southeast, the band that played in the bowl game last year because UNL's didn't make it. And we agreed we would never be able to decide; they ALL looked good! They got a 1, as did Seward High, where Alex is the section



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

leader of the drum section, so we were both happy.

Our grandchildren keep entertaining us. The weekend before, Dani won the Punt, Pass, and Kick state contest at Nebraska Wesleyan.

Jacey's volleyball team got second at a tournament in Fremont, after winning one in Battle Creek; and won the Pierce tournament this Saturday. We got to watch a Lutheran High Northeast JV football game in Norfolk one night, and a third grade Y game the following weekend. The JVs have only lost one game, and so have the third graders. Jaxson tells me he's a lineman, and it takes two guys to bring him down!

Tonight, it was down the road to Norris High for the fall choir concert. The seventh graders wear red T shirts and black slacks and sing their hearts out for Mr. Hansmeyer. That was Danica's group. And she had curls! Courtesy of her big sis.

And that big sis opened her show choir's set with a solo that blew us away! And, as usual, that group sang and danced and gestured until we wanted to get up and dance with them. The second song was Not Too Far From Here, which is a real thought provoker. And the last, I'm Going to Live Until I Die, I don't think I had heard for years! And they really made us believe them.

That choral director is a very talented man, and the kids love him. What a gift! He helps with a choir that meets on Sundays at the Berean church that is made up of students from twenty-two churches in the area. They go on a week's tour in the summer, and end with a "home" concert here in Lincoln. Randa has been privileged to enjoy this for two years, also. These kids are very fortunate to have opportunities to develop their talents, in which ever area their hearts take them; sports, music, and academics. And we are blessed to be able to at least be in the audience some of the time, cheering them on!

Fall Lawn Tips

Well, it's getting cooler and the leaves are falling. Raking leaves is not my preferred recreational activity but it needs to be done. Also, the lawn care season is winding down, but has not ended. Important lawn care tasks for the next couple of weeks includes a final fertilization, continued mowing as needed, removal of tree leaves, and draining the irrigation system after watering in the last fertilizer application.

The last fertilization of the season is recommended to be about the time of the last mowing, in our area usually in late October. It is an important application for promoting root and rhizome growth in still warm soils, and for spring green-up to help avoid applying fertilizer early in spring when soil temperatures are too cold.

A myth about the last fertilization is that fertilizer high in phosphorous and potassium is needed. This is not the case. With few exceptions, soils in Nebraska have adequate levels of phosphorous and potassium. With this application, nitrogen is still the nutrient most needed. A fertilizer with an analysis such as 25-5-5 would be best to use. And a product where at least 50 percent of the nitrogen is from a slow release source, such as IBDU or sulfur coated urea, is best.

All applications of lawn fertilizer need to be watered in. This moves nitrogen into the soil for roots to take up and decreases the risk of fertilizer running off lawns during heavier rain storms or along with snow melt. During winter, when soils are frozen, snow melt runs off lawns into the street, down storm drains and into surface water.

When fertilizing, do not forget to sweep granules that fall onto sidewalks and driveways. Sweep them into a dust pan and place them on the lawn where they will be watered into the lawn and not washed off of pavement into surface water. Do not sweep them into the street.

When mowing the lawn in late fall, it is not necessary to lower the height. While the height of bluegrass can gradually be taken down to as low as one and one-half inches



Ag Happenings
Keith Jarvi
Extension Educator

and fescue down to two and one-half inches, it is now preferred to keep the same height, about three inches, all year. This will maximize rooting and increase stress tolerance of turfgrass.

Do not sweep or blow tree leaves or grass clippings into the street where rainfall and snow melt will carry them to storm drains and then directly to receiving waters. Do not dump yard waste on stream banks or anywhere they can be washed into surface water.

For healthy lawns and water, remove tree leaves from lawns and street curbs on a regular basis. Leaves can be raked, mowed, or sucked up with a leaf blower/vacuum. They can be saved in plastic bags if a source of carbon, brown plant material, will be needed for compost piles during next year's growing season.

Tree leaves can be mowed and left on the lawn if a sharp mower blade that finely chops the leaves is used. The rule of thumb is if the unmowed leaf layer is one inch or less thick, it's okay to mow and not bag leaves. After mowing, the mowed leaf layer should not be thick enough to mat and suffocate grass.

Any type of tree leaves can be used for mulching, composting or tilling into gardens. According to research, leaves from different tree species decompose at different rates but the end product, compost, is the same.

Livestock Market Report

The Nebraska Livestock Market conducted a fat cattle sale on Friday.

The market was 50¢ to \$1 higher on fat cattle and steady on cows. There were 300 head sold.

Strictly choice fed steers, \$94 to \$95.25. Good and choice steers, \$93 to \$94. Medium and good steers, \$91 to \$93. Standard steers, \$78 to \$83. Strictly choice fed heifers, \$93.50 to \$94.75. Good and choice heifers, \$92 to \$93.50. Medium and good heifers, \$90 to \$92. Standard heifers, \$65 to \$75.

Beef cows, \$50 to \$54. Utility cows, \$45 to \$58. Canner and cutters, \$45 to \$52. Bologna bulls, \$60 to \$67.75.

The sheep sale was held Saturday at the Nebraska Livestock Market.

The market was steady on all classes.

Fat lambs, 130 to 160 lbs., \$135 to \$138.

Feeder lambs, 40 to 100 lbs., \$110 to \$135.

Ewes: Good, \$75 to \$100; medium, \$40 to \$75; slaughter, \$25 to \$40.

The dairy cattle sale was held at the Nebraska Livestock Market on Saturday. The market was steady.

Holstein baby calves, \$50 to \$90.

Butcher hogs were sold at the Nebraska Livestock Market on Saturday.

Prices were \$2 to \$3 lower on both butchers. There were 135 head sold.

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