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Celebrating business

(top) State Sen. Dave Bloomfield and his wife Dee (with back to camera) talk with Andrea Blecke, wife of Wayne Area Chamber director Wes Blecke, prior to the start of the annual Chamber Banquet Sunday evening at Wayne State College. (right) Guest speaker Barry Kennedy, president of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, mugs for the camera as he begins his speech.



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Awards presented at Chamber Banquet

Nearly 200 people were in attendance at the annual Wayne Economic Development, Chamber and Main Street Banquet, held Sunday at the Frey Conference Suite at Wayne State College.

Following the evening meal, guest speaker Barry Kennedy spoke to the crowd about how to keep a community alive and vibrant.

Awards were presented in a number of categories, and those who served in leadership capacities in the organizations were recognized.

Earning the Junior Citizen of the Year Award was Andy Scholl, a sophomore at Wayne High School. The award was presented by the Rev. Ray McCalla, president of the Wayne

Kiwanis Club.

The 2010 Small Business of the Year was presented to Scott and Mary Kay Hasemann, owners of Hasemann Funeral Home in Wayne.

Northeast Equipment was awarded the 2010 Large Business of the Year Award.

Patron of the Year for 2010 was presented to Marcile Thomas, Administrator of Providence Medical Center in Wayne.

Dr. Carolyn Linster, a professor at Wayne State College, was named the 2010 Educator of the Year.

The final award, the Citizen of the Year, was presented to Jeff Morlok by the 2009 Citizens of the Year, John and Carolyn Vakoc.

Underpass resolution funds buried

Council deadlocks on resolution to accept state grant for project

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

The future of the city's walking trail may be taking a detour after the Wayne City Council deadlocked on a resolution concerning a proposed underpass on the west part of town.

At Tuesday's meeting, a 3-3 vote killed a resolution that would allow the city to accept \$403,000 in state grant money to build an underpass that would connect the two phases of the community's walking trail on the west part of town between the Community Activity Center and Wayne High School.

The underpass, which was approved by the council last year, would allow for uninterrupted travel for those walking on the path on the north and west part of town.

Because the underpass wouldn't be built until 2014 at the earliest, board member Doug Sturm was concerned that the city would be responsible for more costs than the grant would take care of.

"If you look at how long it took with the trail project, it could be 7-8 years before we get to do it, and by then the costs will be so high it wouldn't be worth it," he said. "It would be better for us not to use the money until we make sure we get our funds. I don't want to spend money and then be told we have to wait until 2016."

City administrator Lowell Johnson said the council would have to approve the resolution to get the funding, but there would be some design costs that would be added to the project.

Board member Jill Brodersen expressed concerns with the fees that were being set for the project.

"I think the engineering fees are way too high," she said.

Johnson said that the state sets the fee structure for the project, but once the city picks an engineer, those fees can be negotiated.

Because of the nature of the resolution, five votes were needed to pass the resolution. Board members Kaki Ley and John Haase were absent, and the measure

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— Doug Sturm, City Councilman
On the extra costs the city might pay

died on a 3-3 vote with Dale Alexander, Brian Frevert and Kathy Berry voting against the resolution. Chamberlain could not break the tie, due to a state law and city ordinance that requires a majority of votes from all elected council members to approve contracts or appropriation of funds.

The council also deadlocked on a proposal to give city employees a 1 percent raise in the salary structure set by the city.

Berry expressed concern that the city could hold off on the increase, since recent changes in the Social Security withholding has given everybody a 2 percent increase in their paychecks.

"With that, we might want to wait on a raise and shoot for next year," she said.

Discussion also centered around the Community Activity Center director position being moved from Level 16 to Level 17 on the salary structure. Alexander introduced a motion to approve the resolution with an amendment that would move the position back to the Level 16 pay scale. The amended motion was deadlocked, with Chamberlain breaking the tie in favor.

In other action, the Council:

— approved bid specifications for a new dump truck to replace a 1977 model the city uses for snow removal.

— approved the setting of sewer rates for residents living outside the city who use the city's sewer and water systems.

— approved a 1 percent pay increase for the city's police officers.

The Council's next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m., in Council chambers



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Engineer Jeff Wagner (left) looks as County Commissioner Kelvin Wurdemann points out a road project during Tuesday's county board meeting. Also looking on are commissioners Dean Burbach (next to Wurdemann) and Jim Rabe.

County board gets extra road on its 1-6 year plan

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

The Wayne County Commissioners got an unexpected addition to their one- and six-year road plans during Tuesday's meeting.

The board received a letter from Leroy Rubeck, who owns land south of Winside that the county has leased for 50 years and has used for a re-routed county road.

Rubeck recently returned a \$25 check

that the county paid as its annual lease, notifying the county that he was terminating the lease and asking the county to close the road that runs on his property.

The county leased the land from the original landowner, George Langenberg, in 1961, after a bridge washed out the original county road that was located south of the current road.

A dam was surveyed, but the county

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Schroeder's 36-year law career in Wayne is slowly coming to an end

By CLARA OSTEN
Of the Herald

For nearly 36 years, Duane Schroeder has been practicing law in Wayne. That career is slowly coming to an end.

"I haven't taken on any new clients or business since Dec. 1, and by March should be pretty much wrapped up with all my business," Schroeder said.

A native of Bloomfield, Schroeder earned a bachelor's degree from Wayne State College in education and taught history and German classes at Osmond. He later enlisted in the Nebraska National Guard and spent six months in the military.

After working construction for a time, he entered law school at the University of Nebraska, graduating in 1975.

"We (Duane and wife, Betty) moved to Wayne July 1, 1975 and have been here ever since," Schroeder said.

Duane worked with Charles and Evelyn McDermott in the office, located at 110 West Second Street, the same building he has worked out of his entire career.

"When I first started practicing law, I worked in all areas, criminal defense, domestic, divorce, custody, but later focused on areas of estate planning, probate and real estate law," Schroeder said.

Schroeder took over the practice in November of 1987 and continued to work with the McDermotts until their retirements.

"Chuck worked part-time for approximately six years until his death and Evelyn



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Duane Schroeder talks with Kate Jorgensen during Schroeder's retirement party recently. Jorgensen has taken over Schroeder's business as he is phasing out of his law practice in Wayne.

did tax work until 1998," Schroeder said.

After that, Schroeder shared office space with Doug Murray for five years and Melissa Wentling for approximately three years.

The biggest change Schroeder notes in the area of law since he began his career is that the practice has now become more competitive and intense.

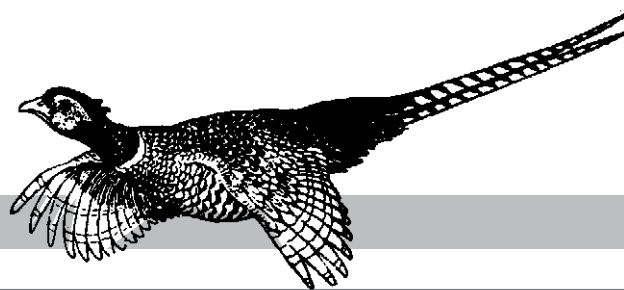
"When I first started practicing, things were much more laid-back. People would show up at court just to see other people. They don't do that any more."

Schroeder's family includes his wife, Betty, who retired after teaching early childhood and special education classes at West Point for 20 years; daughter and son-

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Obituaries

Leona Kluge

Leona Kluge, 97, of Wayne, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011 at Careage of Wayne.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 29 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne. The Rev. Mark Beran officiated.



Leona Mae (Cyza) Kluge was born Nov. 30, 1913 at Duncan to John and Catherine (Kula) Cyza. She was baptized at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church and attended the Catholic school in Duncan before the family moved to Fullerton. On Nov. 13, 1933 she married Edwin August Kluge of Burr Oak, Kan. In 1935 the couple moved from Burr Oak to Fullerton and later to farms at Wakefield and Wayne. In 1963 they moved into Wayne where Leona worked at various eating establishments, before finding her true passion and calling in life, offering private care for elderly or handicapped individuals in the community. Leona was proud of her Polish heritage, and along

with her husband of nearly 69 years, enjoyed Polka cruises to Hawaii, Australia and the Fiji Islands and traveled to Greece, Spain, Germany and Puerto Rico as well as an annual trek to New Ulm, Minn. and various ballrooms throughout the Midwest. She was a member and past president of St. Mary's Church Altar Guild and Jackson Deanery, also serving on the Deanery Council Board for two terms. She was a member of the Goldenrod Extension Club and currently a Friend of Optimist member.

Survivors include three sons, Richard and Carol Kluge of Grotton, S.D., James and Judy Kluge of Dolgeville, N.Y. and Robert "Fritz" and Judith Kluge of Fairbury; daughter-in-law, Nellie Kluge of Jacksonville, N.C.; a brother, Clifford Cyza of Alliance; sister, Evelyn Furby of Columbus; sister-in-law, Lorna Cyza of Silver Creek; 18 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin; a daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Clarence Ulrich; son, Kenneth Kluge; brothers, Louis, Robert and Theodore Cyza; sisters Valeria Rease, Esther Starostka and an infant sister, Leona.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic School, Wayne State College or Providence Hospice of Wayne.

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

A "SUPER" VISIT FOR WINSIDE FIRST-GRADERS



Superzero

Up in the sky, look: It's a bird. It's a plane. It's Superzero! Superzero landed in the Winside first grade classroom last week to help celebrate the 100th day of school. This Superhero read a book about the 100th day of school while pointing out the importance of place value. He also performed the special Superzero dance with the class. Before leaving Superzero and all the boys and girls "flew" through the air while counting by tens to 100. (Special note: Some believe Superzero bears a strong resemblance to Winside High School Principal Eric Kravig.)

Looking Ahead in Wayne

By **LOWELL JOHNSON**
City Administrator

City Council Meetings

Regular City Council meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in city hall at Third and Pearl Streets.

Rule of Law and Undocumented Persons?

The genius of the success of the United States is we operate by the Rule of Law (state and federal constitutions and city codes) and not the whims of those in power. The Rule of Law provides the predictable rules that we live by, it establishes the citizenship that determines who this nation is and who can vote, it protects private property so that we can invest and build wealth knowing it will be ours to keep, provides for civil liberties, and establishes a court system for peaceful dispute resolution.

Nebraska LB48 enjoins the state, county, and local law enforcement agencies to extend the presence of federal immigration law enforcement. At this week's city council meeting I asked the city council to take a position of not opposing this legislative bill and to recommend to the Nebraska League of Municipalities a position of not opposing the bill.

Contents of Legislative Bill 48:

1) says this Enforcement Act shall be implemented in a manner consistent with existing federal immigration law, protecting the civil rights of all persons.

2) requires local and county and state law enforcement to determine the lawful immigration status of an individual who has otherwise been lawfully stopped, detained or arrested and reasonable suspicion exists that the person may be unlawfully present in the US.

3) says that reasonable suspicion may not be based solely on that person's race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

4) directs the local law enforcement to turn any undocumented persons over to I.C.E. to take custody.

5) says that no person or agency of the state shall limit or restrict the enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the extent permitted by federal law.

6) provides that an individual's lawful presence in the US can be demonstrated by a valid state motor vehicle driver's license, state ID card or federal ID.

7) determines that it is unlawful for any person (Swedish, British, Hispanic, Canadian) who is unlawfully present in the US to work as an employee or independent contractor in this state. (It is already illegal for cities, counties and state agencies to hire any undocumented persons or contract with any businesses that hire undocumented persons)

The council approved the request to not oppose LB48. The position of the mayor and council is that immigration has been and will continue to benefit the US and Nebraska but it should follow the legal process as in the past.

Questions or comments?

Call Lowell Johnson, City Administrator at 375-1733 or e-mail me at cityadmin@cityofwayne.org.

Briefly Speaking

Bridge played at Senior Center

Bridge was played at the Wayne Senior Center on Wednesday, Feb. 2 with eight ladies attending. Bridge was played at two tables.

Hostess was Fauneil Bennett.

Bridge will be played again on Tuesday, Feb. 8. Hostess will be Arlene Ostendorf. For reservations call (402) 375-1405.

Bill calls for using environmental trust

By **STEVE SCHARF**
Nebraska News Service

With looming state budget deficits, senators are looking at the Nebraska Environmental Trust as a new source of state revenue.

The Nebraska Environmental Trust, an organization chartered to ensure Nebraska has high quality water, air, soil and wildlife habitat, is funded exclusively through the Nebraska Lottery, which is constitutionally required to donate 44.1 percent of its earnings to the trust every year.

Since 1994, the fund has donated more than \$157 million to agencies such as Natural Resources Districts for projects like soil conservation and to community organizations like the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

The trust's income last year, all from lottery funds, was just over \$14 million.

This year Sen. Deb Fischer of Valentine has introduced a bill to transfer from the trust \$7 million a year for 11 years to the Nebraska Water Resources Cash Fund, which is controlled by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

The money could then be used to manage water resources through means as diverse as creating new levees to paying farmers not to irrigate.

Fischer's spokeswoman, Rochelle Mallett, said the bill would make water a priority for the state and allow Nebraska to "avoid the crisis water management tactics of the past."

Sen. Chris Langemeier of Schuyler, a co-sponsor of the bill, said the time is right for this legislation in light of the state's budget shortfall.

"There are no general fund dollars, and if we do nothing, it becomes the burden of the people in the Platte River Basin" to deal with water management issues there, he said. Langemeier's legislative district includes the Lower Platte North NRD.

Langemeier, who serves as the chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, said the voters who intended lottery proceeds to go towards protecting the environment are still getting what they voted on.

"They wanted the money to benefit the environment. We're doing exactly the same thing that the voters would want," he said.

The bill, which is pending in Langemeier's committee, doesn't specify how the Department of Natural Resources could use the money.

Brian Dunnigan, director of the Department of Natural Resources, said the Water Resources Cash Fund has a different statutory

mission than the environmental trust.

He said the water resources fund would be used strictly for water management.

The environmental trust, on the other hand, has a broader mission, including protecting habitat and cleaning the environment through paying for things like toxic waste removal and monitoring the amounts of lead in the air.

At times, the missions of the water resources fund and the environmental trust overlap. In the past two years, the Nebraska Environmental Trust has spent \$15 million on water management projects across the state, said Mark Brohman, executive director of the trust.

The environmental trust is already a partner in projects concerning the Platte River, he said.

Brohman said he doesn't believe transferring the money to a state bureaucracy will create better outcomes in comparison to the trust's competitive bidding process.

The bill's current language was constructed with the assumption that lottery revenues remain consistent.

However, if lottery funds fall, the environmental trust would still be required to pay \$7 million per year into the Water Resources Cash Fund.

A significant drop in lottery funds would mean more than half the trust's funds could go to the DNR.

A Quick Look



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Chamber Coffee

WAYNE — This week's Chamber Coffee will be held Friday, Feb. 4 at St. Mary's Catholic School as part of the Catholic Schools Week celebration. The Friday, Feb. 11 coffee will be held at Goldenrod Hills Head Start. The coffee begins at 10 a.m. and announcements at 10:15.

Full Bowl is 'Super'

AREA — The Wayne Rotary Club will be collecting food and money for the Wayne County Food Pantry on Friday, Feb. 4, from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Pac 'N Save and Quality Food Center. Other Rotary clubs throughout Nebraska are doing similar food drives as part of the Rotary District Health and Hunger Awareness Program. A Full Bowl is Rotary's gift of Service above Self!

Lincoln-Regan Day reception

WAYNE — The Wayne County Republicans are sponsoring a President's Day Weekend Lincoln-Regan Days reception on Saturday, Feb. 19 at the First National Bank meeting room. Area residents are invited to meet Nebraska District 17 Senator Dave Bloomfield, Nebraska District 16 Senator Lydia Brasch and Robert "Bud" Neel, Wayne County Republican Chairman. Those attending are asked to use the south entrance to the building.

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Pictured with the 100 items collected for the Food Pantry are, left to right, Jaydyn Jorgensen, Kyran Bartos and Taytum Sweetland.

Elementary students work to help others

Wayne Elementary first-grade students collected 100 items on the 100th day of the 2010-2011 school year.

"Our motto for the day was '100 days smarter and 100 ways to help others,'" said Courtney Maas, first grade teacher.

She noted that teachers and staff at Wayne Elementary School have been trying to teach the students how to help others. During the month of December, the first grade students led a school-wide sock drive and donated the socks to those in need.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Chamber coffee

Pam Albin, Administrator of Careage of Wayne, spoke during Friday's Chamber Coffee. Albin spoke of the changes that have taken place during the past year and also introduced staff members in attendance at the coffee.

Plans moving forward for library programs

As winter lingers on, plans are moving forward for summer programs and activities here in the Wayne area.

Sign-up day for programs is already set for April 29-30. Library staff is encouraging area residents to "consider penciling yourself in for volunteer hours, or possibly a donation at the Community Activity Center, a church, or at your local library. Any help you can give will be appreciated."

"We all had a whale of a good time last summer. Two hundred fifty-two children in all participated in the summer reading program

last year. There were 107 new faces either at programs, or just bringing in reading logs. An average of 126 children and teens crossed our threshold each week for programs to learn about and explore water, pirates, rivers, beaches bubbles and more. Books were also borrowed from Conn Library at WSC to keep up with demand," said Julie Osnes, youth services director.

The readers grand totals were as follows:

- 176 young people reached Level 1, these read at least 10 books or, read chapter books for 4 hours;
- 139 went on to Level 2, a total of 25 books, or 10 hours;
- 86 swam on to Level 3, reading 50 books, or 20 hours of reading and
- 44 reading sharks dove deep into Level 4, reading at least 60 books, or reading for 24 hours - and many read much more than that.

According to Osnes, "Everyone did a wonderful job and our top reader last summer was Kylie Kempf, who earned the right to have her name entered in the prize drawing 30 times - a second grader reading 320 books. She was followed closely by her sister Jaclyn Kempf with 27; brother Cody Kempf, 27; Sylvia Jager, 15 entries, and the Wibbens, Ethan-14, Andy, 14 and Sarah with 12 entries."

Each reading log became an entry for grand prizes and the lucky win-

ners and grand prize winners from the drawing were:

- Abby Ankeny - Wigglein' Water Caterpillar; Emily Armstrong - Under the Sea Puzzle; Matteah Barreilmann - Wayne Swimming Pool Family Pass; Eli Barner - Fishing Set; Morgan Barner - Fish Tank Bubbles; Ashlynn Bratcher - Pink Bubbles; Andrew Brink - Whale Puppet; Courtney Brink - Blonde Barbie; Grace Brown - The Reef, DVD; Brandon Brugger - Aqua Sand; Rylee Cawley - SpongeBob Bath Sponge; Alyssa Chinn - Beach Party Barbie; Avianna Doring - Paint by Numbers; Hannah Duncan - DVD Player; Laura Duncan - Knights Castle Pool;
- Megan Duncan - ANTZ DVD; Sara Duncan - Bubble Rocket; Alex Echtenkamp - Bubble Wand; Drew Farrington - Fishing Set; Marcus Fertig - Checkers Towel; Taylor Granquist - Checkers Towel; Kendra Husman - Oceans Adventure for Kids DVD; Sylvia Jager - Sea Monkeys; Ellie Jech - Pirate Puzzle; Breanna Kaahoff - Pirate Code Legos; Lindsey Kallhoff - Fishing Pole; Austin Kempf - Tic Tac Toe Towel; Jaclyn Kempf - MP3 Player; Kylie Kempf - Fishing Pole; Anna Kruger - MP3 Player; James Lavicky - Slip-N-Slide; Anna Loberg - Popcorn Bowls and Family DVD Set;
- Emily Longe - Fish Tank Bubbles; Melinda Longe - Wimpy Kid Diary; Paige Milliken - Splash Bombs; Erin Muren - Crazy Old Fish War; Natalie Muren - Bendarous; Mason Murphy - Play Foam; Shane O'Donnell - Miracle Bubbles; Hope O'Reilly - Sand and Water Set; Lauran Pick - Tic Tac Toe Towel; Mason Reynolds - Zebco Fishing Pole; Will Roberson - Crazy Old Fish War; Lindsey Roberts - Grow Your Own Turtle; Bryce Sebade - Unsinkable Reader; Jacob Sherman - Hungry Hungry Hippos game; Andrew Simpson - Water Splashes; Lexi Sokol - Lords of the Ocean DVD; Liam Spieker - Fish Tank Bubbles; Autumn Svenson - Flip-Flop Wall Decoration; Elaine Tellus - Seaside Puzzle; Reed Trenhale - Remote Speed Boat; Mya Tucker - Fishing Pole;
- Andy Wibben - Thomas Water Toy; Ethan Wibben - Bubble Wand; Sarah Wibben - Majestic Depth puzzle; Cassidy Wiese -

Dive Streamers; Marissa Wiese - Limbo Kit; Christopher Woerdemann - Waterproof Watch/ Shark Toy; Joseph Woerdemann - Crock Escape. Congratulations to all.

The library would also like to thank all the wonderful sponsor businesses and groups, who splashed out last summer to make the program possible, including:

1st Realty Sales & Management, Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., BankFirst, Black Hills Energy, Carroll Feed and Grain Co., Dairy Queen, Farmers & Merchants State Bank and First National Agency, Inc.

Friends of the Wayne Public Library, G's Quick Stop, Great Dane Trailers, Hasemann Funeral Homes, HunTel Cable Vision Inc., Inspiration Christian Book and Gift, Jacob's Room, John's Welding and Tool, Daniel L. Kaler DDS PC, Kelly's Hair, Magnuson-Hopkins Eye Care, Main Street Coffee Shoppe, Nebraska State Fair Office, Northeast Equipment, Northeast Nebr. Ins. Agency Inc., Omaha Royals Baseball Club, Pac N' Save, Pamida, Pizza Hut, Duane W. Schroeder Law Offices,

Sharp Construction, Inc., Sinclair/Daylight Donuts, Snakey Jakes, State National Insurance Co., State National Bank and Trust Co., Udder Delights, Wakefield Bowl, Wayne Community Activity Center, Wayne East Prime Stop, Wayne Kiwanis, Wayne United Way, Wayne Vision Center, Zach Propane Service, Inc., the Wayne Public Library Staff, all our readers and teen volunteers.

"Without help, these programs simply cannot be. We are so overwhelmed and grateful for the support we receive here in Wayne, and I know summer 2011 will be no exception," concluded Osnes.



(Contributed photo)

Cheering Devils

The Wayne High cheerleading squad has been on the sidelines, cheering the teams on to victory this season. Cheerleader team members are (front) Felicia Keiser, Megan Showen, Kenndra Dunker, Taylor Harris, Sarah Bart, Marisa Vawser, (back) Aspen Pflanz, Nuh-Tayla Olmer, Megan Wherley, Liz Hines, Lauren Mescceji, Tiffany Botgter.

Schroeder

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in-law, Erin and Travis and two grandchildren, who live in north-west Kansas; and son and daughter-in-law, Trevor and Krista and son, who live in Dublin, Ireland.

In his retirement, Schroeder plans to stay active with Pheasants Forever and the community. He also has a number of home improvement projects planned and he and his wife are planning a motorcycle trip to the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

"I have had a motorcycle for 50 years and plan to continue riding. We also have a cabin and now that I have time, I plan to 'watch spring come in' there. We would also like to take our camper and go to Alaska," Schroeder said.

"Even though I will be retired, I will be around," he said.

The practice will become Jorgensen Law Office and will be owned by Kate M. Jorgensen. Jorgensen has been sharing office space in the building with Schroeder for approximately three years.

Jorgensen earned her bachelor's degree from Wayne State College in 1992 and her Masters in Business Administration from Wayne State College in 1999.

She earned her Juris Doctorate from Creighton University (cum laude) in 2004.

In 2004, Jorgensen began her legal career in private practice and shortly after moved into the public sector and became a Deputy Madison County Public Defender from 2005 to 2007. She returned to private practice in 2007. She is a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association, Madison County 7th Judicial District Bar Association and Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association.

Jorgensen's law practice includes the areas of estate planning and probate, criminal defense, divorce, family law, real estate, business organizations and contracts.

Jorgensen said she bought the building and "am looking forward to remodeling it in the future."

She has lived in Wayne since 1989 and has three children, Quentin, a junior at Wayne High School, Ramsey, a sophomore at Wayne High School and Hunter, a fifth grader at Wayne Middle School.

Her hobbies include attending her children's activities, running

and reading. She is planning to participate in the Lincoln Half Marathon this spring.

Judy Williams has served as the office paralegal for the law office for 21 years and will remain so on a part-time basis as she eases out of the position by late this fall.

Office hours for the business are from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by appointment on Saturday.

For more information on services provided by Jorgensen Law Office, call (402) 375-2080.

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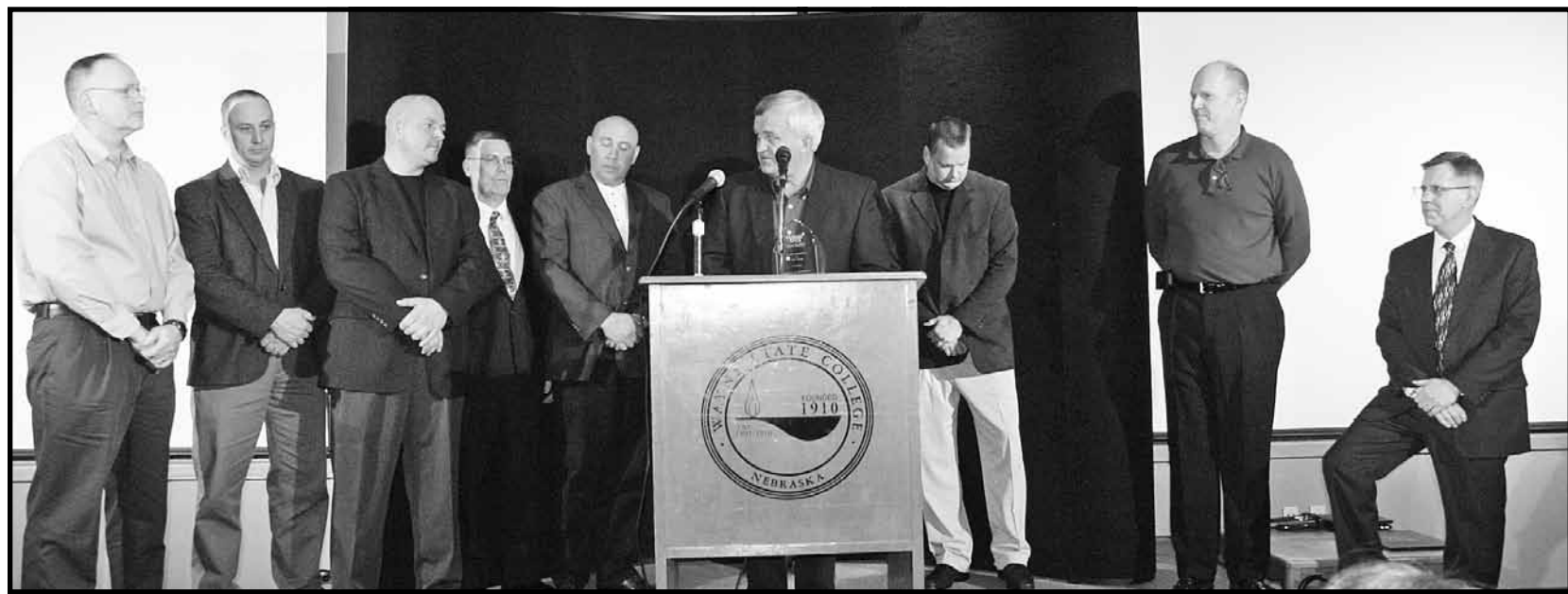
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AWARDS PRESENTED DURING ANNUAL WAYNE AREA CHAMBER BANQUET



(Photos by Clara Osten)
(clockwise from top left) Dr. Carolyn Linster received the Educator of the Year award from Dwaine Spieker. Dave Olson spoke on behalf of Northeast Equipment, the Large Business of the Year. John Vakoc shakes hands with the Citizen of the Year, Jeff Morlok. Dr. Jeryl Nelson presents the Small Business of the Year award to Scott and Mary Kay Hasemann of Hasemann Funeral Home. Nelson presents the Patron of the Year award to Providence Medical Center's Marcile Thomas. Ray McCalla, president of the Wayne Kiwanis Club, presented the Junior Citizen of the Year award to Andy Scholl.



County

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determined it would be cheaper to lease land from Langenberg and install a road. A lease agreement was entered into at that time, and the lease continued even after Rubeck bought the land in 1964.

A quit claim deed had been drawn up to allow the county to take possession of the land the road was on, but the deed was never signed by Rubeck. An updated lease agreement was signed by the

two sides in 1982, with the county paying Rubeck \$25 annually.

Now that the Rubeck family wants to terminate the lease, the county has to look at the possibility of rebuilding a road that was washed out more than a half-century ago, a project that is likely to cost a few hundred thousand dollars.

"With the engineering costs, we're looking at a couple hundred thousand dollars to do this," commissioner Jim Rabe said.

Commissioner Kelvin Wurdemann said a public hearing would need to be held before the county can close the road, and it would take a lot of work to get the road built.

"It's going to take a lot of truckloads of dirt just to build that road back up," he said.

Rabe said the county will have to barricade the road, per Rubeck's request, and residents who drive in the area will have to find another

route to their destination.

"It's not going to inconvenience too many people if we close this," he said. "Some of those people who live in the area are going to have to find another way around. Spending \$200,000 is a lot of money."

The board met with Jeff Wagner, the county's engineer with Mainelli, Wagner and Associates of Lincoln, and went over details of the roads that are scheduled for work under the county's one-year and six-year

plans.

The county has 26 roads listed on its one-year plan, most of them bridge repair projects. Another 69 projects are listed on the six-year plan, which are road and bridge projects that have been listed for future development.

The board will hold a public meeting and approve its one- and six-year road plans at its Feb. 15 meeting.

In other action, the board:

– approved an agreement with the Department of Roads for fracture critical bridge inspections for 2011.

– approved F&M Bank for \$250,000 worth of substitution of securities.

– approved lodging tax applications for Nebraska Life Magazine and the Carroll Fire Department for its annual pancake and omelet feed.



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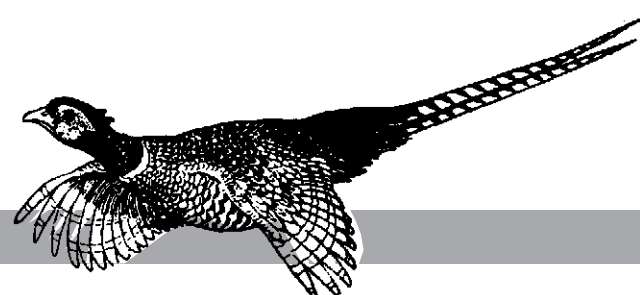
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Sports

The Wayne Herald



Second-half letdown leads to Wildcats' first NSIC loss

Two days after seeing his team play their worst half of basketball in recent memory, coach Chris Kielsmeier was still having trouble putting into words what happened in St. Paul, Minn., on Saturday.

The ninth-ranked Wayne State women's basketball team held a slim two-point lead at intermission in Saturday's matchup with Concordia-St. Paul, but the Golden Bears caught fire and hung 56 second-half points on the Wildcats in the second half, sending them to a 91-57 defeat that was, by far, the worst in Kielsmeier's three seasons in Wayne.

"Offensively, we missed some easy shots at the start of the second half, and the whole momentum of the game changed," Kielsmeier said of the loss, which was the worst beating one of his Wildcat teams have taken since a 79-61 loss to Winona State in the first

round of the 2009 Northern Sun Conference tournament.

"They played with a lot of energy and a lot of life and a lot of confidence, and we played with a lack of all of that," he added. "It was a disappointing effort by the entire program. We all need to do a better job than that."

The loss ended Wayne State's 16-game winning streak, and capped a weekend that, Kielsmeier felt, was less than impressive.

The weekend started off in its usual fashion, with the Wildcats getting out to a big lead Friday at St. Cloud State. Wayne State led 21-4 less than eight minutes into the game and appeared well on its way to a blowout win over the Huskies.

That, Kielsmeier said, was about the time the team hit the cruise control button and settled for a 14-point win.

"Our players need to realize the sense of urgency that we need to be a great, high-intensity elite team all the time."

— Chris Kielsmeier

Wayne State women's basketball coach

"Those first seven or eight minutes was about the best we've played all year, and then after we get up 21-4, I thought we went on cruise control and didn't play very well," he said. "We've gotten away with trying to turn it on when we need it the last few weeks and had gotten away with it. We got up 17 early, but only won by 14, so I think we got outplayed the last 30 minutes or so."

Junior Ashley Arlen led a balanced attack with 16 points and 13 rebounds, marking her fifth double-double of the season. Clare Duwelius added 14 points, Eva Benson scored 12 off the bench and Mara Hjelle and Julie Ann Wagner each had 10.

Wayne State got down early against the Golden Bears on Saturday, but were still nursing a two-point lead after a long 3-pointer by Arlen toward the end of the first half.

The Golden Bears came out on fire the second half, hitting 8-of-9 from long distance and shooting better than 60 percent from the field, while the Wildcats shot a season-low 23 percent from the floor in the final 20 minutes.

"We were playing against a team that really needed a big win," Kielsmeier said. "Concordia had won seven straight and

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NSIC WOMEN'S BB TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Overall		NSIC
	W-L	W-L	
Wayne State	17-2	14-1	
Northern State	14-5	11-4	
Winona State	14-5	10-5	
Concordia-St. Paul	11-8	10-5	
Augustana	16-6	9-6	
Minnesota State	11-8	8-7	
Minnesota Duluth	10-9	8-7	
MSU Moorhead	10-8	7-7	
Univ. of Mary	10-9	7-8	
St. Cloud State	9-10	6-9	
SW Minn. State	7-12	6-9	
Minn. Crookston	8-10	5-9	
Bemidji State	5-14	2-13	
Upper Iowa	1-18	1-14	

Brungardt qualifies in two events

MANKATO, Minn. — The Wayne State indoor track and field teams saw some NCAA provisional qualifying efforts during the Mankato State Open over the weekend.

Leading the way for the Wayne State women was senior Christina King, who reached an NCAA Div. II provisional mark in the 400-meter dash with a winning time of 56.96 seconds. She ranks fifth in NCAA Div. II in the 400-meter dash. King also placed fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.79.

Nicole Brungardt also reached an NCAA Div. II provisional mark, as she placed second in the long jump at 18 feet 3 1/4 inches. She ranks 14th in NCAA Div. II in the long jump. She also finished second in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.83 seconds.

The Wayne State 1,600-meter relay team of King, Brungardt, Erin Kline and Paige Pollard set a new school record and reached an NCAA Div. II provisional mark with a time of 3:56.55, beating the previous school record by nearly six seconds on their way to a first-place finish.

Other top finishers for the Wayne State women were Pollard in the

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Winside girls tally third straight win

WINSIDE — The Winside girls won their third straight game Thursday, overcoming a slow start to defeat Hartington 41-34 and improve to 5-14 on the season.

The host Wildcats got off to a slow start and trailed by nine points after the first period, but chipped away at the Hartington lead to pull within a single point going into the final quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Winside's offense came to life and the defense shut down the visiting Wildcats, helping Winside earn its fifth win of the season.

Megan Leicy led the winners with 13 points, while Shelby Lienemann put in nine and Nazya Thies scored seven.

The team's winning streak was halted in the first round of the Lewis and Clark Conference tournament Saturday in Bancroft, as Newcastle dropped the Wildcats to 5-13 on the year with a 35-18 decision.

Winside 41, Hartington 34				
Winside	3	9	13	16
Hartington	12	7	7	8

WINSIDE — Thies 7, A. Roberts 5, Leicy 13, Jensen 5, J. Roberts 2, Lienemann 9.

HARTINGTON — Heikes 8, Ka. Jueden 2, Kr. Jueden 2, Olsen 3, Wolfe 2, Dendinger 2, Dybdal 5, M. Fischer 3, R. Fischer 7.

WSC men rebound, get split on the road

The Wayne State men sit on the bubble for next month's Northern Sun Conference tournament after a split on the road over the weekend.

On Friday, St. Cloud State held off a late Wayne State rally to post a 66-59 win in St. Cloud, Minn. Wayne State bounced back the following night, using a balanced attack to beat Concordia-St. Paul 70-62 in St. Paul, Minn. to improve to 10-9 overall and 6-9 in the NSIC.



Caitlin Fehringer (33) didn't seem to be bothered with a West Point-Beemer double team after scoring a career-high 31 points in Wayne's easy 72-18 win over the Cadets Friday.

(Photo by Kevin Peterson)

Wayne High teams make easy work of visiting Cadets

By TRAVIS CORLEY
Of The Herald

The Wayne High girls left the West Point-Beemer Cadets winless after a 72-18 blowout victory Friday night at Wayne High School.

Defense was the key to the Blue Devils' victory, as they pressed the Cadets most of the first half. The pressure defense forced West Point into an uncomfortable position, forcing several turnovers that led to fast-break points for the Blue Devils.

Caitlin Fehringer was simply amazing, scoring a career-high 31 points for the Blue Devils. Junior Katie Hoskins was also in double figures, adding 17.

"Caitlin is great at getting to the basket," coach Nathan Wall said.

The Blue Devils outscored the Cadets by 10 points at the end of the first quarter. With a 15-5 lead, the Cadets found themselves on a thin line.

The Blue Devils opened the second quarter with a 16-0 run, and the Blue Devils' defense was in full gear leading up to halftime. They held the Cadets to no field goals until they scored their only basket of the quarter with :24 seconds left in the half.

"We played great defense the entire game except the first quarter," Wall said. "We had West Point at a disadvantage and we got at loose balls and rebounded well."

After halftime the Blue Devils continued to pour on the points. Fehringer and Hoskins went on a run of their own, scoring the first 10 points for the Blue Devils.

West Point didn't get its first field goal until midway through the period. The Cadets eclipsed its second



Jalen Barry is tripped up by a West Point-Beemer defender during the Blue Devils' 78-32 win Friday night.

(Photo by Kevin Peterson)

quarter scoring mark with four in the third. Fehringer and Hoskins ended their night with a 6-0 run as they sat the final quarter.

The Blue Devil boys' defense held off the West Point-

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Area conference tournaments face weather delays

Winter weather has forced changes in the schedules for area high school conference basketball tournaments.

The Mid-State Conference tournament was set to play all of its first-round games on Wednesday. Boys games were at Northeast Community College and Norfolk Catholic High School, with girls games moved to Pierce and Battle Creek high schools. Semifinals and final-round schedules will remain as originally scheduled, with girls semifinals and consolations on Thursday, boys semifinals and consolations on Friday and fifth-, third- and first-place games set for Saturday.

The updated Mid-State Conference schedule is as follows:

Boys Bracket
At Norfolk Catholic — West Point CC vs. Battle Creek, 6:15 p.m.; Wayne vs. Boone Central, 7:45 p.m.

At Northeast CC — Norfolk Catholic vs. Madison, 6:15 p.m.; Hartington CC vs. Pierce, 7:45 p.m.

Girls Bracket
At Battle Creek — West Point CC vs. Pierce, 6:15 p.m.; Norfolk Catholic vs. Wayne, 7:45 p.m.

At Pierce — Hartington CC vs. Madison, 6:15 p.m.; Boone Central vs. Battle Creek, 7:45 p.m.

The NENAC tournament was rescheduled to Thursday, with first-round consolation games eliminated from the schedule.

All semifinal games were set for Thursday, with the girls championship and third-place games at Laurel and the boys final

round at Randolph on Friday. The NENAC schedule is as follows:

Girls at Laurel
Thursday — Crofton vs. LCC, 6 p.m.; Elkhorn Valley vs. West Holt, 8 p.m.

Friday — Consolation game, 6:15 p.m.; Championship game, 8 p.m.

Boys at Randolph
Thursday — Randolph vs. Creighton, 6 p.m.; Crofton vs. LCC, 8 p.m.

Friday — Consolation game, 6:15 p.m.; Championship game, 8 p.m.

The first round of the boys division of the Lewis and Clark Conference tournament was moved to Thursday, with the quarterfinals set for Saturday.

Area teams involved play at the following times:

At Osmond — Winside vs. Osmond, 7:45 p.m.

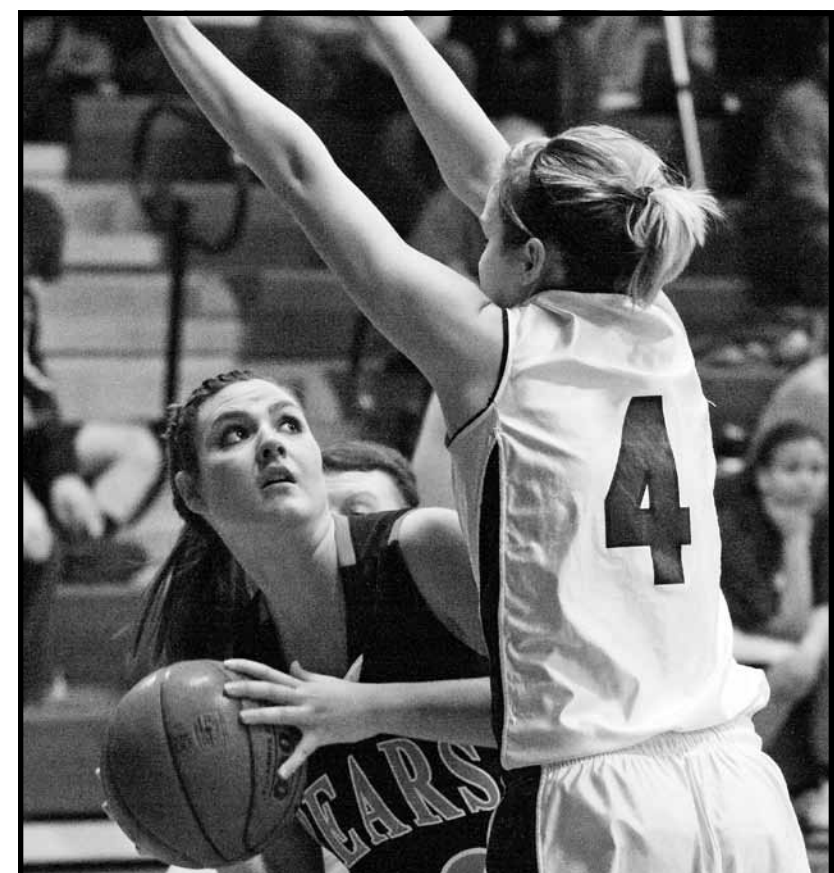
At Bloomfield — Ponca vs. Wakefield, 6 p.m.; Bloomfield vs. Allen, 7:45 p.m.

The quarterfinals for the girls division will be played Friday at Winnebago and Osmond, while the boys quarterfinals will take place Saturday at Bloomfield and Ponca.

The girls semifinals will be held Monday afternoon at Bloomfield, while the boys semifinals are set for Monday evening at Ponca. The championship game is scheduled for Wednesday at Laurel.

Consolation games for teams who lost in the first round will not be played this year.

The Lewis and Clark Conference wrestling tournament was rescheduled to Thursday evening at Winside High School.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Dani Lynn Huss of Laurel-Concord/Coleridge is closely guarded by Wakefield's Katelyn Tuttle during Thursday's matchup at Wakefield.

LCC teams scratch out wins at Wakefield

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

WAKEFIELD — Free throws and inside domination were the keys to success, as the Laurel-Concord/Coleridge boys and girls basketball teams came away with road wins Thursday at Wakefield.

The Lady Bears hit 18-of-23 free throws and overcame early foul problems to post a 64-51 win over Wakefield in the first game. In the finale, the "M&M's" duo of Matthew

Maxon and Michael Olesen was too much inside for the host Trojans to handle, as the Bears managed a 57-48 triumph.

The Lady Bears got off to a fast start and took a 10-2 lead, but Wakefield's girls came back and got a late basket from Katelyn Tuttle to erase the early deficit and take a 14-13 advantage.

The two teams settled into a back-and-forth affair that saw 13 lead

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Winside wrestlers seventh at Ainsworth

By LEE KOCH
For The Herald

AINSWORTH – A short-handed Winside wrestling squad finished in eighth place in the Ainsworth Invitational Saturday, a tournament that featured five teams ranked by the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association.

Class B No. 2 Central City won the tournament with 187 points, while Class C No. 5 Sargent-Burwell finished one-half point behind runner-up Amherst, ranked No. 2 in Class D. Also in the tournament were Class C No. 9 Valentine, Class D No. 10 Winside, as well as South Dakota Class B No. 8 rated Burke-Gregory.

"(It was an) extremely tough tournament for us team-wise with only seven varsity wrestlers suiting up," coach Paul Sok said. "All in all, it was a great learning experience for the kids. Twelve of them had a chance to stay with host families from Ainsworth the night before."

Ethan Thies (145), Forrest Jones

(152) and Coltin Brokaw (171) all had individual success, with each earning medals against strong competition according to Sok. Thies finished with a third-place medal while Jones and Brokaw both earned second-place finishes.

"Ethan Thies had a great tournament going 3-1 for the day. He beat the No. 1-rated individual from Burke for third place. Forrest Jones defeated a highly rated kid from Sargent-Burwell in the semis, and Coltin Brokaw defeated a returning state (Class B) placer (Travis Maresh of Central City) in the semifinals before losing a wild match in the finals to Ainsworth's Class C No. 3-rated Taylor Gross."

Also wrestling for Winside were Brady Wurdemann (103), Levi Lange (130), Dylan Pesek (135) and Kelby Prince at 189 pounds.

"This was the strongest tournament we have been to this season, with the number two teams in B and D dominating the meet," Sok said. "Five of the wrestlers won matches during the day to gain some valuable experience a couple of weeks before districts."



(Photo by Lee Koch)

Forrest Jones works for a pin for Winside during Saturday's Ainsworth Invitational.

Winside Medal Results

145: 3. Ethan Thies, Winside, dec. Colton Johnson, B-G, 8-4. 152: 1. Wyatt Schacke, Amherst, tech. fall Forrest Jones, Winside, 19-4. 171: 1. Taylor Gross, Ainsworth, dec. Coltin Brokaw, Winside, 17-11.

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pentathlon with a third-place effort of 3,223, Lexi Guhl finished third in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.40 seconds, and Brianne Hofstetter finished fourth in the triple jump at 35 feet, 9 3/4 inches.

In the men's competition, Ross Bunchek continued his roll in the weight throw, for the third straight meet.

John Kern had an impressive finish in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:55.93, finishing in second place. Will Hanson finished third in the men's 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.48 seconds, and Aaron Garza also earned a third-place finish in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:01.43.

Other top finishers for the Wayne State men were York Thomas, who finished fourth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 15:28; Alex Timperly placed fourth in the triple jump with a mark of 45 feet, 9 3/4 inches; and the men's 1,600-meter relay team finished fifth with a time of 3:26.38.

Wayne State will be in action this weekend, traveling to Storm Lake, Iowa on Saturday for the Dick Young Classic.

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Wayne

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Beemer squad, as Wayne posted a 78-32 victory to improve their record to 13-4.

West Point opened the game with a basket to take an early lead. Wayne answered with their own basket to tie the game. Midway through the quarter the Blue Devils went on a 7-0 run, and ended the first quarter with a basket by Justin Anderson, who finished the game with 10 points.

Seth Onderstal was the game's leading scorer with 16 points. Jacob Zeiss added 15 for the Blue Devils,

going 4-of-6 from behind the arc.

"Jacob stirs the drink for us, and if he hits shots it forces their defense to play. But his passing ability can then open up and he can become the dual-threat point guard he is," coach Rocky Ruhl said.

Defense was key for the Blue Devils, as they held the Cadets to eight second-quarter points.

"We wanted to be aggressive in the passing lanes and get deflections that led to steals and just stay quick on our feet," Ruhl said.

Wayne ended the half on a 10-1 run to give them a 43-20 halftime

lead. The Cadets went the last three minutes without a field goal. The third quarter was no different for the Cadets, as they scored eight total points.

The Blue Devils piled points to its 23-point lead with a 12-2 run to open the quarter. In the fourth quarter the Blue Devils defense were still playing with great intensity, as they held the Cadets to four points. The Cadets were outscored in every quarter and could never get into any rhythm as the Blue Devils steamrolled to the victory.

Rebound

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our seniors being great leaders and leading by example."

Jensen, who had a season-high 20 points, hit three straight trifectas to help the Wildcats to a 17-15 lead midway through the first half. Concordia responded and led by as many as six points, but Jensen's fadeaway jumper at the buzzer capped a 9-2 run to give the Wildcats a 33-32 halftime edge.

Shelby hit a 3-pointer to help Wayne State to a 39-33 lead, but the Golden Bears bounced back to

take a 40-39 lead before Starken hit back-to-back treys to make it 51-45, and the Wildcats didn't trail again.

Starken added 18 points in the win, Shelby put in 12 points and Ben Tasa had his first double-double of the year with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

This weekend is a big weekend for Wayne State, as they have a 6 p.m. battle with Southwest Minnesota State Friday and a 4 p.m. matchup Saturday with conference leader Minnesota State.

The matchup with the Mustangs

is a big one, as the two teams are tied for eighth place in the conference.

"From here on out, though, really every game is important," Combs said. "Southwest really put it to us the last time we played, and it was probably our worst game of the season, not only from an execution standpoint, but from an effort and toughness standpoint.

"If we can play with the same type of effort and moxie and togetherness that we showed this past weekend, we'll continue to make strides," he added.

Women

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were on the outside of the regional rankings, and they're a pretty hot team right now."

Kielsmeier said he hoped Saturday's beatdown serves as a wake-up call to his team that they need to play at a consistent high level if they want to be considered an elite program.

"Our players need to realize the

sense of urgency that we need to be a great, high-intensity, elite team all the time," he said. "We haven't had that, and from a coaching standpoint it's been frustrating why we can't get this group to understand that.

"We've been trying to progress forward, and we've been playing in a relaxed, comfortable state and we need to get out of that," he said.

"We need to practice and play a lot better and have an overall sense of urgency, and if a loss like that gets you going, then so be it."

Wayne State is at home this weekend, hosting Southwest Minnesota State Friday at 6 p.m. and Minnesota State Saturday at 4 p.m.

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Allen girls still looking for first win

The Allen girls had trouble handling the ball Thursday in a home matchup with Emerson-Hubbard, coming up on the short end of a 47-27 decision.

The Lady Eagles committed 25 of their 40 turnovers in the first half, yet were still in the game with a 19-9 halftime deficit.

"We struggled a lot taking care of the ball," coach Logan McPhillips said. "We had 25 turnovers in the first half, but we were only down by 10 so if we could have taken better care of the ball, we'd have been a lot closer."

"The second half, we just

struggled making shots and (E-H) pulled away," he added.

Junior Olivia Schneiders, who shared scoring honors with Mariah McCoy with six points apiece, has stepped into her role as a starter at point guard.

"She's had to step up when we've had some girls out with injuries, and she's really doing well," McPhillips said. "She's getting a lot more comfortable with handling the ball, and I'm looking forward to seeing how much she improves down the road. I know she can be a good point guard for us."

Allen's journey in the Lewis and

Clark Conference tournament was a short one, as they were dominated by second-seeded Homer in a 77-26 defeat Saturday at Homer.

The Lady Knights frustrated the Lady Eagles in the first period, racing out to a 25-0 lead and cruising to the easy first-round win, dropping Allen to 0-16 on the season.

Lindsey Jones led the Lady Eagles with eight points and Brittany Sullivan added seven in the losing effort.

The Lady Eagles have some time off before resuming action Tuesday at Winside.

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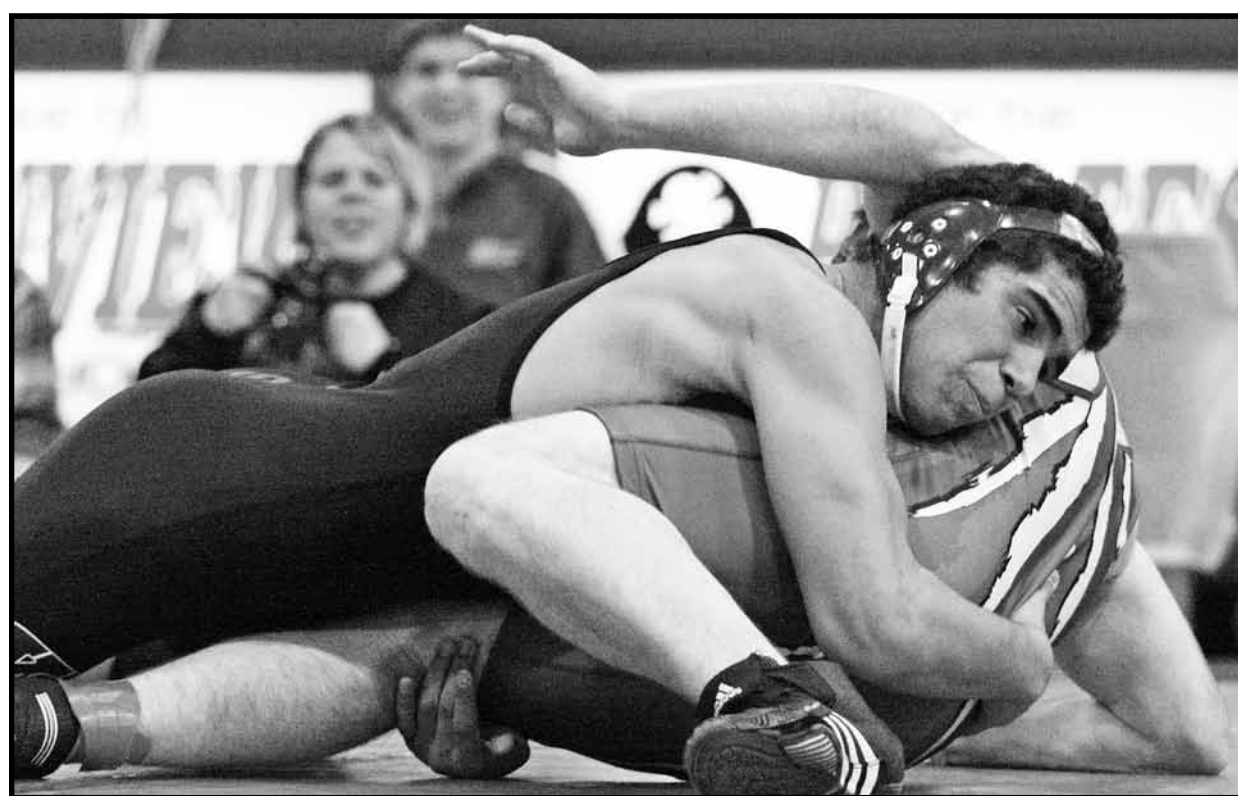
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Wayne's Malcolm Martin gets a takedown during Saturday's Plainview Invitational. Martin came up a match short of earning a medal.

Area teams struggle, McManus is only medalist at Plainview Invite

PLAINVIEW – It was a tough day at the office for area wrestlers competing in the Plainview Invitational on Saturday.

With a number of starters out due to illness, the Wayne wrestling team could only take half of the team to the meet, and only three of those were regular varsity wrestlers.

"We've had some sickness, and had to throw in three JV kids, so it was a frustrating day," coach Anthony Lawrence said. "Riley (McManus) did a good job today and ran into a tough match in the finals, but we didn't do as good as I thought we'd do overall. It was a frustrating day, but we'll get back after it."

McManus was the only area

wrestler to win a medal in a tournament that featured 29 rated wrestlers and four ranked teams in the 18-team field. He started the day with a solid win by major decision, then got a takedown to beat Brennan Becker of Creighton-Verdigr 3-1 to reach the finals.

He was matched up against a defending state champion and top-ranked wrestler in Plainview's Teran Boyer, and Boyer dominated the 152-pound championship match with a 14-5 major decision.

Roman Roberts, Jose Vergara and Malcolm Martin all reached the third round of consolations, but neither was able to get in for a medal match as the Wayne

wrestlers finished 14th out of 18 teams.

The day was even tougher for the Laurel-Concord/Coleridge team, as they were able to win just one match during the day's activity. Riley Lund, wrestling at 189 pounds, reached the third round of consolations before bowing out of the tournament.

Both teams will be on the road for the final weekend of the regular season. Wayne travels to Norfolk Saturday for the Mid-State Conference tournament, while the Bears will compete in the Wakefield Invitational.

Wakefield grapplers win two out of three at Elkhorn South Duals

ELKHORN – Coach Travis Volk said the Wakefield wrestlers performed well against some solid competition Saturday at the Elkhorn South Duals.

The Trojans lost their first dual to Elkhorn South (50-29), but came back to beat a solid Malcom team (45-27) and outscore Platteview (59-21) to finish 2-1 in the four-team, round-robin dual tournament.

"We were off our game a little bit and didn't start out the best against Elkhorn, but we got some big wins from Brendan (Nicholson) and Jacob (Nelson) and Devin (Anderson)," he said. "The kids came back and wrestled well against a pretty solid Malcom team, and Devin and Jacob had two really big wins for us."

"Against Platteview, we just outmatched them, but we still had some good wins and came away with two dual wins for the day," he added. "Overall, I was pretty happy with their performances."

Christian Gallardo (112) had a pair of technical falls and a forfeit to cap a 3-0 day, while Nicholson had two wins and a forfeit. Nelson picked up a pin and a technical fall, and Anderson finished the day with a pair of pins.

The Trojans will host their first Wakefield Invitational in many years this Saturday, as they play host to a five-team, round-robin format tournament.

The Trojans will face wrestlers from Laurel-Concord/Coleridge, Ponca, Randolph and the Wahoo junior varsity in their final tune-up before districts.

"We wanted to be able to be at home that last Saturday before districts, and we'll have an

opportunity to get some good matches in and get ready for districts next week."

Wakefield 59, Platteview 21

103: Platteview open. 112: Platteview open. 119: Platteview open. 125: Andrew Henry, Platteview, dec. Alex Calderon, Wakefield, 11-8. 130: Platteview open. 135: Platteview open. 140: Platteview open.

145: Justin Dorcey, Wakefield, pinned Zach Jochim, Platteview, time NA. 152: Jacob Nelson, Wakefield, tech. fall Jordan Moore, Platteview, 21-5. 160: Sheridan Mason, Platteview, pinned Daniel Gustafson, Wakefield, time NA. 171: Platteview open. 189: Ryan Wulf, Platteview, pinned Jesus Olvera, Wakefield, time NA. 215: Clint Baldwin, Platteview, pinned Steve Sarmiento, Wakefield, time NA. 285: Alan Lopez, Wakefield, pinned Leo Swenson, Platteview, time NA.

Wakefield 45, Malcom 27

103: Irvin Ramirez, Wakefield, maj. dec. Dillon Walkinsha, Malcom, 16-4. 112: Christian Gallardo, Wakefield, tech. fall Mason Glause, Malcom, 16-1. 119: Is. Ramirez pinned Ben Dostal, Malcom, time NA. 125: Tyler Guernsey, Malcom, pinned Alex Calderon, Wakefield, time NA. 130: Devon Anderson, Wakefield, pinned Tyler Guernsey, Malcom, time NA. 135: Nick Roberts, Malcom, pinned Justin Stark, Wakefield, time NA. 140: Josh Johanson, Malcom, dec. Danny VanderVeen, Wakefield, 8-4.

145: Dylan Swagger, Malcom, pinned Dorcey, time NA. 152: No match. 160: Malcom open. 171: Malcom open. 189: Brendan Nicholson, Wakefield, dec. Jared Eucker, Malcom, 8-1. 215: James Burruss, Malcom, pinned Sermiento, time NA. 285: Malcom open.

Elkhorn South 50, Wakefield 29

103: Mitch Vorel, ES, tech. fall Ir. Ramirez, 21-6. 112: Gallardo tech. fall Logan Krug, ES, 17-2. 119: Riley Hays, ES, pinned Is. Ramirez, time NA. 125: Calderon pinned Justin Isaacson, ES, time NA. 130: Anderson pinned Randy Fleissner, ES, time NA. 135: Jake Jukes, ES, pinned Stark, time NA. 140: Tyler Martin, ES, dec. VanderVeen, 9-4.

145: Grant Darner, ES, pinned Dorcey, time NA. 152: Nelson pinned Josh Anderson, ES, time NA. 160: Josh Meehan, ES, pinned Gustafson, time NA. 171: Nicholson pinned Neal Hathaway, ES, time NA. 189: Cole Griencewic, ES, pinned Olvera, time NA. 215: Cole Carleton, ES, pinned Sarmiento, time NA. 285: Cal Griencewic, ES, pinned Lopez, time NA.

Wayne State wrestlers put on good showing at NCWA Club Invitational

WINONA, Minn. – A group of 14 wrestlers from Wayne State College put on a good showing at the third-annual National Collegiate Wrestling Association Club Invitational on Saturday.

Overall, Wayne State's wrestlers finished with 25 wins in 37 matches, which was a pretty good showing, according to coach Greg VanderWeil.

"This was our best team effort, both in terms of number of

wrestlers and overall performance by the entire team," he said. "The hard work, dedication and talent of the wrestlers was rewarded with a demonstration of the quality of our program."

Wayne State had five champions on the day, with Craig Dennis (141), Matthew Peter (157), Tahner Thiem (174), Matt Bates (193) and Bren VanderWeil (285) all taking first-place honors.

Runner-up finishes were earned

by Blake Svatora (125), Wyatt Jacobsen (133), Trent Brichacek (149), Allyn Gonsor (165), Mark Ramekers (165) and Tim Campton (235). Earning third-place finishes were Steven Varela (157), Tyler Hart (174) and Rob Peter (174).

Wayne State will take part in the Briar Cliff Open on Saturday at Dakota Valley High School in North Sioux City, S.D.



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Special events for WSC weekend games

The Wayne State athletic department will hold a pair of special promotions this weekend as the Wildcat basketball teams host Southwest Minnesota State and Minnesota State Friday and Saturday at Rice Auditorium.

Friday's games against Southwest Minnesota State features "Cats Against Cancer" Night. The first 100 fans through the doors will receive a pink Breast Cancer Awareness T-shirt. Fans will also have a chance to win other pink prizes, including an autographed pink basketball signed by the Wildcat women's basketball team.

Saturday's games against Minnesota State are "Someone Special" Night, sponsored by Diamond Center/Flowers and Wine of Wayne. Each member of the Wildcat women's basketball team will select a faculty or staff member that has had a positive influence on their lives during their time at Wayne State. As part of this promotion, Diamond Center/Flowers and Wine will present a gift to each "someone special" during halftime of the men's game.

WSC women fall to No. 9

The Wayne State women's basketball team slipped three spots to No. 9 in the latest USA Today-ESPN Div. II Top 25 coaches poll.

The demotion came after a 91-57 loss to Concordia-St. Paul on Saturday, the Wildcats' first loss in Northern Sun Conference play.

The top 25 is as follows:

1. Lander (S.C.), 2. Clayton State (Ga.), 3. Delta State (Miss.), 4. Fort Lewis (Colo.), 5. Arkansas Tech, 6. Northeastern State (Okla.), 7. Western Washington, 8. Michigan Tech, 9. Wayne State, 10. Dixie State (Utah), 11. Washburn (Kan.), 12. Grand Canyon (Ariz.), 13. Metro State (Colo.), 14. Quincy (Ill.), 15. Alaska-Anchorage, 16. South Carolina-Aiken, 17. Bentley (Mass.), 18. Millersville (Pa.), 19. Rollins (Fla.), 20. Emporia State (Kan.), 21. Holy Family (Pa.), 22. Grand Valley State (Mich.), 23. Tarleton State (Texas), 24. Northwest Missouri State, 25. Cal State-Monterey Bay.

Brungardt earns award

Wayne State College freshman Nicole Brungardt was named Northern Sun Conference women's field athlete of the week.

The Norfolk native earned the award after posting two NCAA provisional marks during the Minnesota State Open last week. She placed second in the long jump and ran a leg on the winning 1,600-meter team that set a new school record.

Soph/JV boys win

The Wayne sophomore and JV boys basketball team outlasted the

Norfolk freshman in recent action, taking a 41-27 win.

Grant Anderson led the Wayne squad with 10 points, while Bradley Longe and Luke Trenhaile each had eight. Also scoring were Drew Carroll with seven, Zach Shear with four and Andrew Pulfer and Danny Melena with two each.

Seventh boys fall

The Wayne seventh-grade boys basketball team lost both games Saturday in their own junior high tournament, losing to Battle Creek (31-20) and Pierce (37-28).

In the first game, Drew Davie led the way with seven points, while Malik Knox scored six, Dylan Hurlburt put in five and Colby Keiser scored two.

Against Pierce, Keiser led the way with 10 points, Knox added eight, Hurlburt scored six and Davie and Micah Sprouls each had two.

The Wayne seventh-grade boys lost to the Bancroft-Rosalie junior high team 41-30 in action recently. The team tried to bounce back from a 19-6 deficit, but were unable to make up the deficit.

Knox had 12 points, while Keiser added eight and Hurlburt put in seven. Also scoring were Schuyler Schweers with two and Sprouls with one.

Eighth graders win

The Wayne eighth-graders won a pair of close games to take first place in their own tournament, beating Battle Creek (30-28) and Norfolk Catholic (40-37).

In the first game, Ben Hoskins scored a game-high 24 points to lead the way, while Jack Belt had four and Brook Bowers put in two.

In the second game, Hoskins scored 23 points to help Wayne to the win. Belt added nine, Zach Keating put in six and Josh Stenka scored two.

The Wayne eighth-grade boys came up short in a close battle with Bancroft-Rosalie, dropping a 49-45 decision.

Hoskins led the team with 20 points, while Belt added 10. Also scoring were Keating with eight, Bowers with four and Luke Pulfer with three.

Frosh boys get two wins

The Wayne freshman boys basketball team won a pair of games recently, beating the Norfolk freshman "B" team 53-43 and outlasting Columbus Lakeview 46-32.

In the first game, Luke Rethwisch led the way with 15 points, while Jared Anderson added 12. Also scoring were Matt Shrunck with eight, Kage Maly with seven, Austin Kaiser with five and Trevor Pecena and Payton Janke with two each.

In the Lakeview win, Anderson, Maly and Rethwisch combined to his seven 3-point shots. Kaiser scored nine points, Shrunck added four and Pecena and Jacob Lutt each had two.

JV girls edge

Norfolk sophs

The Wayne JV girls defeated the Norfolk sophomores 42-23 in recent action at Norfolk.

Ashton Schweers led the Wayne squad with 11 points, while Kristin Carroll and Megan Hoffart each had 10. Sarah Maxson put in three, and Meagan Backer, Narelle Naeve, Kelsey Ellis and Sydney Harris each had two.

JV boys get win

The Wayne JV boys basketball team had no problems with West Point-Beemer on Friday, posting a 58-30 win.

Grant Anderson had 14 points and Brady Soden and Jordan Backer each had eight for the Blue Devils. Also scoring were Danny Melena with six, Joey Lenihan with five, Bradley Longe and Zach Shear with four each, Quentin Morris with three, Tony Sinniger and Miles Anderson with two each, and Luke Trenhaile and Joe Dunklau with one apiece.

Freshman girls split

The Wayne freshman girls basketball team split two games at the West Point Central Catholic tournament recently.

The frosh defeated Norfolk Catholic 38-17, but lost to the host Bluejays 44-34 in the finals.

Youth wrestling

ourney is March 25

The Wayne Youth Wrestling Club will have its annual tournament on Friday, March 25.

An informational meeting for those interested in helping out will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Wayne City Auditorium. An open wrestling mat for club members will be available during the meeting.

For more information, call Brian Loberg at (402) 375-1903.

Softball coaches needed

The Wayne Softball Association is looking for coaches for the 2011 season.

Coaches are being sought for teams in the 10-under through 18-under age groups. Deadline for submitting applications is March 5.

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Wayne Community Activity Center, or by calling Rob Sweetland at (402) 369-0828.

Students named to honor roll at Winside

The honor roll for the first semester of the 2011 school year has been released at Winside High School.

Named to the Principal's All A List for the first semester were Hannah Clocker, Victoria Doffin, Laura Greunke, Colin Hansen, Brittany Janke, Deserah Janke, Natasha Jensen, Zane Jensen, Bianca Marino, Lesley Milenkovich, Tina Nelson, Audrey Roberts, Alec Sindelar, Megan Skokan, Abbie Thies, Kelsie Tweedy, Elysia Wagner and Tanner Woslager.

Named to the Honor Roll (A's and B's) for the first semester were: Alyssa Anson, Taylor Anson, Coltin Brokaw, Zach Brokaw, Jerae Doffin, Abby Dwinell, Breanna Elznic, Selena Finn, Kourtney Frederick, Demi-Jo Gowler, Bridget Gray, Erin Gray, Mackenzie Gray, Shannon

Gray, Brian Greunke, David Greunke, John Hansen, Miranda Hansen, Jade Hogencamp, Jami Jaeger, Tyler Jaeger, Page Jensen, Cali Jorgensen, Levi Lange, Megan Leicy, Caleb Lienemann, Shelby Lienemann, Monica Marino, Bryce Meis, Blaine Meyer, Haley Mitchell, Keith Mundil, Shelby Pesek, Stephyn Peterson, Courtney Petzoldt, Tarrin Quinn, Jayd Roberts, Carly Schwager, Dillon Stickley, Mallory Stubbs, Alyssa Thies, Rayann Wales, Garrett

Watters, Tanner Westerhaus, Sam Wolfe, Ricky Wright, Brady Wurdeman and Cody Wylie. Those receiving Honorable Mention (A's, B's and no more than one C) recognition included: Mandi Benck, Dana Doffin, Jaret Harmer, Morgan Jensen, Marlowe Kampa, Jacob Mann, Sophie Milenkovich, Ethan Thies, Nazya Thies, Tanga Koehler, Jacob Mann, Moncia Marino, Bryce Meis, Carly Thies, Nazya Thies, Ricky Wright and Cody Wylie.

Wayne speech team earns awards at Stanton Invite

Congratulations to the following members of the speech team, who placed at the Stanton Invitational on Saturday: Jacob Pulfer, sixth in Varsity Extemporaneous; Casey Dalager, sixth in JV Persuasive, Diana Fernandez, fourth in JV Serious Prose and second in JV Poetry; and Samantha Long, second in JV Serious Prose.

Extra special congratulations to Jared Peterson, who took first-place honors in JV Extemporaneous. Competing with only five entries in the JV division, the Blue Devils finished fifth as a team.

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Annual WillyCon to be April 1-3

WillyCon, the science fiction and fantasy convention sponsored by the Wayne State Science Fiction and Fantasy Club, will be April 1-3 on the Wayne State College campus. The author guest of honor will be Harry Turtledove, a historian and prolific novelist who has written historical fiction, fantasy, and science fiction works. The artist guest of honor will be Theresa Mather, a professional artist since 1989, who creates fantasy works featuring a variety of unusual creatures. The convention is one of the longest running conventions of this genre in Nebraska, celebrating its 13th

consecutive year. Traditionally, programming is presented by WSC science educators, students, and selected guests dealing with fantasy, science fiction, and gaming topics. WillyCon XIII also will feature a writer's workshop, short-story contest, an artist's workshop, an art show and auction, a masquerade show, gaming, movies, and a dealer's room. Harry Norman Turtledove is probably the best-known and most popular author of the genre of alternate history. Turtledove worked as a technical writer for the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) in the 1980s. He left the

LACOE in 1991 and turned to writing full time. He served as the treasurer for the Science Fiction Writers of America from 1986 to 1987. Turtledove won the HOMER Award for Short Story in 1990 for "Designated Hitter," John Esthen Cook Award for Southern Fiction in 1993 for Guns of the South, and the Hugo Award for Novella in 1994 for Down in the Bottomlands. "Must and Shall" was nominated for the 1996 Hugo Award for Best Novelette, the 1996 Nebula Award for Best Novelette and received an honorable mention for the 1995 Sidewise Award for Alternate History. The Two Georges also received an honorable mention for the 1995 Sidewise Award for Alternate History. The Worldwar series received a Sidewise Award for Alternate History Honorable Mention in 1996.

Theresa Mather is best known for her pieces painted on feathers and stone, integrating her paintings with the natural colors and textures of the surface. She chooses to work outside of gaming and publication, exhibiting and selling her work at science fiction convention art shows across the country. She says she enjoys the freedom this gives her to paint whatever she desires, allowing her paintings to be truly her creations. Mather was active in the field of antique carousel restoration from 1989 to 1999, painting suites of large scale paintings for the crests of five antique carousels and decorative paintwork for a sixth. She exhibits at more than 70 shows each year and is the recipient of numerous awards, including Popular Choice Best of Show at ConJose, the 2002 Worldcon. For information about WillyCon visit www.willycon.com/ or contact Ron Vick at (402) 375-7321. or rovick1@wsc.edu.



Members of Wakefield's Speech team include, front row, left to right, Darien Gustafson, Ryan Conyers and Mercedes Greve. Middle row, Torie Allemann, Evelyn Caceres, Tara Bjorklund, Alison Luhr, Amanda Luhr, Henry Ventura, Brenda Gallardo and Tianna Gnat. Back row, Coach Zoe Vander Weil, Samantha Bierbower, Paige Ellis, Hannah Paxton, Syndey Rose, Lauren Barge and Victoria Nelson. Not present, Assistant Coach Jenna McAfee, Anna Leigh Miner and Kristyna Muller.

Wakefield Speech team begins competition

The Wakefield Speech team's first competition was Jan. 15 at Pierce. AnnaLeigh Miner received third place in JV Oral Interpretation of Poetry. On Jan. 19, the team traveled to Hartington. The Novice team took seventh place out of 13 teams. Those

placing included Brenda Gallardo and Darien Gustafson, third place in duet acting; Brenda Gallardo, sixth place in Extemporaneous and Darien Gustafson, fifth place in Humorous Prose. The Varsity team earned sixth place, out of 11 teams. Torie

Allemann placed third in Poetry and the OID team of Ryan Conyers, Mercedes Greve, Hannah Paxton, Sydney Rose and Henry Ventura placed fourth. The team's next competition will be Saturday, Feb. 5 with West Point Central Catholic hosting.

Library Commission recognizes board members

The Nebraska Library Commission staff members recently thanked the Library Commissioners who served during the biennium for their commitment to improving Nebraska library services. As representatives of the public, the Commissioners are the primary force ensuring that the agency is fully responsible for the statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library programs and services in accordance with nation-

ally acceptable library standards. Their primary areas of focus involve policy making, director relations, strategic planning, fiscal matters, operations and advocacy. Commissioners are appointed by the governor and serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the second Friday of every other month or as scheduled by public action of the board. For more information, including meeting minutes and agendas, see

the Library Commission website at www.nlc.nebraska.gov. Commissioners who served during the biennium were: Steve Batty, McCook; Diane Boyd, South Sioux City; Sherry Crow, Kearney; Mary Nelson, Holdrege; John Dale, Lincoln; Jean Ahrens, Scottsbluff; Patricia Gross, Bayard; Patrick Gross, Wayne; Charles Gordon, Fremont and Carol Spencer, Broken Bow.

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Bowling teams take part in district competition

On Jan. 30, the boys and girls high school bowling districts were held at Kings Lanes in Norfolk. Teams competing included Crofton, Hartington, Norfolk Catholic, Plainview, Wakefield, and Wayne. The winners were determined by the total amount of pins. Wayne boys placed first. Individual recognition went to Trent Beza first; Corey Doorlag third; Trevor Beza, fourth; and Dillon Wieland fifth. Coaches are Dusty Baker and Justin Cunningham. The Wayne girls placed second. Individual recognition went to Miranda Denklau, second, and Jamie Belt, fourth. Coaches are Mike Varley and Emily Dillon. The boys' team will be going to Lincoln on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12-13, along with the individual top 10 bowlers. The girls' team is waiting to hear the wild-card picks to see if they will be making a trip to Lincoln as well.



Bowling team members are (front) Rachel Waddington, Burgandy Roberts and Miranda Denklau, (middle) Jamie Belt and Jaci Alexander, (back) Sean Ganseboom, Keith Hobza, Trevor Beza, Mason Wren, Trent Beza, Corey Doorlag and Dillon Wieland.

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Attorney General announces top five consumer complaints

Attorney General Jon Bruning announced the top 5 complaints received by his Consumer Protection Division mediation center in 2010. In 2010, recoveries topped \$1.1 million after closing more than 4,800 consumer complaints. "Dealing with faulty products or services from legitimate companies can be just as tricky as avoiding scam artists," said Bruning. "Our highly-trained staff works hard to resolve conflicts and recover hard-earned money for Nebraskans."

Top 5 Consumer Complaints

- 1) Credit and Financial Services

- (inaccurate billing) - 600 complaints.
- 2) Personal Services (unauthorized charges) - 432 complaints.
- 3) Professional Services (debt collection calls) - 421 complaints.
- 4) Motor Vehicles (non-delivery of pre-paid goods or services or services not performed) - 300 complaints.
- 5) Home Improvement (non-delivery of pre-paid goods, contracts, down payments or poor workmanship) - 195 complaints.

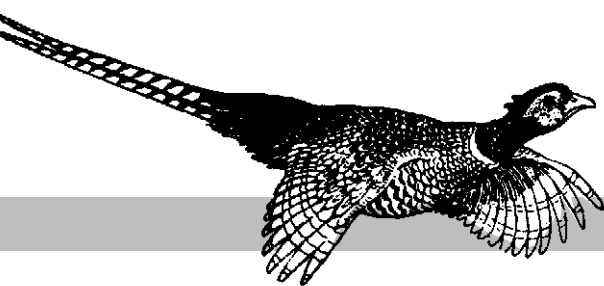
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Don't get me started

By: Michael Carnes Managing Editor

Dirty toilet is a good reason to start a fight?

Boy, you turn your back on the "Bits and Pieces" file for a couple of weeks, and next thing you know, you've got a bulging backlog of information to deal with:

- From the "Yeah, and he also wouldn't take out the trash or put his dirty socks in the laundry basket, either" department: A New Port Richey, Fla., man was arrested after getting into a fight with his roommate.

According to reports, the man got angry with his roommate because he wouldn't clean the toilet.

Seems a perfectly good reason to commit domestic violence, don't you think?

- This week's winner in the "Stuck on Stupid League's Alcohol Consumption Division" competition is Lincoln, Neb., resident William Parminter, who was busted for fifth-offense driving under the influence.

Sadly, the fact that this is his fifth DUI is not what gets him the award. It's HOW he got the latest charge that seals the deal.

Parminter was in Lancaster County District court for a hearing regarding his fourth-offense DUI arrest. After the hearing, a Lincoln police officer watched as Parminter got behind the wheel of a Jeep Cherokee he was not supposed to be driving, as his license was suspended after his arrest on the fourth-offense DUI.

The officer pulled him over at a convenience store a few blocks away and found Parminter enjoying a cold frosty one, with the open container placed in his center console. A breath test found Parminter's blood-alcohol content at 0.238, almost three times the legal limit. He has accumulated eight drunk-driving arrests in 30 years, according to court records.

- From the "And just say no to making sex tapes, too" department: "reality" personality Kim Kardashian is offering advice to teenage girls on not getting pregnant.

The advice comes in the wake of a report out of Memphis, where 90 high school girls became teen mothers during the previous year.

Kardashian claims that the problem stems from shows like "Teen Mom," where - in her opinion - teen pregnancy is made out as a cool thing, with kids becoming celebrities because they had children while they were, in essence, children themselves.

Getting advice about teen pregnancy from somebody who is best known for flaunting her, ahem, physical assets and making a sex tape with an NFL football player would have to just about be a textbook definition of hypocrisy, wouldn't it?

Next thing you know, we'll be getting tips on paying your taxes from Wesley Snipes or Jaime Pressly.

- And since I've broken a personal

rule to give one moment's thought to those who are famous for their insignificance, let's make it a two-fer: people in Italy are not happy with MTV's decision to bring the "Jersey Shore" bimbos to their country to shoot the upcoming season of the "reality" show.

Most of the cast members act as if they are of Italian descent, but are about as Italian as I am black, Jewish and politically liberal. Evidently, MTV thought it would be a good idea for them to go to the land of their alleged descent.

So it wasn't enough for MTV to beat up on New Jersey's already-negative reputation as a state full of brainless twits . . . now they're going to try to drag Italy's social IQ down a few pegs. It's proof positive that the "M" in MTV, which once stood for "music," now stands for its target demographic - "moron."

- Annnnd finally . . . this last one is for the guys in the audience who, like me, live alone for a reason: a Turkish man living in Germany has asked police to step in between he and his wife.

The reason? She's a nymphomaniac.

Evidently, this guy can't sleep at night, because his spouse is, shall we say, in a perpetual state of arousal. Police were quoted as saying the man "decided to get a divorce and to move out . . . in the hope of finally getting some rest, particularly as he is anxious to arrive at work well rested."

This guy wants to be ready to go to work in the morning, but his wife is wanting him to, shall we say, punch her late-night libido clock. I feel his pain - I had a girlfriend who was like that . . . she was more interested in taking up all my free time cleaning the toilet.

Capitol View

Drug purchase goes global

By ED HOWARD Statehouse Correspondent The Nebraska Press Association

LINCOLN - The law of supply and demand proved its validity recently when the Department of Corrections had to go to the international market to buy one of the drugs needed for the lethal cocktail the state may use to kill condemned killers.

The U.S. supplier of the drug announced earlier this month it would stop providing sodium thiopental because its plans to manufacture it in Italy ran afoul of authorities there. The government wanted guarantees that none of the drug manufactured in Italy would be used anywhere for lethal injections. The company, Hospira, then decided to withdraw from the market.

That meant Nebraska corrections officials had to shop elsewhere. A lack of sodium thiopental has interfered with executions in some other states.

Nebraska found a supplier in India. However, Kayem Pharmaceutical said the state had to buy a minimum of 500 grams, at a cost of \$2,056. That's enough sodium thiopental to accommodate 166 convicted murderers during their last medical procedure on earth. Only 12 men are on Nebraska's death row. It usually takes three grams of sodium thiopental to render someone unconscious. Thereafter, two other drugs are administered to kill the prisoner.

The hitch is that Nebraska's supply has an August 2012 expiration date. That Nebraska might execute 12 men in 18 months is unimaginable.

In fact, Attorney General Jon



Bruning has only one request pending before the state Supreme Court to set an execution date, that being for double murderer Carey Dean Moore. Moore, 53, was first condemned to die in 1979 for the murders of two cab drivers in Omaha. He confessed to the murders in detail.

Since sodium thiopental is hard to get these days, the Department of Corrections wasn't in a position to haggle with the supplier. The company in India said it was 500 grams or nothing, so Nebraska bought the 500 grams, even though

it was obvious most of it would eventually be thrown away. Federal law allows the state to sell a small portion of its supply to other states, although the department said it had no plans to do so.

Nebraska's last execution was in 1997 when Robert Williams was put to death in the electric chair for three murders. Moore would be the first person to be killed through lethal injection.

Will Cigar Bar Law Go Up In Smoke?

A judge in Lincoln has declared unconstitutional a provision in

Nebraska's statewide smoking ban which allows for so-called cigar bars.

District Judge Jodi Nelson said exemptions for cigar bars, tobacco shops and some hotel rooms were not justified since those places aren't much different from businesses where smoking is banned.

Nebraska enacted a statewide smoking ban that took effect June 1, 2009.

State Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh of Omaha said the decision would likely be appealed, and quickly.

Interesting process in Legislature

Floor debate, committee hearings, and meetings in the office take up the majority of my time at the Nebraska Legislature. I am learning much about the legislative process, and meeting with senators, constituents, citizens and groups who care about various issues. The Legislature is a very interesting process, and I need help understanding the background and effects of the different bills before us. (I've also learned that there are at least two sides to almost every issue that is addressed.)

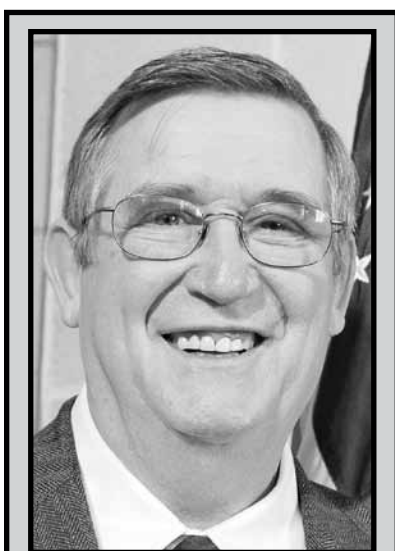
My staff and I also try to read all emails and respond at least to those we know to be from the district. I would ask all constituents that when you contact the office, especially using email, please make sure you let us know that you not only live in Legislative District 17 but where you live. I want to respond to constituents, but receive hundreds of emails with no addresses. It is impossible for me to respond to all email, and the citizens in the district are my priority. Emails that do not include

information as to which town you call home will probably not be answered.

We've discussed many important issues during the last week of session, including the following topics: guardianship and conservatorship changes (LB157), the wheel tax in Omaha (LB81), banning the use of a drug commonly called K2 (LB19), motorcycle safety education funding (LB170), allowing cities to vote on adding fluoride to drinking water (LB36), requiring health clinics to have patient transfer agreements (LB51), adopting the Concussions Awareness Act (LB 260), and providing the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee to review and investigate the current child welfare reform initiative (LR37).

The legislative process is much more accessible this year than it has been in the past. The Legislature is in session during the mornings, usually 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and can be found on some of the educational television stations. Floor debate and committee hearings are also available to the public by watching them online at www.nebraskalegislature.gov. This is a great way for all citizens who have internet access to be informed on the legislative process. My committee meetings will be as follows:

Monday: General Affairs



Legislative Update

By Dave Bloomfield State Senator, District 17

Committee (Room 1510);

Tuesday: Agriculture Committee (Room 2102);

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: Health and Human Services Committee (Room 1510). All committee hearings usually start at 1:30 p.m.

Please continue to contact my office. You can contact me at District 17, State Capitol; P.O. Box 94604; Lincoln NE 68509-4604. Phone number is (402) 471-2716. Email is dbloomfield@leg.ne.gov.



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The Wayne City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Meeting times are at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council chambers, located in the Wayne City Offices at 306 N. Pearl St.

Allen News

Missy Sullivan
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2010-2011 SENIOR NIGHT

The 2010-2011 Allen Basketball Senior Night will be held on Thursday, Feb. 10 in between games against Bloomfield. The varsity girls will begin the night at 6:15 p.m., followed by the boys.

This year's seniors are: DJ Kennelly, son of Jim and Charity Kennelly and Bentley Hingst, daughter of Chad and Marisa Hingst.

LIBRARY NEWS

Stop in and check out the new books at the Springbank Township Library. Many books have been donated to the library. Stop in and check out the Debbie Macomber paperback books along with her series of Cedar Coves books.

The library has also received the books, Little Women and Anne of Green Gables, for children. The novel "A Wish for Christmas" by Thomas Kinkade along with a nice selection of Christian books have been donated to the Library. Several books have been donated by the Allen Book Club. If you're a western book lover, there are several to choose from.

The library hours are Fridays 9 - 11 a.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. - noon.

LUKE SACHAU - DEAN'S LIST

Briar Cliff University announced their Dean's list for the first term of the 2010-2011 academic year. Lukas Sachau was one of the 270 students that had been named to the list. Luke finished the first term with a 4.0 GPA. He is the son of

Micky Sachau and Bill Sachau of Allen.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

There will be a Community Luncheon Benefit for Chuck and Trudy Peters whose home was destroyed by a fire. The luncheon will be held at the Dixon Community Center on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. A free will donation will be accepted.

SENIOR CENTER

Friday, Feb. 4: Brunch at 8:30 a.m. - Biscuits and gravy, sausage links, apple juice, mixed fruit.

Monday, Feb. 7: Fish, baked potato, carrots, mixed fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 8: Chicken, potato salad, lettuce salad, pumpkin dessert.

Wednesday, Feb. 9: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas, pineapple.

Thursday, Feb. 10: Supper at 5:30 p.m. - Pork chop, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, ice cream & cake.

Friday, Feb. 11: Brunch at 8:30 am - Pancakes, ham slice, pears, tomato juice.

COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

Friday, Feb. 4: Corey Floyd.
Saturday, Feb. 5: Lori Mischke, Bob Sullivan, Roxanne Wilson.

Sunday, Feb. 6: Dakota Roberts, Chad & Marisa Hingst (A).

Monday, Feb. 7: Allan Rastede, Kayla Stallbaum, Monica Warner.

Tuesday, Feb. 8: Jean Morgan, Randy Gensler, Whitney Smith, Austin Gregerson.

Wednesday, Feb. 9: Kathryn O'Keefe, Myron Osbahr, Randy & Rhonda Stark (A).

Thursday, Feb. 10: Neil Blohm, Kathy Smith, Kay Stapleton.

Friday, Feb. 11: Vangie Bingham, Hugh & Phyllis O'Brien (A).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Feb. 4: Brunch at Senior Center 8:30 a.m.; School Late Start; L&C tourney TBA; Springbank Township Library open 9 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5: JH basketball at Wynot, 9 a.m.; Springbank Township Library open 8 a.m. - noon.

Monday, Feb. 7: Exercising at Senior Center 9 a.m.; Walking at Senior Center 9:30; L&C tourney finals, TBA; First Lutheran Church Council meeting, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 8: Dominos, 8:30 am at Senior Center; Somerset at Senior Center, 2 p.m.; Fire & Rescue meeting; JVG/JVB/VG/VB at Winside, 4.

Wednesday, Feb. 9: Exercising at Senior Center, 9 a.m.; Walking at Senior Center, 9:30 a.m.; First Lutheran Confirmation at Allen, 7 p.m.; ACCTS after school at United Methodist Church; UMC RV Board, 6 pm in Allen; UMC Steering Committee, 7 p.m. in Allen.

Thursday, Feb. 10: Dominos, 8:30 a.m. at Senior Center; Supper at Senior Center 5:30 p.m.; VG/VB vs Bloomfield 6:15 - Senior Night

Friday, Feb. 11: Brunch at Senior Center 8:30 a.m.; FFA meeting, 7 p.m.; Speech Meet at Wakefield 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



'Leave it to the Kids'

The most recent '5th Sunday Event' was held Jan. 30 at Concord Evangelical Free Church in Concord. Under the direction of Phil Pfaltzgraff, the theme was "Leave it to the Kids" and featured youth from a number of area churches. Above, Yeshua Ministries Kids sing "It's a Miracle." They include, front row, left to right, James Torres, Marcos Lazargas, Christopher Reyes and Jose Gonzalez. Back row, Andrea Torres, Daniel Muro, Sam Torres and Belen Muro. The group is led by Holly Torres. Below, Sarah Maxson, Kelsey Kardell and Dacia Dickey perform "Jesus Messiah."



Trinity Lutheran Women conduct January meeting

Trinity Lutheran Church of Winside WELCA met Jan. 20.

There were eight members, Kathy Jensen, Mary Lou George, Irene Pork, Arlene Rabe, Lois Krueger, Mary Ann Soden, Dorothy Jo Andersen and Peggy Krueger, who met at St. Joseph's Care Center in Norfolk to help member Joy Maas celebrate her 100th birthday.

The afternoon was spent in fellowship and looking at Joy's many birthday cards.

The WELCA and Trinity Church each gave Joy a bouquet of flowers.

Kathy Jensen served lunch with St. Joseph's providing beverages.

According to those in attendance, "a wonderful afternoon was spent celebrating a lovely lady's 100th birthday."

The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 10 with Lois Krueger serving.

Senior Center Congregate Meal Menu

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Tuesday: sliced turkey, poultry gravy, frozen broccoli & cheese, two fresh tomato slices, whole wheat dinner roll & Promise, mandarin oranges.

Wednesday: Country beef steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, frozen corn, sliced whole wheat bread & Promise, cherry Jell-o with pears.

Thursday: Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy, frozen green beans, casserole, fresh whole wheat bread & Promise, apple-sauce with cinnamon.

Friday: Swedish meatballs with celery, soup & dill, au gratin potatoes, peas & pearl onions, fresh whole wheat bread & Promise, vanilla pudding with marshmallows & peaches.

'Lessons from a Rubber Duck' now available

"Lessons from a Rubber Duck," written by Melissa Saunders and illustrated by Kristy Stark Knapp, is now available for purchase.

The story is about Miranda, a young girl who is dealing with the effects of bullying inside her home. After an in-depth conversation with her father, and a little help from a rubber duck, she is able to learn how to defend herself against her brother's bullying.

Saunders holds a master's degree in both education and counseling. She lives with her family in Omaha. Stark Knapp holds a BA in Studio Art from Concordia University. She and her family currently reside in Madison. She is a 1994 graduate of Laurel-Concord High School. It is the first book for both parties.

The book can be purchased online at www.writelife.com/rubberduck, and will be available through major book retailers within the very near future.

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- Feb. 6 - Super Bowl Sunday Football Party.....2:00 PM
- Feb. 7 - Celebrate Food Service Week
- Feb. 9 - Stamping with Mary6:30 PM
- Feb. 10 - Bingo with the Optimists and 6th graders.....1:30 PM
- Feb. 10 - Needle Club (Every Thursday evening)..... 5:00-8:00 PM
- Feb. 11 - Birthday party with Ray2:30 PM
- Feb. 14 - Music Sherie Lundahl.....2:00 PM
- Candle light dinner
- Music by Bert and Dan
- Feb. 15 - Women's Heart Health Information3:30 PM
- Feb. 21 - Cherry Pie and Ice Cream2:00 PM
- Feb. 23 - Floral Design Class2:00 PM
- Feb. 24 - Pet Therapy with Ruby.....3:30 PM

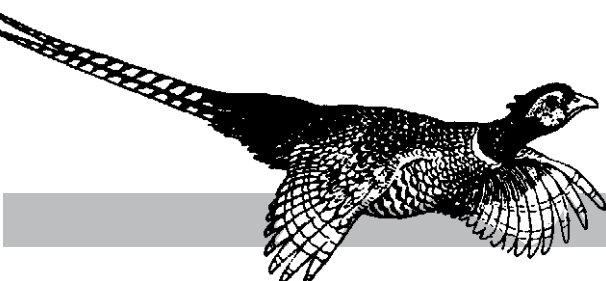
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Briefly Speaking

Wayne Women's Club learns about Bingo

WAYNE — The Wayne Women's Club met Jan. 14 with Babs Middleton as program leader and hostess. Babs presented information on the history of Bingo before those in attendance played a few games.

School Lunches

ALLEN (Feb. 7 — 11)
Monday: Breakfast — Cereal and coffee cake. Lunch — Crisпитos, lettuce, cheese, pineapple, brownie.
Tuesday: Breakfast — Cereal and pancakes. Lunch — Salisbury steak, corn, peaches, slushes, roll.
Wednesday: Breakfast — Breakfast wraps. Lunch — Hot dog, bun, baked beans, apple, slushes, Cheetos.
Thursday: Breakfast — Poptarts. Lunch — Chili, applesauce, carrot, celery, crackers, bread and butter or cinnamon roll.

LAUREL - CONCORD/ COLERIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Feb. 7 — 11)
Monday: LC Breakfast — Scrambled eggs and toast. LC Lunch — Stromboli, chips, fruit, vegetable. MS Breakfast — Scrambled eggs and toast. MS Lunch — Stromboli, chips, fruit, vegetable.

WAKEFIELD (Feb. 7 — 11)
Monday: Breakfast — French toast sticks. Lunch — Pizza, corn, dinner rolls, oranges.
Tuesday: Breakfast — Oatmeal. Lunch — Sloppy Joes, French fries, peaches.
Wednesday: Breakfast — Cinnamon rolls. Lunch — Beef nachos, topping bar, dinner roll, mandarin oranges.
Thursday: Breakfast — Waffles. Lunch — Goulash, green beans, dinner roll, applesauce.
Friday: No School. Milk is served with every meal.

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Parents being first teachers: Key in child development

The years from birth to age five are important times in a child's learning ability because the brain is developing at a faster pace than it does at any other point in a child's life. Parents play an important role in their child's life, and it's crucial to be there and be engaged during this developmental stage.

It's important for parents and others working with children to allow the kids to play, investigate and have the freedom to do their own thing within a safe, structured environment. Parents should take the time to play with their kids to help them learn. Some preschools today are so concentrated on teaching children how to read, learning numbers and learning letters, that they are skipping the steps young children really need: learning by playing.

Relationships are an important factor because children need security and nurturing in order to grow. They need to be secure in their environment. Families should give children lots of hugs and spend time with them to let their children know they can be depended on. This builds trust in children. When they have a sense of safety and self-assurance, they can learn. This trust in relationships needs to happen before kids get into a more structured learning environment.

Another important factor is emotional development. Children need to feel good about themselves despite frustrations and failures. Encouragement from the parents helps with good self-worth so they can go on by saying "it's okay that didn't work out the first time, but I'm going to keep trying." Instead of constantly yelling "No" or "Don't do that," parents should help their children understand why they shouldn't do that particular thing or why they should move on. That helps develop trust and understanding.

Children are very social. Some of the first things they learn are "hi" and "bye." They are watching everything around them, and it's important for them to learn social concepts from their parents. If a stranger comes and wants to hold the child, parents should talk to the person and have the person interact with the child. After the child becomes more comfortable with this stranger, then the stranger can hold the child. The child needs to trust this person before he or she invades the child's space. Parents can help the child with social skills by helping them meet new people.

Families are a child's first teacher and the home is the first classroom. Many parents think a child will learn when he gets to school, but that's not true. Social relationships, language and every day things are vitally important for parents to share with their children and teach their children before they get to school. The home is the perfect place for kids to be educationally stimulated. Toys can be great, but the simple things like measuring cups in the kitchen, fruit or other things in the environment are important for kids to play with. They need time to feel the dirt outside and experience things around them when in a safe environment.

Parents should also be mindful that every child grows at his or her own pace. Some parents think



Kim Bearnes Extension Educator

there's a problem if their child isn't developing in one area to the level they have read about for that age or they are not at the same level as a neighbor child the same age. They think something is wrong because the child is very developed in a different area, but not

TOPS group meets in Wayne

TOPS NE 0200 met Jan. 26, in the Providence Medical Center Boardroom with nine TOPS and five KOPS members in attendance. Roll call was answered with "What good habit are you going to start?" The TOPS Best Loser for this week was Sherie Lundahl and she received a coupon. The KOPS Best Loser was Lois Spencer.

There were no charms earned this week and Gail Godbersen was a double Bingo winner. Sherie Lundahl explained the February contest and handed out "Search & Find" sheets to the members present. We are SEARCH-ing for a healthy lifestyle and TOPS is the place to FIND the answers. Anyone seeking more information about TOPS, Inc is welcome to join the group any Wednesday evening at 6:15 p.m.

New Arrivals

WEHRER — Dustin Stegemann and Nicole Wehrer of Wayne, a son, Brayden Jae Wehrer, 7 lbs 8 oz., 19 inches, born Jan. 16, 2011. Grandparents are Lee and Tiffani Stegemann of Wayne, Mike and Mindy Heithold, of Wakefield and Trevor and Dawn Wehrer of York. Great Grandparents are Rich and Linda Scrivner of Carroll, Jerry and Sharon Wehrer of Wayne, LeRoy Spahr of Laurel, Gary and the late Donna Stegemann of Beatrice, Anton (Tim) and Claudette Jensen of Hartington, and Edmund Heithold of Wayne. Great - great-grandparent is Lucile Jensen of Hartington.
JORGENSEN — Adam and Tonisha (Frauendorfer) Jorgensen of Norfolk, a son, Brayden Steven, 9 lbs., 22 inches, born Dec. 9, 2010. Grandparents are Steve and Gwen Jorgensen of Norfolk and Randy and Kim Frauendorfer of Newman Grove. Great-grandparents are Kearney and Katie Lackas of Belden, LaVern Kennedy of Newman Grove and Ron and Donna Frauendorfer of Humphrey. Great-great-grandparent is Viola Finkral of Madison.

in another. Children sense their parent's worry. Parents need to remember they work with their child to build social skills, trust and create a learning environment, but their child may not be the textbook child. There is give and take on all developmental areas.

There are many resources for parents with questions on development and also tips for talking to their children, how children respond, how children are feeling at each month of their age and more. Through UNL Extension, parents can go to the Building

Better Children Facebook page and get weekly information about young children and also ask questions about their child's development (www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Building-Better-Children/115011145207914) or http://www.extension.unl.edu/child-youth).

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Separating your emotions from the selling process will not only save you time and stress, it can actually save you money! When offers come in, you can look at them from a practical view instead of an emotional one. So enjoy moving on to new memories and don't get stuck dwelling on the old ones. To request ideas for future columns or to comment on this column, please email me at wendy@mwlc.net

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Saturday, Feb. 5 AM Mail Call 2:30 p.m. Movie (Mama Mia) & Popcorn 6:00 p.m. Lawrence Welk
Sunday, Feb. 6 1:30 p.m. United Methodist Church 2:00 p.m. Friends & Family Coffee 2:30 p.m. Movie (August Rush) & Popcorn
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Celebrating education, faith

Students at St. Mary's Catholic School in Wayne are celebrating Catholic Schools Week this week with a variety of activities. The week began with a special Mass on Sunday. Above, the students sang a song about making a difference in the world. The Mass was followed by a pancake breakfast, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The school will host this week's Chamber Coffee on Friday as the final activity of the week-long celebration.



Award-winning posters

The Wayne Council of the Knights of Columbus recently sponsored a poster contest for students of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Laurel and St. Anne's Catholic Church in Dixon. The theme for the contest was staying drug- and alcohol-free. Winning posters in the local contest will be forwarded to the state level or more judging. Winners included (front) Emily Long, Hailey Backer, Madison Jenkins Maggie Fehringer, (back) Hannah Belt, Mirands Fehringer and Lindsey Roberts. Not present, Sabrina Hochstein.

Immanuel Ladies Aid conducts January meeting

Immanuel Ladies Aid of rural Wakefield met Jan. 20. Pastor Bertrand opened devotions with prayer and led the Bible Study "Living the Chocolate Life. It involved savoring and sharing the rich indulgence of God's Grace, taken from the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. He closed with prayer.

Pastor Bertrand also installed officers for the coming year. There were five members and Pastor present for the meeting. The secretary's minutes, treasurer's report and yearly reports were read. Nila Schuttler gave the visitation report. Mites were gathered. Lord's Prayer and table prayer. The meeting closed with The Nila Schuttler served lunch.

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Wanted ... Church news

The Wayne Herald would like to print information and schedules from area churches. All information submitted to the Herald by Monday at 5 p.m. (delivered to the Herald office) or emailed by 8 a.m. on Tuesday will be included in that week's edition of the paper. Articles may be mailed to P.O. Box 70, Wayne, Neb. 68787 or emailed to clara@wayneherald.com

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Altona Women meet in Wisner

The January meeting of First Trinity Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Altona was held at the Wisner Care Center.

The Rev. David Ohlma began with a reading from the gospel of John. He led the lesson and closed with prayer.

President Pearl Youngmeyer presided at the business meeting. The LWML Pledge was recited as the mite box offering was taken. The minutes and treasurer's reports were approved as read.

Hostess Pearl Youngmeyer chose "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," for all to sing.

Darlene Bowers led in prayer. Guests were Verona Koehlmoos and Melvy Meyer.

The date and place of the Valentine carry-in will be announced in February.

Weekend activities planned at Praise Assembly of God

On Sunday, Feb. 6, Sunday School begins the day at Praise Assembly of God Church, located in Wayne at 1000 E. 10th St.

At 9:30 a.m., Phil Pfaltzgraff is teaching a class on Psalm 129 (part of the Songs of Ascents). At 10:30 a.m., is Worship service, The Worship Team begins the service with a time of Praise and Worship. The Rev. Joshua Potter will be preaching in this service. Communion will be celebrated by those who attend this service.

The Sunday evening service begins at 6:30 p.m., with a time of worship, followed by teaching from the Bible.

During every service at Praise Assembly, there is plenty of time made available to pray for people and the various needs in their lives.

Praise Assembly of God Church welcomes Rev. Joshua Potter and his wife, Melissa and their daughter to the community and to the church. The congregation invites everyone to attend the services this weekend "to meet the new pastor, to enjoy the fellowship of God's people, and to worship in His presence."


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Nebraska LEAD XXIX travels to Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama

Twenty-eight Nebraska LEAD XXIX Fellows participated in the 2011 International Study/Travel Seminar to Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama.

During the Jan. 12-25 seminar, LEAD Fellows attended briefings at the U.S. embassies and met with American business, agricultural trade and commodity groups.

LEAD Fellows also were able to observe agricultural production, with visits to farms and ranches, along with briefings at agricultural cooperatives and research centers.

The international study is designed to provide first-hand appreciation and understanding of the international community and the potential for people of all nations to work together, said Terry Hejny, Nebraska LEAD Program director and group leader.

"The people-to-people encounters provided the members of Nebraska LEAD Group XXIX an opportunity to view characteristics, conditions and trends of Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama and determine relationships to issues and situations in our country," Hejny said. "Through this experience, participants devel-

op techniques in identifying comparisons and contrasts of the countries we recently studied in areas such as politics, religion, culture, and history as well as technology, trade, food, art and philosophy."

LEAD XXIX Fellows that participated in alphabetical order are: Lee Andersen, Hemingford; Ryan Betka, Omaha; Sara Borgelt, Wisner; Bob Browleit, Seneca; Tim Cada, Clarkson; Justin Childers, North Platte; Josh Chrisman, McCool Junction; Suzanne Czarnick, Genoa; Krista KP Dittman, Raymond; Andy Dunn, Falls City; Marc Erickson, Seneca; Craig Fix, Cortland; Keith Heithoff, Elgin; Deanna Karmazin, Lincoln; Keith Keller, Harvard; Tim Lewandowski, Ravenna; Vernyce Olcott, Burwell; Zoe Olson, Lincoln; Becky Randall, Gering; Curt Rickertsen, Lexington; Ron Stech, Osmond; Mark Stock, St. Edward; Michael Thomas, Ogallala; Scott Wagner, Hooper; Leigh Wakulinski, Hartington; Cody Weitzenkamp, Hooper; Bruce Williams, Morse Bluff and Phil Zochol, Alliance.

The Nebraska LEAD Program includes men and women, currently active in production agriculture

and agribusiness and is a two-year leadership development program under the direction of the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council, in cooperation with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

For more information, or to

request an application for Nebraska LEAD XXXI, contact the Nebraska LEAD Program at 318 Biochemistry Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Neb. 68583-0763, call (402) 472-6810 or e-mail Shana at sgerdes2@unl.edu. The application deadline is June 15.

Private pesticide applicator training scheduled in area

Private pesticide applicators whose licenses expire in 2011 and those seeking first-time certification can find information on pesticide safety education programs at their local University of Nebraska Extension offices.

Licensing as a private applicator allows farmers to purchase and use pesticide classified for restricted use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in their own farming operations.

Extension provides the educational program, while the agriculture department is responsible for licensing. The training fee is \$30. An applicator may also certify by self-study for a \$60 training fee.

In 2001, the Nebraska Legislature created a state pesticide license fee of \$25 for private applicators. The fee covers a three-year license period.

Wayne County training sessions are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 10: 1 p.m. at the Auditorium in Winside.

Thursday, March 17: 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Fire Hall, 510 Tomar in Wayne.

For additional sites contact the UNL Extension Office-Wayne County at (402) 375-3310 or check online at pested.unl.edu where you will find training sites listed by county.

Nominations open for Nebraska Pioneer awards

The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation and the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers has announced that nominations for the 57th annual Nebraska Pioneer Farm Awards, sponsored by the Nebraska Farm Bureau, are now being accepted.

The program honors farm families in Nebraska whose land has been owned by members of the same family for 100 years or more.

To date, more than 8,000 families in all 93 Nebraska counties have been honored at various county fairs. Each honoree receives an engraved plaque and gatepost marker as permanent recognition of this milestone.

Nomination forms can be obtained calling Karlene Benshoof (402) 375-8655 or by writing Ak-Sar-Ben Pioneer Farm Awards, 8707 West Center Road, Suite 101, Omaha, Neb. 68124 or online at www.aksarben.org

All nominations must be received by the county fair board office in which the land is found no later than May 1, 2011.

The program is one of those supported by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation which was founded

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(Week of Feb. 7 - 11)

Monday, Feb. 7: Morning walking; Quilting and cards; Pool, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 8: Morning walking; Quilting and cards; Afternoon Bridge Club.

Wednesday, Feb. 9: Morning walking; Quilting and cards; Pool, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Hand & Foot, 1 p.m.; Acrylic Heart Quilt painting by Natalie Endicott, 1 to 3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 10: Morning Walking; Quilting and cards; Century Club, noon; Prescription Drug Abuse by Lance Webster, 12:45 p.m.; Pitch Party, 1 p.m.; Afternoon Bridge Club.

Friday, Feb. 11: Morning walking; Quilting and cards; Pool, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Connie Webber on the piano, 11:30 a.m.; Bingo, 1:15 p.m.; Chicken Foot dominoes, 2 p.m.



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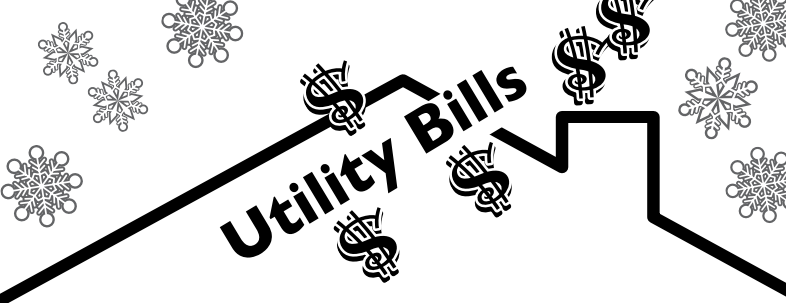
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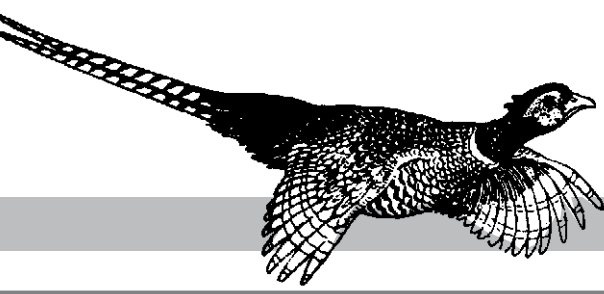
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Take time to appreciate those important to you

The Big Farmer is watching an old TV showing of Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles, and I have been trying to get on to my e-mail account. I keep getting a message that says it won't access and I need to retype the address. Since I have been getting mail that way since last fall, I'm not sure what the problem is. And, since they are telling us we are getting lots of snow, wind, and cold temperatures, I'm not sure when I can get the modem to the "guru".

Actually, I don't have a problem doing without access, at least for a few days. Most of my communication is still done by phone, or better yet, in person. I've been reading about these families who go on "no-tech" diets; I think it sounds like a great idea. The photo of one whole family seated at a dinner table, each checking text messages, is kind of revolting to me. I don't think that's the way the family dinner is supposed to be!

There are eight of us who graduated from nursing school together in and around Lincoln, and we get together about every other month for lunch. We like to travel, and we like to try new places. So, last Friday, since one of our members lives near Tecumseh, we headed down Highway 50 to eat at



The Farmer's Wife By: Pat Meierhenry

Ramsey's family café. It only took those of us in Lincoln an hour, and of course, that means there is time for five of us in the car to catch up on each other, too. We had homemade soup and pie, and lots of gab, and laughter.

In fact, midway, through our lunch, a gentleman who needed a shave and a general "sprucing up" approached our table to tell us his wife had been gone for three years and he had enjoyed hearing us

laugh! It made us appreciate each other even more.

Lately, we've been making these events a priority, realizing that we don't know how long they will continue. I came home thinking about some other folks I need to get together with. It's too easy to neglect these things, especially with e-mail.

Also, last week, there were memorials to Challenger, the space ship that exploded immediately after take off, in 1986. Just as we remember JFK's death, we seem to remember where we were when that took place. I know I was on Highway 13, going out of Hadar, headed to Pierce to do a home health visit. I had the car radio on, listening to the count down. At first, I could not comprehend what had happened, and thought it must be some kind of awful joke, as in Orson Welles' radio broadcast of a space invasion.

It didn't take long for me to realize it was for real, and to remind myself again of how quickly life can change, and how abruptly people who mean the world to us can be taken from us. Which is why I intend to have more lunches with special people! Hope you do, too.

Time to think about vegetable selection

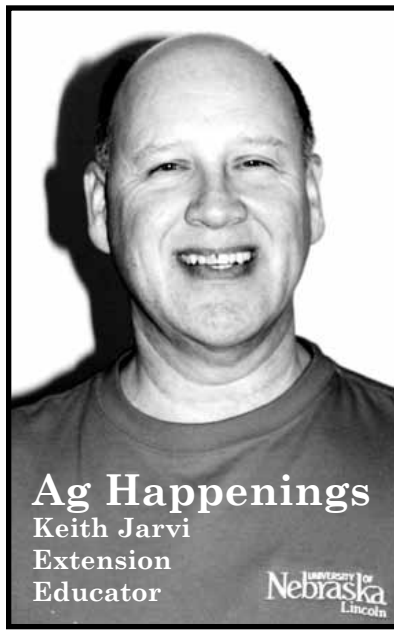
Here is some more information from one of my favorite contributors, Horticulture Expert Kelly Feehan, Extension Educator from Platte County. Gardens may be covered by snow, but it is time to think about gardening. Planning the vegetable garden and deciding which vegetables and varieties to grow is an enjoyable, and important, winter project.

Obviously the vegetables a gardener likes to eat should be first on the list of what to grow. If this list is larger than there is space in the garden, here are a few tips to help narrow the list.

For gardeners who view things from an economic standpoint, an Arizona State University study looked at which vegetables are most economical to grow in small home gardens. Vegetables were selected based on pounds produced per square foot, retail value per pound at harvest time, and length of time the vegetable was in the garden from planting to harvest. While a number of factors make it difficult to evaluate the value of home grown vegetables, the study found tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, snap beans, summer squash, carrots, beets, onions, green bunching onions, leaf lettuce, edible-pod peas, and Swiss chard were most economical to grow in small gardens.

Corn, winter squash, melons, and pumpkins were less economical to grow in small gardens, based on the same criteria. These vegetables might be more economical if bush varieties were used over vine types, or trellis methods were used so vine plants took up less space.

Another factor to consider is the



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potential for disease and insect problems. Many home gardeners tend to grow the same types of vegetables, such as tomatoes, year after year. Due to limited space, vegetables from the same families tend to be grown in the same area year after year, leading to increased problems.

If the yield or quality of a vegetable is often lowered by a pest, consider not growing that vegetable for a few years. If this happens to be a vegetable a gardener most enjoys growing and eating; select a variety of the vegetable known to have resistance to the specific pest and use crop rotation and other practices that reduce damage.

Once it is decided which vegetables to grow, the next step is deciding which varieties of those vegetables to select. Again, flavor is important so record which ones

taste best and keep selecting those varieties; as long as they otherwise perform well and do not take up too much space in the garden.

After taste, look for varieties with known disease and insect resistance. Also, consider plant size. If garden space is limited, look for varieties that take up less space in the garden. These are typically labeled as bush or determinate varieties.

Another decision to make is between hybrids or open-pollinated varieties. Hybrids are more expensive because years of work have gone into producing a variety with special characteristics such as disease resistance or reduced size. With open-pollinated varieties, plants are planted in the field, pollinated by wind or insects, and the seed harvested.

For gardeners who harvest seed from their garden to save for planting the next year, it is important to use open-pollinated varieties and not hybrids. The plants grown from the seed collected from open-pollinated varieties will be similar to the parent plants.

If gardeners buy new seed each year, using hybrids is fine. Otherwise, if seed were to be saved from hybrids, the resulting plants/fruit produced the next season may be very different from the parent plants.

While these tips may help, the best way for gardeners to find a vegetable variety that works for them is to try different varieties and use the ones that perform well and taste good. This means taking time to do some record keeping starting at the time of purchasing seeds and plants.

Livestock Market Report

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

The market was steady to \$1 lower on fat cattle and steady on cows. There were 350 head sold.

Strictly choice fed steers, \$101.50 to \$104.90. Good and choice steers, \$100 to \$101.50. Medium and good steers, \$98 to \$100. Standard steers, \$80 to \$88. Strictly choice fed heifers, \$101.50 to \$103.25. Good and choice heifers, \$100 to \$101.50. Medium and good heifers, \$98 to \$100. Standard heifers, \$70 to \$80.

Beef cows, \$62 to \$70. Utility cows, \$70 to \$80 Canner and cutters, \$57 to \$65. Bologna bulls, \$80 to \$90.50.

The fed cattle sale was held on Thursday at the Nebraska Livestock Market in Norfolk.

The market was steady on the 250 head sold.

300-400 lb. steers, \$150 to \$170; heifers, \$140 to \$150.

400-500 lb. steers, \$135 to \$164; heifers, \$130 to \$146.

500-600 lb. steers, \$130 to \$150; heifers, \$125 to \$140.

600-700 lb. steers, \$120 to \$136; heifers, \$118 to \$128.50.

700-800 lb. steers, \$120 to \$127.50; heifers, \$110 to \$120.

800-900 lb. steers, \$115 to \$124; heifers, \$105 to \$118.

400-700 lb. holstein steers, \$70 to \$80.

700-1,000 lb. holstein steers, \$60 to \$70.

Good bred cows and heifers, \$1,300 to \$1,600.

Medium bred cows and heifers, \$900 to \$1,300.

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

The market was steady on all classes. There were 25 head sold.

Fat lambs, 130-150 lbs., \$153 to \$157.

Feeder lambs, 40-100 lbs., \$145 to \$165.

Ewes: Good, \$60 to \$100; medium, \$35 to \$60; slaughter, \$25 to \$35.

The dairy cattle sale was held at the Nebraska Livestock Market on Saturday. The market was steady on the 12 head sold.

Holstein baby calves, \$30 to \$60.

The feeder pig sale was held at Nebraska Livestock Market on Saturday.

There were 150 head sold.

30-40 lbs., \$20 to \$30; 40-50 lbs., \$30 to \$40; 50-60 lbs., \$40 to \$50; 60-70 lbs., \$50 to \$60.

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

Prices were \$4 to \$5 higher on butchers and steady on sows. There were 225 head sold.

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