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The year that was ... 2012

The Wayne Herald continues its month-by-month look back at some of the top area news and sports stories from 2012.

July

- Wayne County Assessor Joyce Reeg submitted a letter of resignation from her position. She has been the assessor since July 1988.
- Seventh Judicial District Court Judge Richard Krepela submitted a letter of resignation to the Governor stating plans of stepping down on Jan. 3, 2013. He has been a county judge for 23 years.
- The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference has expanded its family with adding Minot State and University of Sioux Falls. The decision to add these colleges was made January 2011.
- The Wayne Dirt Devils 18-under softball team won the USSSA tournament af-

- ter defeating Fusion White. The Dirt Devils pulled away with a 2-0 win.
- The progress of the newly remodeled building project for Wayne Elementary School and Wayne Junior-Senior High school is moving right along. An open house was scheduled for Aug. 20.
- Highway 15 south of Wayne will be getting a makeover. The 8.2 miles of road will be resurfaced.
- Wayne American Legion Juniors' baseball team were upset in the quarterfinals of the Ralph Bishop League tournament. They lost 5-4 to Wisner.
- Mike Powicki is named the new athletic director at Wayne State College. Powicki was formerly the assistant athletic director at Minnesota State.
- Northeast Nebraska has seen the driest growing season in almost 25 years. Area farmers are doing what they can to contin-

- ue to quench their crops thirst.
- A newly constructed wind turbine at Laurel-Concord/Coleridge High school will be used to help educate students about wind energy.
- Wayne American Legion Juniors' baseball team fell to Albion with a 10-2 loss. That loss ended the season for Wayne.
- Wayne State football's senior Richard Daniel was nominated for the 2012 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team.
- Jake Owen will be the highlight of the Wayne County Fair. Owen provided a concert to area residents to promote his latest album "Barefoot Blue Jean Night"
- The Wayne Senior Center was awarded a total of \$8,516.36 from the Northeast Nebraska Area on Aging for reaching program goals in two areas and achieving bonus money.

August

- A change of venue has been ordered for the case regarding the termination of two fellow Wayne police officers, due to scheduling conflicts.
- Three Wayne State track and field athletes were named to All-Academic honors by the the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Nicole Brungardt, Mackenzie Masching and Paige Pollard were three out of 317 students to earn the award.
- Linda Kirsch threatened legal action if the county of Wayne did not rebuild a road that once ran south of her parents' home.
- Wayne City Council decided that actions regarding zoning issues will be held off until January.
- Northeast Nebraska's top football players will get a chance to showcase their talent in the first Northeast Nebraska All-Star Football Classic. The game will be held June 8, 2013.
- Wayne State's rugby team is ranked first in academic success. Wayne State out-ranked top schools such as Notre Dame, Dartmouth and Stanford.
- District Judge Robert Ensz upheld the Wayne Civil Service Commission's decision regarding the termination of Wayne police chief Lance Webster and Lt. Phil Shear.
- Local Wayne residents were able to see the "Remembering Our Fallen" display which showcased photographs of the 81 Nebraskan soldiers who have been killed since the start of the Iraqi war.
- Wayne State volleyball team was picked to finish fourth by Northern Sun Conference coaches in the pre-season poll.
- Wayne State men's basketball team will play games against colleges in Canada. They will face up against University of



(top) Lonnie Ford of Pender remembered his son, Josh during a special display that was brought to the Wayne Armory this past summer. (above) Shirley Haase displays the Purple Heart of her brother, Don Grella, during a Memorial Day ceremony in Laurel.

Winnipeg, University of Manitoba.

- Wayne Public schools are doing their part when it comes to bullying. Superintendent Mark Lenihan said the school plans on being more proactive in dealing with bullies.
- Wayne police officer Jessica Bolles was

terminated by city administrator Lowell Johnson. Bolles was accused of allegedly running surveillance on several city officials.

- Wayne High football gets a new coach

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(Herald file photos)
(above) Lacey Tonniges scored in the game's final seconds to help Wayne State upset Notre Dame during the March Madness and Mayhem rugby tournament at the Wayne Rugby Park. The Wildcat rugby team claimed the school's first-ever national championship by winning the NSCRO national title in November. (left) Vanessa Hajek of Norfolk and her dog, Paris, showed off some tricks at the Wayne Bark Park that opened up this summer next to the city's softball complex.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Special delivery

Braydn McCorkindale is all suited up to either play basketball or deliver pizza after taking part in a game during a time out at Wayne State's basketball game with Grace University on Monday.

Local resident gets more paper for her messages

By CLARA OSTEN
Of the Herald

In September of this year, Hallie Sherry, a resident of Emeritus at The Oaks, noticed one couple who were also residents, "was having a sad time."

Hallie then sent them a typed message to cheer them up. They were very appreciative and asked her to do it again.

Word spread of Hallie's messages, which she has since titled "Bits of Sunshine" and requests came from other residents.

At the present time, Hallie is delivering messages to 45 residents at The Oaks. These messages are sent each day, Monday through Friday. She prints them off each day on her computer and delivers them throughout the facility.

Recently, Hallie made mention to Charlotte Easland, director of the Oaks of the amount of paper she was using for her project.

Easland then got involved in the project and began calling local businesses, explaining Hallie's good-will gesture and asking for donations of reams of paper. The result - 17 reams of paper were delivered to Hallie's door late last week. This is enough paper to last approximately seven months - unless she receives any more requests for her messages.

"I am so overwhelmed," Hallie said when the paper was delivered. "I just did this (sending the messages) to be kind. This is wonderful."

She said that the nature of her messages vary from day to day. "Sometimes they are silly, sometimes fun and sometimes serious. I have a whole file to choose from," she said.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Charlotte Easland, director of The Oaks, presents Hallie Sherry with 17 reams of paper that she will use to write "Bits of Sunshine" to her fellow residents.

2012 In Review

From Page 3A

Northeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court in Madison, NE.

- The Wayne Blue Devils football team gave Fort Calhoun a run for their money in the Class C-1 state playoffs. The Blue Devils fell short in a 12-14 loss.

- The Wayne High girl's volleyball team made their way to the C1-7 subdistrict final after defeating Ponca and earning their spot in the district championship.

- Wayne County Commissioner Kelvin Wurdeman sues election commissioner and Wayne County Clerk Deb Finn after the effort to recall him was underway.

- Around three-fourths of the registered voters in Wayne County casted ballots for the 2012 Election. Out of the 70 percent of voters, 21 percent casted early ballots.

- Wayne High Blue Devils volleyball team made their first appearance in district play since many years. The Devils were defeated by Norfolk Catholic.

- Wayne State Women's and Men's cross country team's season came to an end at regional. The men placed 23rd and the women placed 24th.

- County Commissioner Kelvin Wurdeman refuses to resign following the many legal troubles he has encountered over the course of a few months.

- Wayne High School Mock Trial team moved on to State after defeating South Sioux City twice. The Wayne High team went 7-1 during



(Herald file photo)

Tensions were high in the county courthouse as two county commissioners suggested Kelvin Wurdeman (left) resign after pleading no contest to theft of county property. Wurdeman refused to step down and successfully had a recall petition for his ouster thrown out in court.

the regional competition.

- Wayne State Women's Rugby team captures NSCRO national title. Wayne State defeated Roger Williams University 32-0.

- Wayne State Men's basketball player Amry Shelby scores a game-high 24 points to help the Wildcats to victory against UNK. Wayne State won 78-59.

- The Wayne State College Wildcats will receive artificial turf on the football field and a widened soccer field for the start of the 2013 school year. Estimated cost of both fields are more than \$1 million.

- Wayne State freshman Calla McClenahan received a Seatbelt Safety Award from the Nebraska

State Patrol. McClenahan was in a car accident, and because she was wearing her seatbelt, it saved her life.

- Wayne State Men's basketball team has first 5-0 record since 1967. Star players Amry Shelby and Derrell Williams played a huge role in the cause of the Wildcat victory streak.

- Wayne State Women's basketball team clinches 49th straight home victory against St. Ambrose University. Wayne State won 82-47.

December

- Kelvin Wurdeman rejected requests by board members to resign his position as Wayne County Com-

missioner. Wurdeman had pleaded guilty to two counts regarding the unauthorized sale of scrap metal to a Norfolk company.

- The Wayne State women's volleyball team saw its season come to an end in the opening round of NCAA Div. Central Region Volleyball Tournament. The Wildcats fell to top-ranked Concordia-St. Paul in a three-set sweep.

- The Wayne High boy's basketball team is off to a strong start. The Blue Devil's started their season on a positive note with defeating Battle Creek 82-39 and Logan View 61-45.

- Area schools are changing their lunch menu. More fruits, vegetables and whole grain items are being included in school lunches.

- Wayne State women's basketball team wins 51st home game in a row. The Wildcats defeated Southwest Minnesota State 66-61.

- Wayne High boys' basketball team edged out Columbus Lakeview in double overtime. The Blue Devils won 69-65

- Wayne State football punter Randy Weich has received All-American honors for the second time in his college football career. Weich was named to the 2012 Div. II Coaches All-American Team by the American Football Coaches Association.

- Wayne area schools are working with Wayne law enforcement to prepare students and families in case a school shooting may occur. With the numerous shootings around the country, school officials feel the



(Herald file photo)

Longtime Wayne County Sheriff LeRoy Janssen was able to move his department back into its old offices after being in the basement of the county courthouse for more than 20 years.

necessity to be better prepared for such a disaster.

- Linda Kirsch rejected an offer by the Wayne County Board for the buying of three acres of her parents' property. The board offered LeRoy and Ione Rubeck \$32,000 for their property.

- Wayne High boys' basketball team goes 7-0 after winning four

games. The Blue Devils defeated West Point-Beemer 65-41, Wisner-Pilger 69-46, O'Neill 55-51 and Columbus Scotus 67-56.

- Wayne High's wrestling team had three wrestlers win medals at the Platteview Invitational. Ramsey Jorgensen (285), Jose Vergara (138) and Kody Frahm (195) were the medalists from Wayne.



(Herald file photo)

The area swimming pools were busy throughout the summer of 2012, as drought conditions in Nebraska kept skies sunny and temperatures hot.



(Herald file photo)

It's become an annual event for the Wayne High softball team, as they made their 10th trip to the Nebraska State Softball Championships in the last 11 years.



(Herald file photo)

Nebraska Gov. Dave Heinemann (right) loves to play golf at Wayne Country Club, and he made his annual journey into town this summer to play in the Chamber appreciation golf outing. He is welcomed here by Wayne Herald publisher Kevin Peterson.



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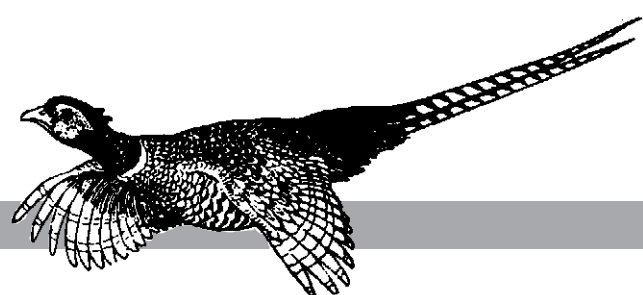
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Sports

The Wayne Herald



From The Bleachers

Michael Carnes



Blue Devils come up short in finals

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

The Wayne High boys have made living on the edge a habit this season.

Wayne won its third overtime game of the season to reach the finals of the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout, but couldn't find a way to win a defensive battle in the finals as they suffered their first loss of the season in a battle of unbeatens Saturday at Wayne State College.

The Blue Devils defeated Laurel-Concord/Coleridge and Boone Central/Newman Grove to set up the matchup between two teams - No. 7 Adams Central and No. 9 Wayne - that were ranked in the preseason top 10 by the Lincoln Journal Star.

The championship game was something of an exercise in frustration for two teams that had both averaged more than 60 points per game in the first two rounds of the tournament, and first-time tournament visitor Adams Central was able to get out a 28-24 win in the championship game, handing Wayne its first loss of the season.

"It was a great defensive effort, and it was really a chess match," Wayne coach Rocky Ruhl said after his team's first loss of the season. "A lot of our shots were halfway down and came out, and if we could have gotten some of them to fall the result might have been different."

The Blue Devils held a 10-8 lead late in the first period when the Patriots' Jake Fowler drained a running 40-footer at the buzzer to give Adams Central the lead for good at 11-10 after one period. He nearly made another half-court shot at the end of the first half, which would have put Wayne in a deeper hole than the 11-point deficit they took into the locker room.

"I thought we'd have the lead at the end of the first, and that shot really sparked them," Ruhl said. "You have to play to the buzzer, and we needed to make sure we played all the way to the end and not let them get that last shot."

The Blue Devils climbed on the back of senior post player Brady Soden in the second half in an effort to erase the 24-13 halftime deficit,

"You have to play to the buzzer, and we needed to make sure we played all the way to the end..."

- Rocky Ruhl

WHS boys basketball coach

and Soden nearly got the job done on his own. He scored all eight of Wayne's points in the third period, and Wayne's defense limited the Patriots to just four points in the second half.

"Brady did an excellent job in the second half, and we needed to get him and Grant (Anderson) more touches," Ruhl said. "We were down 11 and were able to come back and get it close, but we just couldn't get enough shots to finish down the stretch."

Adams Central had several chances to put the game out of reach as well, but missed several point-blank opportunities in the second half. Wayne got as close as 26-24 on a free throw by Jalen Barry with 3:40 to play, but the Patriots got two free throws from Fowler, who finished with 11 points, to give Adams Central the cushion they needed to claim the win.

Wayne reached the finals after an exciting semifinal matchup on Friday against another first-time tournament entry, Boone Central/Newman Grove.

The Cardinals had a balanced offensive attack, but couldn't slow the Blue Devils down in the final period and overtime, as Wayne came from behind to post a 65-58 win.

In what could be called a prelude to what should be an exciting regular-season battle coming up later this month, the Blue Devils and Cardinals battled in a game that saw the Cardinals come back from a 10-point deficit to lead by as many as five points in the second half, but Wayne was able to force an extra session and rode the free throw shooting of Barry, who scored eight of Wayne's 11 points in the extra frame, six of those coming at the charity stripe.

"Boone is a tough, physical team, and it was a battle out there," Ruhl

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(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Wayne High's Jalen Barry battles with Dillan Wolfgram of Laurel-Concord/Coleridge for a loose ball during play at the 2012 Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout.

Lot of good talent seen at tourney

Some random thoughts and observations to kick off the new year:

- There wasn't an all-tournament team selected at the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout, but if I had to pick a team, here's what I'd go with.

On the girls side, Paige Ballinger of Pender would have been the girls MVP. She was simply dominant on the inside, and nobody had an answer for her over the course of three days. Wayne's defense held her to her lowest output in the tournament at 16 points, as she scored 26 in the championship game and averaged 20 for the tournament.

As far as the rest of my all-tournament team on the girls side, Sarah Maxson of Wayne had a couple of big games against Pender and Adams Central. Wayne held Adams Central's Jacki Fowler in the consolation game, but she played well enough to make the team. My other two selections would have been Hartington CC junior guard Karly Noecker and Pender's Trista Morgan.

It's a tough call on the boys side for tournament MVP, but since they won the tournament, I'd have to give it to Jake Fowler of Adams Central over Mitch Mailloux of Pender.

Fowler had 11 points in the championship game and was a solid ball-handler up front for the Patriots throughout the tournament. Mailloux had two huge games against Boone Central and Laurel-Concord/Coleridge (31 and 34 points, respectively), but was a non-factor against West Point-Beemer, as he was limited to five free throws.

Two Wayne kids would make my all-tournament team. Grant Anderson has been outstanding all season and continued to play well in the tournament. Brady Soden saved Wayne's bacon in the finals, scoring 15 of the Blue Devils' 24 points. He and Boone Central sharpshooter Tyler Hedlund, who had 23 in the consolation game and averaged 19 for the tournament, would round out my team.

- We generally don't talk a lot about Husker athletics in this space, but I would be crazy not to toss in a few words about the recently-retired athletic director and Nebraska icon, Tom Osborne.

When I first started out in this business more than 30 years ago, one of the first interviews I did was with Osborne, then in his 10th year as coach of the Husker football team. It would be the year of "The Scoring Explosion" with Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier, Turner Gill and Irving Fryar leading the team to within a two-point conversion of a national title.

Unlike a lot of the major college coaches who seem wrapped up in their egos, Osborne was always a humble man of tremendous character. There are few lifelong Nebraska residents - especially those of us who are Husker football fans - whose lives have not been touched by this man. He AVERAGED 10 wins a season during his 25-year run as the Nebraska football coach, won three national titles and was heartbreakingly close to several more during his tenure.

From his start as a graduate assistant in 1962 to his final five years at UNL as the athletic director, Osborne has left the kind of mark on a school AND a state that few in the world of athletics could even begin to imagine. I was blessed to have had several opportunities to interview Osborne over the years as a sports writer, and my family still laughs about the day he called our home to do an interview (my sister was 99.9 percent positive somebody was playing a practical joke on her - the look on her face as she watched me talk with the coach on our home phone was priceless).

Here's hoping that the new athletic director, Shawn Eichorst, avoids the cold, egomaniacal stylings of the individual Osborne was called on to replace and, instead,

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Boxscores of all 24 tournament games are found on Page 3B

2012 GREAT NORTHEAST NEBRASKA SHOOTOUT

Girls Bracket

Thursday's Results

Hartington CC 53, West Point-Beemer 31
Adams Central 52, Battle Creek 27,
Pender 53, Boone Central/Newman Grove 40

Friday's Results

West Point-Beemer 57, Battle Creek 51
Boone Central/Newman Grove 50, Laurel-Concord/Coleridge 45
Hartington Cedar Catholic 46, Adams Central 40
Pender 52, Wayne 49 (OT)

Saturday's Results

Seventh Place: Laurel-Concord/Coleridge 55, Battle Creek 24
Fifth Place: Boone Central/Newman Grove 48, West Point-Beemer 47
Consolation: Wayne 52, Adams Central 34
Championship: Pender 54, Hartington CC 34

Boys Bracket

Thursday's Results

Hartington CC 68, West Point-Beemer 55
Adams Central 71, Battle Creek 27
Boone Central/Newman Grove 66, Pender 53

Friday's Results

West Point-Beemer 55, Battle Creek 44
Pender 56, Laurel-Concord/Coleridge 45
Adams Central 58, Hartington CC 45
Wayne 65, Boone Central/Newman Grove 58 (OT)

Saturday's Results

Seventh Place: Battle Creek 58, Laurel-Concord/Coleridge 45
Fifth Place: West Point-Beemer 59, Pender 48
Consolation: Boone Central/Newman Grove 54, Hartington CC 51
Championship: Adams Central 28, Wayne 24



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Sarah Maxson goes up for a shot against LCC's Audra Corbit. The senior had a career-high 23 points against Pender and led the Blue Devils to third-place honors at the Shootout.

Wayne High girls bounce back, claim consolation honors

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

Players sometimes wonder if their coaches are playing with a full deck when they talk about strategies for opposing teams.

Coach Nate Wall said he was certain his team thought the cheese had slipped off his cracker when he came up with a game plan to slow down Pender standout Paige Ballinger, but the plan almost worked as the Blue Devils lost a 52-49 overtime heartbreaker to the eventual tournament champions, forcing them to settle for consolation honors at the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout.

"The girls put a lot of faith in the game plan, because I think they thought I was crazy at first," Wall said when he went over the plan with his team in practice before Friday's semifinal matchup. "They executed it about as well as we could have, and the Ballinger girl had to work for all 16 points she had."

The plan wasn't working so well early on, as Pender jumped out to an 11-0 lead in the first 4 1/2 minutes. Wayne wouldn't break the scoring ice until a Jalyn Zeiss 3-pointer with 2:22 to go in the opening period, which helped Wayne close the gap to 11-6 by the end of the period.

"When we got down, I said we weren't executing what we needed to do, and once they did that, we were fine," he said. "Our defense is designed to come from behind, and we did a nice job of that."

Ballinger got 12 of her team-high 16 points in the first half, but Wayne's defense did a fantastic job shutting down the Pendragons' top

"The girls put a lot of faith in the game plan, because I think they thought I was crazy at first."

- Nate Wall

WHS girls basketball coach

player in the second half, and used a little firepower of their own in the post with senior Sarah Maxson, who caught fire in the second half.

Maxson did a lot of her damage out on the perimeter, hitting four 3-points shots and scoring 21 of her game-high 23 points in the second half and overtime to help Wayne come back and force the tournament champs into an extra period.

"She's crazy-athletic, and a lot of people don't realize that," Wall said of the 5-foot-10 senior. "She's a sneaky post player because she doesn't look strong, but she is and she's smart about getting position."

Wayne was able to overcome their slow start and was able to pull within a point at the half when Zeiss drained a trifecta at the buzzer. Maxson hit the first of her four treys to open the second half and give Wayne its first lead, then hit another bomb later in the period to give Wayne a 30-28 advantage.

The two teams would trade the lead several times throughout the second half. Pender led 43-40 after a pair of free throws by Trista Morgan with :20.1 left in regulation, but Maxson nailed a 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left to tie the game and send it to overtime.

Pender scored the first six points

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Carroll Methodist Church holds Christmas program

The Carroll United Methodist Church Sunday School held its Christmas Program on Dec. 16. The skit, "The Star," began with an Innkeeper, his Servant and his daughter talking about how busy their Inn is. The daughter notices the brightness of the star and can sense that something wonderful is about to happen. Cast in the play were Austin Fernau as Joseph; Marissa Munsell as Mary; Harley Wheeler as Jacob, the Innkeeper; Kiera Brader as Miriam, the Innkeeper's daughter; Carson Brader as Aaron, the Servant; Alex Frank and Braxton Siebrandt as Shepherds; Ki-ersten Brader, Rylin Hall, Gracee Brader and Lilleigh Brader as Angels; Carter Fernau, Ashton Munsell and Harley Wheeler as Kings. The preschool class also had a recitation at the beginning of the program. Those included were Landen Claussen, Abbey Effle, Regan Fernau, Addison Frank, Camden Hall and Brooklyn Siebrandt. Sunday School teachers are Heather Claussen, Debbie Hall-Sunday School Superintendent, Kirby Hall, Kathy Hochstein, Jennifer Munsell and Alice Rohde. Pastor at the church is Pete Phillips. Cookies, coffee and hot chocolate were served by the United Methodist Women following the program.

Bailey earns assistant vice president nod

The Board of Directors of Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Nebraska is pleased to announce the election of Shelly Bailey to Assistant Vice President, Human Resource and Marketing Manager

in the Lexington office. Shelly has eight years of human resource and marketing experience and has been employed at Home Federal since 2004. Prior to working at Home Federal,

Ms. Bailey worked at the Lexington Chamber of Commerce as Chamber Manager for three years and as a purchasing agent at Orthman Manufacturing for seven years. Shelly is a graduate of Wayne

High School. She graduated from Central Community College with an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Business Administration, and has received a Certificate of Achievement in Marketing as well as a Diploma in Marketing from Central Community College. Shelly is also a 2002 graduate of Dawson Area Development Leadership Program.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

New bell carts for band

At the beginning of the marching band season the Wayne High School marching/concert bands needed two bell carts. Band director Brad Weber talked to Tony Cantrell, Industrial Technology Instructor and his class and asked if they might be interested in helping the band out as they had in previous years. Cantrell and his class agreed to take on the project. "Compared to the bell carts that are on the market now, the two bell carts that Mr. Cantrell's class made for the band are so much more durable, better made, easier to move around and will last many, many years longer!" Weber said. "Plus the cost of the two carts that the class made cost only half of what one cart would cost us!!! Awesome," Weber added. Pictured with the new bell carts are (front) Jacob Reynolds, Sawyer Giffon, Dalton Uhing, Zach Gemelke, (back) Mr. Cantrell, Jacob Stenka, Cory Frahm, Cody Hames, Jacob Doescher.



Bailey

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 e-mailed to clara@wayneherald.com.

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Alpha Sigma Lambda Theta Sigma inductees

Nine students were inducted into the Theta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda at Wayne State College. They include (left) Erin Miltenberger of Dakota City; Barbara Njeri Kibugi of Nairobi, Kenya; Nancy Drevo of Wakefield; Jessica Engel of Sioux City, Iowa; Tina Wickersham of Sioux City, Iowa; Michelle Hingst of Bloomfield; Alicia Dietz of Norfolk; Jeffery Holt of Wayne and Alicia Jo Oja of Stanton. Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society is a nonprofit organization devoted to the advancement of scholarship and to the recognition of nontraditional/adult college students. The Theta Sigma chapter is one of more than 250 chapters in institutions of higher learning throughout the United States. Alpha Sigma Lambda's aim is to recognize the special achievements of adults who accomplish academic excellence while facing competing interests of home and work. Alpha Sigma Lambda encourages students to continue toward and to earn associate and baccalaureate degrees.

Wayne State College students donate new computers to Wakefield Senior Center

An early Christmas gift was delivered to the Wakefield Senior Center by the Computer Hardware and Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Club students after they designed and configured two computer systems in a semester-long effort directed by Lori Nicholson and Molly Curnyn, Wayne State College faculty members.

"I can't find words to describe watching them (Senior Center patrons) interact with the students. Thank you for the special day," said Peggy Bressler, Wakefield Senior Center Director.

Wayne State College students setup the computers and provided patrons with computer instruction. One patron wrote her Christmas letter on the computer with help.

The Wayne State College Service-Learning Committee granted funds used to purchase the components to build these computers, as well as two new flat screen monitors. The students used their technology skills to determine the best options for the Senior Center as they performed their research and learned about the technology needs of the Center's patrons.

Service-Learning projects are coordinated by the Office of Service-

Learning at Wayne State College. These projects provide students with the opportunity to interact with the community, strengthen their self-esteem and academic skills, and

learn about civil responsibility. The process creates authentic learning opportunities while teaching civic responsibility through service to others with reciprocal benefits for

all involved. This project was a Service-Learning effort for students. Institutional funding provides support for Service-Learning at Wayne State College.



Involved in the computer presentation were (front) Jerrod Dixon of Columbus (Hardware Class), Andy Smith of Wayne (ACM), Donna Lundin (Patron), Maxine Meier (Patron), Cheryl Oswald (Patron), Peggy Bressler (Director) and Liam Hockley of Fremont (ACM). Back row, Cameron Sims of Elmwood (ACM), Michael English of West Point (Hardware Class), Bob Weiershauser (Patron), Travis Conner of Wakefield (ACM), and Rich Scheer of Gretna (ACM).



Intergenerational gathering

Members of the Combination Kids 4-H Club joined The Oaks Retirement Community on Dec. 9 for a Christmas Craft Day. The group worked together to make "Rudolph" and Christmas ball ornaments and later had snacks with the residents.

Check out our Daily NOON SPECIALS

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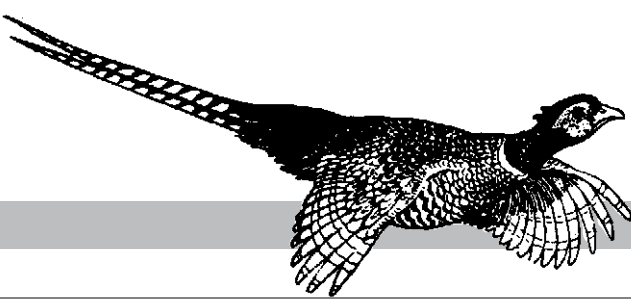
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Christmas column arrives late

Editor's note: This column was written on Dec. 20, but arrived too late to be included in last week's Herald.

It's finally "beginning to look a lot like Christmas!" And I have to admit, I was secretly glad it was snowing, and even blowing. Of course, I did not have to get out in it, and our power flickered a few times, but stayed on and we stayed warm through the night. We both have had our times in the past when we DID have to get out in it, and when the power was off, and stayed off, so we know to be grateful.

Kay and I were on Highway 31 south of Gretna this afternoon, where there is a huge hill outside a housing development. It was covered with kids and sleds; and it was a beautiful sight. Tonight's news showed us the same thing here in Lincoln, at Holmes Lake Park. They have not had opportunity for good sledding for so long, and they did not seem to even care that their fingers and ears were getting very cold.

We've been eating stollen this week, and enjoying it. Stollen is German Christmas bread, and we order ours from Sehnert Bakery in McCook. All you do is call them, give them your credit card, and the next day, in the mail, there it is. There is a neat gift card that comes with each loaf that says it dates back to



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

1329! And that in 1528, a standard recipe was accepted by the Pastry Baker's Club in Dresden. All I know is that it's delicious, and probably very caloric. The calorie count does not come with it!

Several friends make their own, and one has promised to send me the recipe. I figure since I can make cinnamon rolls, I can surely make stollen. When the Krajiceks lived across the road from us, they brought a loaf of buddka for Christmas. I said, "this is stollen", and Ed reminded me that the German/

Czech border went back and forth through the years. Somewhere in there was a country called Prussia, too.

I don't understand how the Norwegians can eat lefse and lutefisk, but to each his own, right? I did get a cute, new Norwegian joke in the email queue lately; it goes like this. Three Norwegians went to Mexico on holiday and got very drunk. They ended up in jail and were told they were going to be electrocuted.

They were lined up in front of the electric chair and the first one said, "I'm a graduate of St. Olaf and I believe that when it is my time to die, I will die, so be it." They threw the switch and nothing happened; so, believing they had just seen a miracle, they let the fellow go.

The second Norwegian, not be outdone, said "I'm a graduate of Moorhead College and I, too, believe that when it is my time, I will go, so be it." They threw that switch and again, nothing happened, and they let this guy go, too, marveling that they had never seen anything like this before.

The third Norwegian informed them that he was a graduate of Minneapolis Technical School and that if they didn't plug the thing in, nothing was going to happen! Have a wonderful Christmas, and remember to laugh once in awhile.

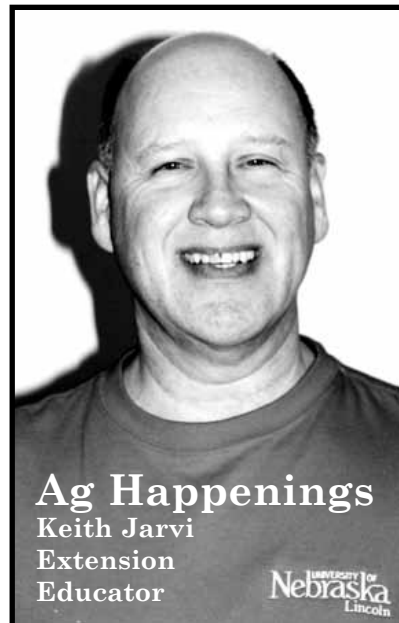
Select water-conserving plants

Kelly Feehan, Extension Educator in Platte County, writes about selecting plants that use less water. Despite the recent snow, we are well behind in soil moisture and water conservation should be in the forefront of everyone's minds.

It is time to leaf through garden and landscape catalogs to prepare for spring planting. Keep in mind water conservation when planning and selecting plants. Not only because we are in the midst of exceptional drought, but because the importance of conserving water will continue to be an environmental focus. As population and demand for water grows, and drought cycles continue, the use of drinking water for landscape irrigation will become less available. It is important to plan and manage gardens and landscapes to be water efficient.

One key to water conserving landscapes is managing the soil to have high organic matter and preventing soil compaction. This will increase the amount of precipitation and irrigation water that soaks into the soil and reduce the amount that runs off of the site. Another key is using mulch around plants. A lot of water is lost from soils through evaporation. Covering bare soil with a two to four inch layer of mulch will reduce the amount of water lost which leads to less frequent irrigation. It also reduces weeds which compete for soil water.

A third key is selecting low water use plants and planting them in the right locations; then watering



Ag Happenings
Keith Jarvi
Extension Educator

them correctly to promote a deep, well established root system. Now is the time to select these types of plants and locate a source to buy them for planting in spring. When thinking water conserving gardens and landscape, one might envision a desert-like landscape. This is not the case. There are many water efficient plants that are just as ornamental as some of the water hogs grown.

A water conserving plant is one that, once established, requires infrequent watering (usually less than two times per month) while still remaining aesthetic. There are a number of native and adapted plants that can survive on average

rainfall; requiring irrigation only during periods of below average rainfall. A characteristic of many water conserving plants is a deep root system. Not all plants have deep roots. And plants that naturally have deeper roots may only develop these roots if watered correctly. Shallow, infrequent irrigation encourages shallow roots that need to be irrigated more often.

Water-wise plants are becoming more popular and being labeled as such at garden centers and nurseries. The best water conserving plants are usually native or adapted to the area where they will be planted. Keep in mind if a plant is considered water-wise in the north-eastern United States, this does not mean it will be the same in Nebraska. Plants need to be planted in locations that provide the growing conditions the plant is adapted to.

Select plants that are not only native or adapted, have deep roots, and are known to be low water users, but which are also appropriate for our cold hardiness zone of 4 or 5, adapted to the soil type of the site they will be grown in, and prefer the amount of sun or shade they will receive.

Stop and think about your current landscape or garden. Are there plants that seem to require frequent irrigation or might be referred to as water hogs? If so, consider replacing these plants with native or adapted plants known to be low water users.

For information on water-wise plants for Nebraska, we have a Water-Wise Perennials NebGuide available from UNL Extension at ianrpubs.unl.edu. The Nebraska Statewide Arboretum also has a listing of native woody plants and native herbaceous perennials found at arboretum.unl.edu.

Livestock Market Report

No Market Report this week due to New Year's holiday

Monthly drought webinars set

A spring webinar series will provide drought planning techniques and technologies to advisors seeking to help Great Plains ranchers manage through drought. The webinars are scheduled from January through May 2013, on the last Wednesday of each month.

"What happens from January through May will be really critical," said Lynn Myers, a Sandhills rancher who will be one of the January presenters. "For example, it could determine whether there are cattle in the western Sandhills in 2013."

Each one-hour webinar will start at 10 a.m. with a briefing on current drought status and what to expect in the foreseeable future, followed by a session on a specific technique related to drought planning, and question-and-answer time. The webinars will be led by ranchers and advisors with hands-on experience in drought planning and range management.

Jerry Volesky, a range and forage specialist at the West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte, will introduce the series by talking about why ranchers need drought plans.

Dates, topics and presenters in the series are:

Jan. 30: Managing Drought Risk on the Ranch: The Planning Process, by Jerry Volesky, range and forage specialist at the West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte, Nebraska, and Lynn Myers, owner of Tippetts-Myers Ranch in western Nebraska.

Feb. 27: Avoiding Analysis Paralysis: Monitoring and Setting Critical Dates for Decision Making During Drought, by Dwayne Rice, rangeland management specialist, NRCS, Kansas; Ted Alexander, owner of Alexander Ranch in south-central Kansas; and Cal Adams, owner of Adams Ranch in north-central Kansas.

March 27: The New Cumulative Forage Reduction (CFR) Index: for Assessing Drought Impacts and Planning a Grazing Strategy, by Pat Reece, owner and senior consultant of Prairie Montane Enterprises and professor emeritus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

April 24: Using a Drought Calculator to Assist Stocking Decisions, Stan Boltz, state range management specialist, NRCS, South Dakota and Jeff Printz, rangeland management specialist, NRCS,

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