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## School board learns about math at meeting

By CLARA OSTEN  
Of the Herald

Math teachers in the Wayne Community Schools spoke of the work done in their department during Monday's meeting of the Board of Education.

Each of the teachers who spoke discussed the positives of the current materials being used by the department and the common goal of building on skills already learned and challenging students to succeed.

Superintendent Mark Lenihan updated the board on a number of activities that have taken place in recent weeks within the district, including the Differentiated Instruction Symposium, which was held at Wayne

State College on Jan. 21. This meeting involved a total of 300 educators from the ESU No. 1 service area.

In an update on health care changes in the next fiscal year, Lenihan told the board that "we will really have to look at this as a board because it will cost our district money, although no one knows all the regulations that will be in effect yet."

Lenihan also presented a rough draft of the 2013-14 school calendar and gave a brief overview of the State of the Schools address, noting that a second address will be presented in Carroll in the near future.

Board members Wendy Consoli and Dr. Carolyn Linster informed the board of a Community Meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Junior-

Senior High School Lecture Hall.

The meeting, which is open to all community members, will describe a program currently used in Gretna to help "students be safe and make good choices." Those in attendance will determine if this type of a program is "a good fit for our community."

During the Honor Coffee following the board meeting, the following groups and individuals were recognized:

**Seniors with a 30 or more on the ACT** — Grace Kenny, Jason Holt, Ramsey Jorgensen, Jacob Reynolds and Jackson Roberson;

**Wayne Geography Bee honoree** — Josh Lutt;  
**Educator of the Year** — Tony Cantrell;

**300th career win** — Rocky Ruhl;

**University of Nebraska-Kearney Honor Choir** — Samantha Bierbower, Kendra Liska, Rachel Waddington, Dacia Dickey, Rachel Duncan, Tahlia Reynolds, Sydney McCorkindale, Dillon Wieland and Ezra Brodersen and

**Stanton Honor Choir** — Sam Bruckner, Jack Osnes, Sarah Wibben, Maddie Stenka, Emily Claussen, Elizabeth Junck, Morgan Barner, Megan Duncan, Grace Heithold and Lindsey Roberts.

The Wayne Community Schools Board of Education will next meet in regular session on Monday, March 11 at 6 p.m., later start due to Wayne High School hosting the district speech meet in the school earlier that day.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

## Bank to be featured on national program

Film crews were in Wayne on Wednesday to shoot video for a segment on the banking industry that will be part of a feature story on a new show hosted by broadcast legend Larry King, called "In View." The program will air on networks such as ABC Family, Bravo and The Discovery Channel, and the story focuses on the banking crisis and how big banks' troubles fail to tell the whole story about the financial industry in America. The show focuses on the positive impact small-town banks have in their communities, and representatives from the show interviewed and filmed employees at State National Bank, as well as members of the community. In this photo, local attorney Kyle Dahl completes a transaction with teller Connie Davis as the show's video crew films the scene.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Fire departments from Winside and Carroll, along with the Nebraska State Patrol, Department of Roads and Wayne County Emergency Management, were on the scene Friday afternoon after a propane tank overturned west of Wayne, forcing highways 35 and 98 to be closed.

## Area roads closed after propane tank overturns

The Winside and Carroll Volunteer Fire Departments, along with the Nebraska State Patrol, the Nebraska Department of Roads and Wayne County Emergency Management, were on the scene of a propane leak 7 1/4 miles west of Wayne Friday afternoon.

The Nebraska State Patrol was notified of the incident at approximately 1:30 p.m., and spent several hours managing traffic as the situation was resolved.

A 1,000-gallon propane tank, located

near a grain bin, was being moved and a valve accidentally was knocked loose. The tank was nearly full and propane began leaking out.

State Patrol officers said that because of a strong south wind, traffic on Highways 35 and 98 was re-routed away from the area to prevent the possibility of igniting the propane and the fumes associated with leak.

All roads were reopened late that afternoon.

## Students taking advantage of iPad technology at Wakefield

By ERICA BLAKLEY  
Of The Herald

Wakefield students got a chance to show off their skills and showcase the advantages to using iPads in the classroom.

Danielle Gilliland and Isabella Silva-Goos lead the presentation and explained the many uses of the iPad in their school activities.

"Using the iPad is much more convenient than carrying around a backpack full of books and notebooks," Gilliland said.

The students demonstrated all the applications that they use for all of their different classes. The most widely used application throughout the classrooms was "Notability." Notability allows students to take notes, complete assignments and create Microsoft Word documents all in one convenient location. The students are even able to e-mail their finished work to their teacher directly from the application.

"This is a great app for our students," Principal Jason Heitz said. "It allows our students to basically go paperless, and it's a lot easier for them."

Another commonly used app with students is "WebDAV." WebDAV is very similar to Microsoft Word. It gives students the ability to make and open Word documents quickly and easily without the hassle to save.

"This app automatically saves anything you work on," Sarah Rusk, technology specialist said. "Once you start working on it, you can close it and when you get back to it, your work is still there."

Students are even able to take tests using their iPads. The application "Edmodo"



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Evelyn Caceres, a senior at Wakefield High School, works on an assignment in Mrs. Vander Weil's English class using an iPad.

makes it possible for teachers to make tests and have students electronically submit test answers. Edmodo is set up similar to Facebook, which makes it easy for students to navigate around.

"It's a really good app to use," Silva-Goos said. "It allows you to take tests even if you

miss a day in school, so you're not behind."

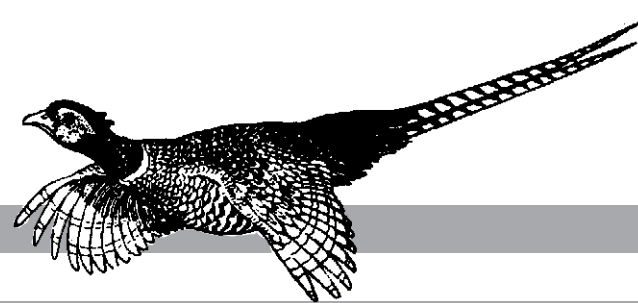
Edmodo has guided access for students, which means that once they start taking their test, they are not allowed to navigate anywhere else except on the testing page.

"That way it ensures that students aren't

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## Obituaries

### Donald Schumacher

Donald W. Schumacher, 78, of Norfolk, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, at Heritage of Bel-Air in Norfolk.

Services were held Thursday, Feb. 14 at Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Pastor Chip Winter officiated, with burial in the Osmond Lutheran Cemetery in Osmond. Military honors were conducted by the Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard.

Donald Wayne Schumacher, son of Herman and Fern (Blunck) Schumacher, was born April 16, 1934, at Osmond. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Osmond. He attended and graduated from Osmond High School with the class of 1952. On Feb. 2, 1953, Donald was inducted into the United States Air Force in Omaha, serving during the Korean War, and remained in the service until receiving his Honorable Discharge on July 27, 1956. During his time in the service, Donald was stationed in Japan for

two years. On Aug. 5, 1956, Donald was married to Violet Klutman in Osmond. Donald attended Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska, where he graduated with a BA in Music in 1960, and later received his Masters Degree in Music in 1969. For 36 years, Donald directed high school and college bands in several communities across northeast Nebraska: for three years at Neligh-Oakdale schools, seven years at Wayne Public Schools, seven years at Norfolk Public Schools, two years at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, and for 13 years at Pierce Public and Pierce Parochial Schools. He was also on staff at Wayne State College, conducting summer music camp for 15 years. Throughout his music teaching career, Donald received countless awards for his Concert Bands and Jazz Bands. He was named to the Hall of Fame Athletic Award (Class of 1952) at Osmond High School, had 30 consecutive Superior Ratings for his Concert Bands at District contests, led award-winning Jazz bands at Norfolk and Pierce, was named the 1961 Outstanding Educator in Neligh, was a music contest judge and director in Nebraska and Iowa, was named the 1999 Educator of the Century at Pierce, served as choir director at Grace Lutheran and Our Savior Lutheran Church for many years, and was elected to the Nebraska Music Educators Association Hall of Fame in 2001.

Donald was a member of the American Legion and VFW in Norfolk. He was also a member of Christ Lutheran Church of Norfolk, where he served as an elder. In his free time, Donald also served as a volunteer at Alegent Health. He loved spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of over 56 years, Violet Schumacher of Norfolk; daughters, Valerie (Michael) Voigt of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Valisa (Reggie) Juracek of Creighton; sons, David (Denise) Schumacher of Norfolk and Daniel (Pamela) Schumacher of Austin, Texas; 11 grandchildren; and a brother, Herman (Sandy) Schumacher of Norfolk.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother; a sister; a sister-in-law; a brother-in-law; and an infant niece.

Per Donald's request, memorials may be directed to Pierce Public and Pierce Parochial Schools.

Brockhaus-Howser-Fillmer Funeral Home in Norfolk was in charge of arrangements.

## Kiwanis event set for Feb. 17

The annual Pancake Feed hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Wayne will take place on Sunday, Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wayne National Guard Armory.

Adding to the traditional menu of all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage,

and applesauce, this year's Pancake Feed will again expand pancake choices to include regular or chocolate chip pancakes, as well as gluten-free pancakes. Drink choices will include orange juice and coffee.

## A Quick Look



| Date    | High | Low | Precip | Snow |
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| Feb. 9  | 34   | 23  | —      | —    |
| Feb. 10 | 52   | 30  | —      | —    |
| Feb. 11 | 52   | 25  | .07"   | T    |
| Feb. 12 | 28   | 16  | —      | —    |
| Feb. 13 | 43   | 16  | —      | —    |

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Yr./Date — 25" / Seasonal snow — 10"

### Chamber Coffee

WAYNE — This week's Chamber Coffee will be held Friday, Feb. 15 at Careage of Wayne (the location was incorrectly listed in the Feb. 7 edition of the Herald). The coffee on Friday, Feb. 22 will be held at Viaero. The coffee begins at 10 a.m. and announcements at 10:15 a.m.



### Scout Paper Drive

AREA — Wayne Boy Scouts will conduct their monthly paper drive on Saturday, Feb. 16. Paper and aluminum beverage cans should be placed in paper grocery bags or boxes and set at the curb by 8 a.m. No plastic, no cardboard, no items with a spiral binding (plastic or metal) can be mixed in with the paper. Recyclables may also be dropped off at the Scout trailer at the Transfer Station on Monday, Friday or Saturday mornings. Questions regarding paper and aluminum can be directed to Jeff Carstens at (402) 375-3840.

### WSC music concert

AREA — The Wayne State College Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will present a concert in Ramsey Theater on Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge. There will be a post-concert reception. The program will feature a variety of literature for band, including a fanfare by Jack Stamp, four Gypsy folk songs, a work with digitally recorded accompaniment and a solo for drum set and band. This work will feature WSC percussion instructor, Brad Weber. The Wind Ensemble is conducted by Dr. David Bohnert and the Symphonic band will be led by Joshua Calkin. For more information, call (402) 375-7359.

### Pancake Feed/Cake Walk

AREA — The Youth group of St. Mary's Church in Laurel, St. Anne's Church in Dixon and St. Michael's Church in Coleridge will be having a Pancake Feed/Cake Walk on Sunday, Feb. 24 at St. Anne's Parish Hall in Dixon from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will be split between the youth groups and Relay For Life.

## Courthouse News

### January Property transfers

Jan. 2: Joseph Edward Kaup, Trudy K. Lundquist Living Trust, Trudy K. Lundquist Trustee and Larry L. Lundquist Trustee to Tami Sue Seger and Connie Bargstadt. The NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 25, Range 2. \$2,700.

Jan. 2: Sean Leigh Draper and Joann Lenser to Kelsie Linn Lundsahl and Connie Bargstadt. The NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 25, Range 2. Exempt.

Jan. 2: Leon Michael Brasch, Charles Weible Trust and Joann Lenser Trustee to Connie Bargstadt and Stacy Lynn Bartak. The NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 25, Range 2. Exempt.

Jan. 3: Barbara J. Carstens and Matthew Scott Wohlers to Landon Grothe, Malissa Grothe and Kiley Khea Zaborktsky. The N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 25, Range 1 and the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 25, Range 1. \$1,377.

Jan. 3: Barbara J. Carstens and James Allan Cantrell to Lance L. Grothe, Kristina Grothe and Erin Mirinda Zink. The SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 25, Range 1. \$675.

Jan. 3: Uriel Ruiz, Brenda Ruiz and William George Burris to MN Rentals LLC, Patricia Ann Holt-grew. Lot 2, Block 7, John Lakes Addition of Wayne. \$49.50.

Jan. 7: Harold W. Wittler and Mardell E. Wittler to Thomas J. Wittler and Marian A. Wittler. Part of the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 26, Range 2. \$270.

Jan. 7: Leonard MD. Janke and Bonnie J. Janke to Leonard MD and Bonnie J. Janke Revocable Trust, Leonard MD Janke Trustee and Bonnie J. Janke Trustee. The NW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 25, Range 2. Exempt.

Jan. 7: Thomas McCright to Thomas McCright Revocable Family Trust, Thomas McCright Trustee. Lot 3 and part of Lot 2, Block 10, Original Town of Wayne. Exempt.

Jan. 10: Rick Bussey and Cathy Bussey to Strong Trucking Inc. Lot 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 4, Original Town of Hoskins. \$123.75.

Jan. 11: Ralph Beiermann and Glenda S. Beiermann to Nebraska Department of Roads. Part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 31, Township 26, Range 4. Exempt.

Jan. 11: Arthur Bruns to Nebraska Department of Roads. Part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 18, Township 25, Range 4. Exempt.

Jan. 11: Merlin D. Saul Revocable Trust, Merlin D. Saul Trustee and Kathryn Saul to Nebraska Department of Roads. Part of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 13, Township 25, Range 3. Exempt.

Jan. 11: Dennis L. Baier and Carol M. Baier to Nebraska Department of Roads. Part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 19, Township 25, Range 4. Exempt.

Jan. 11: Kevin Koenig and Teri Koenig to Nebraska Department of Roads. Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 25, Range 4. Exempt.

Jan. 14: Merlin A. and Patricia Beiermann Joint Revocable Trust, Merlin A. Beiermann Trustee to Merlin A. Beiermann. Part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 26, Range 4. Exempt.

Jan. 14: Merlin A. and Patricia Beiermann to Mark D. Beiermann. Part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 26, Range 4. Exempt.

Jan. 14: Brett A. Wedenfeld and Leah M. Wedenfeld to Wildcat Properties LLC. Part of Lot 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block 2, Spahrs Addition of Wayne and part of Lot 10, 11, and 12, Block 18, College Hill First Addition of Wayne. Exempt.

Jan. 14: Wallace E. Sorensen Survivors Trust, Wallace E. Sorensen Trustee to Bruce W. Sorensen, Mark A. Sorensen and Julie A. Skarr. The N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 1, Township 26, Range 3. Exempt.

Jan. 15: Kathie S. Woods to Wayne Community Housing Development Corp. Part of Lot 4, 5, and 6, Block 10, North Addition of Wayne. \$137.25.

Jan. 15: Joan Lage to Joan Lage Living Trust, Joan Lage Trustee. Part of the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 26, Range 3; part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 16, Range 3; part of the SW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 26, Range 3; part of the SW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 26, Range 3; part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 26, Range 3; and part of the SW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 26, Range 3. \$375.25.

Jan. 15: Joan Lage to Joan Lage Living Trust, Joan Lage Trustee.

The N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 26, Range 3; Lot 1, 2, 3, 6 an 8, Beckenhauer Estates (Phase I) of Wayne and Lot 7, Beckenhauer Estates (Phase I) of Wayne. \$636.75.

Jan. 22: Tricia D. Bromley to Amanda Nicole Hawthorne and Nicholas Lee Hawthorne. Lot 23 and 24, Block 3, College Hill Second Addition of Wayne. \$202.50.

Jan. 22: Randy S. Cole and Anne

M. Cole to Joel and Kristine Lipp Joint Revocable Trust, Joel A. Lipp Trustee and Kristine M. Lipp Trustee. Lot 3 and 4, Block 3, College View Addition of Wayne. \$114.75.

Jan. 22: Rodney C. Cook to Terry L. Roberts and Laurie L. Roberts. Lot 6 and part of Lot 5, Jones Addition of Carroll. \$38.25.

Jan. 23: City of Wayne to Kelly R. Herman. Outlot A, Western Ridge II Addition, amended plat of

Wayne. Exempt.

Jan. 24: Renee A. Halsey and Virgil R. Halsey to Renee A. Halsey Charitable Remainder Trust, Renee A. Halsey Trustee. The NW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 25, Range 1. Exempt.

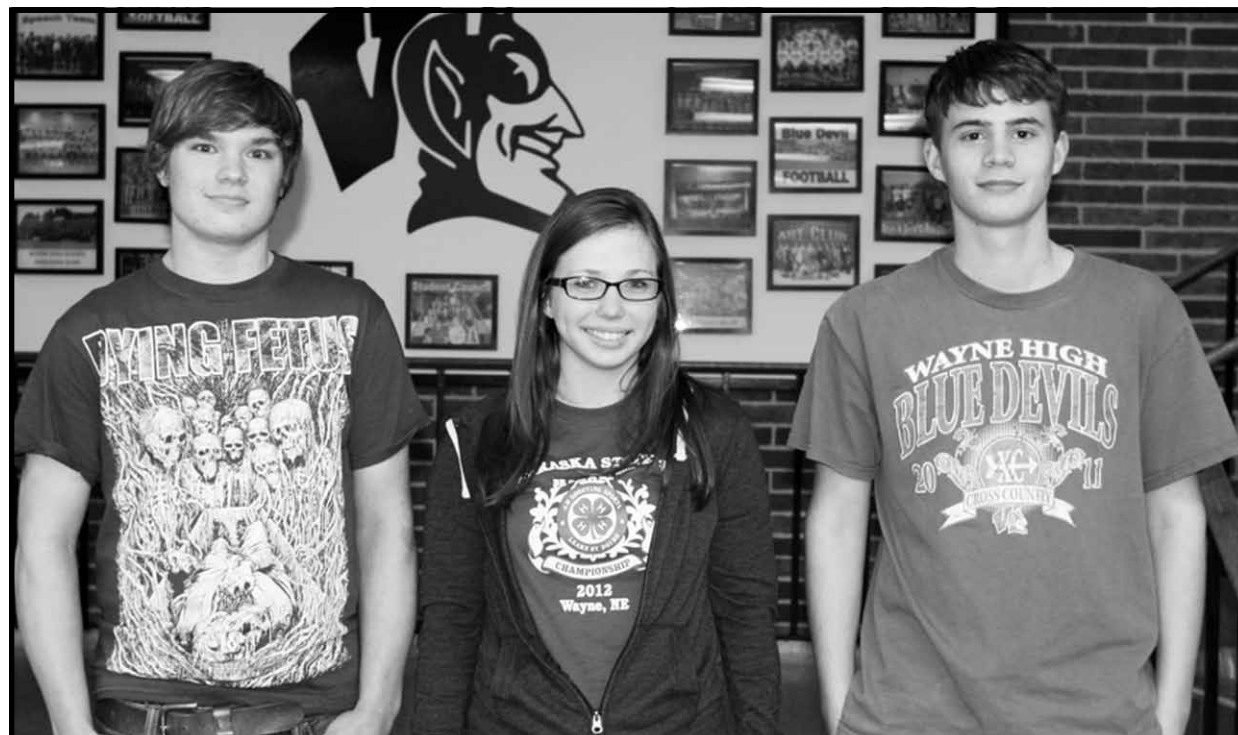
Jan. 24: Sterling N. Hardisty and Joan M. Hardisty to Lance J. Steiger. Part of the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 27, Range 1. Exempt.



Wayne Junior High students taking part in the Stanton Honor Choir included (front) Jack Osnes, Grace Heithold, Megan Duncan, Morgan Barner (back) Elizabeth Junck, Maddie Stenka and Lindsey Roberts. Not present were Sam Bruckner, Sarah Wibben and Emily Claussen.



Tracy Anderson, Wayne High School Vocal Music instructor (right), introduced those taking part in the University of Nebraska-Kearney Honor Choir. They include Rachel Waddington, Tahlia Reynolds and Rachel Duncan. Not present were Samantha Bierbower, Kendra Liska, Dacia Dickey, Sydney McCorkindale, Dillon Wieland and Ezra Brodersen.



Recognized at the Honor Coffee for earning a 30 or more on the ACT were (from left) Jackson Roberson, Grace Kenny and Jacob Reynolds. Not present were Jason Holt and Ramsey Jorgensen.



Josh Lutt, a fifth grade student at Wayne Elementary School, earned the highest score in the district in this year's Geography Bee. Making the announcement was Heidi Thompson.

(Photos by Clara Osten)

## Honor coffee honorees

The first Honor Coffee of 2013 was held following Monday's meeting of the Wayne Community Schools Board of Education. In addition to the students pictured here, also recognized was Tony Cantrell, 2012 Educator of the Year and Rocky Ruhl, Wayne High School boys basketball coach on his 300th career win.





(Photo by Clara Osten)

## Ruhl honored

Wayne High boys basketball coach Rocky Ruhl was presented a framed jersey with autographs from all of his players in honor of his 300th win earlier this season. Senior Brady Soden (left) presented him with the gift before Saturday's basketball game with Guardian Angels Central Catholic.

# Recall petitions issued after Wurdeman defends his record

Recall petitions were issued Wednesday afternoon for Wayne County District 1 Commissioner Kelvin Wurdeman, and the principal circulator has until Friday, March 15 to submit enough valid signatures to force a recall election.

Wurdeman's job is being called for by Jerold Meyer, who cites the recent theft and official misconduct charges stemming from an early 2012 incident, where he sold county-owned scrap metal, had the buyer issue a check in his son's name, then forged his son's signature and cashed the check at a local bank.

"Acting as Wayne County Commissioner, Kelvin Wurdeman has been caught, convicted and severely fined for the willful theft and fraud-

ulent sale of county property," Meyer stated in his petition request. "As documented, the request of certain entities to have Commissioner Wurdeman removed from positions he holds on their boards has permanently damaged his ability and trustworthiness to assist Wayne County in governing effectively, confidently and honestly."

In his response, which was limited to 60 words, Wurdeman defended the practice and the fact he con-

tinues to serve in the same number of entities that he has in the past.

"It was longtime County practice to sell scrap iron in an individual's name, not County name for Road District petty cash fund," Wurdeman's response stated. "Money never left county property and all money was accounted for. I'm on same number of entities this year as last year. (The) Other two commissioners requested me to chair Board of Equalization because of my knowledge and experience."

Meyer must submit 250 valid signatures from District 1 voters on or before Friday, March 15. That number is based on 35 percent of the total votes cast for that office in the 2010 general election.



Wurdeman

## PMC cleared in Laurel girls' death

Providence Medical Center has been dismissed from a federal lawsuit that was filed after the death of a 9-year-old Laurel girl almost three years ago.

The Wayne hospital was part of a lawsuit in U.S. District Court brought by Jeff Brown and Sherri Gothier of Laurel, parents of the girl who died while en route from Wayne to Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa. She was brought to the Wayne hospital after experiencing a second bout of post-operative bleeding in her throat, the result of having her tonsils and adenoids removed several days earlier.

An ambulance brought the girl to Providence Medical Center, and an emergency room doctor at the hospital ordered a transfer to Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City. Court documents state that, on her way there, she suffered a brain injury and died.

While Providence has been dismissed from the lawsuit, pre-trial work continues in the case against Mercy Medical Center and its affiliate companies.

## WSC alum, coach to play professional volleyball

Former Wayne State College volleyball All-American Emily Schroeder Jones and current Wildcat graduate assistant coach Korie Lebeda are two of 15 players selected to the Great Plains Tornadoes professional volleyball team.

Schroeder, married to former Wayne State baseball All-American Dustin Jones, played at Wayne State College from 2005-07 and was a two-time All-American. The Laurel-Concord graduate ranks second in career kills and 10th in career digs while playing three seasons at Wayne State, and holds the single-season school record for kills with 599 in the 2006 season.

Lebeda joined the Wayne State College volleyball program in January as the team's graduate assistant coach, and was a standout volleyball player at Creighton University from 2005-2008, where she started all 119 matches of her career at setter and was named All-Missouri Valley Conference three times.

The team is part of USA Volleyball's new professional league, the Premier Volleyball League, and features 15 players primarily from Nebraska colleges and universities. The roster features former standouts from Nebraska, Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha, Nebraska-Kearney, Wayne State, College of St. Mary, Concordia-Seward and Northwestern College of Iowa along with one player from Texas-Kingsville that lives in the Midwest.

The Premier Volleyball League will feature 12 women's teams in the first year, and games will be played in such locations as Omaha, Des Moines, Iowa and Kansas City with the league championship playoffs set for Dallas, Texas in late June.

## iPads

From Page 1A sharing answers with other classmates and aren't searching the web for answers," Rusk said.

With technology becoming more and more prevalent in people's lives, Heitz felt that the iPad was a good choice for his students.

"With the iPad, it has more potential to engage students in the learning process," Heitz said. "It's just more convenient for our students than carrying around a laptop to every class."

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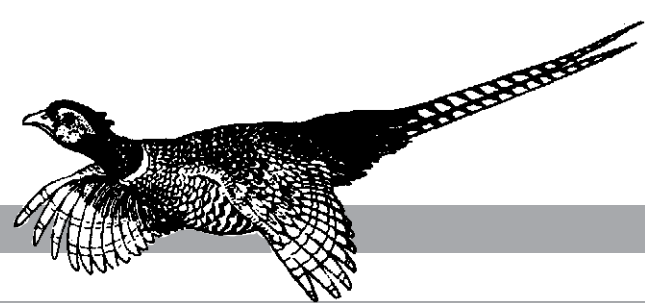
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From The  
BleachersMichael  
CarnesKudos for  
Team Kaden  
T-shirt tribute

Some random thoughts, observations and other acts of silliness as I prepare for three days of unabashed insanity at the state wrestling tournament:

– Every once in a while, a friend from outside the area will ask, “What’s so cool about Wayne, anyway?”

Of course, there are a lot of things that I could point to in an effort to successfully illustrate my point, but here’s one that I found on Facebook over the weekend:

Wayne’s eighth-grade girls basketball team played in a tournament recently, and were sporting T-shirts that said “Team Kaden” on the back. The T-shirts were worn in honor of classmate Kaden Schmale, who recently lost his bout with cancer. (I was also told that the eighth-grade boys wore similar T-shirts, but had not been able to find any photos on Facebook prior to writing this column.)

Children who are taken from our lives before they grow up is one of the unfortunate tragedies of the human existence. We shouldn’t have to watch a kid do battle with the horrible disease that Kaden fought – and fought with great courage and dignity – and for his classmates to dedicate their performance to him and wear T-shirts with his name just made me feel like the next generation has got something special in them, and if those of us in the current generation could just stay out of the way, they might turn this world around.

Super-duper kudos to Wayne’s eighth-grade hoopsters. You guys get two thumbs WAY up in my book.

– The rumors that the heart doctors at Providence Medical Center are sponsoring the Wayne State men’s basketball team, as far as we can tell, are not true.

That would be hard to believe after the Wildcats posted two incredible back-from-the-dead wins on the road this past week.

Wayne State was down 19 to Northern State with 12 minutes to go, but came back and got a buzzer-beating 3-ball from Ryan Rolfzen to post a 70-67 win.

Not impressed? How about trailing by 20 with 7 1/2 to go at MSU Moorhead before going on a 27-4 run to win 73-70?

Paul Combs’ teams at Wayne State have been notorious late-season fire-catchers, but this is just ridiculous. These are the kinds of wins that propel teams late in the season, and if they play well this weekend in their final road trip, I don’t think there’s a team in the upper half of the NSIC standings that would want to see Wayne State on their home court in the first round two weeks from now.

– The memory of last season’s Elite Eight run for the Wayne State women’s basketball team may be all Wildcat fans will have to look back on this March.

The first regional rankings will be out next week, and I wouldn’t be surprised to find 14-8 Wayne State nowhere near the top 10.

The NSIC, MIAA and Great American Conference all have a tremendous amount of balance this year, and the way things look right now, Wayne State’s only hope of a regional bid is by winning the post-season tournament next month.

At last check, there are 16 teams with better winning percentages than Wayne State. Nobody is setting the world on fire the way the Wildcats did last year – Washburn in the MIAA has the best win-loss percentage at 17-3, East Central Oklahoma leads the GAC at 17-4 and Concordia-St. Paul tops the NSIC at 17-5 – and there are too many programs playing at Wayne State’s level for the Wildcats to be a serious contender.

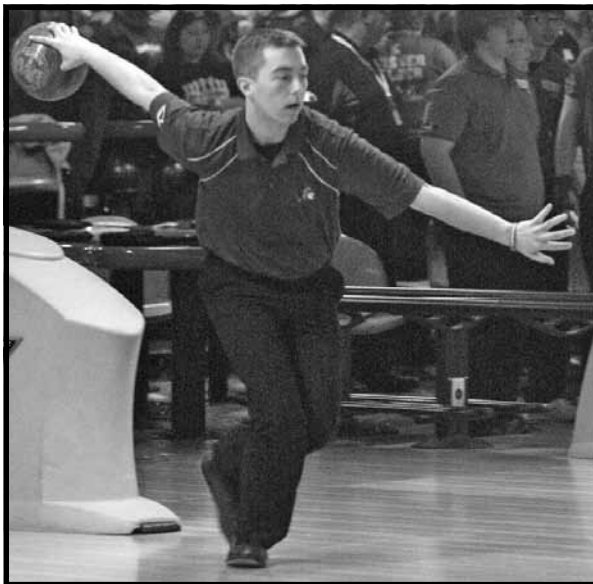
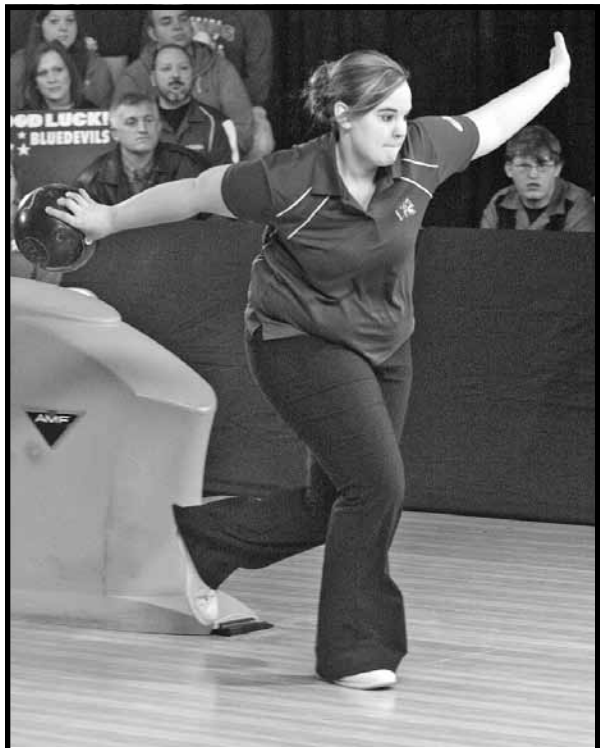
There are still two weeks left in the regular season, and if they can win out and go deep in the conference tournament, they might sneak in the back door, but I wouldn’t bet on it.

## Make Wayne's a double

Bowlers win second  
straight C girls title

(Photo courtesy Jeremy Buss)

**It's tears of joy for the Wayne High bowlers as Rachel Waddington and Lexi Sokol embrace after the Blue Devils won their second straight Class C state title Sunday in Lincoln.**



(Photos courtesy Jeremy Buss)

**Wayne fared very well in singles competition. Miranda Denklaus (left) finished fourth to lead the girls, while Dillon Wieland (above) paced the boys by placing seventh.**

LINCOLN – Winning a state bowling title is like throwing a perfect strike.

Backing that up with another state championship – it’s like picking up a 7/10 split.

The Wayne High girls bowling team won their second straight Nebraska High School Bowling Federation title on Sunday with a three-game sweep of district rival Wisner-Pilger, adding the 2013 Class C title to last year’s title run that led to the girls’ first state bowling title.

And as much fun as it was getting that first title last year, this year’s team seemed to enjoy winning it all even more, according to coach Mike Varley.

“It was especially good for our three seniors,” he said. “They wanted to defend their title and go out on top, so it was extremely special for them.”

The Blue Devil girls set the stage for their championship weekend with a solid effort in Saturday’s singles competition. Three Wayne High girls finished in the top six, led by senior Miranda Denklaus’ fourth-place score of 620, to slot the girls as the No. 2 seed heading into the Baker-format team competition. Rachel Waddington was right behind Denklaus in fifth with a 594, while freshman Nicole Craft was sixth with a 581.

“We got three in the top six individually, and that made me feel a little better going into the tournament,” Varley said.

The Blue Devils won a tie-breaker with North Bend for the No. 2 seed, and was able to advance to the semifinals with a 3-1 series win over Chase County, winning 136-114, 134-157, 159-116 and 136-99.

Varley felt his team would do well in the opening round, having seen the Longhorns on some adjacent lanes during singles competition.

“We had bowled next to them a

few times, and I thought if we came out and bowled pretty well, we’d have a chance to get through that first round,” he said.

The going was a little tougher in the semifinals against North Bend. After winning the first two games, North Bend won the third and looked to be in position to force a deciding fifth game and take the momentum into that winner-take-all matchup.

The Blue Devils needed a big finish from their senior leader, and Denklaus came through in a big way, converting a tough split and striking out on her final ball in the 10th frame to give Wayne the match in four games, 149-127, 158-117, 133-166, 147-146.

“We knew we’d have our hands full with them, and that fourth game was tough,” Varley said. “Miranda needed a strike and a spare in the 10th frame, and she left a 4-5-7 split on her first ball and was able to convert that and then throw a strike. It was pretty exciting.”

That put Wayne in Sunday’s made-for-TV final matchup against Wisner-Pilger, who had upset top-seeded Norfolk Catholic in the other semifinal.

Varley said the Wayne girls knew they’d have to bring their best effort to the alleys, and they did so in a big way, finishing off the Gators in a three-game sweep, 137-112, 190-170, 163-158.

“Any time we can get in the 150’s, I like our chances to win,” he said. “Both teams struggled that first game, but we started with a spare and three strikes in a row, and I told the girls we couldn’t let up because Wisner also was bowling well. They had beat us at conference, so I knew they had a good team.”

When it was all over, there were hugs and tears of joy for the two-time champions, who were led by

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## Wildcats make pair of double-digit comebacks

There are come-from-behind wins, and then there are comeback-from-the-dead finishes like the two pulled off last weekend by the Wayne State men’s basketball team.

The Wildcats trailed in the second half by 18 points on Friday and 20 points on Saturday, yet erased both deficits and came home with improbable Northern Sun Conference wins, edging Northern State 70-67 and slipping past MSU Moorhead 73-70 to improve to 15-9 overall and 9-9 in the NSIC.

On Friday, the Wildcats made an impressive comeback from an 18-point deficit with 12:04 to go to steal one from the home-standing Wolves, who were co-leaders in the NSIC’s North Division.

Northern State scored 12 straight points

late in the first half to take a 44-30 halftime lead, and looked to be in command with a 58-40 advantage with 12:04 to go before the Wildcats’ defense and hot shooting took over the game.

Ryan Rolfzen hit a trio of 3-pointers in less than two minutes to help the Wildcats pull within two points at 63-61. Amry Shelby added a jumper later to make it 65-64, and after Northern retook the lead, Shelby scored again to make it 67-67.

Wayne State got a break late after an offensive foul gave the Wildcats the ball with one last shot in regulation. The Wildcats made the most of it, as Shelby dished off to LaTroy Wright, who penetrated the lane and kicked it into the corner, where Rolfzen calm-

ly drilled a 3-pointer as time expired to give Wayne State the improbable road win.

Shelby and Rolfzen did most of their damage in the second half. Shelby scored 14 of his team-high 16 points in the last 20 minutes, while all of Rolfzen’s 12 points came from long range in the second half. Derrell Williams also scored 12 points.

But one comeback didn’t seem to be enough for the Wildcats, who made an even more impressive comeback to snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat in Moorhead, Minn.

Wayne State led early against the Dragons, but a 17-3 run by the home team became a 40-26 halftime deficit, and that margin would increase to 20 at 66-46 with 7:40 to go.

Cue the comeback.

The Wildcats used six straight points by Williams and baskets by Shelby and Ty Bauschek to spark a 10-0 run that cut the deficit to 66-56 with 3:18 to go. After a Dragon basket, Wayne State cranked out another 10-0 run, highlighted by back-to-back treys from Shelby, to make it 68-66 with 1:50 left.

Moorhead scored their final basket with 1:22 to go, but Williams followed with a basket and full-court pressure created a turnover that led to Shelby’s go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:02 to go.

Shelby added the final points with :16 left, and the defense forced a desperation 3-pointer that fell short, giving Wayne State its sec-

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Wakefield sends  
five to state meet

WISNER – Last year, Wakefield was looking good for sending a bunch of wrestlers to state, but a bad heartbreak round left just one Trojan standing with a ticket to Omaha.

This year, the Trojans took care of business in the heartbreak round, winning four of five matches to complement a district champion and give Wakefield a five-man arsenal for the state wrestling tournament this week in Omaha.

Coach Eric Burenheide said the sting of last year’s disappointment was something this year’s team didn’t want to repeat, and they came out and wrestled solid in the clutch.

“I know last year they only got one (to state), and we kept pushing them this week and telling them that we had to go hard all day long, no matter what, and wrestle the whole match, and they did that today,” he said.

Caleb Thomas came through with the upset of the day in the C-2 district meet at Wisner-Pilger High School, upsetting Husker Mat No. 2-ranked Nate Gray of Battle Creek in an exciting 3-2 overtime decision at 160 pounds.

The match was tied at 2-2 at the end of regulation, and Thomas

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wrestling results

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was aggressive at the start of the overtime period, forcing Gray to backpedal out of bounds. Gray had already been warned for stalling earlier in the match, and the second stalling call gave Thomas the point and the district title.

“He’s been working all week on wrestling the whole match, and it paid off in the finals,” Burenheide said. “We lost to him by 3-4 points earlier in the year, and (Thomas) has been wrestling his best at the end of the year and he really came through and wrestled a great match today.”

Four other Trojans earned a trip to state by coming through the consolation bracket, with the most exciting journey being made by senior heavyweight Alan Lopez, who had to wrestle into the 30-second ride-out in overtime to earn his trip to state.

Lopez was tied at 1-1 after the end of regulation against North

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(Photo by Michael Carnes)

**Wakefield heavyweight Alan Lopez is one of five Trojans who will compete in the Class C division at this week's state wrestling tournament.**

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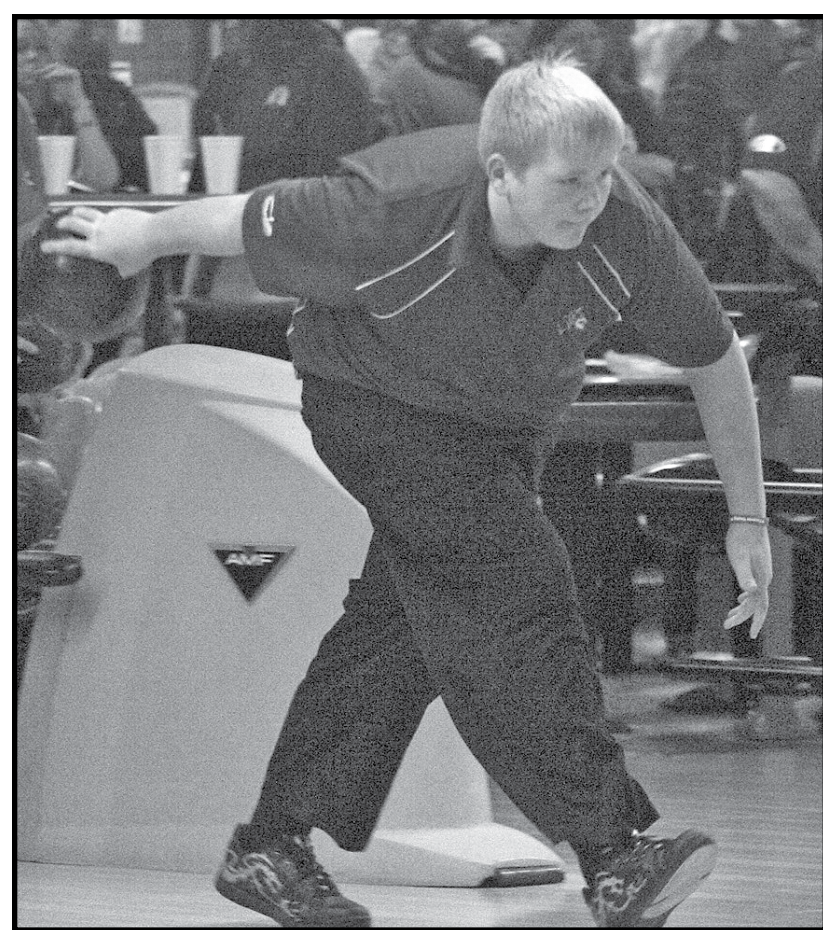
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| Vet's Club   | 3.0 | 1.0   | Julie Hartung 181, Stefania McLagan 182,  |
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Freshman Nicole Craft (left) finished sixth in the singles competition and helped the Wayne girls win a second straight title. Brady Ping (right) and the Wayne High boys lost a five-game thriller in the semifinals to eventual champion Hastings Adams Central.

## Double

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seniors Denklaue, Waddington, Meagan Aschoff and Samantha Long.  
"The seniors wanted to defend the title and go out on top, so this was special for them," Varley said. "It was also nice for younger players like Nicole, and really gives them a taste for going after more titles." Craft will be joined next year by returning state competitors Bailey Kudrna and Lexi Sokol, along with Tabitha Belt and Miranda Long.

THE WAYNE HIGH BOYS had a fairly young team, but gave the eventual state champions from Hastings Adams Central all they could handle before bowing out in a thrilling five-game match-up. The Blue Devils carried the No.

4 seed into the eight-team tournament after singles play, led by top-10 finishes from Chris Bird (7th, 496) and Dillon Wieland (9th, 489). "I thought the boys bowled extremely well," coach Dusty Baker said. "We had some fairly inexperienced bowlers that peaked at the right time, and they just ran into a good team from Adams Central in the semis." Wayne started the tournament with a four-game win over North Bend, winning 187-143, 123-165, 153-125, 189-158. Wayne's depth helped offset a very talented singles bowler for the Tigers, Baker said.

"North Bend has one of the better bowlers in the state, but in the Baker format it's about having a complete team and making the spares, and we did that in that matchup." The Blue Devils dropped the first two games to Adams Central, but caught a break in the fourth game and were able to take it the distance before Adams Central won the match, 158-141, 192-181, 152-165, 153-156, 175-156. "The looks on the kids' faces when they got down 0-2 wasn't great, but they really knuckled down and started making some shots," Bakers said. "We got a break in the fourth game. They needed a spare to win and missed the 10 pin, so we got a

break and managed to make a game of it. I don't think I could have expected any more than what they did." Seniors Wieland and Steffan Moore led the team this season, and Baker said Wayne will have a good returning nucleus next year with Bird, Tre Guill, Tyler Echtenkamp, Brady Ping, Dylan Sokol and Micah Sprouls. "Dillon (Wieland) was our most consistent bowler all four years, so there will be some big shoes to fill, but we have some great kids coming back, so we'll have a decent base to start with for next year," Baker said.

## Lady Bears on to subdistrict final

Laurel-Concord/Coleridge got a solid all-around effort on Tuesday and edged Hartington Cedar Catholic 54-46 to advance to the finals of the C2-7 subdistrict at Ponca High School.  
The Lady Bears got 22 points from Cameron Eddie and 11 from Kiley Thompson to advance to Thursday's subdistrict final against Homer, who handled Wakefield 57-34 in the other semifinal. The two teams will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Thursday evening, the Lady Bears erupted for 24 points in the second period and pulled away with a 55-21 home win over Wisner-Pilger.  
Both teams struggled in the opening period, but LCC put together a solid defensive effort and got hot on offense to expand a four-point lead into a 24-point halftime cushion.



Audra Corbit and Kylie Thompson each had 11 points to lead a balanced attack for the Lady Bears, while Erin Gubbels put in eight.  
On Friday, the Lady Bears closed out the regular season with a dominating effort against Neligh-Oakdale, posting a 50-27 triumph.  
The Lady Bears dominated the Warriors from the opening tip, building a 34-7 halftime lead. Thompson had 16 points and Corbit added 15 for the Lady Bears, while Katie Gubbels had six steals and

Erin Gubbels and Katie Gubbels (30) pressure a Neligh-Oakdale player during Friday's LCC win over the Warriors.

## Wildcats

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ond straight miracle comeback. Shelby scored 15 of his game-high 21 points in the second half, while Williams had 14 and Bauschek scored 11.  
Wayne State goes on the road again this weekend, visiting Southwest Minnesota State Friday at 8 p.m. and the University of Sioux Falls Saturday at 6 p.m.

## Trojans fall in subdistrict

PONCA – Wakefield hung tough with Homer, but cold shooting wouldn't let them stay with the top-seeded Knights in the C2-7 subdistrict semifinals Tuesday.  
The Trojans shot just 27 percent from the field, and Homer outscored Wakefield 21-9 in a key second quarter that helped the top-seeded Knights to a 57-34 win, ending Wakefield's 9-14 campaign.  
"We outrebanded them and handled their pressure better than we have in the past, and I was really pleased with how we played," coach

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# Wayne girls reach C1-7 subdistrict final

The Wayne High girls basketball team came out of the locker room on fire in the C1-7 subdistrict, but almost had their inferno put out by a pesky Ponca defense.

The Blue Devils started the game on a 19-1 run, but saw a lead that was as high as 21 points reduced to single digits before they held on for a 47-35 win over the Indians in Tuesday's semifinal at Wisner-Pilger High School.

Wayne High harassed Ponca's backcourt into a number of first-half turnovers that were converted into points. The Blue Devils took a 27-8 lead into the locker room and looked to be in position for an easy win.

"I was happy with the way we came out of the locker room and executed the game plan flawlessly in the first half, but we never came out of the locker room the second half and I'm still waiting for us to come out," coach Nate Wall said after the game. "We did do a nice job of finishing the last four minutes of the game. Ponca played way too hard to just give in and they gave us a tough game at the end."

Wayne rode the hot shooting of sophomore Rachel Rauner, who hit a trio of 3-pointers in the second period to help Wayne build a 19-point halftime lead.

Ponca, however, put on a little pressure of their own and frustrated Wayne's attack. They went on an 8-0 run early in the fourth quarter

to cut Wayne's lead to 36-27, but the Blue Devils settled down the final 1/2 minutes and were finally able to come away with the victory.

Sarah Maxson led the Blue Devils with 12 points, while Rauner and Meagan Backer each had 10.

Junior guard Jalyn Zeiss returned to the lineup after missing about a month of the season due to a knee injury suffered in a game against Boone Central/Newman Grove. Her return to the lineup gave the team an emotional lift, as the Blue Devils beat a solid Concordia team 50-40 in their home finale Thursday.

The Blue Devils had a balanced attack offensively, led by Maxson's 21 points. Victoria Kranz scored nine, Rauner had six, Backer and Angie Nelson each had five and Sydney Harris tossed in four to give Wayne the 10-point win.

The Wayne girls had something of a letdown in Friday's regular-season finale against a subpar Madison team, but still had more than enough to come away with a 49-34 win.

Although the team struggled offensively, the Blue Devil defense was solid in the first half, limiting the host Dragons to 13 points while building a 16-point halftime advantage.

Nelson led the Wayne effort with 13 points and Maxson added 11, while Zeiss came off the bench to hit a couple of 3-pointers and finish with eight points.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

**Tarah Stegemann looks to dribble past a Ponca defender during Tuesday's subdistrict win.**

# Wildcats split with Northern, Moorhead

The Wayne State women's basketball team came home with a weekend split in its latest road trip in Northern Sun Conference action.

On Friday, freshman guard Ady Roller scored a career-high 27 points while sophomore forward Jordan Spencer added 24 as the Wildcats pulled away late for a 66-53 win at Northern State.

Wayne State got off to a quick 12-2 lead and led by as many as nine points for much of the first half before the Wolves rallied to close the gap to a single point at 26-25 at intermission.

Roller opened the second half with a basket for Wayne State before Northern rallied with a 6-0 run to take their first lead of the game. Wayne State regained the lead with

14:05 to go on a basket by Roller to make it 38-34.

Northern State regained the lead at 41-40 with 11:50 left, but the Wildcats scored 11 points in just over two minutes to turn a one-point deficit into a 10-point advantage, and Northern never got closer than seven after that.

Roller went 9-of-15 from the floor in racking up her career-high effort, while Spencer was an impressive 10-of-11 from the charity stripe as part of an 18-of-24 effort for Wayne State in the free throw department. She also had a team-best eight rebounds.

On Saturday, the Wildcats couldn't stop MSU Moorhead's Morgan Zabel down the stretch, as she scored the final eight points for

the Dragons in a 67-62 win that dropped Wayne State to 14-8 overall (10-8 NSIC).

It was a close game for most of the game. Moorhead led by as many as 11 points, but the Wildcats rallied in the second half and kept the game close until the very end.

Trailing 35-24 at the break, Wayne State started the second half on a 12-3 run to pull within two on a Roller 3-pointer with 16:49 left. Ellen Hansen kept it a two-point game at 45-53 on a 3-pointer with 14:16 to go, but Moorhead pushed the lead back up to seven and the Wildcats could never get back in front after leading early in the game.

Wayne State got as close as 65-62 on a trey by Roller with :22 left, but Zabel hit six straight free throws

down the stretch to finish with 18 points and give the hosts the win.

Hansen scored a game-high 21 points, 18 of those in the second half, and Spencer added 17 for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats will be on the road again this weekend, visiting Southwest Minnesota State Friday at 6 p.m. and the University of Sioux Falls Saturday at 4 p.m.

# Winside girls explode in win over Walthill, fall to top-seeded Wynot

The Winside girls basketball team saw their season come to an end in subdistrict play Tuesday in Hartington.

The Wildcats dropped a 65-14 decision to top-seeded Wynot in D2-5 subdistrict play at Hartington High School, bringing their 3-20 season to a close.

The Wildcats simply could not get anything going against the Blue Devils' pressure defense. Nazya Thies, Morgan Jensen and Jayd Roberts each had four points to lead the Wildcats in the game.

Winside reached the subdistrict semifinals with their best offensive

performance of the year, outscoring Walthill 67-46.

Winside warmed up early and had their best game of the year, blowing up the close matchup with a 23-5 fourth-quarter run that helped them finish off the Blujays.

Thies led four players in double figures with 15 points, while Jensen added 14. Shailynn Mundil had 12 and Carly Thies put in 10.

In their regular-season finale, the Wildcats were held scoreless in the first period and dropped a 66-29 decision at Osmond. Munzil led the team with 10 points, Nazya Thies had six and Mallory Stubbs scored

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| five.   | Osmond 66, Winside 29 |
| Winside   | 0 11 9 9 - 29         |
| Osmond  | 22 11 22 11 - 66      |
| WINSIDE - N. Thies 6, Stubbs 5, Petzoldt 2, Janke 2, C. Thies 4, Mundil 10.   |                       |
| OSMOND - Scoring not available.   |                       |
| Subdistrict Result  |                       |
| Winside   | 17 10 17 23 - 67      |
| Walthill  | 8 18 15 5 - 46        |
| WINSIDE - N. Thies 15, Jensen 14, Roberts 3, Janke 8, C. Thies 10, Mundil 12. |                       |
| WALTHILL - Randol 12, H. Cayou 2, Cline 1, Grant 8, B. Cayou 8, Parker 15.    |                       |
| Wynot 65, Winside 14  |                       |
| Winside   | 2 2 2 8 - 14          |
| Wynot   | 25 14 17 9 - 65       |
| WINSIDE - N. Thies 4, Jensen 4, Roberts 4, Petzoldt 2.                        |                       |
| WYNOT - Scoring not available.  |                       |

# Bees eliminate Allen girls in overtime

The Allen Lady eagles were stung twice by the Bloomfield Queen Bees as their season came to an end.

Both games were down-to-the-wire matchups. On Thursday, the Lady Eagles were nudged by Bloomfield, 47-46, despite a season-high 16 points from Candice Rastede.

The Lady Eagles led after one period, but Bloomfield came back and the two teams went toe-to-toe until the final buzzer before the visiting Bees came away with the win.

Lindsey Jones scored 15 points and Brittany Sullivan added 10 in a losing effort.

The two teams renewed acquaintances in the first round of subdistrict action Monday in Wausa, and the game went to overtime before Bloomfield came away with a 55-48 triumph.

Allen trailed by three going into the final period, but the two teams both caught fire, as Allen scored half of their points in the final period to force overtime. In the extra period, the Lady Eagles were held scoreless as Bloomfield managed to survive and advance.

Lexi Oswald paced a balance attack with 11 points, while Lindsey

Sullivan added 10 and Jones and Brittan Sullivan each had nine.

The Lady Eagles ended the season with a record of 5-14.

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|  | Bloomfield 47, Allen 46 |
| Allen  | 12 6 14 14 - 46         |
| Bloomfield   | 8 14 9 16 - 47          |
| ALLEN - Rastede 16, Finnegan 2, Jones 15, G. Sullivan 3, B. Sullivan 10.           |                         |
| BLOOMFIELD - A. Fiedler 4, Luger 14, K. Fiedler 11, Kerbel 4, Goeden 5, Lammers 9. |                         |
| Subdistrict Result   |                         |
|  | Bloomfield 55, Allen 48 |
| Allen  | 4 13 7 24 0 - 48        |
| Bloomfield   | 8 8 11 21 7 - 55        |
| ALLEN - L. Sullivan 10, Oswald 11, Jones 9, G. Sullivan 5, Klug 4, B. Sullivan 9.  |                         |
| BLOOMFIELD - A. Fiedler 10, Luger 15, K. Fiedler 8, Goeden 5, Lammers 17.          |                         |

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# Winside, LCC both send three to state

NELIGH – Both Winside and Laurel-Concord/Coleridge will have a trifecta of wrestlers competing in this week's state tournament after the Wildcats and Bears both qualified three from the D-2 district tournament.

The Wildcats had a district champion in Huskermat No. 1-ranked Caleb Lienemann, and the Bears saw fourth-ranked Austin Roach get runner-up honors to lead the charge for the two area teams in this week's Nebraska State Wrestling Championships in Omaha.

The Wildcats also had two consolation champions reach the state meet, as Marcos Escalera and Gat-

lin Jensen made the big shot at 126 and 220 pounds, respectively, helping Winside finish seventh out of 18 teams.

"We had a fairly good district with those three wrestling well," coach Paul Sok said. "It was a shade lower than our goal coming in, but it was still a good finish."

Escalera had a nice run on Saturday, avenging three of his losses with an upset of a Howells-Dodge wrestler in the consolation semifinals to earn his trip to state.

"He had lost to that kid three times previously, and came through with a decisive win there and then pinned a Neligh-Oakdale kid who

had beaten him earlier in the year, so he had a very nice tournament," Sok said.

Lienemann struggled early, but dominated his final match with a major decision to take the 195-pound title.

"Caleb had a slow start Saturday morning, but he came through and wrestled well and got a major decision in the finals," Sok said.

Jensen overcame a disappointing 1-0 loss in the semifinals to win his final two matches and earn a trip to state.

"He avenged his loss to an Oakland-Craig kid by pinning him and earning his second trip to state," Sok said.

The Bears had six kids survive the first day of district action, and

half of those kids made it through the second day to make the trip to Omaha, a first in several years for the LCC wrestlers.

"We looked good both days," coach Don Maxwell said. "We sent six in to the second day, and three is the most ever sent by a Laurel team, so it was definitely a plus in that aspect."

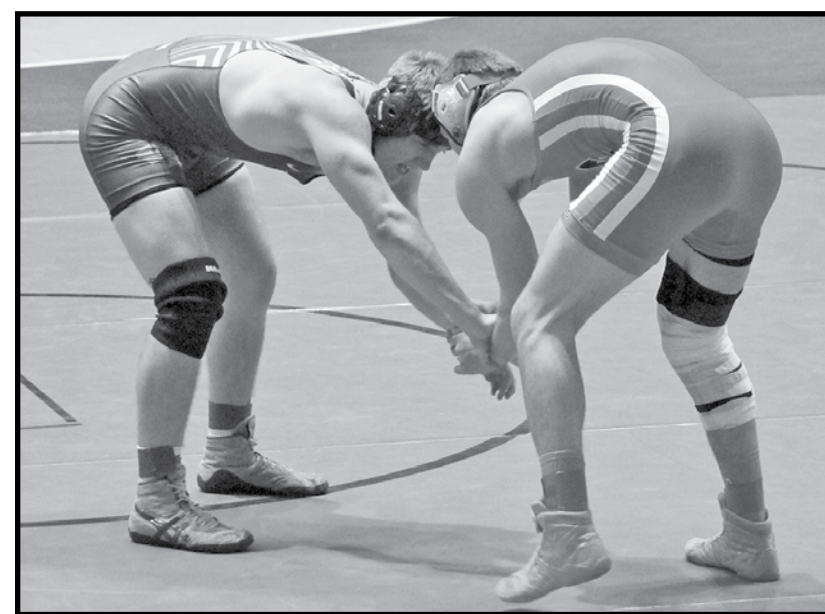
Roach wrestled well before falling on a first-period pin in the finals at 170 pounds, but after winning his 100th career match earlier in the season, he's one win away from the rare air of a 40-win campaign.

Chris Heydon took consolation honors at 160 pounds to qualify for the Bears, while heavyweight Ethan Hirschman brought home

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(Photos courtesy Lee Koch) Winside's Marcos Escalera (top) and LCC's Austin Roach (above) are among six area wrestlers who will compete in the Class D division at this week's state wrestling tournament. Both Winside and Laurel-Concord/Coleridge qualified three wrestlers.



(Photo courtesy Dani Frahm)

Kody Frahm (left) earned his first trip to state and will wrestle in the 195-pound Class B division for Wayne this week in Omaha.

## Frahm to represent Wayne at state meet

OMAHA – Wayne High will have a horse in the race at this week's state wrestling tournament.

Junior Kody Frahm was the only one of four wrestlers to survive Saturday's heartbreak round and earn a trip to the Nebraska State Wrestling Championships. Frahm finished third in his weight class, posting a second-period pin over Tyler Brabec of Schuyler to punch his ticket to the state meet.

After securing the trip to state with an exciting 9-7 win over DeTerence Smith of Boys Town in the consolation semifinals, there was a lot of excitement in Frahm's corner as he earned his first trip to state.

"I'm not sure who was more excited when he won, Kody or the coaches," Wragge said. "We knew going into the second day that he would have to have a big win sometime that day to get through, and we talked about staying focused and not getting rattled."

Frahm carried that momentum through to the consolation finals match, dominating Brabec to earn a good position for this week's state tournament, where he'll face a district runner-up, rather than a district champion.

Frahm was the only Blue Devil among four who made the consolation semifinals. Logan Reinke, Demetrius Alexander and Ramsey Jorgensen all came up a match short in their quest for a trip to Omaha.

"Getting that many wrestlers that close is a good thing for our program," Wragge said. "Three of the four kids will be back next year,

and I think some of the guys surprised themselves with how far into the district tournament they went."

Both Jorgensen and Reinke lost close matches in their heartbreaking round battles, and the experience for those returning next year should be a good one, Wragge said.

"We had a pretty young team overall this year, and not many of them have been in an environment that our district tournament had," he said. "Next year, we'll be ready for this and the younger kids will know what to expect."

Frahm will likely experience some butterflies of his own when he steps on the mat for his first state matchup against Nate Meier of Pierce, a wrestler he has faced twice already this season.

"I like being able to prepare for an opponent we've already wrestled," Wragge said. "We'll watch a lot of film and see where we need to work to help ourselves get a win."

As for his chances, Wragge said it's all up to Frahm.

"I know that first trip to state is very nerve-racking, and once you walk onto the mats and look up in the stands, it's a feeling you won't forget," he said. "I told him to soak it up and enjoy the experience, and his chances are all up to him."

**B-2 District at Boys Town Team Standings (Qualifiers)**  
Omaha Skutt 265.5 (13), Elkhorn South 152 (6), Schuyler 148.5 (9), West Point-Beemer 142 (7), Blair 123 (6), Bennington 99.5 (4), Elkhorn 86.5 (6), Boys Town 77.5 (3), Wahoo 40 (1), Wayne 37.5 (1), Mount Michael 6 (0), Omaha Roncalli 0 (0).

**Wayne Qualifiers**  
195: 3. Kody Frahm, Wayne, pinned Tyler Brabec, Schuyler, 2:24.



(Photo by Michael Carnes) Caleb Thomas earned a district title for Wakefield, claiming the 160-pound title with an upset of No. 2-ranked Nate Gray of Battle Creek.

## Wakefield

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Bend's heavyweight, and neither wrestler could break the tie after two 30-second riding periods. Since North Bend's wrestler scored first, he had the advantage in choosing the down position, but Lopez was able to ride out his opponent and earn the trip to state.

After the match, Lopez turned to his corner to confirm that he should choose the down position, unaware that the match was over and he had qualified for state. The look of relief and exhaustion on his face was something to behold.

"That was a wild finish, and he pulled it out," Burenheide said. "I don't think either wrestler was able to walk off the mat after that one. Alan really gave it his all, and he was definitely at a disadvantage being on top in that final period and showed a lot of heart and held on."

Lopez went on to finish fourth at 285 pounds, joining Irvin Escobar (113) and Alvaro Sarmiento (195) as fourth-place finishers. Nick Gonzalez came away with a third-place finish, taking consolation honors at 120 pounds with a 10-4 decision

over Chase Osborne of Battle Creek.

With five wrestlers heading to the Century Link Center in Omaha for this week's Nebraska State Wrestling Championships, Burenheide is hopeful that his wrestlers can perform well and bring a medal or two home this week.

"If they go down and wrestle like they did today, they have a good shot at getting some medals," he said. "We'll try to get them accustomed to the atmosphere, because the Century Link Center is a lot bigger place than this, and hopefully that won't bother them."

**C-2 District at Wisner-Pilger Team Standings (Qualifiers)**  
Madison 205.5 (10), O'Neill 164.5 (9), Battle Creek 129 (5), Tekamah-Herman 92 (4), Norfolk Catholic 76 (4), Stanton 73 (5), Wakefield 72 (5), Creighton/Verdigre 70.5 (3), Logan View 57 (2), North Bend Central 53 (3), Scribner-Snyder/Guardian Angels CC 53 (3), Wisner-Pilger 47 (2), Crofton 20 (1), Ponca 13 (1), Humphrey SF/Lindsay HF 7 (0), Hartington Cedar Catholic 3 (0).

**Wakefield Qualifiers**  
113: 3. Beau Braniff, T-H, dec. Irvin Escobar, Wakefield, 3-1. 120: 3. Nick Gonzalez, Wakefield, dec. Chase Osborne, BC, 10-4. 160: 1. Caleb Thomas, Wakefield, dec. Nate Gray, BC, 3-2 (OT). 195: 3. Houston Huss, Stanton, dec. Alvaro Sarmiento, Wakefield, 3-2. 285: 3. Aron Reynaga, Madison, dec. Alan Lopez, Wakefield, 3-2.

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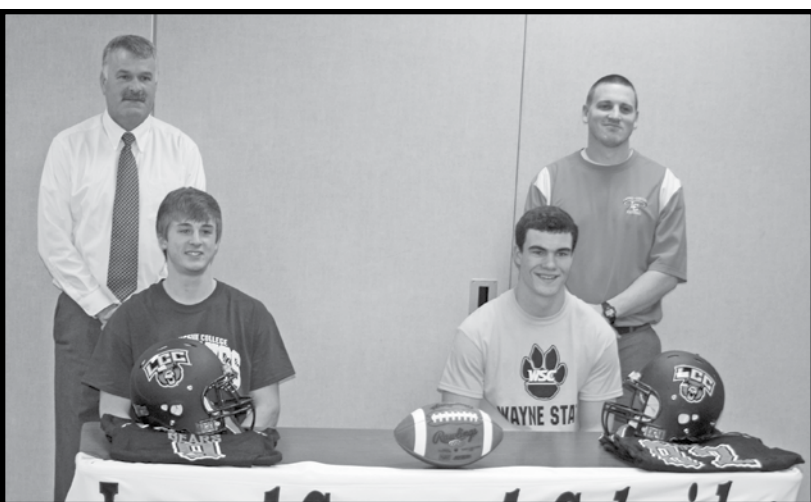
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## All signed up

LCC seniors Kyle Kardell (left) and Justin Saunders both signed college letters of intent last week. Kardell will play at Morningside, while Saunders signed with Wayne State. Also pictured are LCC athletic director Scott Peterson and coach T.J. Shiers.

## Wayne boys improve to 19-4 with easy victories

The Wayne High boys improved to 19-4 on the season with a pair of commanding victories over Mid State Conference foes. On Friday, the Blue Devils traveled to Madison and put the clamps down on the Dragons, limiting Madison to just 10 second-half points on their way to a 61-28 blowout. The Blue Devils went on a 20-8 run in the second period to take a 15-point lead into the locker room, and the defense became even more stingy in the second half, helping Wayne to the 33-point victory.

Jalen Barry and Grant Anderson each had 19 points for the winners, while Brady Soden added 10 and Ben Hoskins scored six.

On Saturday, a game that was expected to be a tight one turned into a one-sided affair in the second half, as Wayne pulled away with a 56-37 win over Guardian Angels Central Catholic in the home finale for the Blue Devils.

The visiting Bluejays led after one period, but it was all Wayne after that. The Blue Devils turned that one-point deficit into a nine-point halftime lead and continued to build on that advantage in the second half to finish with the win. Soden and Grant Anderson combined to outscore the visitors, with Anderson pouring in 20 and Soden adding 18. Barry put in seven points.

The Blue Devils will go for win No. 20 on Friday, closing out the regular season at Pierce.

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| Madison 10 8 7 3 - 28  |
| WAYNE - Barry 19, Rethwisch 2, Hoskins 6, G. Anderson 19, Melena 3, Soden 10, Keating 2.       |
| MADISON - Manniquiz 6, Nava 2, Cienfuegos 6, Pfeiffer 10, Ehlers 2, Kruse 1.                   |
| Wayne 56, Guardian Angels CC 37  |
| Wayne 14 14 17 11 - 56   |
| GACC 15 4 9 9 - 37   |
| WAYNE - Barry 7, Rethwisch 2, Hochstein 2, Hoskins 4, J. Anderson 3, G. Anderson 20, Soden 18. |
| GACC - Weiffeld 3, N. Hass 4, Guenther 3, Hunke 4, Woodrik 9, Ortmeier 12, B. Hass 2.          |

## Throwers lead the way at Concordia Invitational

SEWARD - It was a long day on the track for the Wayne State indoor track and field teams, but they put together some solid efforts Friday at the Concordia Indoor Invitational.

The Wildcats did well once again in the women's weight events, led by Carly Fehringer's winning toss of 61 feet, 0 1/4 inches in the weight throw. Teammates Emily Wells and Kyndra Sturm also recorded NCAA provisional marks in the event. Wells was second at 58 feet, 9 1/2 inches, a season's best; while Sturm was sixth with a season-best throw of 54 feet, 4 3/4 inches. Lexi Guhl took runner-up honors

in the 60-meter hurdles to lead the effort on the track, while Sydney Blum was seventh in both the triple jump and long jump.

In men's competition, Zach Thomsen finished second overall in the 600-meter run, recording a time of 1:21.93. Brad Wright followed with a fourth-place finish in the weight throw at 56 feet, 5 3/4 inches.

Other Wayne State medalists in men's competition included Jared Balady's ninth-place finish in the 400-meter dash, and Greg Tracy took 10th in the 5,000-meter run.

The Wildcats compete in the Nebraska Tune-Up Open on Friday in Lincoln.

## Tigers handle Winside, 53-32

The Winside boys went on the road Thursday and came up short in their hopes for posting the season's first win, dropping a 53-32 decision at Osmond.

The Wildcats hung tough for most of the first half, but were outmanned by the Tigers and fell to 0-21 on the season.

Garrett Watters had a double-double for Winside recording 20

points and 23 rebounds. Brock Carlson added six points.

The Wildcats close out the regular season at home on Saturday, facing West Holt.

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| OSMOND - Krohn 2, Koehler 3, Johnson 3, Moes 3, B. Kreinert 3, Swallow 2, Wiese 26, C. Kriener 1, Folkers 8, Brummels 2. |        |         |         |

## Wildcats sign seven to soccer scholarships

Wayne State women's soccer coach Molly Grisham announced the signing Wednesday of seven recruits - including six freshmen and one transfer - to letters of intent to attend Wayne State College and play soccer for the Wildcats in the 2013-14 academic year. Joining the Wildcat program are Kylie Comba, Heather Gunderson, Erin Slattery and Hailey Smith of Omaha; Kelsey Engstrom and Valerie Hernandez of Lincoln; and Ashley Surface of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

Comba is a 5-foot-3 goalkeeper from Millard South, where she was a four-year letterwinner and started two years in the net while also running cross country for four years. She was named All-State honorable mention during her junior season, when she recorded the second-highest amount of saves in the state. In 22 games played at Millard South, Comba recorded 195 saves while allowing 35 goals. Her older sister, Mikayla, played soccer at Wayne State from 2007-2010.

Engstrom is a 5-foot-5 defender/midfielder from Pius X High School in Lincoln where she started and lettered all four years. She received All-State honorable mention in 2010, 2011 and 2012 while also being named to the All-City Team in 2011 and 2012. Engstrom helped lead her team to district championships in 2011 and 2012. Last spring, she scored five goals and recorded eight assists and through 46 games played in her career she has 13 goals and 14 assists.

Gunderson is a 5-foot-5 defender from Millard South. She is a four-year starter and four-year letterwinner in soccer, helping Millard South to the Nebraska Class A Soccer State semifinals in 2010 and the

2011 state tournament. Gunderson has been named All-State honorable mention each of the past three seasons. Her club soccer team won the Nebraska State Cup championship in 2012 and was runner-up in both 2010 and 2011. Gunderson was named Explosive Edge Female Athlete of the Year in 2010.

Hernandez is a 5-foot-2 midfielder from Waverly High School, where she was a four-year starter in soccer while also starting three years in softball. She was named Eastern Midlands Conference honorable mention in soccer in her freshman and junior seasons. Hernandez helped lead Waverly to a district runner-up in 2011, and for her career she has 15 goals and 13 assists. She has experience playing international teams after playing in the Norway Cup in 2011 and the USA Cup in 2012.

Slattery is a 5-foot-3 defender from Skutt Catholic, where she lettered three years and started two years in soccer. She helped lead Skutt to a state championship in 2011 and were state runner-ups in 2012 while winning conference and district championships in 2011 and 2012. Slattery has received Academic All-Conference honors in 2011 and 2012.

Smith is a 5-foot-2 midfielder from Millard South, where she started and lettered four years in soccer. She played on a state champion club team in 2011 that also reached the state finals in 2009, 2010, and 2012.

Surface is a 5-foot-4 forward transfer from Mount San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif., where she played soccer for two years. Last season, Surface played in six games while notching three shots, two shots on goal and one goal scored.

## LCC boys post home wins

The Laurel-Concord/Coleridge boys are starting to find their groove, as they won their final two home games of the year to move within a win of the .500 mark for the season.

On Thursday, the Bears came from behind with an explosive fourth quarter to post a 63-54 win over Wisner-Pilger.

It was a close game throughout, and the visiting Gators held a two-point advantage before LCC erupted for 26 points in the final period to come away with the win.

Dillon Wolfgram scored a game-high 20 points in leading the Bears to the win, while Zach Shear added 15 and Mitch Klooz put in nine.

Wolfgram also had 10 rebounds in the win.

The Bears dominated an outmanned Neligh-Oakdale team on Friday, scoring 25 first-quarter points and cruising to a 66-17 blowout of the Warriors in LCC's final NENAC boys basketball matchup.

Just about everybody who saw action scored for the 10-11 Bears, as 10 of the 14 players in the lineup got in the scorebook. Wolfgram led the Bears with 15 points, Kyle Kardell added 10 and Shear and Klooz each scored eight. Shear had six assists and Klooz grabbed 11 rebounds in the win.

The Bears finish the regular season Friday at Wynot.

## State

From Page 4B  
a fourth-place medal to punch his ticket to Omaha.

"It was exciting to see Chris and Ethan come back to win in the heartbreak round," Maxwell said. "The only damper was having Brett Haisch lose a tough match in the heartbreak round, but he still had a good season for us."

The Wildcats had a number of wrestlers fall a match short of state, including seniors Dylan Tweedy, Brian Greunke and Levi Lange.

"They were all close matches, and Levi's was really tough, as he was up three before losing in the final seconds," Sok said. "Those seniors have had a great career for us, and they'll be truly missed next year."

Class D wrestlers will kick off action Thursday at the Century Link Center in Omaha, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

### D-2 District at Neligh-Oakdale Team Standings (Qualifiers)

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| Pender 209 (9), Plainview 149 (8), Neligh-Oakdale 99 (5), Howells-Dodge 81 (4), Archbishop Bergan 80 (5), Randolph 77 (4), Winside 68 (3), Laurel-Concord/Coleridge 59 (3), Oakland-Craig 51 (3), Elgin/Pope John 50 (3), Cedar Valley 49 (2), Lutheran High Northeast 44 (2), Osmond 39 (2), Fullerton 34 (1), Sandhills/Theoford 23 (0), Clearwater/Orchard 22 (1), Elkhorn Valley 17.5 (0), North Central 17 (1). |
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### Area Qualifiers

126: 3. Marcos Escalera, Winside, pinned Kyle Wilkinson, N-O, .54. 160: 3. Chris Heydon, LCC, pinned Lee Vering, H-D, .45. 170: 1. Brandon Wragge, H-D, pinned Austin Roach, LCC, 1:05. 195: 1. Caleb Lienemann, Winside, maj. dec. Connor Bentley, N-O, 12-2. 220: 3. Gatin Jensen, Winside, dec. Joshua Zern, Plainview, 6-4. 285: 3. Conner Albus, Pender, pinned Ethan Hirschman, LCC, 2:32.

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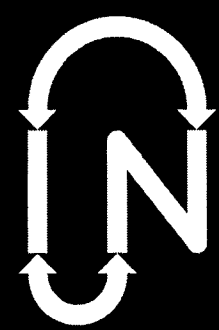


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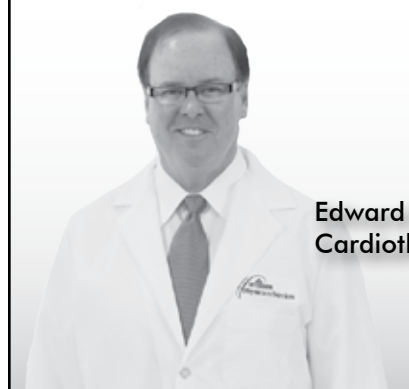
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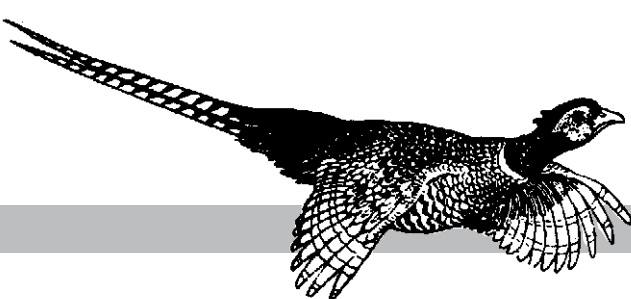
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# Opinion

## Don't get me started

By: Michael Carnes  
Managing Editor

## Boyfriend's name tattooed on face?

Whenever I'm stressed out, I like to laugh. And, as you might guess, I was doubled over in hilarity while compiling this week's "Bits and Pieces" file.

From the "Nothing says love at first sight quite like permanent disfigurement" department: It's not uncommon for someone to get their loved ones' names tattooed on their body.

Whether it's "mom" or the name of a child or a spouse, tattoos are a way of expressing someone's love for another in a way that will be visible for the rest of the world to admire (my dad has his wife's name tattooed under a John Deere logo, with the words "Jan Dear" on his shoulder – and swears that alcohol or other mind-altering substances were not involved in this decision).

A Belgian woman has taken this artistic expression a bit too far, however – she has had her boyfriend's name tattooed, in giant Gothic script lettering, across her entire face.

Oh, did I mention that her boyfriend is a tattoo artist, and that she also made the decision 24 hours after meeting her new love?

I get a lot of hassling from friends who make light of my marrying my now-former spouse less than three months after our first date. I think this tops that in the concept of confusing lust for love.

With all apologies to Mike Powicki, these athletic directors are really getting out of hand these days.

Recently, Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard was ejected from, of all places, a high school basketball game for getting under the skin of an official late in the fourth quarter.

Late in his son's basketball game, a questionable call was made by the official, and Pollard reportedly said "That was a horrible call" during a timeout. Evidently, that was more than the thin-skinned referee could take, and he went over to a school official at Gilbert High School, pointed Pollard out and said he had to leave the gymnasium.

Pollard walked out on his own, then apologized for hurting the poor referee's itty-bitty feelings.

I'm guessing this same official would have ejected Tom Osborne from muttering "dadgummit" at a Husker game. I can guarantee you that this official would need some serious counseling after one half of listening to some of the fans who sit near the Wayne State bench.

I like my neighbors. They're generally quiet, friendly and helpful in times of assistance. They're nothing like the people in a Virginia Beach, Va., neighborhood.

Some of the people living along Victor Road in the Hilltop Manor neighborhood are having issues with one of their neighbors, who seem to have a problem with where a neighbor parks his pickup truck.

The issue of parking has led to one neighbor erecting a sign in his yard saying that the parking is reserved for the neighborhood – well, let's just say the word has a hole in it and leave it at that.

The offended neighbor has asked the city to remove the sign, but the city says it does not violate any city code, including obscenity laws.

The neighborhood dust-up has led to mediation meetings between neighbors and local law enforcement, who have grown tired of answering calls relating to the neighborhood brouhaha.

It's the sort of thing that makes "Desperate Housewives" seem like a women's church social.

I don't know about you, but when they announced that Hostess was going bankrupt, I suddenly had an urge to lock myself in my office and spend the day eating Twinkies.

There is good news for those of you who long for those golden spongy snack cakes – the bankrupt company may soon be back in business, as two investment firms are bidding to buy out the company.

The expected \$410 million transaction will soon have Hostess' five bakeries back in business making Twinkies, Ho Ho's, and other snack cake goodies.

I'm looking forward to tearing into a pack of them very soon – and if you need me, I'll be in my office



## Capitol View

# Pay attention to the details

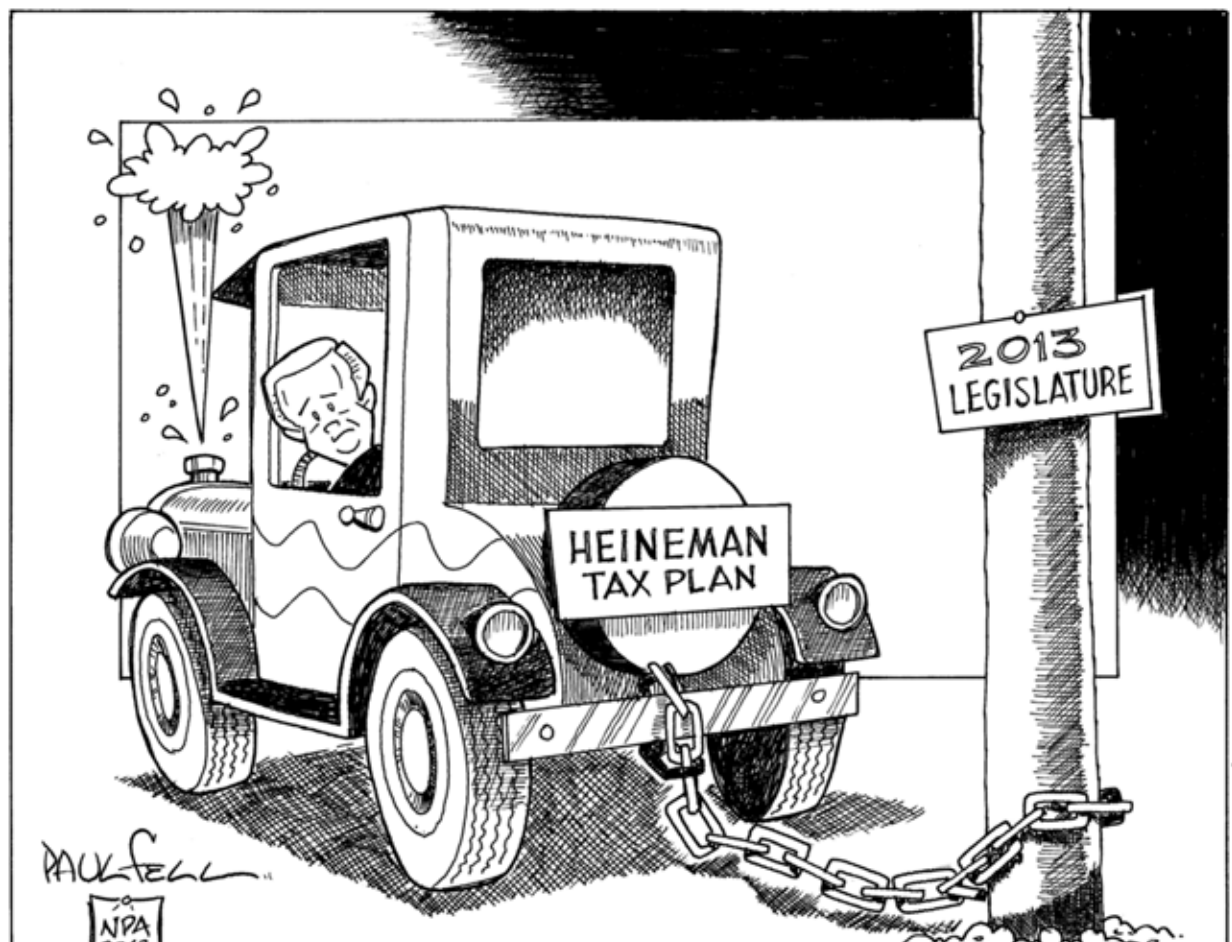
By J.L. SCHMIDT  
Statehouse Correspondent  
The Nebraska Press Association

When the Nebraska Unicameral comes to town, don't be fooled by the big headlines and the issues that get the sound bytes on the tube.

Pay attention to the details. The little nuances and suggestions buried deep in the pages of issues that are seemingly routine and may just get passed through three rounds of debate and sent off to the governor for a signature. With 655 bills and 43 legislative resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments on the table, it's easy to be overwhelmed and swept away with the flow of others' thoughts about "the big issues."

Yes, it's important to track the progress of the governor's proposals to eliminate all Nebraska corporate and individual income taxes (LBs 405 and 406) while increasing sales taxes by eliminating exemptions on everything from farm equipment to hospital care and college dormitory rooms. But the issue has received a lengthy public hearing and will likely be subject to committee revisions and could become the subject of an interim study between the two sessions of the current Legislature. Or, it might become the catalyst for yet another lengthy look at the state's tax structure.

Do pay attention to other things. Bills like Senator Kate Sullivan's proposal (LB295) to use local option economic development funds, often called LB840 funds from the original bill number that presented the concept, to provide financial incentives to attract new residents to a community. Sullivan lives in Cedar Rapids (population 382) and has an obvious interest in such a measure. Not a bad idea, just an additional draw on a pool of funds that has been used for economic revitalization of a number of Nebraska communities.



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Sullivan's colleague Senator Annette Dubas of Fullerton (population 1,307) has a bill (LB153) that would make changes to the Civic and Community Center Financing Act. She has succeeded in tweaking that measure several times in years past to allow the funding to be used for historic properties in the community's commercial core and to provide a statutory definition of what a community main street is all about.

The bill is an outgrowth of the so-called "Turnback Tax" which provides a certain percentage of the proceeds from big city arena's, such as Omaha's Century Link Center

and the soon-to-be-completed Lincoln arena, to be used around the state to finance projects such as civic and community centers. This iteration of the bill adds "recreation centers" to the list of projects that could receive such funding.

Remember the details. On page 4, line 8, the measure gives an eligible community permission to use some of those funds for "the demolition of substandard and abandoned buildings." Bounce that one off your preservation friends. And on page seven it adds criteria to the selection process that allows a community to show how such a civic or community or recreation center would accomplish some of the same things

that Sullivan seeks to accomplish with LB295.

The Dubas bill addresses: Retention Impact, the likelihood that the project will retain existing residents by developing, sustaining and fostering community connections and enhancing economic growth in a manner that will sustain quality of life; New Resident Impact by attracting new residents; and Visitor Impact by attracting visitors from inside and outside the state.

While not as high profile as a major shift in the state's tax structure, these are important issues to the day-in-day-out quality of life in a majority of Nebraska's communities. Pay attention and stay tuned.

## Guest Editorial

# Biased family law system needs fixed

By RAY KEISER

There's a widespread belief that our family law system is biased and unfair to fathers. Almost everyone has heard at least one story about a good, involved father who, through no fault of his own, now sees his children only every-other-weekend -- just two days every two weeks. Are these stories typical or outliers?

Voices for Children reports there were 3465 Nebraska divorces involving children during 2010. The mother received custody in 2156 (62.2%), the father received custody in 348 (10.0%) and joint custody was ordered in 876 (25.3%).

Other studies also suggest there is a strong pro-mother bias in family court, especially among older judges. According to a survey of judges in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee, 36% of younger judges and 71% of older judges agreed that "mothers are the preferred custodian when children are under the age of 6," while none of the younger judges and only 1% of the older judges agreed that fathers are the preferred custodian. Another study found that 44% of judges in Maryland, Missouri, Texas and Washington agreed that custody awards are made "based on the assumption that young children belong with their mothers," and only

33% of judges believed that courts give fair consideration to fathers.

A 2010 survey of Arizona family law attorneys found that 60% thought that state's legal system was biased in favor of mothers, and only 35% thought the system was not gender-biased. Views of bias did not differ between female and male attorneys or between attorneys whose clients are predominantly mothers or fathers. The same survey reported that the general public was even more likely to perceive a slant toward mothers (83%) with only 16% perceiving the legal system as unbiased. This is consistent with other studies that reported experienced divorce attorneys, female and male, believe the legal system is biased toward mothers.

Any perception of judicial bias is troubling. However, it's even worse in these cases because these decisions have long-term health consequences to children.

Children of divorce who don't have enough contact with both parents have greater risk of many mental and physical health issues. In particular, they are more likely to be depressed, use drugs and alcohol, have discipline and delinquency issues, and have higher risk of suicide and early death. They also tend to be less able to concentrate, to be aggressive but not assertive, and have

less empathy. This is especially true where children see one parent less than 35% of the time.

This problem can affect all of us. Adam Lanza, the Connecticut school shooter, is reported to have begun his downward slide when divorce separated him from his father.

A reform bill, LB 22, is now pending before the Unicameral. Under this bill, parents are always free to adopt whatever parenting plan

works best for them. However, if they are unable to agree, judges are directed to adopt a parenting plan that provides for parents to share legal decision making regarding their child and maximizes their respective parenting time.

It's well known that children need their fathers to thrive. Unfortunately, family court often tears children from their fathers. LB 22 is not perfect but it is a step in the right direction.

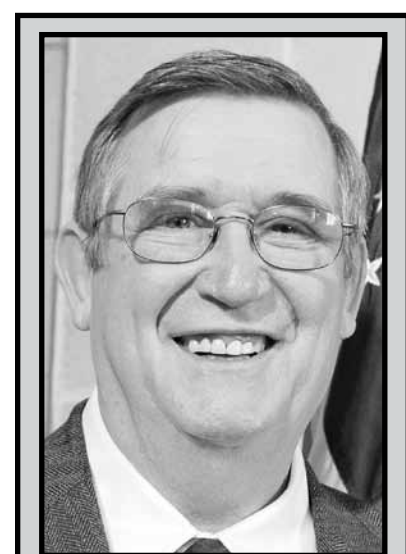
## Legislative Update

# Watch Legislature, hearings on NET

With committee hearings in full swing I want to make sure that you are all aware of the options available to each of you for watching the Legislature or hearings.

If you go to the website for the Legislature (nebraskalegislature.gov) on the right hand side of the page you will see the heading "Live Video Streaming". Below the heading is a link to NET, selecting that link will take you to the NET website (www.netnebraska.org/basic-page/television/live-demand-state-government). Once there it will show you the options of everything that will be a live broadcast for that day – the Legislature or committee hearings. This should work on any device that supports internet service, including smart phones.

With the baby boomers generation getting ever so close to retirement, they are starting to look at Medicare and the state is taking note. The Nebraska Department of Insurance has a division, the Nebraska Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP), which is available to assist individuals in understanding and maneuvering the Medicare maze. Older Nebraskans and persons with disabilities are offered free, unbiased counseling and education regarding Medicare options.



## Legislative Update

By Dave Bloomfield  
State Senator, District 17

If you would like more information about this service you can contact my office or the SHIP office at (800) 234-7119. As I learn of services, such as SHIP, I will do my best to pass that information along to you, the members of my district.

As always, if we can be of any assistance, contact our office at (402) 471-2716, or e-mail dbloomfield@leg.ne.gov.

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The Wayne High girls team shows off the trophy as they celebrate their second straight Class C state title.



The boys team gets fired up for their semifinal match against Hastings Adams Central. They lost an exciting five-game series to the eventual state champions.



Lexi Sokol is focused as she approaches her shot during Saturday's singles action.



Rachel Waddington gets ready to fire her best shot during Sunday's championship match against Wisner-Pilger.



The unmistakable fist pump of another strike for Wayne High bowler Brady Ping during Baker tournament action.

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Miranda Long watches her shot head for the pins in Wayne's three-game finals sweep of Wisner-Pilger.

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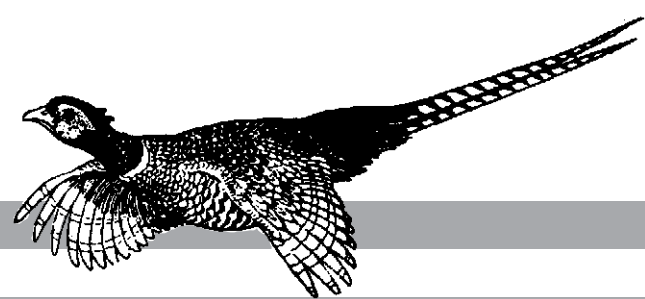
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## 4-H has made impact in Nebraska

The 4-H Pledge defines a strong educational program in Nebraska! February is 4-H Month and 93 counties across the state are honoring 4-H youth who have made an impact on the community and are stepping up the challenges of a complex and changing world. During February, it is important to reflect on the 4-H pledge and what it represents.

The 4-H emblem is a highly valued mark within our country's history. It was granted a very unique

status; it is in a category similar to the Presidential Seal and the Olympic emblem. The emblem is a green four leaf clover with a white "H" on each leaf. The color green signifies nature's most common color and represents youth, life and growth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals. Each "H" has a significant meaning as well. They stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health. The 4-H Pledge states how 4-H goes about helping youth develop and grow in positive ways.

Do you know the meaning behind the words? Here is an explanation of the 4-H Pledge.

"I Pledge My Head to Clearer Thinking." 4-H helps youth to learn, think and reason, it helps youth learn to plan before they take action. It also lets youth learn things they can use as an adult while letting youth make decisions.

"My Heart to Greater Loyalty." Through 4-H youth make many

friends, learn about trusting and respecting others, learn to be concerned for the welfare of others, and learn about people who are different from them. They also learn to accept the responsibilities of citizenship while developing positive attitudes.

"My Hands to Larger Service." 4-H is learning by doing. Youth have the opportunity to serve their community, help others, and be useful, helpful and skillful.

"My Health to Better Living." 4-H encourages activities that are fun and healthy, teaches about protecting the environment and practices of healthful living.

"For My CLUB, My COMMUNITY, My COUNTRY and My WORLD"

Join the Revolution! 4-H youth are a living, breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where we live.

For more information about the 4-H program in your county, contact your local UNL Extension Office.

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**Weddings**  
The Wayne Herald welcomes news accounts and photographs of weddings involving families living in the Wayne area. We feel there is a widespread interest in local and area weddings and are happy to make space available for their publication. Wedding photos to be returned should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

## School Lunches

**ALLEN (Feb. 18-22)**  
**Lunch prices: grades K-6 - \$1.85; grades 7-12 - \$2.10; breakfast: \$1.35**  
**Monday:** Breakfast — Long Johns, cereal, juice. Lunch — Crisпитos/cheese, lettuce, refried beans, tomatoes, pineapple, bananas, chocolate chip cookies.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Oatmeal, pancakes, oranges. Lunch — Beef noodles, green beans, peaches, mixed fruit, tea roll.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Cook's choice. Lunch — Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, strawberries, grapes, tea roll.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast — Sausage links, toast, juice. Lunch — Chicken casserole, carrots, celery, peas, tea roll. Milk served with breakfast and lunch.  
**Friday:** Breakfast — Poptarts, apples. Lunch — Fish wedges, salad, broccoli, pears, apples, tea roll. Menu subject to change.

wich, carrots, tomatoes, apples.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Donut holes, orange juice. Lunch — Barbecue meatballs, macaroni & cheese, wheat roll, broccoli, apricots.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast — Pizza, peaches. Lunch — Beef nachos, tomatoes, salsa, lettuce, pears.  
**Friday:** Breakfast — Egg patty, hash browns. Lunch — Chicken sandwich, baked beans, baby carrots, apple juice. Milk and cereal served with breakfast. Juice or fruit offered everyday. Milk and cereal are served every day. Juice or fruit are also offered every day.

**LAUREL - CONCORD/COLERIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Feb. 18-22)**  
**Monday:** LC Breakfast — Breakfast pizza. LC Lunch — Breaded beef patty, sweet potatoes, green beans. MS Breakfast — French toast, MS Lunch — Crisпитos, corn, cinnamon bread.  
**Tuesday:** LC Breakfast — Biscuits, gravy. LC Lunch — Chicken, Smiley fries, garlic bread. MS Breakfast — Muffins. MS Lunch — Smoked sausage on bun, potatoes, baked beans.  
**Wednesday:** LC Breakfast — Western omelet. LC Lunch — Tater tot casserole, bread. MS Breakfast — Bagel or peanut butter jelly sandwich. MS Lunch — Goulash, green beans, garlic bread.  
**Thursday:** LC Breakfast — Breakfast pizza. LC Lunch — Creamed turkey, mashed potatoes, dinner roll. MS Breakfast — Ham/cheese bar. MS Lunch — Stromboli, chips, broccoli, pears, dessert.  
**Friday:** LC Breakfast — Pancakes. LC Lunch — Cheese pizza, baked apples. MS Breakfast — Donuts. MS Lunch — Potato soup, grilled cheese. Orange juice, skim milk, fruit, yogurt and salad bar are served daily. All menus subject to change.

**WAKEFIELD (Feb. 18-22)**  
**Monday:** Breakfast — Two hour late start - no breakfast. Lunch — Chicken nuggets, corn, iceberg lettuce, wheat rolls, strawberries.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Breakfast bites, grape juice. Lunch — Ham sand-

**WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Feb. 18-22)**  
**Monday:** Breakfast — Breakfast burrito, fruit. Lunch — Chicken fajita on whole grain Gordita bread, Romaine lettuce, green beans, pears.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Scrambled eggs, fruit. Lunch — Whole grain stromboli, tomato, corn, pineapple.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast — French toast sticks, fruit. Lunch — Grilled chicken patty with whole grain bun, cauliflower, baked beans, peaches.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast — Omelet, fruit. Lunch — Chili, crackers, carrots, apple, whole grain cinnamon roll.  
**Friday:** Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, fruit. Lunch — Whole grain pizza, broccoli, pears, banana. Chef salad is optional. Milk served with every meal.

**WINSIDE (Feb. 18-22)**  
**Lunch prices: K-6 - \$2.35; 7-12 - \$2.60; milk and juice - \$.35**  
**Monday:** Breakfast — Pancake. Lunch — Popcorn chicken, fries, cooked carrots, fruit cocktail roll.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Macaroni & cheese, broccoli, lettuce, roll, mandarin oranges.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Cereal. Lunch — Hot pork sandwich, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast — Waffle. Lunch — Chili, cinnamon roll, California blend vegetables, pears.  
**Friday:** Breakfast — Oatmeal. Lunch — Quesadilla, lettuce, peas, pineapple. Milk served with all meals. Menu may change without notice. Fresh fruit daily. Side salad daily. Grades 4-12 may have salad bar. Grades K-3 may have salad plate.

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On Sunday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. cemetery historian Brad Kellogg of Wakefield will present a program on rarely seen historical burial grounds in the area through a photographic and storytelling tour at the John G. Neihardt State Historical Site in Bancroft.

The program will be held on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m.

In the "Aisles of the Forgotten Graveyard," the audience is invited to stroll along exploring these hidden historical treasures and the stories they reveal. Featured among others will be the Presbyterian Mission Cemetery high in the limestone cliffs overlooking the Missouri River north of Macy, which was abandoned around 1887 and is seen now only by bald eagles and turkey buzzards.

The pioneer Weigand Fam-

ily Cemetery near Crofton, which boasts a glass lined underground viewing crypt, will also be a part of the program and attendees will learn why many places in the area bear the Weigand name.

Kellogg researches and documents stories being lost to history by hunting down those lost or hidden cemeteries. Kellogg has been involved in cemetery restoration projects, Spirit Walks, and historical cemetery tours. He is the administrator for www.southdakotagravestones.org and county coordinator with www.nebraskagravestones.org.

For more information, contact the Neihardt State Historic Site at (402) 648-3388 or (888) 777-4667 or by e-mail at neihardt@gpccom.net. Visit the site at 306 W. Elm Street in Bancroft.

## Senior Center Calendar

(Week of Feb. 18-22)  
**Monday, Feb. 18:** Walking, quilting and cards; Pool, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; FROG Exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Hallie's Comments, 12:45 p.m.; Board meeting, 1:15 p.m.; Hand & Foot, 1 p.m.; Chicken Foot Dominoes, 1 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 19:** Morning walking, quilting, cards; Library Corner, 12:50 p.m.; Afternoon Bridge Club.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 20:** Morning walking; Quilting and cards; Pool, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; FROG Exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Health Screens, 9:30

a.m.-12 p.m.; Connie Webber, Romantic piano music, 11:30 a.m.; Special Luncheon, noon; Hand & Foot, 1 p.m.; Chicken Foot Dominoes.  
**Thursday, Feb. 21:** Morning walking; Quilting and cards; "Spotlight on Promise"; Afternoon Bridge Club.  
**Friday, Feb. 22:** Morning walking; Quilting, cards and pool; FROG Exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Dessert Demo by Hilda Pearson, 11:45 a.m.; Bingo, 1:15 p.m.; Chicken Foot Dominoes, 2 p.m.; Hand & Foot.

## Senior Center Congregate Meal Menu

(Week of Feb. 11-15)  
Meals served daily at noon. For reservations, call 375-1460. Each meal served with bread, 2% milk, skim milk and coffee.  
**Monday:** Chicken fried steak with country gravy, mashed potatoes with skins, frozen corn, whole grain dinner roll and Promise, orange gelatin with carrots and pineapple.  
**Tuesday:** Meatloaf with tomato sauce, baked potato with butter, frozen green beans, whole grain dinner roll and Promise, canned

pears.  
**Wednesday:** Sliced ham, sweet potatoes, frozen peas, whole grain fresh bread and Promise, canned pineapple with green gelatin.  
**Thursday:** Grilled chicken with chicken soup, frozen Prince William vegetables, fresh lettuce salad, tomatoes, Ranch dressing, whole wheat fresh bread and Promise, Valentine's cherry dessert.  
**Friday:** Taverns, baked beans, coleslaw, bun, Promise, canned mandarin oranges.

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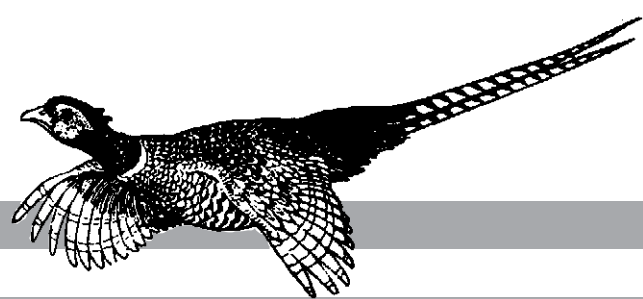
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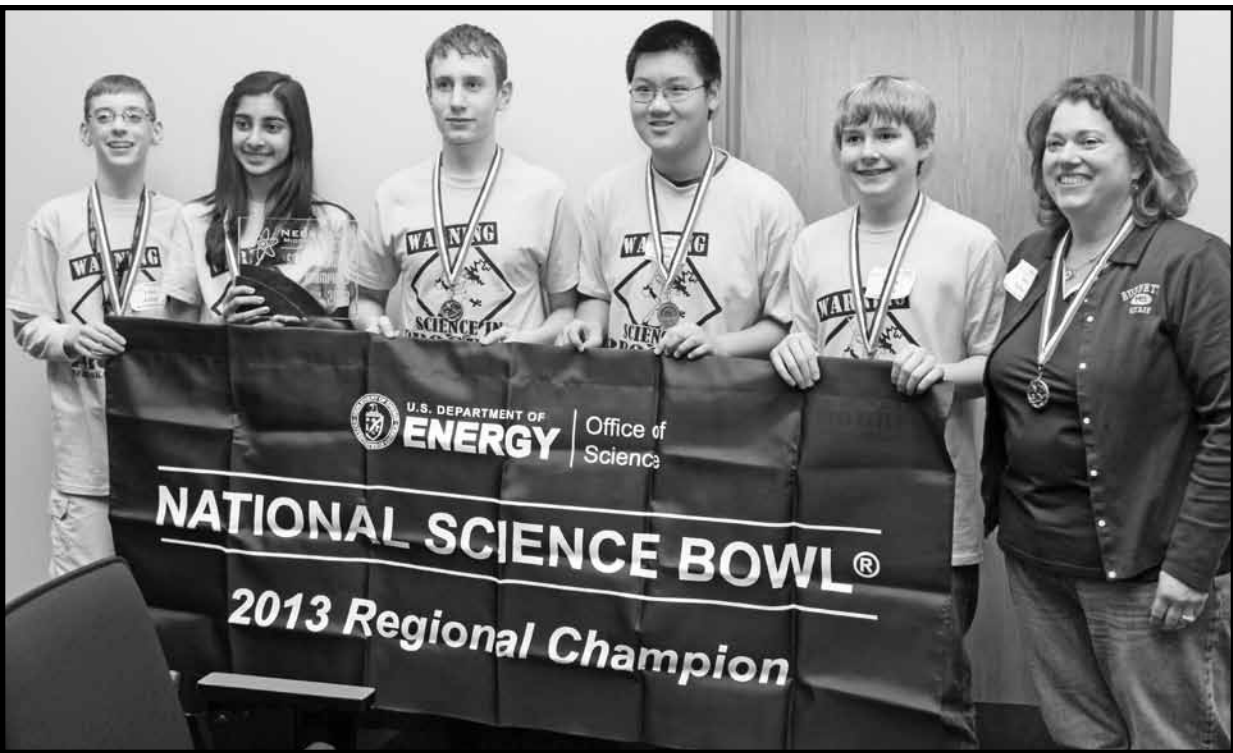
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Alice Buffett team of Omaha earned the 2013 Regional Championship on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Wayne State College. Team members included from left: Luke Keller, Priya Kukreja, Maxim Oleynikov, Darrel Chew, Bryce May and Leader Sue Durfee.

## Alice Buffett Magnet wins Middle School Science Bowl

Alice Buffett Magnet Middle School was the winner of the 10th annual Nebraska Middle School Science Bowl on Saturday, Jan. 26, at Wayne State College.

The Science Bowl is a fun, fast-paced academic competition that tests students' knowledge in math and science. A total of 32 teams from across the state participated.

Team members from Alice Buffett Magnet were Priya Kukreja, Darrel Chew, Maxim Oleynikov, Luke Keller, Bryce May and teacher/coach Sue Durfee. The U.S. Department of Energy will provide an expense-paid trip for the team where they will represent Nebraska at the National Middle School Science Bowl competition in Chevy Chase, Md.

The runner-up was Mission Middle School of Bellevue with Kelly Speltz, Paige Haskins, Logan Wood, Samantha Seaman, and teacher/coach Brent Myers. Brownell-Talbot Middle School with Shane Fleming, Lauren Thaden, Ameya Shelby, Lukmaan Sattar, and Aneeq Bashir, and teacher/coach Barbara Olsen, placed third.

Ojus Jain of Lux Middle School won the "I'm Science Smart" medal for answering the most questions during the morning round-robin competition. Mission Middle School also won the "Team Civility Award", which recognizes a team for showing "grace under pressure" to exemplify good sportsman-like conduct. Wayne State College coordinates the Nebraska Middle School Science Bowl. More than 90 volunteers were recruited to help run the Nebraska Middle School Science Bowl.

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## Pam Matthes hosts PEO chapter Feb. 5

Fourteen members of P.E.O., Chapter AZ, met at the home of Pam Matthes on Feb. 5. Assisting hostesses were Jolene Klein and Ginny Otte. Vice president Monica Jensen was in charge of the meeting in the absence of President Kris Giese.

Sue Buryanek presented the program with a DVD on the six kinds of scholarships offered by P.E.O. Members were encouraged to nominate persons who might be interested in those scholarships.

There was discussion following the recent Founders' Day celebration. There were many suggestions that will be noted by the committee in charge of next year's Founders' Day Program.

Chapter AZ has been notified that again the family of Helen Bressler will provide a scholarship of \$5,000 to a junior or senior attending Wayne State College. Helen Bressler was a 75-year member of P.E.O. and the family has chosen this scholarship as a way to honor her memory.

The next meeting of Chapter AZ will be held at the home of Jean Griess on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

## St. Paul's Ladies Aid conducts Feb. 6 meeting

St. Paul's Ladies Aid and LWML of Winside held a meeting on Feb. 6 with 12 members and Pastor Engebretsen present.

President Daisy Janke called the meeting to order, reciting the LWML Pledge. She had a reading focused contemplation about Psalm 63:6. "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" was sung.

Pastor Engebretsen had the Bible Study: "The Color Purple - A Laundry Lesson From God on John 1: 8-9. He closed with a prayer.

Lorraine Prince will be the new treasurer. Susie Schmidt will be visiting shut-ins in February.

The birthday song was sung for Esther Carlson. A birthday card was sent to Evelyn Hoeman who will be 85 years old on Feb. 20. Get well cards were sent to Gladys Rhode and DeLana Marotz.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m.

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## Winside Methodist Church members attend two-day conference in Norfolk

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Great Plains Area, The United Methodist Church, discussing "The Twenty Components of an Evangelistic-ally Effective Congregation".

Friday evening everyone enjoyed a presentation T. Marnie Voss, a comedian and taquiner.

The conference featured Scott J. Jones, Bishop,



## Supporting the Scouts

Members of the Winside Sons of the American Legion (SAL) recently made a contribution to Winside Boy Scout Troop 179. The \$500 donation represents a portion of the proceeds from the SALs 52 Gun Raffle. Involved in the presentation were (from left) Daryl Mundil, Brian Petzoldt, Jason elznic, Keith Mundil, Colin Hansen, Christian Cautrell, Conner Lempke-Elznic, Joni Jaeger and Caleb Dwinnell.

## Wanted ... Church news

The Wayne Herald would like to print information and schedules from area churches.

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## Soil: It's a hidden miracle of nature

Possibly the most important factor in growing healthy landscape and food garden plants may be the least appreciated or understood — soil. It's not easy to see, but good soil is a highly functioning and incredibly dynamic ecosystem. According to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, "soil is by far the most biologically diverse part of the Earth."

The complex soil food web is versatile and adaptable, and includes microorganisms (bacteria, protozoa and fungi), earthworms, spiders, beetles, springtails, pillbugs, ants and other arthropods. That list might make your skin crawl, but all these creatures work together to contribute to more productive soil. They:

- Process organic matter. Each organism on the list helps break down organic matter on top of and in the soil, improving its physical and chemical properties. The main benefit of this process is the nutrient cycling that occurs, recycling the organic residues into nutrients to make them available and accessible to plant roots.

- Create beneficial symbiotic relationships. Specialized bacteria and fungi form mutually beneficial relationships with plants. Rhizobia are bacteria that allow legumes to collect nitrogen from the air. Mycorrhizae are host-specific fungi that attach to roots and create extensive systems of filaments that act like an extension of the root system. This greatly increases the plant's ability

to take up water and nutrients and increases the plant's tolerance of environmental stress.

- Filter and store water and air. As the creatures move through the soil, they create channels and space for water and air to move down into the soil. This increases the availability and capacity for these soil components, both of which are critical to plant health and survival.

- Control pests. A biodiverse soil does a tremendous job of keeping a wide range of pest organisms in check. Keep this in mind before using pesticides — they reduce the number of beneficial organisms, not just the intended target pest.

- Stabilize soil. One result of microorganisms breaking down organic matter is a highly stable material called humus. Humus binds soil particles together into aggregates or clumps. This improves soil structure and makes the soil more resistant to erosion. Humus also buffers the soil pH, helping to keep it in a range ideal for plant growth.

- Store carbon. Humus, the end product of organic matter breakdown, can contribute greatly to carbon storage. It is highly stable and can sequester carbon for decades.

You can do a number of things to increase the biodiversity of your soil and reap the many benefits diversity provides. The good news is that these organisms are probably already present. Even if their numbers are low, populations will

increase rapidly with favorable conditions you can provide by:

- Adding organic matter. Organic matter is the key food in the soil food web. It can be increased by incorporating compost and plant residues into the soil.

- Mulching with organic materials. Mulch helps moderate soil moisture and temperature, and adds organic matter as it breaks down. Plus it helps prevent compaction from foot traffic and heavy rain.

- Watering properly. Soil organisms thrive in damp but not soggy conditions. Over-irrigating can create adverse conditions harmful to many beneficial organisms.

- Limiting use of pesticides. As mentioned earlier, applications of pesticides (insecticides, fungicides, herbicides) often kill beneficial organisms in addition to the target pest.

- Limiting tillage. Excessive tilling can be devastating to beneficial fungal networks and soil structure.

- Avoiding compaction. Compaction, whether from pets, people or vehicles, reduces the ability of soil to provide essentials of air and water.

Soil is a hidden miracle of nature, a complex web of self-sustaining interaction right under your feet. Considering the many benefits of a biodiverse soil, it is worth the time to nurture and appreciate.

## Meetings to focus on ag outlook for 2013

The eighth-annual Cornhusker Economics Outlook meeting series will focus on the ag outlook and management decisions for farmers and ranchers at eight locations across the state in late February.

The annual meeting series is offered by University of Nebraska-

Lincoln Extension and the Department of Agricultural Economics and is available free to participants with grant support from the Nebraska Corn Board and the generous sponsorship of Great Western Bank.

The outlook meetings are scheduled for a concise, fast-paced discus-

sion of crop, livestock, and policy outlook:

Paul Burgener, Market Analyst and writer for Farm Futures Magazine and Farm Progress Companies, will provide the crop outlook for corn, soybean, and wheat producers. Paul writes his marketing columns from Scottsbluff and travels the country to share his marketing expertise. Making crop production and marketing decisions in 2013 will require balancing lingering drought concerns and production risks with market opportunities. Burgener's insight will help pave the way for making sound production, marketing, and risk management decisions.

Kate Brooks, Extension Livestock Economist will provide outlook and analysis for the beef and pork producers. Kate is a new specialist at UNL with a Central Kansas background and experiences in Oklahoma and Texas before coming to UNL in January. Brooks will digest the emerging livestock market fundamentals of shrinking herds, meat supplies, and meat demand along with grain supplies and feed prices to assess producer profit potential and sound marketing and production decisions in 2013.

Brad Lubben, UNL Extension Policy Specialist will provide perspectives on the policy environment in Washington and the implications for ag policy and the farm bill. With seemingly ever-growing fiscal challenges in Washington, the road ahead could be even more challenging to get the farm bill done again before the current extension expires in September. In the meantime, producers will need to recall the existing safety net programs of ACRES and DCP for 2013 program participation decisions. Lubben will discuss the policy outlook and program alternatives to help producers effectively combine farm programs, crop insurance, and marketing strategies for success.

This outlook agenda is packaged into a 2 1/2 hour format to provide producers the best available information and send them home to ready to make 2013 management and marketing decisions. The series runs from Feb. 25-28 and varies in time by location. Review the following list for exact locations, dates, and times. Contact the local Extension office and educator to register for the meetings. Although there is no cost to participants, pre-registration is encouraged to plan for facilities, refreshments, and materials.

Locally, the program will be presented in Norfolk on Thursday, Feb. 28 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Lifelong Learning Center, 601 East Benjamin Avenue. Those wishing to participate are encouraged to Contact Tim Lemmons, Northeast Res. & Extension Center Office: (402) 370-4061 or e-mail [tlemmons2@unl.edu](mailto:tlemmons2@unl.edu).

More information and details on the meetings are available on the web at the Department of Agricultural Economics homepage at [agecon.unl.edu](http://agecon.unl.edu), or directly at the webpage with meeting information at [agecon.unl.edu/ceo](http://agecon.unl.edu/ceo). Register by contacting the local Extension office listed for each location. You can also contact Lubben at (402) 472-2235 for additional information.

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**Beef roundtable set for Feb. 21**

Beef feedlot managers, owners, employees and supporting industry personnel will learn the latest in feedlot health, nutrition, environment and economics at the 2013 Beef Feedlot Roundtable Thursday, Feb. 21 in West Point. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Roundtables will be offered Feb. 19 at the Gering Civic Center in Gering, Feb. 20 at the Phelps County Extension Building in Holdrege, and Feb. 21 at the Nielsen Community Center in West Point. Attendees should note that the western and central events are being held in different locations this year than in previous years.

Registration is from 7:45-8:15 a.m. local time, with introduction and welcome at 8:15 by local extension personnel.

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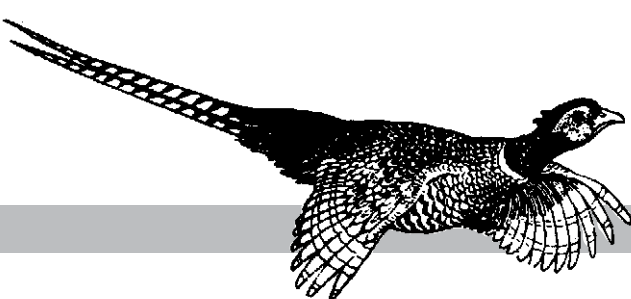
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## Only positive words this week

As an addendum to last week's tirade, I discovered after I wrote it that one of the songs Beyonce is famous for says "if you like it, put a ring on it." Good advice!

Speaking of advice, I also read an old timer's prayer that includes a paragraph saying "Keep me from falling into the tiresome habit of expressing an opinion on every subject!"

So, this week, it will be all positive stuff, okay? A friend stayed all night last night and we talked about many things; including the 80's. Remember the 80's? If you were farming, you do. They were farming, and feeding cattle, too. They did lose the farm. But, she says, we are still together, we have celebrated 53 years of marriage. And five couples we knew from the Feeder's Association are divorced. How sad.

I give them all kinds of credit; they took the marriage vows seriously, and stuck together in good times and bad. The Omaha World-Herald has a powerful article about commitment "in sickness and in health" this week. You can look it up at omaha.com.

Put "early onset Alzheimer's" in your search column and when "Omaha couple faces Alzheimer's" comes up, that's the article I'm referring to.



**The Farmer's Wife**  
By: Pat Meierhenry

Early onset means that Liz Johnson was diagnosed at age 57. They were married 30 years at that time. A features writer and a photographer from the paper followed them during the last year. Liz was a beautiful, talented woman. Her husband has been a pastor and a professor at Grace University. But he doesn't just preach, he "walks the walk". He cared lovingly for her, and finally admitted her to

a residential home for the last few months. Where he and her family continued to visit her. There is a powerful photo of him kneeling beside her in her recliner, praying.

I'm sure he did a lot of praying. I'm convinced that we receive the strength we need when we need it, not before. I've had many hospice families tell me after the ordeal is all over that they would never have believed they could do what they did. And, of course, as I've shared with you through the years, I've personally witnessed the kind of devotion and caring that the article describes many times.

I found it a powerful antidote to the long list of divorces granted in the same paper, to the follow up on the news of our recent lieutenant governor, and to all the other sad stories about infidelity and estrangement. The paper has also been featuring articles about how couples met; and they are heartwarming; many have been married more than 50 years.

Anyway, the story about the Johnson's was just right for Valentine's day; love is not about candy and roses, it's about being there, until "death do us part." Have a great one!

## Time to think about planting trees

It seems a little cold and dreary lately, but we need to start preparing for spring and now is the time to think about planting trees and even to prune some of our landscape plants and trees.

If needed, most plants can be pruned at any time such as following a storm that breaks branches. However, there are times when it is better to prune than others. Now is the ideal time to prune shade trees, summer blooming shrubs, and shrubs requiring renovation pruning.

February through March is a good time to prune because with no leaves on trees and shrubs, it is easier to see branch structure to determine what needs to be pruned. Also, pruning now allows the most time, an entire growing season, for pruning wounds to seal. In most cases, prune spring blooming shrubs soon after they finish blooming. If renovation-type pruning (removing more than 50 percent of the shrub) is to be done on spring flowering shrubs, now is the better time to prune.

Spruce, Junipers, yew, and Arborvitae can be pruned from now up until new growth begins. Wait to prune pines until after bud break when the candles (or new growth) are elongating.

If planning to order conservation



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windbreak trees and shrubs from a local NRD office, the sooner this is done the better. Tree/shrub bundles are not reserved until payment is received. The sooner this is done, the greater the chance of obtaining the species needed.

The conservation tree/shrub program has a number of species available with information about each species on their website. Know the soil type and growing conditions of the site to be planted.

When selecting conservation

trees and shrub, think diversity. Select plants that are not already overplanted on your property or nearby properties. When selecting a plant, select one adapted to the region of Nebraska where you live and check that it is adapted to the soil and growing conditions of the site to be planted to.

With the pruning season upon us, questions about when to prune clematis arise, especially with the increasing popularity of using clematis in the landscape. When to prune depends on the type of clematis and what type of wood it blooms on. Clematis either bloom on older or last season's growth; or on new growth that occurs during the current growing season. Knowing the type of clematis you have is key to knowing the best to prune. As a rule, most large-flowered clematis varieties like Nelli Moser bloom in spring on old growth. While these can be pruned now, only remove dead or damaged wood. Wait until after they bloom to prune healthy wood.

Smaller-flowered summer or early fall blooming clematis flower on new growth. These are typically pruned heavily in late winter by removing all of the old top growth. Some popular clematis pruned this way are Jackmanni, Niobe, and Sweet Autumn clematis.

## New apps help beef producers

Two new University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension beef apps will help producers manage their beef cow herds better.

NUBeef-BCS and NUBeef-UTS are available in the Google Play and Apple App Store, said Rick Rasby, UNL Extension beef specialist, who developed the app along with UNL EdMedia's Mark Hendricks.

NUBeef-UTS is an udder and teat scoring app. It based on the Beef Improvement Federations' scoring system and allows producers to score teats and udders against the BIF standard.

NUBeef-BCS allows producers to visually assess their cow herd using a number system that objectively describes the amount of condition or fat reserve of the animal.

"When you look at the nutrition program, it is one of the greatest costs for the cow calf producer. The way we monitor that program is through body condition of the herd," Rasby said. Body condition score describes the relative fatness of a cow based on a nine point scale.

When using the NUBeef-BCS app, producers can simply take photos of their beef cows and then score cows at important times throughout the year, such as at weaning

and before the start of calving and breeding season.

Taking pictures of the same cow multiple times throughout the year allows producers to better manage the herd, Rasby said.

"If you are unsure of a body condition score of a cow, there also is a guide and pictures with the app that can be your guide," Rasby said.

He said one of the challenges during winter is producers want to score body conditions, but cows have their winter hair coats. The app includes drawings of cows in different body condition scores that also can help with that.

Calving season is the perfect time to start using the app, Rasby said.

He said the app also is good for hired hands to use to score cows and then go over conditions with the cattle manager so that employee and manager are on the same page.

An added component to the app is an education component.

"It is a must for instructors teaching beef cow management concepts to students at all levels, high school junior college and four-year colleges," Rasby said.

For more information, visit [www.youtube.com/NUBeef](http://www.youtube.com/NUBeef).

## Livestock Market Report

The Nebraska Livestock Market conducted a fat cattle sale on Friday. The market was \$1 lower on fats and lower on cows. There were 450 head sold.

Strictly choice fed steers, \$121 to \$124. Good and choice steers, \$115 to \$121. Medium and good steers, \$110 to \$115. Standard steers, \$100 to \$110. Strictly choice fed heifers, \$121 to \$123.50. Good and choice heifers, \$115 to \$121. Medium and good heifers, \$110 to \$115. Standard heifers, \$85 to \$95.

Beef cows, \$72 to \$80. Utility cows, \$80 to \$85. Canners and cutters, \$67 to \$75. Bologna bulls, \$92 to \$108.50.

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

The market was lower on all classes. There were 1,475 head sold. 300-400 lb. steers, \$185 to \$213; heifers, \$160 to \$185. 400-500 lb. steers, \$175 to \$199; heifers, \$150 to \$168.

500-600 lb. steers, \$150 to \$180; heifers, \$140 to \$160.

600-700 lb. steers, \$145 to \$166; heifers, \$130 to \$149.

700-800 lb. steers, \$128 to \$138; heifers, \$125 to \$138.

800-900 lb. steers, \$125 to \$133; heifers, \$125 to \$133.

700-1,000 lb. holstein steers, \$95 to \$100.

## Environmental program helps make for area 'greener' schools

GreenSchools has nothing to do with painting the school building. Instead, it is a national program designed to make a school "greener" by using critical thinking and problem solving to reduce environmental impacts.

GreenSchools, an environmental-focused program for students from K-12, encourages students to take personal responsibility for improving the quality of their school, home and community environment. Nebraska Public Power District supports the program by providing educational resources, teacher professional development, and classroom programs.

"NPPD offers teachers in energy and sustainability education hands-on, project-based instruction and tools needed to conduct GreenSchools' investigations," explained NPPD energy educator Jennifer Swerczek. Students complete the investigations and develop action plans for improvement.

One of the key components of the program is an investigative toolkit. These toolkits, which NPPD will loan out to schools, contain light and watt meters, an infrared temperature gauge, a CO2 meter, a conservation flow meter bag, and other associated equipment used to conduct the investigations.

The GreenSchools program consists of five, student-led investigations designed to be carried out in the school setting, but also include elements where students can apply what they are learning in their home environment. At the completion of each investigation, students develop and implement an action plan.

For more information on NPPD's GreenSchools program, contact Jennifer Swerczek at (402) 336-2701 or visit [www.nppd.com/energy-education/greenschools](http://www.nppd.com/energy-education/greenschools).

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