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(Photo by Jan Stark)

Fire crews from five communities worked to put out a fire that started in a downtown building in Laurel early Thursday morning. The fire gutted the 1902 bank building and the nearby Thrivent Financial for Lutherans business to the south.

## Old Laurel bank falls in fire

Volunteer firefighters from five area departments were called to a fire in Laurel early Thursday morning.

The Laurel department received a call at approximately 5:45 a.m. of a two-story building, home to the Laurel BioComposite offices. Apartments on the second floor were unoccupied.

Assistance was provided by fire departments in Coleridge, Concord and Belden. The Wayne Volunteer Fire Department responded with the ladder truck, a pumper, a tanker, the cascade unit and additional manpower.

Laurel Fire Chief Craig Bathke said the cause of the fire, which is believed to have started on the second floor of the building, is undetermined by the State Fire Marshall.

Also engulfed in flames was the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans building, adjacent to the 1902 building that first caught on fire.

During the course of fighting the fire, firefighters were also concerned that the fire may have spread to the former Morton Hardware building.

Wayne Fire Chief Phil Monahan said that the Wayne department was contacted

for mutual aid at approximately 6 a.m., and spent more than four hours on the scene. He said approximately 25 members of the Wayne department responded to the fire.

Laurel Volunteer firefighters remained on the scene until approximately 1 p.m. Throughout the day, nearly 20 of the department's 26 members were on the scene.

"No one was hurt, either occupants of the buildings or firefighters. We were also very lucky that the east wind did not cause the fire to spread to the buildings to the west of these buildings," Bathke said.

## 2 a.m. alcohol sales in Wayne clears first hurdle

*Ordinance would eliminate need for permission on special dates*

By CLARA OSTEN  
Of the Herald

Although the majority of last week's meeting of the Wayne City Council revolved around the proposed Wellhead Protection Plan, council members did approve several ordinances during the meeting.

Council members gave second reading approval to two ordinances that will allow extended hours of the sale of alcoholic beverages to 2 a.m. for St. Patrick's Day and the Wayne Alumni Weekend (March 29-30).

The ordinances will be brought back for final reading at the March 5 meeting.

Also given approval was amending the city code for the sale of alcohol.

This ordinance will allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages until 2 a.m. year-round and eliminate the need for the council to establish ordinances each time a special request is made. Several years ago, state laws were amended to give individual cities the ability to add the additional hour to the sale of alcoholic beverages in those establishments authorized to sell alcohol. It does not change the time frame for carry-out sales of alcohol.

The ordinance will be brought back for second reading at the council's next meeting.

Council members also gave approval for the amendment of the city code in regard to the number of parking spaces for new retail business construction. The change will require one parking space per 200 square feet of retail sales floor space.

Following a public hearing, the council also approved an ordinance and waived the three readings for the rezoning of two

lots in the Bencoter Addition, located just south of the Wayne Fire Hall.

The change will allow the lots to be developed into retirement villa homes.

A public hearing was also held on the Planning Commission's recommendation to replat a parcel of land across the highway from Pac 'N' Save. This will allow for the parcel to be subdivided and developed into commercial lots.

Council members approved the recommendation from the LB840 Committee to grant a \$240,000 Performance Based Loan over 20 years to develop and construct Angel Village, a 20-unit senior living complex.

Lou Bencoter, who plans to construct this complex, told the council that the homes will be designed as a "step down" for seniors who wish to move from their larger homes, but are not yet ready for a retirement facility. He said the project will create jobs in the community.

LB840 funds in the amount of \$33,000 in a Performance Based Loan were approved to Wriedt Properties to help relocate six mobile homes in the Wriedt Trailer Court and make room for at least 12 market-rate apartments to be developed on the property. Council members noted that one-sixth of the funding will be allowed as each trailer is moved. The trailers need to be moved by Dec. 31, 2013.

The council also approved a job description for a Police Sergeant for the Wayne Police Department. Language for the job description came from the League of Municipalities.

Also approved was the reappointment of Marcile Thomas to the Civil Service Commission.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

## Wavin' for a wild card

Abbie Hix gets the student section fired up by leading the wave during halftime of Monday's C1-4 district championship game in Battle Creek. Although Wayne High lost to Boone Central/Newman Grove, the Blue Devils are going to state by way of a wild card. Get all the details in the Sports section.

## Wayne artist shows love of art through his metal sculpting

By KATIE KASL  
Of the Herald

Michael Fluent was a teenager when he first tried woodcarving.

"I did not do well at all," he admitted.

Then, while stationed overseas during the Vietnam War, Fluent found himself sitting in a jungle with a book on woodcarving that he'd borrowed from the library.

In the two or three months he was there with that book, he read it.

And read it.  
And read it some more.

And then he came home and made art.

The process was a release for Fluent, one that eventually paved the way for ventures in other media.

"I have always admired art," Fluent said. Which would probably explain the female figure painted on the door to his shop in Wayne.

Not to mention the work on the walls of his bathroom in that same studio, art that even includes a painting that, Fluent says, helped move him to pursue a career in art.

His passion would probably also explain why, in addition to woodcarving, the Newcastle native has experience with clay and photography.

Fluent's current medium-of-choice, however, is metal, and he uses it to make everything from steel-and-glass jewelry to large-scale sculptures, examples of which can be seen throughout town: there's a tree at Providence Medical Center, butterflies at the Wayne Public Library and, in the near future, original pieces that will be installed at Miss Molly's.

Though a lot of his work stays in-state — he's displayed at the Norfolk Arts Center and the Noyes Gallery in Lincoln — Fluent admits that's he's also shipped pieces to both coasts. These creations, whether for himself or for others, provide ample opportunity for Fluent to try new techniques.

"I'm still experimenting, still learning," Fluent said. "(I'm) changing all the time."



(Photo by Katie Kasl)

Artist Michael Fluent, shown as he works on a current project in his studio in Wayne, started his career in woodcarving but now focuses primarily on metal sculpture.

For Fluent, rebar and railroad spikes become the ears on rusty, life-sized replicas of cornstalks. A hammer isn't just a tool to drive nails into wood; pound it against a sheet of metal shaped like a pine tree, and it creates texture. The flame of a blow torch, when applied to a leaf made of steel, brings out an array of rainbow colors in the substance.

Cornstalks, trees, leaves: it's not a coincidence. There's a pattern to Fluent's work.

"I go more towards realistic and nature, but I try to push myself out of that sometimes," Fluent said, describing his subject matter.

Granted, as much as Fluent likes to experiment with his art, one thing remains constant: the sculptor is a fan of the plasma cutter, a tool that can pierce through various metals by heating air with electricity to

create plasma.

"It has probably done more for my sculpture than any other tool," he said.

Cutting by hand gives Fluent a great deal of control, allowing him to be versatile in his creations, and he doesn't plan to veer from the process.

"I try to stay away from the machines, (from) computerized cutting," Fluent said.

Another constant: Fluent doesn't monitor his time when he works on a piece, meaning that, when someone asks him how long it takes to create a particular sculpture, he doesn't have a definite answer.

"I never keep track," he said. "It'd be too tempting to price it by hours. I don't want it to be an hourly job."

And, for someone as passionate about art as Fluent is, maybe that's not such a bad attitude to have.



# SNOW SCENES



The snowplow cut through a beautiful layer of snow outside the Lavera Roemhildt residence.



A dog in a rural area near Carroll seems to enjoy all the snow that was dumped in the area last week.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

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## Chamber coffee

Nick Hawthorne, manager of the Wayne Viaero store, spoke about the company at Friday's Chamber Coffee.

## Bird viewings taking place at Ponca State Park

March visitors at Ponca State Park can experience spectacular bird-viewing opportunities and related activities during the spring migratory celebration of Marsh Madness.

The public is invited to witness the migration during guided tours with members of the Loess Hills Audubon Society on March 2-3, 9-10 and 16-17. Visitors will view the brilliant spring plumage and courtship displays of geese, ducks, bald eagles and other raptors following the northern migration. A variety of resident wintering nuthatches, woodpeckers, cardinals, finches and sparrow also can be seen at the park's bird feeders.

The park comprises 2,400 acres and sits astride the Missouri National Recreational River (MNR), a significant flyway that serves as the feeding, breeding and staging grounds for migratory birds. The park is listed by the National Audubon Society as an Important Bird Area, with nearly 300 bird species having been reported. More than 70 of those species breed in the area.

Special educational bird programs will be offered each Saturday at the park's Resource and Education Center. Field guides and binoculars will be available. Park staff will provide regular updates on the status of bird migrations in the park at [twitter.com/PoncaStatePark](http://twitter.com/PoncaStatePark) and [facebook.com/PoncaSP](http://facebook.com/PoncaSP).

The walking path looks all clear along Logan Creek, which was blanketed with snow after about a foot fell in the area last week.



Snowplow crews in the area made quick work of the massive snowstorm that dumped about a foot in the Wayne area.



The light snow rested peacefully on trees in the area, providing a beautiful cover for the late winter season.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

## Junior Fire Patrol

Those attending the 51st annual Junior Fire Patrol classes conducted by the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department include (front) Tanner Sievers, Lindsey Kallhoff, (back) Hannah Vick, Anaka Krueger and Carter Hasemann. They and their families recently took part in graduation ceremonies.

## Red Cross to hold annual soup lunch

March is Red Cross Month and the Wayne Area Leadership Council of the American Red Cross is kicking it off with the Annual Soup Lunch and Chamber Coffee Call on Friday, March 1.

Members of the Wayne Chamber will recognize March as Red Cross Month with the weekly Chamber Coffee Call hosted by the Northeast Nebraska Red Cross held at the Vets Club. Red Cross volunteers and staff will be on hand to provide updates on service delivery activity

in the Wayne area and information on how people can be an everyday hero in their community by volunteering with the American Red Cross.

The Annual Soup Lunch will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, March 1 at the Vets Club located at 220 Main Street. Homemade chili and potato soups will be available along with a buffet of desserts. Delivery orders will also be available once again by calling (402) 375-9944.

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## Flippin' for fun

Cassidy Thomas, a member of the Extrem Team tumbling group coached by Gina Giaffaglione, finishes off a back flip during a recent performance at Laurel-Concord/Coleridge High School.

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# Bullying documentary to be aired on CNN

An upcoming documentary on CNN has some connections with Wayne, America.

"The Bully Effect: An Anderson Cooper Special," presented in partnership with Cartoon Network and Stop Bullying: Speak Up, will premiere on Thursday at 9 p.m. The special will re-air on Sunday, March 3 at 7 p.m., and on Saturday, March 9 at 7 p.m.

"Bullying can have devastating consequences for children, parents and educators, and I'm very proud of our continuing work to focus attention on it," said Cooper. "Families, schools and organizations across the country

are wrestling with how best to address the often complex issues surrounding bullying, and we want to do all we can to help them in those efforts," he added.

In the award-winning documentary "Bully," filmmaker Lee Hirsch embedded himself in schools across America and captured footage so raw and eye-opening, it sounded alarm bells and helped create a tipping point about how critical the issue of bullying has become. But then something else happened. In the year since "Bully" was released, the people featured in it have all gone through profound personal transformations.

Viewers will revisit three characters from "Bully": Alex Libby, Kelby Johnson and Kirk Smalley.

Libby, a 12-year-old in Sioux City, Iowa, was confronted with slurs, threats and beatings on the school bus nearly every day. Today, he has become an anti-bullying rock star with appearances on national television and

a visit to the White House.

Ever since Johnson came out as a lesbian in middle school, her entire family has been treated like pariahs in their hometown. She speaks about attempting suicide on three separate occasions. Now 19, her participation in "Bully" empowered her to raise awareness about bullying targeted towards the most at risk population for suicide – LGBT youth.

Smalley's story is both inspirational and heartbreaking. "Bully" introduced him as he buried his son Ty, days after he committed suicide. In "The Bully Effect," Smalley channels his unbearable loss into a new calling: empowering kids to take a stand against bullying. He mentions a number of communities that have joined in the effort, including Wayne.

Since his film's release, Hirsch has been on a mission to start a social movement. He and his team launched The Bully Project, an organization created to inspire people to fight bul-

lying. His goal is to get one million students to see "Bully" through their schools.

"We had this idea that if we can get a million kids to see the film, and their educators and their parents and the community, that would create an undeniable tipping point in our country," Hirsch said.

Hirsch has also helped create an anti-bullying curriculum based on the film so that students, teachers and administrators can take action in their own communities after watching the film together.

Viewers can join the Twitter campaign to promote bullying awareness by including the hashtag #bullyeffect in their tweets. Additional content related to cyber bullying and advice to parents, as well as exploring the culture of bullying, can be found online at CNN.com/health.

## Computer classes at Wayne library

Do you want to create a Facebook account?

How about a lesson on setting up or managing an e-mail account?

Do you want to learn how to Skype? By the way, what is Skype?

Want to crop, edit and manage your digital pictures?

The Wayne Public Library will have a Photoshop class for all.

Computer classes have been scheduled at the library. This project is supported in part by the Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP), funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission. Costs and fees will be paid for by these entities.

All classes are free to the library and participants in the classes. Instructors will be provided by Northeast Community College.

The classes scheduled at Wayne Public Library include:

Basic e-mail, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Monday, March 4, Instructor, T. Kolterman.

Skype is a service that allows users to communicate with peers by voice using a microphone, video by using a webcam and instant messaging over the Internet. The class is scheduled 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, March 7, Instructor, P. Schinstock.

Classes on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon will be Facebook Basics, March 2, Facebook – Beyond the Basics, March 9 and Facebook for Business, March 16, all taught by P. Schinstock.

In April, Photoshop Elements will be taught by S. McBride. Classes will be held on March 20 and 27 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

"We will be taking registration for the classes," Rita McLean, adult services librarian, said. "Interested persons may call (402) 375-3135 or stop in the library. Class sizes will be limited because of the number of laptops and lab computers we have available. Since the library has wi-fi access, participants with their own laptop will be able to participate in some of the classes."

"Wayne Public Library is one of over 40 libraries in northeast Nebraska to have the opportunity to host these free classes," McLean said. "If anyone has questions, please call the library."

Participants should have basic computer experience in using a mouse and how to maneuver on a desktop. All participants will be given a thumb drive to save their work.

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## Wayne firefighters respond to fire early Wednesday

Wayne Volunteer Firefighters credit the use of working smoke detectors for the fact that only smoke damage resulted from an electrical fire in Wayne on Wednesday morning.

Firefighters received a call at approximately 5:30 a.m. of smoke at a residence at 525 Fairacres Road in Wayne.

When firefighters arrived, the fire, which was believed to be electrical in nature, was already out. However, there was smoke damage to the basement of the home.

"The fact that there were working smoke detectors in the bedroom of the home quite possibly saved the residents of the home," said Phil Monahan, Wayne Volunteer Fire Chief.

Monahan encourages everyone to check the batteries in smoke detectors and as we "Spring Forward" and change to Daylight Savings Time, change batteries.

Wayne Volunteer Firefighters were also called on Tuesday for assistance with ventilating an apartment complex in the 200 Block of West 13th Street. No one was injured in the incident.

## No injuries in Friday accident

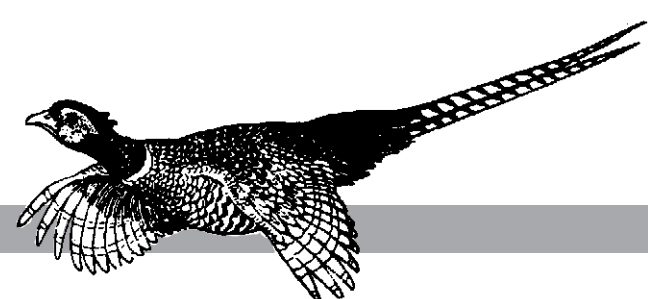
The Wayne Police Department investigated an accident that occurred Friday morning.

At approximately 11:30 a.m., a semi and pick-up were involved in a collision at the corner of Seventh and Second Streets, near the K-D Inn Motel.

No one was injured in the accident and no other details are available at this time.

# Sports

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## From The Bleachers

Michael Carnes



## Bad vibe turns into wild card

It wasn't death row, but it sure felt like it.

Wayne High fans were milling about in the gymnasium at Battle Creek High School late Monday evening, trying to process the Blue Devils' 51-38 loss to Boone Central/Newman Grove in the C1-4 district finals. The automatic trip to the state tournament that came with the district title was gone, and so Wayne fans had to sit and wait . . . and wait . . . and wait for the outcome of another game about 90 miles away.

Things were looking gloomy for Blue Nation - Wahoo was down by 10, and their hopes for an undefeated season were circling the drain almost as fast as Wayne's hopes for a wild card bid to state.

Wahoo had cut the lead to four with four minutes to go, and Wayne fans were nervously looking for information from anybody with a cell phone - particularly those who might be listening to the game via the Internet (yours truly being one of them).

Then, in the span of a few minutes, despair turned to hope - a Boys Town player committed his fourth foul, then kicked a Wahoo player to earn a technical and automatic ejection. Wahoo hit three of the four foul shots, then nailed a 3-pointer on their next possession. A four-point deficit had turned into a two-point lead, and the looks of disappointment magically changed among the Wayne faithful.

Suddenly, the bad vibe of a death sentence waiting its final destination turned into a hopeful atmosphere, as if Wayne was somehow a finalist to be the host city for the 2020 Olympics.

And, then, came the news - Wahoo 69, Boys Town 62. The governor called - Wayne's state title hopes got a second chance at life. Let the rejoicing, high fives and screaming teenage girls commence.

It would have been a shame to not see this Wayne High boys basketball team compete at the state tournament this season. When this team is healthy and clicking on all cylinders, they're fun to watch and very tough to beat.

The team that faced Boone Central/Newman Grove for the third time in 2012-13 was not THAT Wayne High team - although the one that was out on the floor the first 12 minutes that sprinted to a 17-8 lead looked a lot like it.

From about the middle of the second quarter on, the Blue Devils played scared. After the Cardinals ditched their man-to-man pressure for a frustrating zone defense, getting a good look and following up with a good shot suddenly became as foreign to this team as speaking Swahili to the average sports writer (I have a hard enough time with the English language, as some can attest).

Couple that with the man in the middle, Brady Soden, suffering the effects of a nasty flu bug. Brady was a warrior for much of the first half, but the bug beat the big man down and he spent much of the second half either on the bench or in the locker room. Without Soden's bulk in the middle, Wayne's inside game suffered and the Blue Devils weren't able to get the automatic bid to state.

And so, we had to sit and wait to see if basketball season would get a reprieve.

The call came from the governor, via the Fremont radio station's broadcast on the web. And now, Wayne has a second chance to win a state title. I look forward to watching this team battle for all the marbles next week in Lincoln.

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Paul Combs was hired a couple of months before I came on board here, so we've both had an opportunity to watch Amry Shelby grow up in the Wildcat basketball program.

That we got to see Shelby at all was a story in and of itself.

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# Wayne plays wild card for state trip

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Of The Herald

BATTLE CREEK - When the Wayne High boys basketball team walked off the floor at Battle Creek High School, the look of disappointment was obvious.

The Blue Devils had lost an opportunity to go to the state tournament, courtesy of a 51-38 defeat at the hands of Boone Central/Newman Grove, who beat the Blue Devils for the second time in three meetings this season.

It's easy to feel the relief in Rocky Ruhl's voice after the game, once it was known that Wahoo had defeated Boys Town, giving Wayne the second wild card spot for the eight-team Class C-1 state tournament that will take place next week in Lincoln.

"It gives us a chance to have a second season," he said after the game. "You hate to lose the game, and this was a tough one for us. Boone Central came to play and made us miss things pretty bad tonight. Hopefully, we can regroup and get that chance to play again."

Early in the game, it looked as if the Blue Devils wouldn't have to worry about a second chance.

Wayne came out with full-court pressure on the Cardinals and took advantage of several mistakes. Jalen Barry's 3-pointer gave Wayne a 9-2 advantage midway through the first quarter, and the Blue Devils withstood a counter-attack by Boone Central to claim a 13-8 lead after Luke Rethwisch's basket in the final 30 seconds of the period.

Jalen Barry hit a 3-pointer to stake the Blue Devils to its biggest lead of the night at 16-8 early in the second period, but the Cardinals began heating up from the outside and ditched its man-to-man defense for a frustrating zone package that shut down the Wayne offense.

"We came in ready to go early on and handled their man-to-man pretty well," Ruhl said. "Our press was working for us, and then they switched to that zone and we started looking at the basket and wondering what to do with the basketball. We stopped valuing possessions like we needed to."

That helped Boone Central

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- Rocky Ruhl

WHS boys basketball coach

bounce back, finishing with a 12-2 run that was keyed by 3-pointers from Carter Johnson and Pierce Korth to give the Cardinals the lead for good at 20-17.

Barry hit a layup with :32 to go in the first half to make it a one-point game at intermission, but the Blue Devils would never regain the lead again.

"We came out and shot pretty well and could have extended (the lead), but we let them get back in it and we needed to take good shots and value our possessions," Ruhl said.

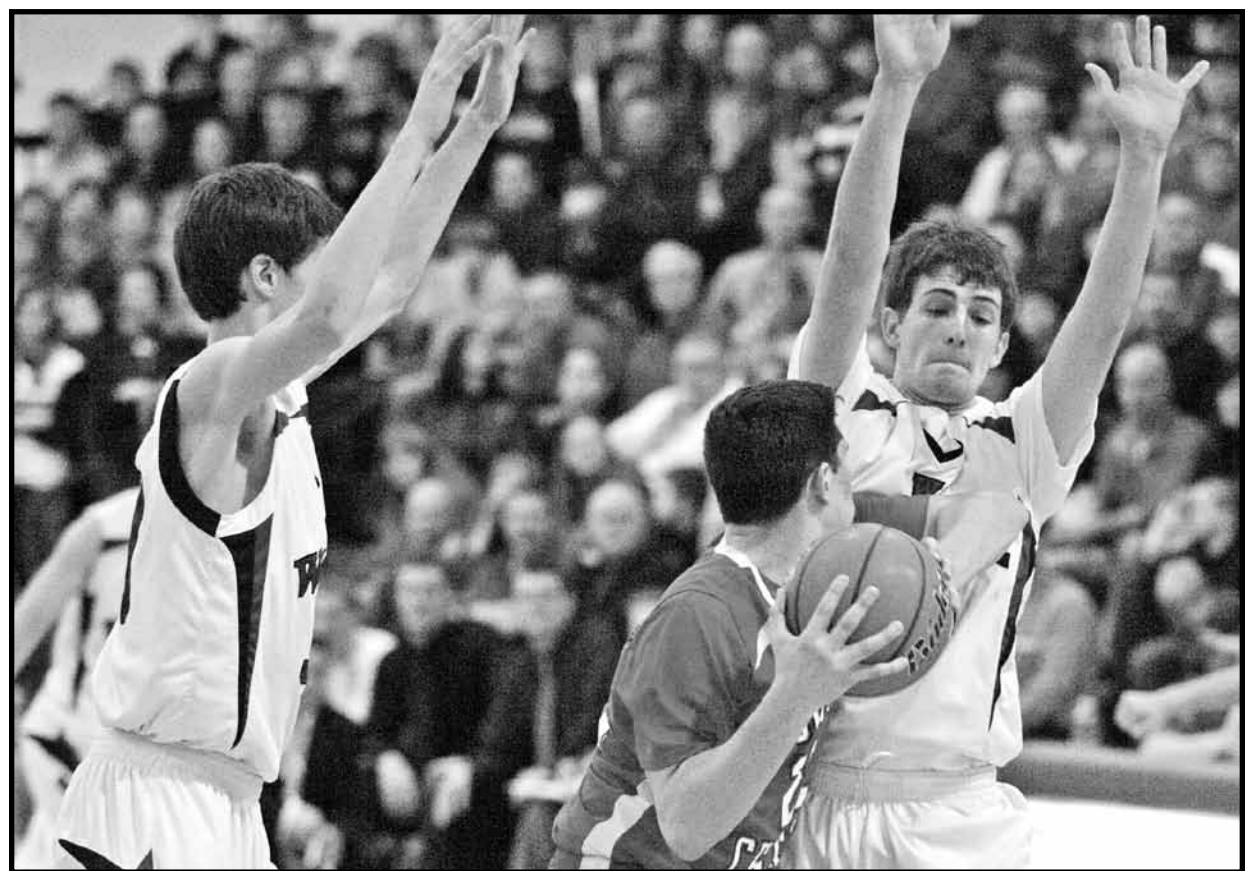
Boone Central/Newman Grove came out hot in the second half. Wyatt Mazour scored eight of his team-high 15 points in the third period, including a couple of 3-point baskets that helped fuel the Cardinals in the third quarter after Grant Anderson tied the game at 25-25 with a pair of free throws.

"We saw (Mazour) against Norfolk Catholic, and he had a great game then," Ruhl said. "But most of it was just his quickness, and he hit some threes that were beyond the line. He was just in that zone, and it's a lot easier to hit those when you're ahead and in the groove."

Boone Central closed the third period on a 9-2 run, the only Wayne basket coming on a 3-pointer by Barry with less than two minutes to go. The Cardinals led by eight after three periods and withstood one last Wayne rally to win the district title and earn the trip to state.

Barry had 15 points and Grant Anderson added 12 for the Blue Devils, who had to overcome the minimal play of a flu-ridden Brady Soden. The senior gave a good effort early in the game, but the illness seemed to sap his strength, and he spent much of the second half on the bench. Without him in the lineup,

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(Photos by Michael Carnes)

(above) Early full-court pressure by Ben Hoskins (left) and Luke Rethwisch helped Wayne forge an early lead before Boone Central/Newman Grove came back to claim the district title. (below right) Jalen Barry battles a West Point-Beemer player for the loose ball in the backcourt during the Blue Devils' win in the C1-7 subdistrict finals.

## CLASS C-1 STATE SCHEDULE

### Thursday's March 7

**First Round at Pershing**  
2 p.m. - Wahoo (26-0) vs. Lincoln Christian (17-9)  
3:45 p.m. - Wayne (22-5) vs. Adams Central (21-5)  
7 p.m. - Kearney Catholic (22-3) vs. Boone Cent./N. Grove (21-6)  
8:45 p.m. - Kimball (20-1) vs. Gibbon (20-5)

### Friday March 8

**Semifinals at Devaney Center**  
2 p.m. - Wahoo/LC winner vs. Wayne/AC winner  
3:45 p.m. - KC/BCNG winner vs. Kimball/Gibbon winner  
**Saturday, March 9**  
**Consolation at North Star H.S.**  
10 a.m. - Semifinal losers  
**Championship at Devaney**  
4:30 p.m. - Semifinal winners



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Winside junior Garrett Watters broke a 45-year-old state record this past season by grabbing 460 rebounds. He also set a single-game mark with 38 in one game.

## Watters sets state record for rebounds

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Of The Herald

When your team goes 0-23 during the course of a basketball season, it's sometimes difficult to find anything positive to talk about.

With a team made up of seven players, the Winside boys were almost always outnumbered by their opponents this past season, but the Wildcats did find some good in a campaign full of seemingly insurmountable odds.

Garrett Watters established a new Nebraska state high school record this past season, recording an amazing 460 rebounds during the 2012-13 season. He also established a new state standard earlier this season when he grabbed an amazing 38 rebounds in one game, setting the standard in a Jan. 8 loss at Santee.

"I knew he had been getting a lot of rebounds, but I was just astounded when I saw that on the state chart," coach Jeff Messersmith said.

"I called Santee's coach to see what he had Garrett down for, and they had him for 40. It was unbelievable."

Watters averaged an amazing 20 rebounds a game this season. He averaged a double-double for the Wildcats, scoring 14.2 points a game.

The 6-foot-4 junior center pulled down at least 20 rebounds in 11 games this year for the Wildcats, following up his record-setting mark - which bettered the old record of 35 set by Archie Gray of Omaha Benson in 1971 - with a 35-carom haul against Walthill two nights later.

Watters' 460 total rebounds put him in some pretty impressive company. Former Husker basketball legend Chuck Jura set the old record of 445 while playing for Schuyler way back in 1968. That mark was matched six years later by West Point standout Lenny Adams.

"It was neat, but it wasn't just an

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## Buzzer beater gives 'Cats win

Senior Amry Shelby hit a fade-away 13-footer from the left of the lane as the buzzer sounded to give Wayne State a thrilling 62-60 win over Upper Iowa Saturday in their final regular season game on Senior Night at Rice Auditorium.

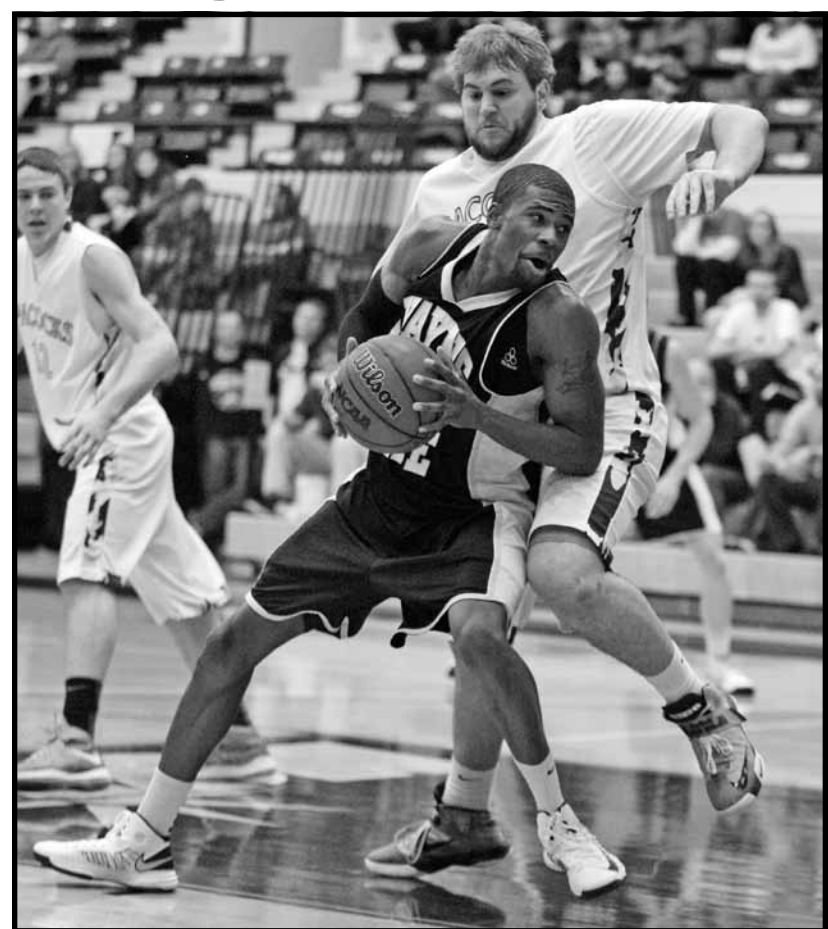
The shot capped an exciting finish, set up when the Wildcats drew a shot-clock violation after an outstanding effort against the Peacocks forced a turnover with 7.6 seconds left.

Upper Iowa held the lead for the entire first half, taking a 35-31 advantage, and built that lead to as many as six points before the Wildcat defense came to life.

Wayne State trailed 39-35 when they went on their big second-half run. They held the Peacocks without a point for almost nine minutes, scoring 14 unanswered points to take control of the game midway through the second half, leading 49-39 after a LaTroy Wright layup.

The Peacocks bounced back, however, going on a 14-2 run of their own to regain the lead at 53-51. A 3-pointer by Ryan Rolfzen and a basket by Shelby put the Wildcats back in front at 56-53, but Upper Iowa forged another tie, and the game was tied at 60-60 when the Wayne

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(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Derrell Williams looks toward the basket during the Wildcats' 62-60 win over Upper Iowa on Saturday.

## Women rebound, get two wins in home tilts

The Wayne State women's basketball team ended the season on a good note, coming from behind Friday to avenge an earlier loss to Winona State, and finishing off a season sweep of Upper Iowa.

On Friday, the Wildcats rallied from a 46-34 deficit with 9:14 to play and managed a 53-50 win over Winona State, avenging an earlier 39-point loss to the Warriors on the road.

The Warriors got off to a quick start in the second half after taking a one-point lead into the locker room. They scored the first eight points to take a 33-24 advantage, and after Wayne State got within three, used an 11-2 run to increase

their lead to 12 with 9:14 to go.

The Wayne State defense rose to the occasion, holding the Warriors scoreless for 6 1/2 minutes while scoring 12 straight points, the final three coming on an Ashton Yossif trifecta to tie the game at 46-46.

The game was touch and go from there. Wayne State got a three from Addy Roller to give Wayne State a 49-48 lead, but Winona countered with a pair of free throws with 1:57 to go. Jordan Spencer scored on a layup on the Wildcats' next possession, and Addy Roller hit two free throws with :20 left for the final margin of victory. Winona State missed a pair of 3-point opportu-

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Watters

From Page 1B individual record," Watters said. "It's something that showed how hard we worked with just seven people on the team." Yes, you read that right - Winside played the entire season with just seven players, which made practice and games a challenge with everybody healthy. It was even tougher when somebody was unable to play, like the night they played Winnebago in the conference tournament with the minimum starting

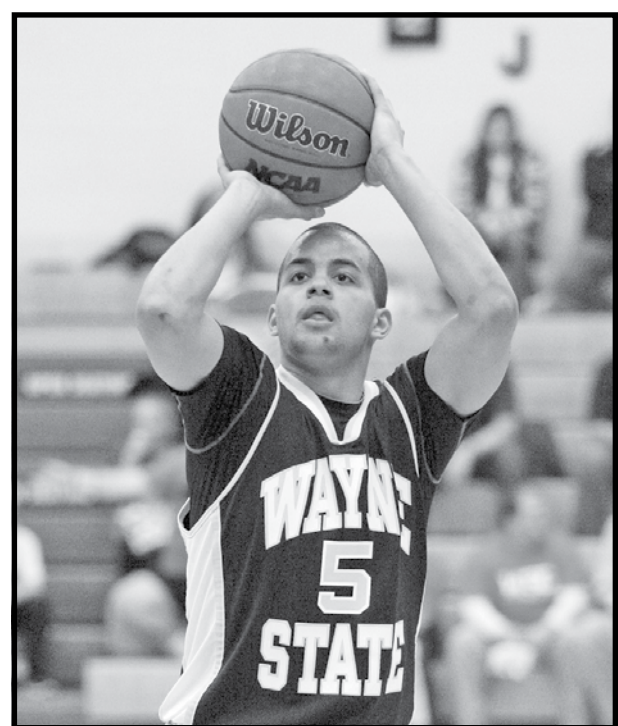
number of five. Even though they were up against it every night, Watters said it didn't deter the team from going out and giving it their best shot. "We really looked forward to playing, even though we only had seven suited up," he said. "I don't know how many other teams can say that everybody who suited up got to play every game." After Watters' back-to-back 30-plus nights, Messersmith realized his man in the middle was in

the hunt for breaking an old state record. "If you watch the film, it just seemed that the ball was going to him on every play, and I knew right then that we had something really crazy going on," he said. "And after those two games, it started to get a little harder, and people tried to block him out a lot more." With only seven players on the roster, Watters did have the advantage of playing almost every second of every game. Except for one game where he got in early foul trouble, Watters rarely came out. While Watters, who has averaged 6.7 points and 9.1 rebounds in his first three years as a Wildcat, is happy to have his name in the state record books, he's hoping his senior year will be a season where Winside can improve and put up some positive numbers in the win column. "We're just getting some kids developed, and we're going to have to work hard this summer," he said.

Wayne made an impression on Shelby, and vice versa

By MICHAEL CARNES Of The Herald

The community of Wayne and Wayne State College must have made quite an impression on Amry Shelby. As a senior at Marion (Iowa) High School, he helped his team reach the state tournament for the first time in 52 years, earning first-team All-State honors and being one of the hotter recruits in the Midwest. Shelby committed to then-coach Rico Burkett to come to Wayne State College and play for the Wildcats in the spring of 2009, where he would major in sport management. Shortly after Shelby committed, however, the school fired Rico Burkett, the team's coach the previous nine years. Shelby considered going to another school, but then he thought about the people he met and what he saw on his visit to Wayne, America. "Initially, I did think about it, because I had built a relationship with Coach Burkett at the time," Shelby said. "But then I remembered my visit here and all the players that were here at the time, and I really liked the school, so everything fell into place." The feeling, evidently, was mutual, especially after the 5-foot-11 junior guard spun and shot the game-winner Saturday in his final home game at Rice Auditorium, a 62-60 win over Upper Iowa. The senior was mobbed by teammates and fellow fans after he took the pass from fellow senior Derrell Williams, drilled the length of the floor, faked right, spun left and calmly fired the winner as time ran out. "It's a great way to end it," Shelby said. "It was my first game-winner, and it was special to hit it in Rice on Senior Night." It also ended a special four-year relationship for the fan favorite, who has battled injuries this season and, in spite of that, finished off a career where he played in all but two of 111 games, starting 107 of them for coach



(Photo by Michael Carnes) Amry Shelby started 107 of 111 games during his four-year career at Wayne State.

Paul Combs. "For him to be in that situation at home in his last game, with his family and the other seniors' families (Williams and Ayron Worthington) who came a long way to see their sons play, it will be something to remember," Combs said. The shot sparked memories of Combs' arrival in

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Wild Card

From Page 1B Boone Central's Beau Bremer was able to dominate inside against the smaller Wayne lineup. "Brady's our glue in there, and if we can get him back and keep everybody healthy, that will help us," Ruhl said. "He had an IV on Saturday and tried to come back, but by halftime he was just shot. He's a good presence inside with his size and has a great shot and can finish, and that allows Grant and Ben (Hoskins) to open things up, and when we had to go with them inside, it kind of evened things out." With the wild card, Ruhl is hoping that the Blue Devils can have the kind of new life that Norfolk Catholic got a couple of years ago, when Wayne upset them in the district finals and the Knights went on to win the C-1 title. "It's a second chance for us," he said. "We're 0-0 now, and our goal is to win state. Norfolk Catholic did it when we beat them two years ago, so now we've got a shot."



(Photo by Michael Carnes) Zach Keating is fouled as he goes up for a shot during the Blue Devils' 51-38 loss to Boone Central/Newman Grove.

THE BLUE DEVILS WERE able to reach the district finals with a hard-fought 39-26 win over West Point-Beemer in the C1-7 sub-district final Wednesday at Wisner-Pilger. The game was a defensive slugfest, as both teams' defenses frustrated the opposing offense and kept the game from turning into a shootout. Wayne led by as much as 11 points for much of the game, but the Cadets were able to pressure the ball and force a number of turnovers, giving them opportunities to cut into the deficit. In the end, the Cadets proved to be their own worst enemy, missing

several point-blank opportunities inside in the second half that would have cut into the Wayne advantage. Wayne was able to make its free throws down the stretch to seal the win and earn the trip to the district finals. Anderson scored 16 points to lead all scorers, with Barry adding 13 for the Blue Devils. Boone Cent./N. Grove 51, Wayne 38 Wayne 13 6 9 10 - 38

Bad Vibe

From Page 1B The Marion, Iowa standout was recruited by former Wayne State coach Rico Burkett. He committed to the Wildcats before Burkett was let go as head coach in the spring of 2008. Normally, when a coach is fired, the recruits that he got to commit will look for other avenues to pursue their college sports careers. Very few stay on with the new coach, opting to either follow the coach that recruited them or seek other oppor-

tunities. Shelby, thankfully, liked what he saw of the Wayne State campus and what it had to offer him. And what he gave in return was something very special. He will finish among the top four in Wayne State history in scoring, but it was the last two points he ever scored in Rice Auditorium that proved to be so special. In a season where he has battled injuries (welcome to old age, Amry), the general of the Wildcat basket-

ball team ended the season in the most appropriate way possible - hitting the game winner on a spinning, fadeaway jumper as time expired to give Wayne State a 62-60 win over Upper Iowa. Amry has always been the calm and cool leader on the floor for Wayne State these last four years. He provided a lot of great memories for the Wildcat faithful, and we're all happy that he chose to stay with Wayne State these last four years.

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# Fehringer wins NSIC weight title; six earn bids to Div. II national meet

MANKATO, Minn. - The Wayne State women finished seventh and the men placed eighth at the 2013 Northern Sun Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships.

The Wildcat women scored 39 points and had one individual champion and three All-Conference performers while the men recorded 28 points and had two All-Conference finishers.

Wayne State's lone conference champion was junior thrower and Wayne native Carly Fehringer, who won the weight throw Saturday with a new NSIC meet record throw of 63 feet, 6 inches. She also placed sixth in the shot put Friday to finish in the money in two events.

Wayne State dominated the weight throw, as the Wildcat throwers finished first, second, fifth, seventh, eighth and ninth. Senior Lachel Milander earned All-NSIC honors with a second place mark of 60 feet, 6 3/4 inches, an NCAA provisional mark. She also scored a fifth place finish in the shot put at 44 feet, 9 1/2 inches.

Also earning All-NSIC honors for the Wildcats was sophomore thrower Sara Wells, who took third in the

shot put with a throw of 46 feet, 5 1/4 inches. Other medal winners for the Wildcat women included Emily Wells taking fifth in the weight throw, Kyndra Sturm was seventh in the weight throw, Mackenzie Masching took eighth in the weight throw and Sidney Blum finished eighth in the long jump at 17 feet, 6 inches.

The Wayne State men had two All-NSIC finishers in the meet. Wayne sophomore Zach Thomsen recorded a second in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:21.63, while senior thrower Brad Wright posted a second place finish in the weight throw with an NCAA provisional mark of 59 feet, 2 inches. He also finished sixth in the shot put to earn a second medal in the meet.

Other point scorers for the Wildcat men included Jared Balady, who finished sixth in the 600-meter run at 1:22.75; Bryan Dunn took sixth in the weight throw, Caleb Dillon finished seventh in the weight throw and the 1,600-meter relay team of Balady, Michael King, Corbin Marksmeier and Thomsen took eighth.

Five Wildcats earned spots in the NCAA Div. II Indoor Track and Field Championships, which will be held March 7-9 in Birmingham, Ala.

Fehringer will compete in her second indoor national event after qualifying in the weight throw last year. She is ranked third in the nation with a best toss of 64 feet, 1 1/4 inches, recorded Feb. 15 in the South Dakota Open. She will com-

pete on Thursday in the weight throw and Friday in the shot put, where she is ranked 15th in Div. II.

Senior Lachel Milander will compete in the weight throw, where she is ranked 12th in the nation. Emily Wells will also be in the weight throw competition, where she is ranked 16th in the nation.

Sara Wells will join Fehringer in the shot put. She is in position for All-American honors, as she is ranked fifth in the nation entering the event.

Wright is the lone Wayne State male qualifier, as he will compete in the weight throw. He is ranked 16th nationally and will compete on Thursday, March 7.

## Allen boys' season ends in subdistrict loss

The Allen boys basketball team closed out the season with a loss to Winnebago and a loss in subdistrict play to end the season 5-16.

The Eagles had trouble handling the quick pace of Winnebago, finishing the game with an 82-46 defeat.

"After playing with them in the first quarter, I thought Winnebago just stepped it up and took control of the game. They're a very talented team," coach Matt Hingst said.

Jacob Stewart led a balanced Eagle attack with 10 points and five rebounds. Jon Bausch and Brandon Sullivan each had six, Brian Boese added five, Shelby Jacobsen and Austin Connot both had four, Raylson Ubedel had three and Landon Kraft and Zach Crom both had two.

The Eagles were in the play-in bracket for the D1-6 subdistrict tournament at Wausau, and Emerson-Hubbard brought the season to a close for the Eagles with a 42-28 decision.

"This was a very tough way to end the season," Hingst said. "I thought the mood of the team changed when Jake was called for a charge early in the game."

Sullivan led the Eagles with 10 points, Stewart added six and 10 rebounds, Crom had five, Jacobsen put in three and Boese had two.

## Shelby

From Page 2B

Wayne in the summer of 2009, and one of the first things he had to do, as the new Wildcat mentor, was convince the team's top recruit to stay put.

"The first day I was here, he was the first person I met with, and we had to get him re-committed to Wayne State, so it's been a long journey with him," Combs said.

And Shelby is happy that he decided to stay.

"After Coach Burkett was dismissed, Coach Combs came out to visit, and I decided to stay and have no regrets about it," Shelby said. "Coach and I have built a great relationship during my four years here. He's helped me become a better player and a better person, and I'm very grateful to have had the opportunity to come and play here."

It seemed only fitting, then, that the team's lone four-year starter (both Williams and Worthington came to Wayne State as transfers) would be the one to take the last shot at home this season.

"It's a film festival kind of thing," Combs said. "For him to be in that situation at home was just special, and it was special for both Derrell and Ayron as well. Those three have meant a lot to our program, and I'm very proud to have been their coach here."



(Contributed photo)

## Tweedy signs with Peru St.

Winside senior Dylan Tweedy recently signed a letter of intent to play football at Peru State College. With him at his signing is his mother, Shontelle.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Ellen Hansen comes off a screen from Katie Hoskins (51) during the Wildcats' 70-46 win over Upper Iowa.

## Women

From Page 1B

State defense forced the late turnover to set up the game-winner.

Derrell Williams inbounded the ball to Shelby, who dribbled up the floor, stopped, spun and hit the game-winner as time expired, bringing the Rice Auditorium faithful to their feet in celebration.

Williams and Rolfzen each scored 15 points, while Shelby added 12 and moved into fourth place on the all-time scoring chart at Wayne State with 1,561 points, passing Brad Joens, who scored 1,556 points during his career from 1997-2001.

On Friday, the Wildcats couldn't contain Winona State standout Clayton Vette, who torched the nets for a game-high 31 points to help the No. 18-ranked Warriors to a 73-64 win.

Wayne State led early in the game at 15-14 with 12:45 to go in the half on a basket by Ayron Worthington, but Winona State took the lead for good with an 8-2 run midway through the first half.

Wayne State wouldn't go away, however. The Wildcats forged several ties in the second half and kept things close until the end. The Wildcats were within two at 57-55 on a pair of Wright free throws with 5:38 to go, but Winona State was able to pull away late. Vette scored seven straight points in one stretch to build the lead back up to nine and give Winona State the win.

Williams led the Wildcats with 21 points, while Shelby added 16 and Wright put in 15. Williams led the board attack with nine.

The win Saturday ended the regular season at 17-11 (11-11 NSIC) for the Wildcats, the most wins for the team since they went 26-6 under Greg McDermott in the 1999-2000 season, a year where they lost in the regional finals.

Wayne State was to play at Bemidji State in the first round of the Northern Sun Conference tournament. Scores and highlights will be available online at mywaynews.com, and a full story will be in next week's edition of The Wayne Herald.

the second half.

Spencer was one of three Wildcats to finish in double figures, scoring a game-high 16 points. She also had a career-best five assists in the win.

Yossi added 13 points and Roller tossed in 10, as 10 Wildcats found their way into the scoring column. Kara Powell led the defense with eight boards, and she and Katie Hoskins each had two blocks.

The Wildcats were to play Northern State in the first round of the NSIC tournament Wednesday in Aberdeen, S.D. Scores and highlights will be available on mywaynews.com, with a full story in next week's edition of The Wayne Herald.

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# Wakefield's upset hopes fall short in OT

By MICHAEL CARNES  
 Of The Herald

PONCA – Wakefield coach Mike Clay was hoping his team could commit a last-second larceny and steal a ranked contender's title hopes.

Unfortunately, the Trojans' hopes of coming back from an 11-point deficit and winning one at the buzzer fell short, and Hartington Cedar Catholic recovered and managed a 49-45 win over Wakefield in the finals of the C2-7 subdistrict tournament Friday at Ponca High School.

The Trojans made a mad dash from an 11-point deficit in the final period, and when the defense came up big in the final minute, it was up to the offense to hit the game-winner and extend Wakefield's season.

"We had a chance to steal it right there, and we didn't get a look at the end," Clay said after his team ended the season 14-10. "We had an opportunity at the end of regulation, and we just didn't get a good look."

The maroon-clad Trojans looked to have a good chance at hitting the game-winner after rebounding a missed Cedar Catholic shot with :47 left. Wakefield ran the clock down to get a final shot and worked it into the right corner to Josh Dolph. Dolph was tightly guarded and wasn't able to get a good look at the basket, forcing up a 12-footer that caught the side of the backboard and caromed harmlessly out toward the court as the buzzer sounded.

That Wakefield was able to make a game of it after being down 37-26 after three periods was a testament to the team's ability to play tough defense down the stretch.

"We said (at the end of the third period) that we just needed some more stops defensively and rebound the ball and just needed more movement on defense," Clay said. "We really played well and gave it a run."

The Trojans got some much-needed support on the offensive end. Evan Nicholson drilled a trifecta

from the right wing to get the Cedar Catholic advantage down to six points, and after a turnover, Jacob Lunz drilled the first of two fourth-quarter 3-pointers to make it a five-point game.

Lunz hit another three with 2:10 to go, then added a pair of free throws a minute later to knot the game up at 39-39, setting up the exciting finish.

"For Jacob, he's more comfortable facing the basket and playing out on that wing than inside, and he and Evan have been a spark for us all year on offense," Clay said.

After Cedar Catholic dodged the last-second bullet in the fourth, they came out strong in overtime, scoring a pair of quick baskets to take a four-point lead, then added a 3-pointer in the final minute that gave them a six-point lead and ended the Trojans' hopes for advancing to the district finals.

"We struggled against their zone and were able to get some movement and get a couple of threes, and that really helped spark us and helped us get it to overtime," Clay said.

Lunz led Wakefield with a game-high 19 points, while Nicholson added 10 and Jon Bodlak put in six.

While Hartington Cedar Catholic was able to take a 20-6 record into the district finals, Clay said the Trojans got where they hoped they could get – in the subdistrict finals with a shot at the best team in the tournament.

"We talked about being in this place at this time," he said. "We knew Cedar was the best team in our subdistrict, and we wanted to get our best shot at them. We played well and saved our best for last, and that's all I can ask of these kids."

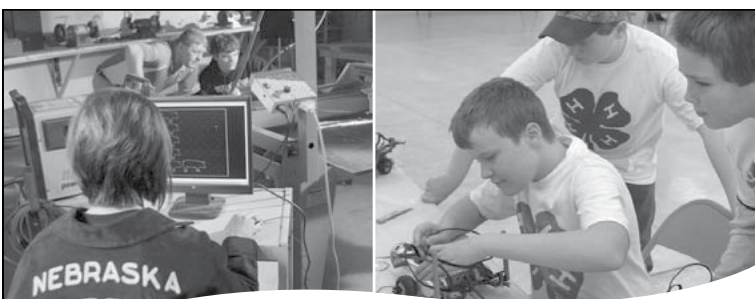
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Hartington CC	11	14	12	2	10	-	49

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**HARTINGTON CC** – L. Feilmeier 8, Kathol 8, Jansen 5, Kaiser 15, Howell 12, Wieseler 1.



(Photos by Michael Carnes)  
 (top) Wakefield's Jacob Lunz blocks a Hartington Cedar Catholic shot during the Trojans' fourth-quarter comeback in the C2-7 subdistrict final Friday in Ponca. Lunz hit two 3-pointers to spark the Wakefield comeback effort. (right) Josh Dolph drives the baseline for two points in the Trojans' 49-45 overtime loss.



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**BASEBALL**  
 March 3-8 – Spring Trip, Davenport, FL

**INDOOR TRACK**  
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### Spring sports kickoff is March 12

The Wayne High Spring Sports Kickoff and Winter Sports Award Night will be held Tuesday, March 12. The kickoff will start at 7:00 p.m. and the awards will be at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Students in boys and girls track, baseball and boys golf will be recognized.

### Wildcats sweep NSIC baseball player honors

Wayne State College made it a clean sweep in the awards for Northern Sun Conference baseball players of the week.

C.J. Nolen was named the NSIC Player of the Week after his effort in a sweep over Bemidji State. He was 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored in the opener and went 3-for-4 with a triple and a run scored in the nightcap.

Tadd Johansen earned Pitcher of the Week honors after throwing a four-hitter in a 3-2 win over Bemidji State in the first game of

the doubleheader. He struck out six and walked one to improve to 2-0 on the season with a 1.38 earned-run average.

### Cross country team nets academic nod

The Wayne State men's and women's cross country teams have received the 2012 U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Team Awards.

To qualify, the school must have had a cumulative team grade-point average of 3.0 or better and have compiled a team score at their respective NCAA regional championship.

The Wildcat women's cross country team had a 3.022 GPA and was one of 127 institutions in NCAA Div. II to receive the honor. It was the third time in the last four years the WSC women's cross country team earned the academic team award.

The Wayne State men recorded a 3.045 GPA and was one of 88 institutions representing 21 confer-

ences to receive the honor. It was the second time in the last three years that the Wildcat men's cross country team received the academic honor.

### Fifth-graders win Norfolk tournament

The Wayne WBDA fifth-grade boys played at the Norfolk Catholic tournament and won their division, going 3-0 in the tournament.

After opening with a 40-16 win over Norfolk Maroon, the Wayne team beat Norfolk White 34-29, with Shea Sweetland scoring 15 and Tyrus Eischeid and Hagan Miller each adding nine.

In the finals, Wayne avenged two earlier losses to Norfolk Lutheran, coming away with a 31-19 victory.

### WBDA 8th girls play in tournaments

The Wayne WBDA eighth-grade girls basketball team competed in three tournaments recently, earning a pair of runner-up finishes.

At the York Midstate Meltdown,

Wayne went 1-2, beating the Kearney Shredders (28-23) and losing to the Kearney Dominators (52-11) and the Lazars (26-16).

In the Norfolk YMCA tournament, the team finished second, beating O'Neill (38-5) and Columbus Scotus (30-15) before losing to Norfolk Panthers White (32-18).

The team took runner-up honors in their own tournament recently, beating Ponca (36-31) and Pender (25-23) before losing in the finals to Crofton (50-9).

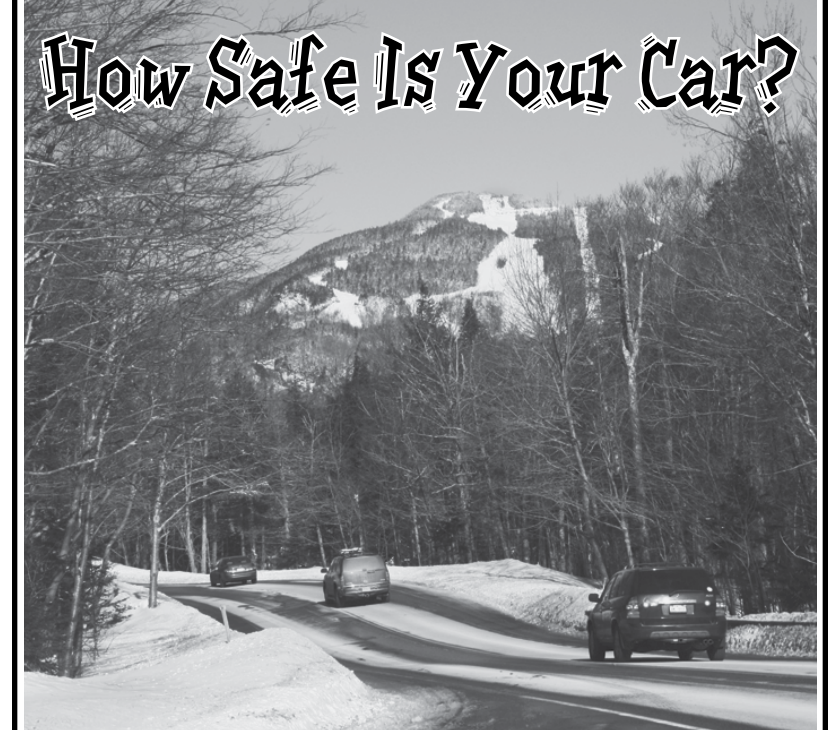
Scoring was as follows:  
 Vs. Shredders – Longe 6, Boyer 4, Keating 4, Echtenkamp 4, Sandoz 4, Hochstein 2, Keller 2, Belt 2.

Vs. Dominators – Sandoz 5, Keating 2, Echtenkamp 2, Hochstein 1, Belt 1.  
 Vs. Lazars – Keating 4, Echtenkamp 4, Boyer 2, Sandoz 2, Keller 2, Belt 2.

Vs. O'Neill – Keating 6, Keller 6, Hochstein 6, Echtenkamp 4, Sandoz 4, Matthes 4, Longe 2, Lutt 2, Vovos 2, Gamble 1.

Vs. Scotus – Longe 8, Boyer 6, Keating 6, Echtenkamp 6, Sandoz 2, Hochstein 2.

Vs. Panthers White – Boyer 6, Keller 3, Keating 2, Sandoz 2, Matthes 2, Belt 2, Longe 1.  
 Vs. Ponca – Boyer 13, Keating 8, Hochstein 6, Longe 5, Echtenkamp 2, Belt 2.  
 Vs. Pender – Sandoz 11, Boyer 5, Belt 5, Keating 2, Matthes 2.  
 Vs. Crofton – Matthes 4, Sandoz 2, Longe 2, Echtenkamp 1.



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# Allen band is Pride of community

The Allen Band members spent a portion of their holiday break in Atlanta, Ga., participating in the parade, the pre-game, and the half-time show at the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Leaving Allen in a snow storm, the 50 band members, 11 sponsors, and director Richard Lacy took off on Dec. 27 for the over-20-hour chartered bus ride. Among the various educational and entertaining experiences they enjoyed were meals at Dave and Buster's, Atlanta's Hard Rock Cafe, and Medieval Times and tours of CNN center for news and sports broadcasting, the World of Coca-Cola, Civil War Cyclorama, and Georgia Aquarium/Dolphin Show. New Year's Eve Day was the 1 1/2 mile parade in the afternoon and pre-game and half-time shows at the Clemson vs. LSU football game in the evening. The band returned home Jan. 2.

The following are observations of the trip from a number of the students who participated.

**Medieval Times**  
by Coleman Kneifl

On our first night in Atlanta, we

traveled back in time to Medieval Times, where we cheered on the yellow knight as he competed against five other knights in the king's tournament.

While watching the tournament, we feasted on chicken and other foods using our hands, no silverware. As the knights began competing, our knight lost because he fell off his horse and could not defeat the green knight.

The tournament continued, and the red and black knight was crowned champion. The champion knight then defeated an enemy to the kingdom. As you can see, the royal feast and tournament at Medieval Times was filled with fun.

**Georgia Aquarium**  
by Holly Johnson

The Georgia Aquarium was my favorite part of the trip because I was really impressed with all the different sea creatures on display.

From Beluga whales to sea otters, there were many animals I had never seen before. My favorites were the otters and penguins. I also liked the way the thousands of different fish were displayed in a

gigantic water area that you could view from different angles including riding an escalator through a water tunnel and looking out and up at fish swimming around. Another thing that impressed me was being able to touch starfish and sea urchins.

I will never forget my time at the aquarium.

**Civil War Cyclorama**  
by Dacoda Jones

One of the best events we went to was the Cyclorama.

When we walked up to the building, we saw Civil War cannons; there was another one inside the door. After going further inside, we saw an old steam locomotive and a blue Union uniform and a gray Confederate uniform as well as other Civil War items.

The impressive part was a large painting made of five pieces of linen showing scenes of the fighting in the Atlanta area. It was so big that our tour guide appeared small compared to it. We were in rotating seats to get a panoramic view of the painting. It was very realistic and enjoyable.



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Clockwise starting at bottom, Brittany Sullivan, Josi Burckhardt, Gabby Sullivan, Mariah Keiser, Lindsey Sullivan, Marissa Brentlinger, Lexi Oswald, Sammy Sullivan, Lindsey Jones and Vanessa Klug.

**Mass band practice**  
by Chase Johnson

The most exciting time out of the entire trip was when all of the 12 bands formed the largest high school band I have ever seen in my life (1800 musicians).

I was really nervous when we arrived at the gigantic high school football field because I saw how many other band members were there to perform at the parade and pre and half time shows of the Chick-fil-A Bowl in the Georgia Stadium. I was worrying about messing up the notes and getting laughed at.

When we started to play on the football field, I got all the notes right and met others standing near me from Griffin, Ga., and Topeka, Kan. We had our assigned spots with other people who played the same instrument as we did and needed to be at that spot at the football game. We practiced playing the "Star Spangled Banner" repeatedly and then the songs we were to play at the football game.

Because of a Falcons game, we couldn't practice in the stadium; we had to pretend we were lining up in the tunnels of the stadium and move onto the field in 30 seconds.

As we quickly marched on the field, a boy said, "For Narnia." I had no idea why he said that, but a kid beside me was laughing so hard that when we got in position and started playing, he could hardly play at all.

It was an amazing experience going to the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

**World of Coke**  
by Courtney Reuter

Everyone knows about Coca-Cola, but after visiting the World of Coke, I know much more about the company.

We first walked from the lobby into the Loft where we watched a video and saw old product signs of the Coke Company. Next, we moved into an enormous two-story area divided into many sections.

Near the entrance were two people dressed in bear costumes to look like the bears in Coke advertisements. You could get your picture taken with them.

The Vault told about the legend of the secret formula for Coca-Cola, but it didn't tell the secret formula. One area showed the machines used to mix and bottle the soda pop. On the second floor were other interesting rooms. One showed art creations made out of Coke items like cans, bottles, and caps and the different styles of Coke vending machines.

A really fun area was the 4-D theater with chairs that rocked, poked us in the back, and showed the video of a crazy scientist trying to find the secret formula of Coca-Cola. Wearing our glasses, it looked like bubbles, boards, and balls were coming right out at us.

Everyone had to make a stop at the Taste It area where 65 different flavors which the Coca-Cola Company produces worldwide were being served. Many of us tried all of them and liked some much better than others.

The tour ended by receiving a free bottle of Coke and walking through the souvenir shop. We learned a lot and had fun.

**Awards ceremony, dinner, dance**  
by Garrett Brentlinger

The best things I liked about the trip to Atlanta Chick-fil-A Bowl was the three-course meal, watching Smithfield, Virginia, band win many of the trophies, and crowd surfing.

The meal of lettuce, buns, meat, potatoes, corn, and cheese cake was delicious. While we were eating, they announced the trophy winners for concert and marching band competition which took place on Friday.

After that, we danced for one hour on a crowded dance floor where hundreds of kids were squeezed together. The best part was when Landon and Jake lifted me up, and I started to crowd surf.

**Parade**  
by Lindsey Sullivan

Our small Allen Band of only 50 students got the opportunity to travel to Atlanta, Ga., to compete in the parade and participate in the pre-game and half-time performances at the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

While in Georgia, we toured and experienced many different places and events. The event that really stood out for me was competing in the parade.

We were the last high school band to march. In front of us was Virginia's number one high school band, having won that state's marching band contest 10 years in a row. Behind us were the Clemson and Louisiana State University

bands. To say we were intimidated is an understatement. We were nervous that we wouldn't stand out to the judges. Because of this, we marched as a team, and everyone tried his/her hardest.

Our band was on the street, ready to go, by 10 a.m., but we didn't step-off until 2 p.m. As we stood there for three hours, we watched the other bands practice before we started practicing. As we practiced, the LSU and Clemson bands cheered for us to go and get ready to win. The judges were at the first half mile, so we had to be ready to compete from the start.

Marching through narrow Peachtree Street with an estimated 120,000 people bunched together on both sides of us was definitely an amazing experience. After 1 1/2 miles, we were finally done! But we wouldn't find out what place we got until later that night.

When we were entering the stadium, we received our first place trophy with a gold rating. Not only did we win our division, we scored 91 1/2 points out of a possible 100, and we were the only band to receive a gold medal rating. We were all very excited.

Marching in the parade was an amazing experience for all of us, and I hope we are able to do it again.

**Football game, Pre and half-time shows**  
by Bailey Boyle

The closing activity of the band's trip to the Chick-fil-A Bowl was performing in the pre-game and half-time shows at the LSU vs. Clemson football game on New Year's Eve.

While we were getting ready for both the pre-game and half-time show, it was chaotic! Since there was a Falcons game on Sunday when we had our mass band rehearsal, we had to practice on a high school football field for three hours and couldn't practice inside the dome.

We couldn't really practice entering from a tunnel and getting organized in our spots. Inside the dome, we went down by the tunnels and were all very lost trying to find the people we had stood by in rehearsal. Finally, everything worked out and each type of instrument was positioned in groups.

For pre-game we played "Dancing in the Street," "Moves Like Jagger," and "The Star Spangled Banner." For half-time we played "Party Rock Anthem."

Even though it was a very long trip and very hectic when we were getting ready for our performances, I will personally never forget it.

Thanks, Mr. Lacy.



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After two full days of visiting sites in Atlanta, Allen band students enjoyed the semi-formal dinner, awards ceremony, and dance at the Georgia International Convention Center. Clockwise starting at bottom, Alexis Johnson, Amber Benstead, Myles Flores, Landon Kraft, Rachel Kneifl, Amanda Finnegan, Mariah Kramer, Isabell Kumm and Cortney Reuter.

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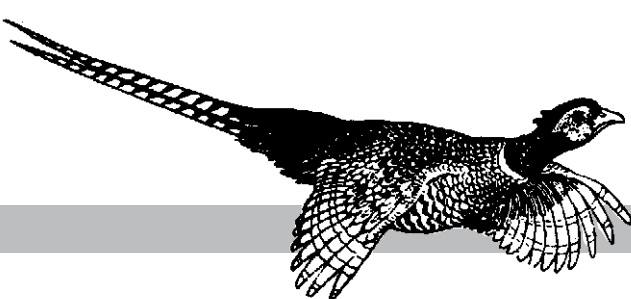
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# Opinion

## Don't get me started

By: Michael Carnes  
Managing Editor

## Citizens group will be benefit to safety of our youth

It was an annual ritual – graduating seniors getting together for a party that only they knew about.

No parents.

No school teachers or administrators.

No law enforcement.

Not even their older and younger siblings.

The party was held at a secret location, complete with alcohol and, on occasion, drugs. It was a rite of passage for the graduating class – until someone was injured at the event.

As word spread around town, the “secret” party became news. It became a nightmare for everybody involved, including the school superintendent and a local pastor, who used the party as inspiration for a Sunday sermon, saying it was time for the community to do something about it.

I had just come on board as editor of the Gretna Guide and News shortly after that party took place, and I got to see the formation of a locally-based group of concerned citizens who wanted to make sure their community was safe for their children, regardless of age.

The work of this group eventually led to the end of the traditional secret senior party, thanks to efforts to educate parents and open lines of communication between the adults in the community. In the 4 1/2 years I was there, I never had to write a story about an alcohol- or drug-related tragic ending for a young life, thanks mostly to an open line of communication between the adults in the community.

A similar effort is being made here in Wayne, and when I talked with Gretna superintendent of schools Dr. Kevin Riley, he said such an organized effort would be a valuable asset for our community.

“It’s been a very valuable group here,” he said. “The key is parent involvement and parent networking, and it’s all about safety as we move kids through their adolescent years.”

Making parents aware of what’s going on with their kids seems like a simple idea, doesn’t it? And yet, there is so much we, as adults, are unaware of when it comes to our children.

The secret senior party was something that wasn’t on the radar of moms and dads until Gretna’s committee of concerned citizens started making the public aware of what was going on. Letters were sent to the local newspapers (yes, Gretna has two of them – and I worked for both during my career), and letters were mailed by the school to the parents.

The effort paid off immediately – the year after the party that sparked the community’s interest, less than half of graduating seniors attended the party. Eventually, the party became a thing of the past, Riley said.

“It dwindled to the point where there really hasn’t been one the last four or five years, but if you back off of it, it will come right back, and we’ve stayed on it every year,” he said.

The community organization has spawned a variety of opportunities for parents to communicate with their children and the school district. The committee helped select the school’s sexuality education program, provided suicide information forums, and helped update parents on everything from childhood depression to issues relating to drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

“Over the years, it’s grown into something of real value,” he said.

Such a committee would be of tremendous value to Wayne as well, especially in dealing with some of the alcohol and drug issues that are a part of our community.

There are a number of concerned citizens in this community – leaders in their respective fields – who are a part of the local effort here. The most important people in this group, though, has to be the parents. It’s the moms and dads of our children who need to be involved in this effort that is going to make this a success.

It’s not easy being a parent in this day and age. There is so much going on, and so many avenues for our children to travel, that it’s amazing nobody’s head spontaneously explodes from the overload. I don’t know how some families juggle school, sports, social media, church and other activities without somebody completely losing their minds.

That’s why this opportunity to network with fellow parents and concerned community members is such a great opportunity for families in Wayne. Parents can get some welcome information, not only from their school and community organizations, but from their fellow parents – the kind of information that will help their kids grow up in a safe, healthy community.

I’ve seen an effort like this work in Gretna – and I’m positive a similar opportunity can happen here in Wayne.

## Capitol View

# Plenty of politics to ponder

By J.L. SCHMIDT  
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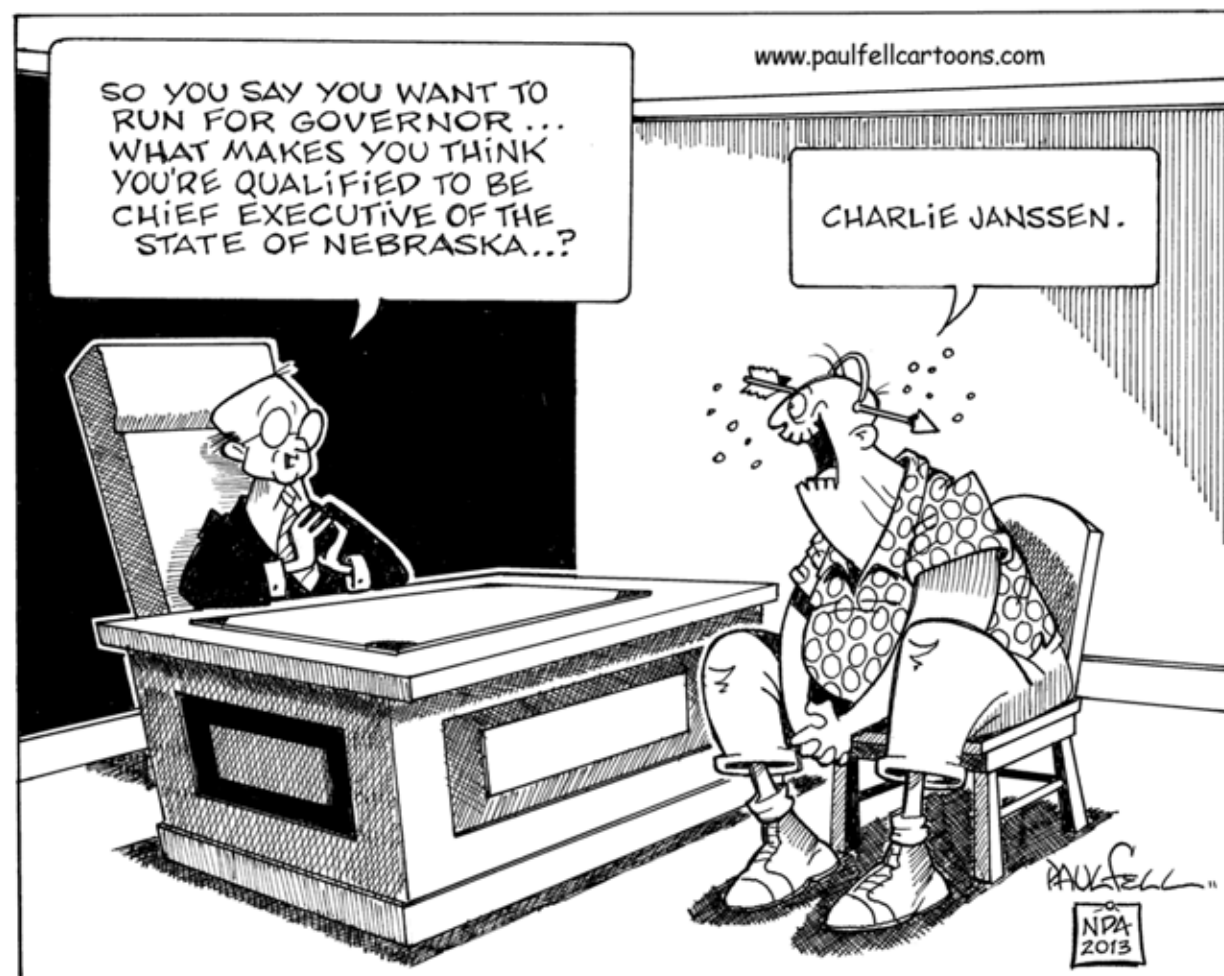
Nebraskans love to ponder. Will it rain? Will it snow? Will the football team ever win another national championship?

Even with the Legislature in session, there’s plenty of time to think about politics now that the lame duck Governor has killed his own tax proposals, the lieutenant governor’s office has a new occupant and the senior U.S. Senator has decided not to seek another term in a couple years.

It’s a veritable field day with a wide-open governor’s race now that the perceived front-runner, former Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy, has stepped down in a potential scandal over the extreme misuse of a state-issued telephone and returned campaign funds to contributors. A week or so of speculation about his successor was ended when Governor Dave Heineman chose recently term-limited former state Senator Lavon Heidemann of Elk Creek to be the light governor. Heineman’s criteria that whoever would serve for the next two years couldn’t be a candidate in the next governor’s race seemingly threw a wet blanket on the pool of contenders.

Now that current state Senator Charlie Janssen of Fremont has declared his candidacy for the governor’s race, it appears that the Republican ship of state is listing more to the right as the Democrats line up on the shore trying to appear as anything but clueless, or candidate-less. Not since Ben Nelson term-limited as governor in 1998 has there been a Democrat governor.

Nelson’s successor was former Lincoln Mayor Mike Johanns who



served his time in the northeast corner of the second floor of the State Capitol (the Executive Branch) before being elected U.S. Senator.

Now Johanns has announced that he won’t run for re-election and has thrown the door open for the usual list of suspects to start posturing for that seat. Among them, Heineman himself and others such as Attorney General Jon Bruning and State Treasurer Don Stenberg, both of whom lost to Nebraska’s newest Republican U.S. Senator Deb Fisch-

er in the May primary. Of course, Bruning and Stenberg could also ponder the governor’s race now that University of Nebraska Regent Tim Clare of Lincoln has decided not to seek that seat. Add Auditor Mike Foley and former state Senator Tony Fulton to that list as well.

Omaha State Sen. Steve Lathrop and former Nebraska Regent Chuck Hasebrook of Lyons are two Democrats keeping an eye on both races. And never rule out Bob Kerrey, whose unpredictability is always

predictable. Following that play-book, don’t forget that former Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy was once a Democrat. With a couple years for things to blow over, he could view the Senate seat as a possibility.

Add all that to your pondering and enjoy.

The threat of a massive upheaval in the state’s tax structure is gone, but there’s still plenty to watch out for.

## Legislative Update

# Governor removes two tax proposals

On Thursday, Feb. 21 the Governor’s tax proposal bills, LB405 and LB406, were removed from consideration.

While I think that we need to look at our current tax structure, those bills were not a good option for our state. We need to study the tax structure and take our time deciding what is in the best interest of Nebraskans. Senator Paul Schumacher has introduced a bill (LB613) that, I think with some modification, may do that.

LB613, which was heard by the Executive Board of the Legislature on Feb. 19, would create the Tax Modernization Commission. This commission would be made up of the members of the Revenue Committee, the chairpersons from the

Appropriations, Health and Human Services, Education, Agriculture and the Legislature’s Planning Committees. In addition, ex-officio, non-voting members would be the Tax Commissioner, Property Tax Administrator and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

The Tax Modernization Commission would be charged with looking at six elements for successful tax modernization but they are not limited to just six. The six elements would be fairness, competitiveness, simplicity and compliance, stability, adequacy and complementary tax systems. During 2013 the commission would hold at least five hearings throughout the state to receive public input on ideas of tax modernization as well as have an



Legislative Update  
By Dave Bloomfield  
State Senator, District 17

online questionnaire to solicit public input. By Dec. 15, 2013 the commission would have to submit a report to the Executive Board of the

Legislative Council and the Governor with their findings and recommendations. After submitting the report, the commission shall meet at least once per year to evaluate the tax code to keep it current with Nebraska’s changing economy.

I think this is a much better approach than what was offered in LB405 and LB406. Hopefully, this will allow us to find a tax structure that will avoid undue harm to any area of our state economy. I would hope as this process unfolds, this group of individuals will come up with suggestions to relieve the excess burden now placed on landowners for funding our schools. The failure to consider property tax change was one of the large defects in LB405 and LB406. I also hope we do not tie ourselves so tightly to a time line that we rush and overlook the best results.

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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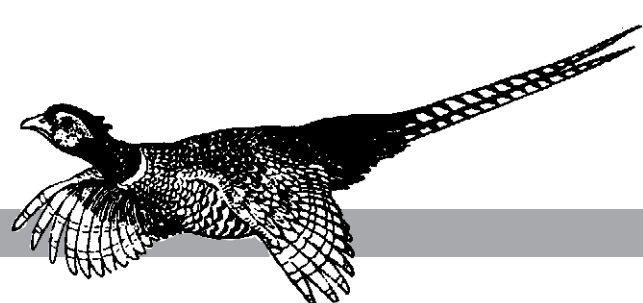
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# Lifestyle

# The Wayne Herald



## Inspiring college, career readiness

College and career readiness is one area that Nebraska 4-H is concentrating their efforts.

Through the college and career

readiness workgroup, youth are learning about preparing to make decisions about their college and career paths.

One resource that was developed by Nebraska 4-H in 2011 was the Career Explorer Website and the Career Explorer App. If youth are interested in the Career Explorer Website they can visit 4h.unl.edu and scroll down to Career Explorer by Nebraska 4-H. Here they can click on this interactive website. The second option to explore is if youth have an iPad or iPhone, they can download the App for free at the iTunes store.

Career Explorer will help youth

**Amy Topp**  
Extension Educator  
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connect the dots between the choices they make every day and the opportunities they could have in the future. Youth will begin with a Luck of the Draw card and from there they will be in control, making ongoing decisions about their education and future career opportunities. At each stage of the game, youth will be able to enter the workforce, get additional education, or explore training programs. Youth will have access to more than 450 careers with up-to-date salary information and summaries for each career.

The Career Explorer Website also came to life in six locations across the state in 2012. These educational opportunities were known as the Connecting the Dots Career Exploration events in which high school Freshmen and Sophomores had the opportunity to participate in an actual event. They participated in a career simulation activity, similar to what they would do on the website. In addition to this piece, individuals highlighting local careers

were present at each location to answer questions of the youth and highlight facts about their careers. There were also representatives present from local community colleges, state colleges and the University of Nebraska. These are great partnerships that exist and they are all working together to help continue the education of youth in their communities.

### March Calendar

**March 1:** Governor's Ag Excellence Award and College Scholarships Due to 4-H Foundation; Emerald/Diamond Clover Plans Due.

**March 2:** Pillow Workshop.  
**March 3:** Market Beef Weigh-in 1-2:30 p.m., Wayne Veterinary Clinic; Teen Supremes 3 p.m., Courthouse; Big Red Road Show, Omaha.

**March 13:** Registration for 4-H Consumer Due.

**March 14:** NACEB Scholarship Application Due.

**March 15:** 4-H Council High School Senior Scholarship Applications Due.

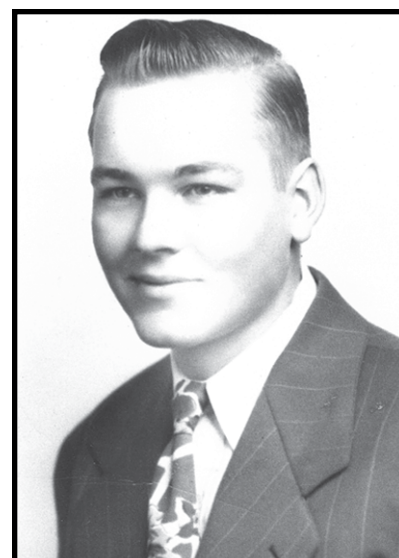
**March 16:** 4-H Consumer Challenge, Sunset Plaza Mall, Norfolk.

**March 16-17:** 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop, Central City.

**March 22-April 8:** Swine weigh-in.

**March 25:** 4-H Council.

## Birthdays



Gordon Hansen

### Gordon Hansen to observe 80th

Gordon Hansen of Dixon observed his 80th birthday on Feb. 27.

His family includes his wife, Harriet, and children Kathy and Joe Carr of Townsend, Mont., Cheryl and Dave Danek of Grand Island, Laura and Randy Sullivan of Martinsburg, David Hansen of Esterville, Iowa, Carol and Dean Bergardy of Wallingford, Iowa and Jeanne and Randy Kneif of Newcastle. He has 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to Gordon at 57911 869th Road, Dixon, Neb. 68732.



Cyril Hansen

### Cyril Hansen to note 83rd birthday

Cyril Hansen will observe his 83rd birthday on Friday, March 8, 2013.

His family is requesting a card shower for the occasion.


His family includes his wife, Beverly; five children, Rhonda and Ron Sebade of Wayne, Dan and Bonnie Hansen and Kelly and KimBerly Hansen of Carroll, Heidi and Scott Bonsall of Norfolk and Lynette and Bryan Dykhoff of Delano, Minn.. They have 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

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## Briefly Speaking

**Bridge played at Senior Center**  
AREA — Bridge was played at the Wayne Senior Center on Tuesday, Feb. 26 with 12 ladies attending. Bridge was played at three tables. Hostess was Norma Backstrom. Bridge will be played again on Tuesday, March 5. Hostess will be Arlene Ostendorf. For reservations, call (402) 375-1405 by Sunday, March 3.

**Wayne Women's Club to meet**  
WAYNE — The Wayne Women's Club met Feb. 8 at First Presbyterian Church in Wayne. Janis Myers was hostess and program leader. Darrell and Phyllis Rahn presented information on their mission trip to Tanzania. The group will meet again on Friday, March 8 at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Wayne.

## Senior Center Calendar

- (Week of March 4-8)
- Monday, March 4:** Walking, quilting and cards; Pool, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; FROG Exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Hand & Foot, 1 p.m.; Chicken Foot Dominoes, 1 p.m.
  - Tuesday, March 5:** Morning walking, quilting, cards; Rita McLean, "Because I Said So," 12:50 p.m.; Afternoon Bridge Club.
  - Wednesday, March 6:** Morning walking; Quilting and cards; Pool, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; FROG Exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Old Farmers' Day; Birthday Celebration with Earl Fuoss' Music, 3 p.m.; Hand & Foot, 1 p.m.; Chicken Foot Dominoes.
  - Thursday, March 7:** Morning walking; Quilting and cards; Afternoon Bridge Club.
  - Friday, March 8:** Morning walking; Quilting, cards and pool; FROG Exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Century Club Movie; Dinner, 12:05 p.m.; Cyril's Birthday Music, 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Bingo, 1:15 p.m.; Chicken Foot Dominoes, 2 p.m.; Hand & Foot.

## Acme Club meets Feb. 18 at Senior Center

Acme Club met Feb. 18 at the Senior Center for lunch and a meeting following. Elinor Jensen was the hostess. Joann Temme, president called the meeting to order. Ruth Victor gave the thought for the day. "To have a friend be a friend. Even as we age, widening our circle of friends is possible, necessary and healthy. Life changes can end friendships, but make new friends or renew old friendships. It's like a job, you have to work at it. It doesn't happen on its own. You can never have too many friends." Roll call was whether you

received any Valentines. Plans are being made for Guest Day which will be March 18. The Birthday song was sung for Ruth Victor and Pat Straight. Elinor gave the program about Mesa Verde National Park. This park is perched high in Southwest Colorado where the air is thin, the history is rich and the views are spectacular. Mesa Verde, Spanish for "green tableland," was first discovered by trappers and prospectors in the 1870's. After visiting the site in 1872 and again in 1876, a New York newspaper reporter began efforts to preserve the archaeological sites built by ancestral Puebloans, who inhabited Mesa Verde for more than 700 years (500 AD to 1300 AD). On June 29, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt declared it a national park to "preserve the works of man." For the first six centuries, they primarily lived on the mesa tops. It was not until the final 75 to 100 years that they constructed and lived in the cliff dwellings they built beneath the over hanging cliffs.

Today, Mesa Verde National Park preserves a spectacular reminder of this ancient culture. The park contains over 4,000 known archaeological sites including six hundred cliff dwellings, and the mesa top sites of pithouses, pueblos, masonry towers and farming structures. Ninety percent of the cliff dwellings contain ten rooms or less. One-third have only one or two rooms. Most famous of the cliff dwellings are Cliff Palace with 150 rooms, Long House with 150, Spruce Tree House with 130 rooms and Balcony House with 40 rooms. The best preserved cliff dwelling and the easiest to reach is the Spruce Tree House. You can take a self-guided tour and the total hiking distance is about a half of a mile. There is usually a ranger present onsite who can answer any questions. This is also one of the sites in the park that is open year-round. Some of the larger dwellings psych as Cliff Palace which is visited by thousands each year. Balcony House can be toured with a ranger guide and you must purchase tickets in advance. These

sites are also only reachable from April to October or November. No matter which sites you choose to visit, you will still be amazed by the architecture of these ancient structures. At some sites you will be allowed to climb wooden ladders down inside, so you can actually see what it was like 1,000 years ago. While still farming the mesa tops they continued to reside in the alcoves, repairing, remodeling and constructing new rooms for nearly a century. By the late 1270's the population began migrating south into present-day New Mexico and Arizona. By 1300, the ancestral Puebloan occupation of Mesa Verde ended. Wildflowers are abundant from May through September in Mesa Verde. The entrance to the park is between Cortez and Mancos. Park roads are scenic drives with sharp curves, steep grades and reduced speed limits. The next meeting of Acme Club will be March 4 for lunch at the Senior Center, with Ruth Victor, the hostess.

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## Raising dental awareness

Each February, the American Dental Association (ADA) sponsors National Children's Dental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. Dr. Rob Burrows, a dedicated dental professional of Wayne, visited the Pre-K/Kindergarten combination class at St. Mary's School, taught by Gail Hochstein. A few days before Dr. Burrows' arrival, the students began an experiment using hard-boiled eggs in different solutions to demonstrate the importance of good dental care habits. During his visit, Dr. Burrows helped to conclude the experiment by examining and discussing the eggs in each solution: water, vinegar, orange drink, and soda pop. The entertaining story of "Ogallala Sam" and the lemon drops was also read to the students. Dr. Burrows has been coming to St. Mary's school and providing this important service for many years.

## Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid meets

Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid and LWML met Feb. 13. President Rhonda Sebade called the meeting to order and welcomed members, Pastor Feldmann, and guests, Louise Green and Cyril Hansen.

The group spoke the LWML Pledge in unison.

Pastor Feldmann gave a devotion on Matt. 6:16-18.

Roll call was answered by 17 members.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Correspondence included a thank you from Camp Luther for the monetary gift and from Leona Janke for the cookies and lap robe, and an update from Ryan and Dan Janke, our Seminary Student.

The treasurer's report was given

and filed for financial review. The annual financial report was handed to each member.

The February Devotion, Missionary Family Care and Education, was read as mites were collected.

**Mission Service:** Mary Janke was planning to give each confirmand a Valentine sugar cookie.

**Sewing:** Esther Brader reported giving five quilts to the Norfolk Rescue Mission and four quilts to the Chad Young family. The group tied six quilts last month and will tie again on Feb. 28.

**Gifts:** President Rhonda presented a pewter angel to Joann Temme for her 50 years as a Ladies Aid member.

**Visiting:** LaVon Biermann and Fauneil Bennett reported sending

many cards and visiting.

**Seminary Student:** Ellen Heinemann will write Ryan and Dani Janke.

**Old business:** Ellen Heinemann reported she and Mary Janke had audited the treasurer's books and found them to be in order.

**New business:** President Sebade told the group the Spring Rally will be in Martinsburg on Saturday, April 13, in the morning, with the theme "Trash to Treasure". Also, the group will host the Fall Rally in October.

The Aid voted to give an Easter lily in praise of our Lord.

Ellen Heinemann shared a poster from Lutheran World Relief showing the number of quilts that were sewed and donated.

Pastor Feldmann said a benefit will be held Saturday, March 2, in Laurel, for the Chad Young family, and anyone wishing to donate items for the bake sale may bring them to the church on Friday and Pastor Lilienkamp will take them to the benefit.

The birthday song was sung for Esther Hansen, Ruth Victor and Kay Denker, as the birthday cupcakes were lit.

Hostess for the day was LaVon Biermann. Bonnadell Koch will host the March 13 meeting.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer and the table prayer.

## Hebrew course to be offered at Northeast Community College

Have you always wanted to learn Hebrew? A six week course will soon be held at Northeast Community College in Norfolk that explores the ancient language.

Hebrew for Beginners will be held Tuesdays, March 12 through April 23 from 7-9 p.m. at the Lifelong Learning Center.

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Parker Wren

## Parker Wren enlists in military

Parker Wren, 17, of Wayne enlisted into the Nebraska Army National Guard on Feb. 25, 2013.

Parker is the son of Kari and SFC Jon Wren. He is a junior at Wayne High School.

This summer Parker will attend basic training at Fort Leonardwood Mo. and in August will return home to complete his senior year at Wayne High. After graduation he will complete his Advanced Individual Training for the 189th Transportation Company as a Motor Transport Operator.

Recruiter MSG Dale Alexander requests "you congratulate Parker and his family when you see them in the community!"



Demetrius Alexander

## Alexander enlists in National Guard

Demetrius Alexander, 17, of Wayne enlisted into the Nebraska Army National Guard on Feb. 21, 2013.

Demetrius is the son of Sandra Alexander of Le Mars, Iowa, and lives with his aunt and uncle, Stacey and Dale Alexander of Wayne. He is a junior at Wayne High School.

Demetrius will attend basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. this summer and will return to complete his senior year at Wayne High in August.

He enlisted into the 189th Transportation Company in Wayne, as a Motor Transportation Operator.

MSG Dale Alexander requests "you congratulate Demetrius when you see him in the community!"

## Grace Lutheran LWML have many events planned for year

Grace Lutheran LWML Evening Circle met Feb. 12 with seven members and Pastor Mike Feldmann present.

President Bea Kinslow opened the meeting with Christian Growth Chair Darlene Lilienkamp reading "Four Rules for Dying."

Secretary Lanora Sorensen read the minutes of the Nov. 13 meeting with corrections made.

Treasurer Lee Larsen gave the treasurer's report, which was approved and filed for audit.

Lanora Sorensen took the Evening Circle's Christmas gift for Valores Mordhorst to State National Bank's Christmas tree for the Careage party.

The Wayne Zone Executive Board meeting was held Jan. 14. The next Wayne Zone Executive Board meeting will be held in July in Wayne.

The Wayne LWML Zone Spring Workshop will be Saturday, April 13 and will be hosted by the ladies of Martinsburg. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with further details to be released at a later date. The LWML National Convention

will be held June 27-30 in Pittsburg, Penn. Details about the event can be found in the Winter Quarterly.

The Wayne LWML Zone Fall Rally will be hosted by the Grace Ladies Aid and Evening Circle and will be held in Wayne. More information will be announced later.

Mary Lou Erxleben reported that news was received from Terry and Janet Borchart, Lutheran Bible translators at Papua, New Guinea.

Mites for Missions were collected. During the Hospitality and Social report, Marilyn Rethwisch reported sending greeting cards. Lee Larsen will order more boxed greeting cards.

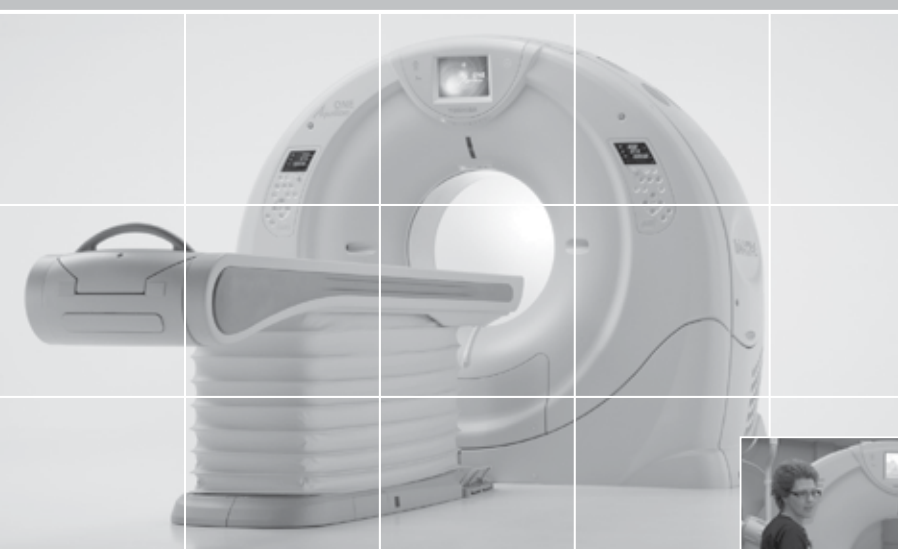
A reminder was given that dues for Grace Evening Circle Quarters and Leaguers are due for 2013.

The meeting closed with all praying The Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 14.

Pastor Mike Feldmann gave the Bible Study on "Fasting" from the Old and New Testament verses.

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## Northeast to host eighth annual tractor pull

The Chuck M. Pohlman Agriculture Complex at Northeast Community College in Norfolk will be the location of the 8th Annual Indoor Tractor Pull on Saturday, March 9th. Several of the best pullers from several states are expected to be in attendance.

This year's event is sponsored by the Northeast Community College Diversified Ag Club and alumni, with special assistance from North Central Railroad, Kelly Ryan Farm Equipment, K. Porter Construction, and US92 Radio in Norfolk. The event begins at 10 a.m. at the Northeast Chuck M. Pohlman Agriculture Complex at the intersection of Highway 35 and East Benjamin Avenue in Norfolk. The Ag Complex is located about one mile east of the main campus on Benjamin Avenue.

According to Bernie Thyen, Northeast instructor and Diversified Ag Club advisor, there will again be at least 180-200 pulls during this one-day event. A second pulling track for pullers has been added this year.

Classes for the event include Division I-V from 3,500-8,500 pounds; stock farm tractors (no turbos) between 6,500 and 9,500 pounds; 3,000 RPM tractors weighing between 5,500-7,500 pounds, and V-8 classes, and, again this year, the 4,750- and 5,750-pound top dog shoot-out.

"Because ours is the first pull of the season, our Indoor Tractor Pull grows more popular every year," Thyen said. "The spectators in the bleachers really enjoy watching these smaller, out-of-the-field, older tractors compete."

"After planting season, these tractors will be loaded up and hit the road for regional pulls throughout the summer," he said.

A Northeast Nebraska Tractor Pullers Association-sanctioned event, all pullers association rules will apply. Absolutely no alcohol will be allowed on the ground. The sled will be "The Hot Foot" sled and there will be a scale on site.

Over 100 pullers from Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Da-

kota, Iowa, and Kansas are expected. Entries will also be accepted on the day of the pull. The top winners in each class will be awarded a paycheck of the entry fees from that class.

The Northeast Community College Indoor Tractor Pull is a fundraiser to assist about 25 Northeast students with their travel expenses to the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Student Judging Conference at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, April 3-5. Contest areas include livestock, soils, crops, and agribusiness. Northeast students traditionally bring home many awards from this national competition.

"Our students and alumni work

very hard on this tractor pull," Thyen said. "The work is paying off as the number of pullers increases every year. Each of our Northeast students has to raise many hundreds of dollars to cover expenses to go to NACTA so they do all the work with great assistance from our alumni. They not only organize and run the event, but they also run the concession stand that day."

Admission is free but there will be a freewill offering.

For more information about the eighth Annual Diversified Ag Club Alumni Indoor Tractor Pull, contact Billie Ruwe at (402) 533-3380, Clint Jedlicka at (402) 615-1744, or the Northeast ag department at (402) 844-7184.

## Prairie, grasslands are disappearing

By JOHN CRABTREE  
 Center for Rural Affairs

Prairie and native grasslands are disappearing rapidly, taking soil and habitat as well as hunting, ranching and other economic opportunities with them. Congress should ensure that federal farm and crop insurance subsidies don't exacerbate the loss of these vital natural resources.

Fortunately, Representatives Kristi Noem (R-SD), Tim Walz (D-MN) and six bipartisan co-sponsors, including Representative Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE), recently introduced legislation that creates a nationwide "sodsaver" law that would slash subsidies that contribute to the destruction of native grassland and prairie.

The Protect Our Prairies Act would prohibit federal payments and reduce crop insurance premium subsidies by fifty percent on new-

ly broken native sod. The Act also closes loopholes by requiring that newly broken sod be isolated from other crop acres when calculating insurable yields. And operators would be required to take a percentage of the county average yield for any newly broken native sod until they are able to show a multi-year yield history. These two provisions are crucial to removing the federally subsidized incentive to bust up native grassland.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that Protect Our Prairies will save nearly \$200 million over the next ten years, tax dollars that will otherwise be spent to destroy remaining prairies and grasslands. Senator John Thune (R-SD) secured the same provision in the Senate Farm Bill last year, and it is expected to remain in the Senate bill this year. If your Representative is a co-sponsor, thank them, if not, call them and urge them to sign up.

## State crop budgets are available online

The 2013 Nebraska Crop Budgets have been estimated and posted online.

Fifty-three budgets for 16 crops are available from University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension's Cropwatch and the Department of Agricultural Economics. They can be found at [cropwatch.unl.edu](http://cropwatch.unl.edu) or [agecon.unl.edu/budgets](http://agecon.unl.edu/budgets).

One challenge in estimating the budgets was determining prices for materials used in production, said Roger Wilson, extension farm management/enterprise budget analyst. Costs per acre have increased again this year, varying from 7 to 13 percent for the corn budgets. The corn budget with the largest increase is conventionally produced continuous corn on dryland. A number of different corn budgets show a 7 percent cost increase, mostly no-till or reduced till systems.

Cost increases for the different soybean production systems range from 12 to 20 percent. The budget with the lowest per acre cost increase is for a gravity-irrigated, ridge-till system. The budget showing the highest cost increase is the pivot-irrigated, no-till system using Roundup Ready seed grown after corn.

The no-till fallow budget showed the least increase in cost (5 percent) for wheat production while the no-till following a row crop showed the most (12 percent).

In addition to estimating a total cost of production per acre, each budget also shows the cash costs of production. While these budgets do not estimate returns, they are based on a given yield which is used to calculate both a total and a cash cost per unit of production, Wilson said.

Generally, prices of inputs are higher. However, this year the price of all fertilizers included in the budgets are expected to be lower except for anhydrous ammonia.

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Wilson emphasized that the budgets are estimates based on assumptions.

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SELL YOUR classic car, truck or motorcycle online. Call this newspaper or call 1-800-369-2850 to place your ad on the national Midwest Classic Cars web site for only \$25.00.

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AUCTION: PART N.W. 1/4 of 24-3-30. March 5th, 10 am, Community Building, McCook, NE. 153 certified irrigated acres. 2 wells, 127 total acres +/-.

COORDINATOR P/T: Locate and screen host families, provide support and activities for exchange students.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST opening for Northwest Area Schools Education

Cooperative in NW South Dakota. Competitive wage, excellent benefits, vehicle provided. Contact Cris Owens at 605-466-2206 or Christine.Owens@k12.sd.us.

OPEN IMMEDIATELY, position as community news reporter who could become managing editor of two weekly newspapers and website. News writing with some sports available. Computer skills mandatory, camera skills a bonus.

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# Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts celebrate Scouting Month



Boy Scouts, front, left to right, Parker Wren, Andrew Simpson and James Kielty. Back, Jacob Abraham, RJ Liska, Steve Keiser and Bishop Cavenee.



Boy Scout leaders, left to right, Jeff Carstens, Bob Liska, Jeff Simpson and Scott Abraham.



Tigers, left to right, Laythn Hanish, Braxton Siebrandt, Brayden Navarro, Bralen Murphy, Alexander Villa and Ryan Karsky. Not pictured, Drue Davis and Garrett Schultz.



Webelos II: Front row, left to right, Alex Roberts, James Simpson, and Jon Worner. Back, Den Chief Andrew Simpson, Micah Carson and Zach Schenk.



Wolves, left to right, Sedjro Agoumba, Ethan McCraney, Brayden McCorkindale, Ethan Bohnert, Liam Wachter, Quin Zach, Shayne Geidner, Ashton Brandow, William Hines, Brandon Sebade and Jace Piper. Not pictured, Brogan Foote and Evan Allemann.




Cub Scout leaders are Greg and Tami Worner.



Webelos I, front, Joe Pickering. Back, GW Robinson and Isaac Davis.




Bears included Ethan Sebade and Jason Karsky. Not pictured, Kaden Kratke.



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE AREA BOY SCOUTS FOR THE WORK YOU DO IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

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- Wayne Boy Scouts: 90 years of existence, part of Wayne since 1923.
- Wayne Cub Scouts: 68 years of existence, part of Wayne since 1945.
- 158 years of combined service to the community.
- Nearly 500 months (since the early 1970's) of continuous paper drives, helping Wayne's recycling efforts.
- 133 Eagle Scouts.
- Numerous civic projects.

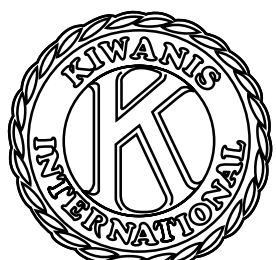
Learn more about joining these character building youth groups by contacting Cubmaster Tami Worner at 375-7336 or Scoutmaster Bob Liska at 375-0441 or Assistant Cubmaster Greg Worner.

Both groups welcome participants from all religions and ways of life.




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