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Council takes ownership of Overin rebuild

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

Donations toward efforts to rebuild the grandstand at Hank Overin Field will be tax deductible as the Wayne City Council approved a resolution Tuesday declaring that the city owns all aspects of the repair and renovation project.

City Administrator Lowell Johnson told the board that the Nebraska Community Foundation requested that the city pass the resolution, as the city has a standing account with the foundation to receive tax deductible donations for municipal projects.

Johnson said the citizens committee that is overseeing the project is receiving donations and other fundraising activities to help with renovation of the grandstand, which was destroyed when a tree was blown on to the facility during a wind storm last summer.

With the approval of the resolution, the

Nebraska Community Foundation will be able to issue letters of charitable donation to donors who contribute to the project. The resolution helps provide legal assurance that all donations will be used for the project and not for other private benefit.

"This allows the donors and those doing the fundraising the security to know the money they donate is going to the baseball field," Mayor Ken Chamberlain said.

Concerns were expressed by two City Council members over Chamberlain's appointment of Andria Cooper to replace recently-elected City Councilman Jason Karsky on the Wayne Civil Service Commission.

Chamberlain said he asked for Karsky's input for a potential replacement, and Karsky mentioned Cooper, who recently moved to Wayne and is a professor at Wayne State College. Karsky said that Cooper is a former judge and defense attorney who moved to Nebraska from New Mexico.

Cooper was not at Tuesday's meeting, which was cause for concern for City Council members Cale Geise and Jennifer Sievers.

"I feel uncomfortable voting for somebody I don't know," Geise told those in attendance. "It's too important a position for me not to meet the candidate. I feel like I'm in an awkward position."

Sievers agreed, adding, "These people (on the Civil Service Commission) are in charge of hiring and firing our police officers."

The Council voted 5-2 in favor of the appointment of Cooper, with Geise and Sievers voting against the appointment. Councilman Matt Eischeid was absent from Tuesday's meeting.

In other action, the Council: — approved the city's insurance package from Cap Peterson of Northeast Nebraska Insurance for 2015 in the amount of \$308,308 through Employers Mutual Company. Peter- See OVERIN, Page 4A



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Demolition work at Hank Overin Field began Monday as Milo Meyer Construction crews worked to tear down the storm-damaged facility. A new backstop will be in place for the spring season, with grandstand construction set for work in the fall of 2015.



(Photo courtesy Providence Medical Center)

Mason Nixon and Michelle Thille of Emerson are the proud parents of the first baby of 2015 at Providence Medical Center. Marlowe Rose Nixon was the first baby of the year, born Monday, Jan. 5, 2015.

First baby of 2015 – It's a girl!

Providence Medical Center delivered its first baby of 2015 on Monday morning, as Marlowe Rose Nixon was born to her parents, Michelle Thille and Mason Nixon of Emerson.

Marlowe came into the world on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces and measuring 21 inches in length. She was delivered by Dr. Melissa Dobbins.

Gifts for the first baby of 2015 were given by the following individuals and businesses:

Wayne – Absolute Salon, Acquaintances, Arnie's Ford, Ayser S. Titiml (first baby of 2013), Back In Touch, BankFirst, Careage of Wayne, F&M Bank, Faith Regional Physician Services, Fiesta Brava, Final Touch, Flowers and Wine, Hands With Heart, Impressions, Miss Molly's/Nursery Barn, Northeast Nebraska Insurance, Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department, Pac-N-Save, Peacemakers Quilt Guild, Petersen Therapy Services, Pizza Hut, PMC Anesthesia, PMC Foundation, PMC Home Health, PMC Housekeeping, PMC Massage Therapy, PMC Pharmacy, PMC Social Service/UR/Pt. Education, PMC Surgery, PMC Therapy, PMC Wellness Center, Quality Foods, Rain Tree, Rustic Treasures, Serenity Therapeutic Massage, Sinclair, State National Insurance Agency, Swans, The Max, Turning Point Counseling Services, U-Save, Wanda Muhs, Wayne County Extension Office, Wayne Greenhouse, Wayne Public Library, Wayne State College.

Wakefield – Iowa-Nebraska State Bank, Lazy Acres Floral Shop, Sidelines Bar and Grille.

Laurel – Laurel Plantation, Missa Sue's Salon, Trends Salon.

Winside – Melissa Davis.

Cell phone coverage discussed by county

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

Cell phone access was of chief concern for the Wayne County Commissioners on Tuesday as they chatted with interim Sheriff Jason Dwinell.

Dwinell, who was to be officially sworn in as sheriff on Thursday, expressed concern about his department's cell phone coverage, particularly in the western and southwestern parts of Wayne County.

"Our phones are going through Verizon, and they're a good company with good coverage in Wayne," he said. "In the western part of the county and around Hoskins and Winside, we don't have coverage there and when we're in those areas we have to use our personal cell phones, which are through U.S. Cellular."

Dwinell said he wasn't asking that the county reimburse himself and his deputies for using personal phones to make work-related calls while they are on the job, but said that their personal phone records could be subpoenaed if the calls made became part of a legal or criminal case.

Dwinell suggested that the county switch its phone plan to U.S. Cellular, but the county would have to purchase approximately eight smart phones for the five Sheriff's Department employees and each of the county commissioners. Dwinell said the up-front costs would be offset by the money the

department would save in the long run with one phone plan in comparison to the current setup.

"I use my personal phone often, and if I have to talk with an undesirable element on that phone, I don't want to be getting crank phone calls at 4 a.m.," Dwinell said.

District 2 commissioner Dean Burbach has a personal phone contract through U.S. Cellular and said he gets better coverage in his area with that phone than with the county's Verizon phone. District 1 commissioner Randy Larson said he has no problem with using his Verizon phone in his district, but would be in favor of switching the county's contract to U.S. Cellular.

"I would suggest that we switch because (the Sheriff's Department) would benefit from going to U.S. Cellular. I don't see the need for two cellular plans," he said.

District 3 commissioner Jim Rabe said he isn't as tech-savvy as his counterparts, but said he would adjust from his dependable flip-phone to a smart phone model if the county went ahead with the change.

"I don't need it, but if we have to then I'll adjust to it," he said.

Dwinell said that if the county goes ahead and switches cell carriers, the county could sell their old phones and put that money into the general fund. Depending on the model and condition, Dwinell said used

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Dixon County crash claims life of Iowa man

The Nebraska State Patrol investigated an accident in Dixon County Monday that killed a Spencer, Iowa man.

According to NSP reports, Charles Earnes Woods was driving a pickup Monday afternoon when he attempted to pass a snowplow near the intersection of U.S.

Highway 20 and Nebraska Highway 116 north of Dixon when he struck a semi driven by Christopher Christensen of Bradgate, Iowa.

The State Patrol reported that paramedics pronounced Woods dead at the scene of the crash. Christensen was uninjured.



(Herald file photo)

Jess Gibson loves Husker sports, so it was a big disappointment when the family van was stolen the morning he was planning to see them play in Lincoln. Fortunately, the van was found in time for him to get to Pinnacle Bank Arena to watch the Huskers take on Indiana.

Stolen van found just in time for Gibson to see Husker hoops game

Vehicle found in town, theft under investigation

By CLARA OSTEN
Of The Herald

In a series of emotional swings, "all's well that ends well" could describe last week for Jess Gibson and his family.

The 14-year-old, who has cerebral palsy, had been counting the days and hours until he and his family could attend a Nebraska Husker basketball game. The plan was to leave Wayne early on Dec. 31 to get tickets so Jess could be seated in the lower level of the handicap section of the seating area.

Jess can't see very well, and his parents, Brian and Shannon, hoped to have him seated close to the floor where the action was

"Brian woke up to go to the golf course and when he walked outside at about 8:30 a.m., he saw that our handicapped-accessible van was not in the driveway. He came back in and asked if we had loaned the van to anyone," Shannon said.

After checking with all family members, Shannon and Brian determined that the van had been stolen and called the Wayne Police Department to report it.

"Jess was so looking forward to the game, and without the van to transport his wheelchair we had no way to get him to the game," Shannon said.

She then got on Facebook and shared their story, asking anyone with information about the stolen van to contact them or the police department. She and her mother began making phone calls to find another way to get Jess to the 4 p.m. game.

"Our focus was on how we could get Jess to the game and get there in time to get seats where he could see," Shannon said.

After several phone calls, the family got an offer of a wheelchair from Providence Medical Center. They were going to put the chair in the back of Brian's pickup and head to Lincoln.

"We were just leaving Wayne when the

police called and said they had found the van on Pearl Street. We turned around and came back. As soon as the police had finished dusting for fingerprints and we checked to see that the van was okay (it was and the keys were still in it), we got Jess' 350-pound wheelchair and headed to Lincoln," Shannon said.

By this time it was 1 p.m., and when the family arrived in Lincoln at 3:15 p.m., they were not able to get seats on the lower handicapped level for Jess.

"Jess was still very excited to be there and cheered on his favorite player, Terran Petteway. He loves the Huskers in any sport and loves the atmosphere of the games," Shannon said. "We went to a basketball game last year and that made getting to this game even more important, because he knew what to expect."

Wayne Police Chief Marlen Chinn said his department is continuing to investigate the theft of the van.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

A sign of (warmer) things to come?

While the high temperature was hovering near zero degrees on Wednesday, the formation of icicles on the awning at Viaero Wireless in downtown Wayne offers the promise of warmer temperatures on the horizon. Forecasts called for another night of below-zero low temperatures before a warming trend for the weekend.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Bitter cold start to the day

A solitary snow shoveler along Main Street works early Wednesday morning as the bitter cold temperatures are displayed on the State Nebraska Bank thermometer. Forecast temperatures for the day were not expected to be above zero, prompting all area schools to call off classes for the day. A warming trend is in the forecast, with temperatures in the 20's – above zero – by the weekend.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Standing room only after demolition

The phrase "plenty of good seats available" won't apply at Hank Overin Field for a while, as the grandstand was torn down Monday. The facility was damaged in a wind storm last summer and will be rebuilt after the conclusion of the summer baseball season. A citizens committee is working to get a new backstop in place in time for the spring high school baseball season, and bleacher seating will be moved in for fans until construction on the new grandstand begins.

Manure management workshops set

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension workshops at nine extension offices across the state in January and February will provide livestock and crop farmers with information on how to turn manure nutrients into better crop yields while protecting the environment.

Re-certification will be during the first two hours of the day-long Land Application Training. Area locations on the schedule include:

Monday, Jan. 26 – 9 a.m., 128 N. Sixth St. Suite 100 (Extension Office), O'Neill

Thursday, Jan. 29 – 9 a.m., 200 S Lincoln St. (County Courthouse), West Point

Tuesday, Feb. 3 – 9 a.m., 210 E. 23rd St. (Pinnacle Bank Meeting Room), Columbus

Thursday, Feb. 5 – 9 a.m., 412 N. State St. (Library Meeting Room), Osmond

Livestock producers with livestock waste control facility permits received or renewed since April 1998 must be certified. A farm must complete an approved training every five years, and farm personnel responsible for land application of manure are also encouraged to attend.

The workshops will help livestock producers put to use the nutrient management planning requirements of Nebraska's Department of Environmental Quality regulations and increase the economic value of manure, said Leslie Johnson, UNL AMM coordinator. Participants who attend the day-long event will receive NDEQ Land Application Training Certification.

This in-depth, one-day class targets newly permitted livestock operations. Operations that have already attended this initial training, but will need re-certification, may attend the morning portion of the training. Attendance during the morning of one of the Land Application Training workshops will fulfill NDEQ requirements for re-certification of producers who have completed the initial land application training five or more years ago.

This portion of the workshops will consist of a two-hour program including updates on changing regulations and other manure management topics, such as protecting herd health with biosecurity, pathogens

found in manure and the manure value calculator spreadsheet that was released in 2012. Farm staff responsible for implementing the farm's nutrient plan are also encouraged to attend.

Pre-registration is required for all workshops. A \$60 fee per operation (includes one representative) will be charged for the day-long Land Application Training workshops plus a \$15 fee for each additional participant to cover local costs including lunch.

The Land Application Training Re-certification portion of the workshop is \$30 for each participant.

These workshops are sponsored by the UNL Extension AMM Team which is dedicated to helping livestock and crop producers better utilize our states manure resources for agronomic and environmental benefits.

For additional information on these workshops and other resources for managing manure nutrients, visit manure.unl.edu or contact johnson at (402) 584-3818, or e-mail ljohnson13@unl.edu.

Study: Older drivers driving longer

According to a new report from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, older Americans are extending their time behind the wheel compared to previous generations.

For example, 84 percent of Americans 65 and older held a driver's license in 2010 compared to barely half in the early 1970s. Today, one in six drivers on U.S. roads are ages 65 and older and this new research shows an increased automobility of older drivers with travel patterns indicating about a 20 percent increase in trips and a 33 percent increase in miles travelled between 1990 and 2009.

While upward trends indicate greater mobility for the silver tsunami, the "Understanding Older Drivers: An Examination of Medical Conditions, Medication Use and Travel Behaviors" report reveals that 90 percent of older drivers also use prescription medications with two-thirds taking multiple medications. Previous Foundation research has shown that combinations of medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, can result in an impairment in safe driving ability.

"This level of medication use does raise concerns, yet evidence indicates seniors are fairly cautious," said AAA Foundation President

and CEO Peter Kissinger. "In fact, these findings show that older drivers using medications are more likely to regulate their driving – reducing daily travel, avoiding driving at night or driving fewer days per week."

The report also reveals gender differences when it comes to medication-use behind the wheel. Older women that use medications are more likely to regulate their driving compared to men and, even without a medical condition, female drivers drive less than their male counterparts with a medical condition.

Other report highlights include:

- 25 percent of men and 18 percent of women remain in the workforce after age 65, resulting in more than double the work-related commutes for drivers 65 and older compared to 20 years ago.

- 68 percent drivers age 85 or older report driving five or more days per week.

- Three-quarters of drivers ages 65 and older with a medical condition report reduced daily driving.

- Self-regulatory behavior, among those taking multiple medications or having a medical condition, declines with increasing income. Female drivers ages 65-69 with an annual income under \$13,000 were

62 percent more likely to restrict nighttime driving than women with incomes over \$70,000.

Knowing that medication use is very high among senior drivers, the AAA Foundation and AAA developed confidential, educational tools such as Roadwise Rx to help seniors and their families understand common side-effects of prescription and over-the-counter medications, herbal supplements and foods.

"AAA's Roadwise Rx is an online tool that generates personalized feedback about how these interactions between prescription and over-the-counter medicines and herbal supplements can impact safety behind the wheel," said AAA's Director of Traffic Safety Advocacy, Jake Nelson. "Drivers are encouraged to discuss the confidential results with their doctor or pharmacist to learn how to mitigate possible crash risks." To access all the free resources AAA offers to senior drivers, visit SeniorDriving.AAA.com.

The AAA Foundation study primarily analyzed the most recent data from two national databases – the 2009 National Household Travel Survey (NHTS) and the 2011 National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS).

EnergyWise Tip

Motion sensors help save energy

The lights are on, but no one is home. It's probably just me but my teen-agers are continually leaving lights on and fans operating long after they leave a room. If it's not just me, read on!

To remedy this problem an inattentive teenager creates, consider installing an occupancy or vacancy sensor on the electrical light circuit that is left "ON" the most often. Here are some considerations related to both.

First, consider what occupancy and vacancy sensors are and how they differ from each other. While both are considered "motion" sensors, occupancy sensors turn lights ON automatically upon detection of someone in the room and turn lights OFF automatically soon after an area is vacated. In comparison, vacancy sensors require manual activation of the lighting by the occupant; then, they turn lights OFF automatically after no one is detected in an area.

Now consider how they work. Typically, these sensors employ one of two technologies (or both) in the same controller. One such technology is passive infrared (PIR). PIR sensors are designed to detect motion from a heat-emitting source (such as a person entering a room) within its field-of-view. These sensors have segmented lenses. For units to see motion, the person must cross between two segments or bands. The distance between the segments or bands increases the farther a person is from the sensor, so motion has to be larger the farther it is from the unit. PIR sensors are considered line-of-sight sensors, meaning that the sensor must be able to have a direct line-of-sight to the person making the motion.

The second is ultrasonic technology. Ultrasonic sensors use the Doppler principle. These sensors produce low intensity, inaudible sound and detect changes in the sound waves it produces that are caused by motion, such as walking into the

room, reaching for a telephone, or turning in a chair. They are volumetric in nature and are not line-of-sight dependent. Since they fill the space with these sound waves, they are excellent in bathrooms with stalls, enclosed hallways, or other oddly shaped rooms. In addition, they are much more sensitive to smaller motions.

What if PIR and Ultrasonic technology are combined into one sensor? They provide the best sensing solution available today. This pairing helps eliminate false activations (both ON and OFF) thus avoiding additional, unnecessary energy use.

Yes, both types of sensors cost more than standard wall switches. But depending on how often lights

are being left on when no one is in a room, energy savings could make up that extra cost in less than a couple of months. Though a wall switch to replace a standard toggle switch using either technology was initially somewhat expensive, many models are now available for less than \$20.

Your local utility and Nebraska Public Power District want to help you make the most from the energy they provide. That includes helping to control unnecessary energy use when you are not home to monitor who is leaving the lights on.

For more ideas on how you can make your home or business EnergyWise, along with possible energy efficiency incentives, contact your local utility or visit www.nppd.com.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Back to the future?

Remember, way back when, to the days when gas was less than \$2 a gallon? It would appear those days are returning here in Wayne, as Casey's General Store's sign along Seventh Street was advertising super unleaded for \$1.99 (and nine-tenths) a gallon. It's been a while since gas prices have been this low, and the trend indicates prices may fall even further.

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Future ballers

When school is called off for the day and it's too cold to go outside, these young boys decided to go work on their jump shots at the Wayne Community Activity Center.

Overin

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son said he felt the company "did an outstanding job" in working with claims that came after the 2013 tornado, and that the insurance industry in general took care of claims in Wayne. "I thought the insurance industry did a heck of a job here in Wayne taking care of people," he said.

– Heard a report from Wayne Area Economic Development director Wes Blecke on progress made with LB840 activity during the second half of 2014. Blecke said the LB840 committee approved three projects during the second half of the year.

– approved the final reading of an ordinance to annex the former 17-acre tract of the former Pacific Coast Feather property into the city's corporate limits.

– opted to put a potential agreement with JEO Corporation of Norfolk to handle engineering of the Wayne Aquatic Center that was approved by voters last November to be built at the Wayne Community Activity Center.

– amended the wage and salary schedule to increase the minimum wage to \$8 an hour.

– directed the city clerk to certify mowing costs to the Wayne County

Clerk and the Wayne County Treasurer to become a lien on properties at 908 Circle Drive and 111 Fairgrounds Avenue.

– approved an ordinance to amend city municipal code that would create an option for a 15-minute parking time limit. The amendment was approved to allow for the city to create four 15-minute parking stalls on the west side of Pearl Street in front of City Hall.

The City Council's next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers at Wayne City Hall.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Post-prom surprise drawing

Pvt. Austin Keiser, a 2014 graduate of Wayne High School, was the secret celebrity who drew the winning ticket in the Split-The-Megapot drawing for the Wayne Post Prom Committee during the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout. As fate would have it, he pulled out his dad's winning ticket. Pete donated his share of the winnings back to the Post Prom committee. Pictured with the Keisers are Amy Bowers (left) and Sara Jaixen.

LiveWell Team Challenge starts Feb. 1

Registration is open for the 2015 LiveWell Team Challenge, which runs Feb. 1-May 1. The LiveWell Team Challenge, which awards prizes for performing and reporting activity minutes and healthy weight loss, offers three divisions, including Fresh Start, Total Fit and Family.

The cost is \$16 per person and each participant receives a LiveWell Challenge stocking hat as well as weekly activity/nutrition tips and

other health-related perks. The first 500 registered team captains will receive a \$10 Scheels gift card. Teams consist of 4-10 members.

Companies and organizations are encouraged to offer the LiveWell Team Challenge as part of their wellness plan. The Nebraska Sports Council offers special billing and compilation reports for companies fielding multiple teams. Online leaderboards display leading teams in each division, which provides ad-

ditional motivation throughout the 3-month program.

The Nebraska Sports Council, whose mission is to promote healthy and active lifestyle choices, is conducting this year's challenge in conjunction with Shape Up Montana, a program of the Big-Sky State Games.

Those interested are encouraged to register or find more information at LiveWellChallenge.com or by calling (402) 471-2544.

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cell phones can be worth up to \$100 apiece.

Burbach told Dwinell to go ahead and look at options the county might entertain for its cell phone coverage for the sheriff's department and the county board.

The county board took no action on bids for the new District 1 county yard that will be built south of VanDiest Supply on the east side of Wayne. Larson said there was a wide gap between the four bids and he was in the process of contacting each of the bidders for clarification on what each bid includes. He had not heard back from one of the bidders as of 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

The board also elected its officers for 2015. Serving as County Board chairman will be Larson, while Bur-

bach will chair the Equalization Board. Rabe will serve as vice chair in both boards.

Amy Miller and Eric Knutsen were each appointed as deputy county attorneys, while Dr. James Lindau was appointed the county coroner physician. Board members will continue in their current appointed positions on various boards in the region.

The board also heard from county roads superintendent Mark Casey, who talked with them about a draft of the county's one- and six-year road plan. A total of 74 projects were listed on the draft of the plan, which will be approved at the county board's next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 9 a.m. in the county courthouse.

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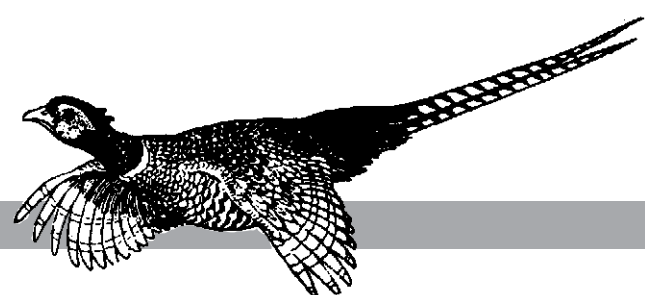
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Sports

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From The Bleachers

Michael Carnes



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Ashton Yossi (12) is enjoying every moment of her senior year at Wayne State College, knowing that time is running out on her career.

For Yossi, no time like the present

"Time is slipping away, passing us by, now I could cry 'cause it's gone, gone forever my friend, and it won't come again, it's moved on and left us behind"

— "Killing Time" by Triumph *****

It seems like only yesterday when a blonde-haired sharpshooter from Dallas Center, Iowa began shooting her way into the Wayne State record books.

And now, as the second half of the 2014-15 women's basketball season gets rolling, it seems impossible that the day she'll drain her final 3-pointer as a Wildcat is fast approaching.

For senior guard Ashton Yossi, the seconds seem to be ticking faster every time she takes the court for the 15th-ranked Wildcats. Has it really been four years since we first saw her as the freshman understudy to Claire Duwelius as one of the long-range bombers in Chris Kielsmeier's system?

Back in 2011, Yossi was an all-state performer at Dallas Center-Grimes in Iowa, and while she was excited about joining a Wayne State program that was having a lot of success, she wasn't sure she'd fit in at first.

"Honestly, I didn't know how much I'd play," she said after a team meeting last week in Marshall, Minn. "Going from high school to college is a pretty big step and there are a ton more good players in college, so once I knew what my role was in backing up Claire, I came in and played as best as I could."

Did she ever. Opposing defenses quickly found out that having Yossi come in to give Duwelius a break didn't mean they could take the young freshman for granted. She was second on the team with 58 trifectas that year, saving her deadliest work for the postseason, where she averaged more than 13 points a game, made the NSIC All-Tournament Team and was a key cog in the machine that rolled to a 35-3 record and an appearance in the 2012 Elite Eight.

Yossi has continued to be a threat from the outside, not only to opposing defenses, but to the Wildcat record book. She is averaging 11.5 points per game for the 11-3 Wildcats. In addition, she became the fifth member of the 200 Club in 3-point baskets at Wayne State this season and needs just 44 more trifectas to pass the 253 made by Duwelius — the young lady who she backed up three years ago as a wide-eyed freshman.

While the personal stats are nice, Yossi is hoping for a long postseason run to close out her career the same way it started — at the Elite Eight.

But she knows that she's running out of time.

"It's crazy how fast it goes and

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(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Tarah Stegemann finds just enough space between two West Point-Beemer defenders to drive to the hoop and help the Blue Devils win the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout.

Blue Devils win first Shootout since 2001

It's like the opening lyrics from an old song by the classic rock band Boston — it's been such a long time.

You have to go back to the 2000-2001 season to find the last time the Wayne High girls were the last team standing in their bracket at the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout.

For the first time since the turn of the century, the Blue Devils earned the big trophy as tournament champions, overcoming a scoreless second period to knock off Hartington Cedar Catholic 44-35 on New Year's Eve to take the tournament title.

The team's first holiday tournament win of the 21st century came in spite of the fact the Blue Devils were kept off the scoreboard in the second period after taking a 13-8 first-quarter advantage over their Mid State Conference rivals.

"We've been doing that all year

where we get behind and then put it in turbo the second half," coach Dave Hix said. "We certainly saved ourselves from that awful second quarter."

Hix said he felt his team was tentative about trying to challenge the Trojans in the paint, settling instead for perimeter shots that just weren't falling for them in the first 16 minutes.

"Cedar was letting us shoot from outside and we weren't hitting, and then we were afraid to penetrate inside because of (Alli) Walter," he said. "I told them that we have to go in and penetrate and try to draw a foul, and we started doing that at the end of the third."

Once the Blue Devils took their coach's advice, they rolled in the fourth quarter with a 20-7 surge that ended in their hoisting their own tournament title trophy.

"We started doing it about the end of the third period, and once we were able to get some baskets and get that lead, then they had to come out and get us," Hix said. "When they started doing that, I knew we had it."

The Blue Devils had a good balanced attack that was led by Danica Schaefer's game-high 12 points. Freshman Kylie Hammer threw in 10, senior Rachel Rauner had nine, Tarah Stegemann added six, Abbie Hix had five and Kelsey Boyer put in a bucket.

The win came after a tough 45-40 win over West Point-Beemer, a game where the Blue Devils struggled in the second period before turning things around with an 18-5 third-quarter run that propelled them to victory.

"The girls showed a lot of heart," See SHOOTOUT, Page 2B

Improving WHS boys take third in Shootout Devils handle Bears 55-42 in consolation

Coach Rob Sweetland said he feels the Wayne High boys are starting to turn the corner after a slow start to the season.

The Blue Devils won two of three games in the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout, rebounding from a 55-33 loss to eventual champion Gretna to defeat Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 55-42 for consolation honors.

Sweetland said the team's overall effort is something they can work with for the second half of the season.

"Nine out of the 12 quarters were probably the best we've played all year, and that's something we can build on," he said. "We saw some pressure against Gretna that helped us get better, and we turned around against Laurel and only had five or six turnovers, so we're starting to handle it better and learning how to play against it."

One of the biggest challenges for the Blue Devils has been the play at the guard spots. With a lot of new faces at that position, it has taken some time for them to get accustomed to the speed of the varsity level of competition.

"This is their first time at the varsity level and they're going to get better, and I was impressed with how we were playing," he said. "Everybody was trying to figure out their role at the start, but they're starting to get that and getting shots to fall, and that helps take pressure off our bigger guys."

Senior Ben Hoskins is the only varsity starter that was part of last year's state tournament team, and Sweetland said he is learning to count on his younger teammates to get in position and make the plays when he's not able to.

"He has to learn how to play with two or three people on him and find somebody else to knock that shot

"Nine out of the 12 quarters were probably the best we've played all year, and that's something we can build on."

— Rob Sweetland
Wayne High boys basketball coach

down," he said. "Early in the year we were looking to him a lot, but if we can get him his touches and get other players involved and score 55 or 60 points a game, with our defense that is going to win us a lot of games."

Hoskins was hounded by Gretna's big men inside and was limited to just two points in the semifinal loss to the Dragons. Brook Bowers led the team in the loss with nine points, while Peyton Gamble added eight. Hoskins responded the following night with a 21-point effort against the Bears, and Wayne also saw its perimeter players step up with Gamble putting in 12 points and Grayson McBride canning a pair of threes for seven points.

The 5-5 Blue Devils face a tough stretch coming up with six key games over a two week period. Road games at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge and Boys Town are sandwiched around key Mid State Conference matchups with Norfolk Catholic, Boone Central/Newman Grove, Crofton and Hartington Cedar Catholic.

"This next stretch gets tough, but anything can happen in the Mid State Conference," Sweetland said. "I don't think anybody is head and shoulders over anybody right now, but we have some time to prepare to get ready for these teams and hopefully it's a chance for us to get some good quality wins."

Wildcat women back on track with road wins

The 15th ranked Wayne State women came out of the holiday break and a pre-holiday funk in fine fashion, getting big wins on the road at Southwest Minnesota State and University of Sioux Falls.

On Friday, Jordan Spencer and Maggie Schulte each had 17 points to help the Wildcats hold off a Southwest Minnesota State comeback and post a 75-61 win over the Mustangs in Marshall, Minn.

The hosts jumped out to an early 14-6 lead in the first half before the Wildcats played their way back into the game. The Wildcats got a lay-up by Alex Nelson to take a 22-21 lead with 7:02 to go in the first half, and back-to-back threes by Kacie O'Connor and Haley Moore gave the Wildcats an eight-point edge that they extended to 11 at intermission, leading 39-28.

Wayne State had to hold off a second-half comeback by Southwest Minnesota State, led by guard Annessa Rosch, who hit back-to-back threes to get the deficit down to 54-53 with 7:51 left to play. The Wildcats responded with Maggie Schulte's 3-pointer and free throws from Schulte and Spencer to get the lead back to eight points and the Wildcats went on to the hard-fought win. Schulte's 17 points was a career

high, while Spencer was 6-of-12 from the field and 5-of-6 from the foul line to highlight Wayne State's 49 percent shooting effort (24-of-49) from the floor. Spencer led the team with six rebounds and Schulte had four blocked shots.

On Saturday, the Wildcats jumped on a good University of Sioux Falls team, forcing the Cougars into a horrible first-half shooting effort to build a big lead and cruise to a 72-51 win over the Cougars in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Sioux Falls scored the first basket of the game, but it was all Wildcats after that. Wayne State's defense held the Cougars scoreless for almost seven minutes and rattled off 11 straight points to take an 11-2 advantage, and Sioux Falls was never threatened after that. Wayne State led 35-14 at the break, holding Sioux Falls to 17 percent shooting and forcing 15 first-half turnovers.

The Wildcats continued to dominate both ends of the floor in the second half, with Sadie Murren getting hot from the outside and Spencer, Schulte, Paige Ballinger and Millie Niggelling all dominating the paint inside.

All five Wayne State starters finished with 10 or more points. See WILDCAT, Page 2B



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Sadie Murren hit three 3-pointers and scored 15 points to help Wayne State blow out Sioux Falls on Saturday.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Wayne High's Brook Bowers tries to drive past a Gretna defender during the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout.

LCC wrestlers take fifth

PIERCE - The Laurel-Concord-Coleridge wrestlers came away with six medalists and a fifth-place finish out of 11 teams at the Pierce Invitational held last week. Chayce Hirschman was the lone champion for the Bears, finishing undefeated in the 285-pound weight class to take first-place honors. Teammates Blake Reimers and Nolan Casey were runners-up at 132 and 220 pounds, respectively, in the round-robin tournament. Billy Bareman finished third at 182 pounds, while Collin Dirks and Austin Vogle both finished fifth at 145 and 152 pounds, respectively.

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Lady Bears show improvement in Shootout

A sixth-place finish in the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout left Laurel-Concord-Coleridge girls basketball coach Nate Sims feeling his team is headed in the right direction. After an opening-round loss to Pender, the Lady Bears put together a good defensive effort in a 47-38 win over Louisville, then played Class B Gretna close until the end in a 49-36 defeat. "We played flat against Pender, but we came out the next day and played a better game against Louisville," he said. "We had a great challenge against a top-division Class B team (Gretna), and we played well for much of the game, so we're going in the right direction and that's the bigger picture right now." In both consolation games, the Lady Bears rode on the wings of their two seniors, Audra Corbit and Ellie Arduser. Both scored in double figures in each of the two games, but the younger players stepped up

and added to the LCC effort, which is something Sims was looking for. "It's getting better," he said. "At the beginning of the year, it was all Audra and Ellie and nobody else knew where we were at, and people are starting to find their roles more and more. When the younger players step up and take some of the pressure off those two, it's going to make us a tougher team and just need to keep chugging along and getting better." Corbit had 19 points and Arduser had 11 in the win over Louisville, and LCC also got some good scoring from Sydney Cunningham and Katie Leapey, who had seven and four points, respectively. The following day against Gretna, Corbit and Arduser had 17 and 10 points, respectively, while Leapey chipped in with six. LCC trailed by six heading into the fourth quarter before the Lady Dragons started warming up from the perimeter. "They got hot from three down the stretch and we missed some shots we should have hit, but we're going in the right direction and we just need to get better in practice and keep moving in that direction," Sims said. A scheduled game at Bloomfield was postponed Saturday due to the weather. They play at Hartington Cedar Catholic on Thursday before hosting games with Winnebago on Friday and Wayne High on Tuesday.

Wakefield girls fall to Cougars

The Wakefield girls basketball team lost a close one at home on Tuesday, dropping a 34-31 decision to Lyons-Decatur Northeast. Wakefield cut an eight-point halftime deficit down to two going to the fourth, but could not get closer. Caleigh Mackling led a balanced Trojan effort with nine points, Danicka Dorsey added eight, McKenzie Rusk put in six, Emily Puls had four and Shelby Oetken and Taryn Hingst each had two.

Wildcat

From Page 1B ished in double figures, led by Spencer's game-high 16 points and team-high eight rebounds. Also scoring in double figures was Murren with 15 points, Yossi added 13 points and Niggeling and Schulte each scoring 11 points. Murren led the team with four assists, while Yossi had three assists and three steals.

Wayne State, 11-3 overall and 5-3 in NSIC play, returns to Rice Auditorium this weekend for matchups against Minnesota State Friday at 6 p.m. and Concordia-St. Paul Saturday at 4 p.m. **Wayne State 75, SW Minn. St. 61** Wayne State 39 36 - 75 SW Minn. St. 28 33 - 61

Three-point goals: WSC 7-19 (Yossi 1-5, Murren 0-1, Schulte 2-5, Niggeling 1-3, O'Connor 1-3, Moore 2-2), SMS 4-15 (Hendrickson 0-1, Miller 1-1, Rosch 3-9, Frazier 0-4). **Rebounds:** WSC 28 (Spencer 6), SMS 29 (Degler 6). **Assists:** WSC 15 (Four with 3), SMS 16 (Hendrickson 4). **Team fouls:** WSC 17, SMS 23. **Wayne State 72, U. of Sioux Falls 51** Wayne State 35 37 - 72 U. of Sioux Falls 14 37 - 51



Sydney Cunningham looks for help during LCC's loss to Gretna in the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout. (Photo by Michael Carnes)

GREAT NORTHEAST NEBRASKA SHOOTOUT DEC. 30-31 RESULTS

Girls Summaries				Boys Bracket			
LCC 47, Louisville 38 LCC 9 13 11 14 - 47 Louisville 13 6 12 7 - 38 LCC - Corbit 19, Arduser 11, Cunningham 7, Leapey 4, Schutte 3, Holloway 2, Wolfgram 1. LOUISVILLE - Mackling 13, Heard 7, Hiatt 6, Lutz 5, Holl 5, Derby 2.				Louisville 80, Pender 40 Pender 10 17 5 8 - 40 Louisville 15 21 28 16 - 80 PENDER - Lamplot 14, Brader 8, Buchholz 7, Roth 5, Wageman 4, Nelson 2. LOUISVILLE - Stohlman 13, Lutz 11, Zahn 11, Krambeck 11, Klein 9, Dillon 9, Gray 6, Novotny 4, Zahn 4, Terry 2.			
Gretna 52, Omaha Mercy 43 Gretna 23 9 11 9 - 52 O. Mercy 10 10 7 16 - 43 GRETNA - Ross 22, Stolgenberg 8, Meadows 5, Soupir 5, Russel 5, Ostidiek-Wille 2, Ruff 2, Skokan 2, Kwasniski 1. O. MERCY - Hall 13, Maynard 9, Brown 6, Nelson 5, Theiler 4, Brichacek 4, Peterson 2.				Omaha Concordia 60, West Pt.-Beemer 57 WP-Beemer 13 14 12 18 - 57 O. Concordia 15 15 13 17 - 60 WP-BEEMER - Johnston 19, Schwartzing 11, Ramirez 8, Moore 7, Peterson 5, Pfeiffer 4, Henderson 4, Rau 2. O. CONCORDIA - Haase 20, Schuetze 17, Case 13, Peatrowsky 4, Streeter 3. Hartington CC 63, Laurel-Conc.-Cole. 60 LCC 12 18 14 16 - 63 Hartington CC 20 10 14 19 - 60 LCC - Forsberg 3, Reifenrath 11, Anderson 4, Knox 2, Jansen 12, Eddie 1, Wolfgram 22, Methany 5. HARTINGTON CC - Becker 9, Wiebelhaus 6, Hamilton 10, Becker 2, Steffen 6, Kaiser 20, Hillis 10.			
Hartington CC 45, Pender 39 Pender 8 12 6 13 - 39 Hartington CC 14 13 10 8 - 45 PENDER - Anderson 14, Ballinger 11, Sorensen 9, Roth 5. HARTINGTON CC - Lammers 9, Walter 10, Arens 7, Lammers 6, Steffen 5, Becker 4, Leise 2, Fielmeier 2.				Wayne 55, Wayne 33 Wayne 10 18 18 9 - 55 Wayne 8 8 13 4 - 33 GRETNA - Skrdla 22, Workman 11, Duin 7, Samuelson 7, Knight 2, Jeary 2, Grundmayer 2. WAYNE - Bowers 9, Gamble 8, McBride 7, Belt 5, Hoskins 2, Kaiser 2. Seventh: West Point-Beemer 71, Pender 27 Pender 4 11 8 4 - 27 WP-Beemer 17 17 29 8 - 71 PENDER - Lamplot 8, Glissman 7, Buchholz 6, Brader 6. WP-BEEMER - Haase 14, Toelle 8, Niewohner 8, Streeter 8, Case 7, Peatrowsky 7, Zehr 7, Hughes 2, Schuetze 4, McLarnon 2, Jahnke 2, Kuester 2. Fifth: Omaha Concordia 44, Louisville 43 O. Concordia 10 17 4 8 5 - 44 Louisville 10 7 10 12 4 - 43 LOUISVILLE - Stohlman 14, Krambeck 12, Lutz 7, Dillon 5, Gray 4, Zahn 1. O. CONCORDIA - Moore 12, Rau 9, Timmons 9, Johnston 4, Ramirez 3, Henderson 3, Henriksson 2, Peterson 2. Third: Wayne 55, LCC 42 LCC 9 13 7 13 - 42 Wayne 11 14 18 12 - 55 LCC - Wolfgram 18, Jansen 7, Forsberg 6, Reifenrath 6, Eddie 3, Knox 2. WAYNE - Hoskins 21, Gamble 12, McBride 7, Jaixen 4, Davie 4, Bowers 2, Keating 2, Kaiser 2, Belt 1. Championship: Gretna 65, Hartington CC 59 Hartington CC 11 14 13 21 - 59 Gretna 20 20 9 16 - 65 HARTINGTON CC - Becker 10, Kathol 10, Hillis 10, Steffen 8, Hamilton 7, Kaiser 6, Wiebelhaus 4, Becker 4. GRETNA - Samuelson 21, Skrdla 18, Workman 7, Moore 8, Duin 4, Knight 4, Grundmayer 3.			

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Week #18 12/30/14	No Clue	5.0	39.0
Big Red Country	6.0	2.0	
Half-Ton Club	6.0	2.0	
Ghost Team	5.0	3.0	
Vet's Club	4.0	4.0	
Wayne Country Club	4.0	4.0	
Mikey's Place	3.0	5.0	
Tom's Body Shop	2.0	6.0	
Ghost	2.0	6.0	
High Team Game and Series: Mikey's Place, 874 and 2335. High Game: Kyle Kempf, 276. High Series: Darin Jensen, 685.			
High Games: Darin Jensen 269/215/201, Doug Rose 258/209, Jessi Jensen 246/207, Rich Rethwisch 232, Brad Jones 223, Jim Johnson 223/200, Michael Denklaue 222/215, Keith Roberts 220, James Felt 213, Dusty Baker 205, Brian Kemp 202, Brad Wieland 201, Jeremy Loberg 200.			
High Series: Doug Rose 665, Kyle Kempf 623, Jessi Jensen 623, Jim Johnson 614.			
Splits: Trent Beza 5-8-9-10.			
Thirsty Thursday League			
Week #11 12/11/14			
*Wildcat Lanes	29.0	15.0	
The Hot Three	26.5	17.5	
Can't Spell Bowling...	26.0	18.0	
Windom Street Wildcats	26.0	18.0	
All Balls No Glory	25.0	19.0	
Pizza 3:16	19.5	24.5	
			Hits N Misses
			Week #15 12/10/14
	*Gary's Foodtown	38.0	22.0
	State Nebraska Bank	34.5	25.5
	Burns Welding	33.5	26.5
	Deerfield Ghost	33.0	27.0
	Kathol and Associates	31.0	29.0
	Wildcat Lanes	31.0	29.0
	White Dog Pub	25.5	34.5
	Kelly's cHair	13.5	46.5
	High Game and Series: Renee Jacobsen, 207 and 524.		
	High Games: Tina Clevenger 180, Mary Kay Hasemann 180, Kristy Otte 193, Diane Roeber 296, Renee Saunders 180.		
	High Series: Julie Hartung 489, Tootie Lipp 480, Kristy Otte 485, Diane Roeber 490, Ardith Sommerfeld 484.		
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Shootout

From Page 1B Hix said. "Yesterday (vs. West Point-Beemer) was a situation where we didn't play well and then had to put it in gear and fight back. Those games are going to make you better as the season goes along." Hammer led a balanced effort with 15 points in the win over the Lady Cadets, while Hix and Schaefer each had eight, Stegmann scored seven, Rauner had five and

Boyer had two. The wins improved Wayne to 7-3 on the season, and with some key conference matchups coming up in the next couple of weeks, the tournament win can serve as an inspiration for the team to continue to play well, Hix said. "It's a process and they understand that, and we've talked a lot about attitude and effort," he said. "We're getting the attitudes to

change, but I can't complain about the effort. We had some girls step up and take ownership and show some leadership in this tournament, and that was good for me to see as a coach." The Blue Devils host defending Class C-1 state champion Pierce on Friday and Boone Central/Newman Grove on Saturday before traveling to Laurel-Concord-Coleridge on Tuesday in Laurel.

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Allen girls claim title

The Allen Lady Eagles brought home the championship trophy from the Niobrara/Verdigré Holiday Tournament, taking out the host team in the championship game on Tuesday with a 76-58 victory.

Allen's girls got out to a hot start, posting a 23-13 first-quarter advantage, but the hosts came back and made a game of it, cutting the Allen lead down to two points and 51-49 going to the final period. The Lady Eagles rebounded, outscoring Niobrara/Verdigré 25-9 in the final period to come away with the win.

Gabby Sullivan had a game-high 28 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead three Lady Eagles in double figures. Lindsey Sullivan added 19 points and Lexi Oswald scored 15 while grabbing six rebounds and

three steals.

Also scoring for Allen were Brooke Hingst with seven, Bri Hingst with three and Kaylen Smith and Sherry Stallbaum with two points apiece.

The Allen boys came away with fourth-place honors in the tournament, falling to Osmond 50-26 in the consolation game. Osmond slowed Allen down in the second half, outscoring the Eagles 26-8 in the final two periods to pull away.

Coleman Kneiff scored a game-high 11 points in a losing effort for the Eagles. Brian Boese had nine points and 11 rebounds. Also scoring were Chase Johnson with three, Austin Klug with two and Wade Connot added a free throw.

Allen will play host to Randolph on Monday.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Patrick Kurth had a career-high 29 points for Wayne State in a losing effort Saturday at University of Sioux Falls.

Wildcats come close, but lose two on road

The Wayne State men's basketball team was minutes away from their first Northern Sun Conference win of the 2014-15 season, but University of Sioux Falls had other plans.

The Cougars rallied from a six-point deficit in the final 90 seconds, getting three 3-point shots from Mack Johnson to come away with an 80-77 win over the Wildcats in action Saturday at Sioux Falls, S.D.

Wayne State held a 24-19 lead midway through the first half before the Cougars started getting hot from the floor. Sioux Falls hit 16-of-23 shots in the opening half and were able to turn that five-point deficit into a 42-37 lead at intermission.

Wayne State showed some pluck in the second half, rebounding from a pair of nine-point deficits to tie the score at 63-63 on a Jamie Pearson 3-pointer with 5:50 to go. The trifecta helped fuel the Wildcats to take a 73-67 advantage with 1:44 to go before the Cougars stormed from behind.

Johnson hit two 3-pointers to get the Wildcat lead down to two points, and Charles Ward tied the game with :42 to go with a pair of free throws to make it 75-75. Jordan Cornelius was fouled on the inside and made two free throws on Wayne State's next possession, but the Cougars came back with Johnson's third straight 3-pointer with :19 left to give Sioux Falls the lead for good at 78-77.

Wayne State played for the tying shot, but a trey by Pearson missed the mark and Sioux Falls was able to come away with the victory.

Patrick Kurth played very well in a losing effort for Wayne State, as the senior led all scorers with a career-high 29 points and added sev-

en rebounds. Trae Vandenberg added 15 points and Cornelius put in 12.

On Friday, Southwest Minnesota State used a 14-2 run to fuel a big first half that helped them to an 83-65 win over the Wildcats in Mashall, Minn.

Vandenberg shot 5-of-7 from 3-point range and finished with a team-high 17 points for the Wildcats. Joel Heesch also hit double figures, finishing with 11 points and a team-high six rebounds. Kendall Jacks had five assists.

SW Minn. St. 83, Wayne State 65
Wayne State 26 39 - 65
SW Minn. St. 44 39 - 83

WAYNE STATE - Jacks 2-5 2-2 6, Nagy 3-7 0-0 8, Cornelius 3-7 0-0 8, Heesch 5-9 1-2 11, Kurth 3-4 0-2 6, Burneika 0-0 0-0 0, Ross 0-1 0-0 0, Pearson 0-5 2-2 2, Esters 3-3 1-2 7, Vandenberg 6-8 0-0 17, Holdsworth 0-2 0-2 0, Zumbrennen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-51 6-12 65.

SW MINN. ST. - Osmundson 1-2 0-0 3, Bartlett 7-17 1-17, Moen 2-4 1-2 5, Martin 5-8 0-0 12, Krik 4-6 0-1 8, Huot 1-1 1-3 4, Delmore 4-8 5-5 16, Weg 6-9 2-2 14, Meinders 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 32-61 10-14 83.

Three-point goals: WSC 9-26 (Jacks 0-1, Nagy 2-6, Cornelius 2-6, Heesch 0-1, Ross 0-1, Pearson 0-3, Vandenberg 5-7, Holdsworth 0-1), SMS 9-24 (Osmundson 1-2, Bartlett 2-7, Moen 0-2, Martin 2-5, Huota 1-1, Delmore 3-5, Meinders 0-2). Rebounds: WSC 23 (Heesch 6), SMS 36 (Kirk 9). Assists: WSC 19 (Jacks 5), SMS 18 (Delmore 5). Team fouls: WSC 14, SMS 7.

U. of Sioux Falls 80, Wayne State 77
Wayne State 37 40 - 77
U. of Sioux Falls 42 38 - 80

WAYNE STATE - Kurth 11-15 7-8 29, Vandenberg 5-12 3-3 15, Cornelius 4-9 4-4 12, Heesch 0-2 2-6 2, Jacks 1-3 0-0 2, Burneika 3-3 0-0 6, Nagy 1-5 2-2 4, Pearson 1-6 0-0 3, Esters 1-4 0-0 2, Zumbrennen 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 27-59 20-25 77.

U. OF SIOUX FALLS - Ward 5-13 10-15 20, Johnson 6-9 2-2 19, Aase 1-2 2-2 4, Wessels 1-3 0-0 3, Hollis 0-1 1-2 1, Kielpinski 6-6 2-4 14, Stotts 4-8 4-6 12, Johnson 2-2 0-0 4, Lawson 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 26-45 21-31 80.

Three-point goals: WSC 3-19 (Vandenberg 2-7, Cornelius 0-3, Jacks 0-1, Nagy 0-2, Pearson 1-5, Esters 0-1), USF 7-11 (Ward 0-2, Johnson 5-5, Wessels 1-2, Stotts 0-1, Lawson 1-1). Rebounds: WSC 29 (Kurth 7), USF 25 (Johnson 5). Assists: WSC 15 (Esters 4), USF 17 (Wessels 6). Team fouls: WSC 22, USF 21.

Wakefield falls at Wisner

WISNER - The Wakefield girls finished sixth and the boys placed eighth in the Shootout on the Elk-horn tournament at Wisner-Pilger.

In the girls fifth-place game, once-beaten Ponca was able to pull away down the stretch to defeat the Trojan girls, 51-42. Ponca led by one point going into the final period and were able to hit their free throws down the stretch to take care of the Trojans.

Mackenzie Rusk led three Wakefield girls in double figures with 12 points, while Emily Puls and Ca-leigh Mackling each had 11. Also scoring were Josephine Peitz with four and Savannah Nelson and Shelby Oetken with two points apiece.

The Wakefield boys couldn't stop a 30-point second quarter by Oak-land-Craig, as the Knights used that big quarter to build a 42-17 halftime lead and come away with a 65-43 victory.

Jose Sanchez hit four 3-point-ers in the game and finished with a team-high 14 points to lead the Trojans. Brodie Mackling had seven points and seven rebounds and Alex Conley also had seven points. Also scoring were Riley Zamzow with five, Anthony Victor with four and Isaac Camarena, Tim Anderson and Parker Lehmkuhl with two points apiece.

Both Wakefield teams will play in the Clough Post-Holiday Tourna-ment this weekend.

Winside teams fourth

Both Winside basketball teams posted fourth-place finishes in the Randolph Holiday Tournament last week.

The Winside boys opened with a 64-21 loss to Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family, as the Bulldogs broke the game open with a 30-point second quarter.

Brandon Watters led the Wild-cats with six points, while Kieth Mundil added five in the loss to the Bulldogs.

In the consolation game, Plain-view outscored Winside 50-18. JaShaun Vyborny led Winside with seven points, while Watters and Colton Jensen each had four and Cody Frederick scored three.

The Wildcat girls opened with a 54-9 loss to Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family. Ellie Jaeger led the team with three points, while Alex Bargstadt, Hallie Brogran and Sara

Wolfe each had a basket.

In consolation action, Winside dropped a 51-13 decision to Plain-view. Brogren led the team with six points, Kelly Tweedy had three and Wolfe and Bargstadt each had two.

On Tuesday, the Wildcat girls picked up their first win of the season, posting a 30-23 win at home over Walthill. Morgan Jensen led the team with eight points, Brogren added seven, Jaeger and Wolfe each had five, Tweedy had three and Bargstadt scored two.

In boys action, the Wildcats fell to Walthill 72-34. Watters scored eight, Brogren and Caleb Kampa each had seven, Mundil scored six, Vyborny had four and Jensen put in two.

Winside is at the Hartington Post-Holiday Tournament before traveling to Santee on Tuesday.

Yossi

From Page 1B

how different your roles are from being a freshman coming off the bench to being a senior," she said. "The time has just flown by."

But she still remembers the experience she had three years ago in San Antonio, and she'd like her fellow senior teammates - Jordan Spencer and Millie Niggeling, both of whom transferred to Wayne State - and her younger teammates to have that opportunity as well.

"It was a great experience and the girls on that team were just a great bunch of people," she said. "That first year flew by and the Elite Eight was an awesome experience."

The Wildcats experienced a rough patch before the holiday break, losing three of four games, but Yossi feels the team is ready to fight out of its early-season funk.

"It's not always going to go the way you want it and there will be some rough patches," she said. "We had a rocky start there, but I think we're ready to go now. We've had a

"There's an end sometime. My freshman year, I thought I had a long time; and now I'm a senior and it's like 'Wow, it's here.' It's been way too fast."

- Ashton Yossi
Wayne State senior

lot of good practices and we're back on the right track."

And just in time, too. Now that 2014 has turned into 2015, the ticking clock seems a little louder with each game, each road trip and every opportunity to get better - before her time runs out.

"Especially with the new year, I've been thinking, 'Oh my gosh, in three months this will all be over,'" she said. "There's an end sometime. My freshman year, I thought I had a long time; and now I'm a senior and it's like, 'Wow, it's here.' It's been way too fast."

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Lady Eagles fall to Cedar Catholic in OT

The Allen Lady Eagles took Hartington Cedar Catholic to overtime, but couldn't quite close the deal as the Trojans managed a 48-44 win Tuesday at Allen High School.

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ALLEN - L. Sullivan 12, Oswald 9, Bro. Hingst 5, G. Sullivan 15, Stallbaum 3.

The Lady Eagles held a 28-22 lead going to the final period before the Trojans bounced back and forced the extra period. In the overtime, Allen was limited to a single basket as the visitors managed to pick up the win.

Gabby Sullivan paced the Lady Eagles with 15 points and Lindsey Sullivan added 12. Lexi Oswald put in nine, Brooke Hingst had five and Sherry Stallbaum put in three.

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Bears getting better, take fourth at Shootout

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge came away with fourth-place honors in the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout at Wayne State College, and coach Todd Erwin said the team's effort was a good one.

"We've got things coming around to how we want them," he said after the tournament. "We've got the kids pushing the ball up the floor and asking them to play a different style of basketball, and we're just waiting for it to come together and when it does, it's going to be a lot of fun."

The Bears played Hartington Cedar Catholic tough in the semifinals on Tuesday before the Trojans were able to come away with a 63-60 win. It was a close game throughout, and the two teams were tied at 44-44 going to the final period before the Trojans hit some key shots down the stretch to hold off the Bears.

In the consolation game on Wednesday, the Bears couldn't overcome a rough third quarter that saw Wayne take control and come away with a 55-42 win in the game for third place.

One of the bright spots for the LCC boys in the tournament was the play of junior guard Dillan Wolfgram. He hit for 22 points against the Trojans and added another 18 in the loss to Wayne, but showed some very good discipline in his ball handling and his ability to get others involved in the LCC offense.

"He's always going to be the go-to guy, and we want him to make sure everybody else gets involved," Erwin said. "He can do that off the dribble or by posting up, and we're asking him to do a number of differ-

ent things for us."

Also playing well was sophomore Jayden Reifenrath, who had 11 points in the loss to the Trojans and proved to be a solid player in the paint for the Bears.

"With Jayden back there, he's really disciplined and has bailed us out a lot on our press," Erwin said. "He's also been rebounding well of late and we need him to keep that going because he's developing into a key element on defense."

With Wolfgram on the outside and Reifenrath in the middle having success, it has created opportunities for people like junior guard Jordan Jansen, who shot the ball well from the outside and had 12 in the loss to Cedar Catholic.

"He's a great shooter out on the wing and we want him to get the ball more and shoot it more," Erwin said. "He's still trying to pass a lot, and we'd like to see him shoot it some more."

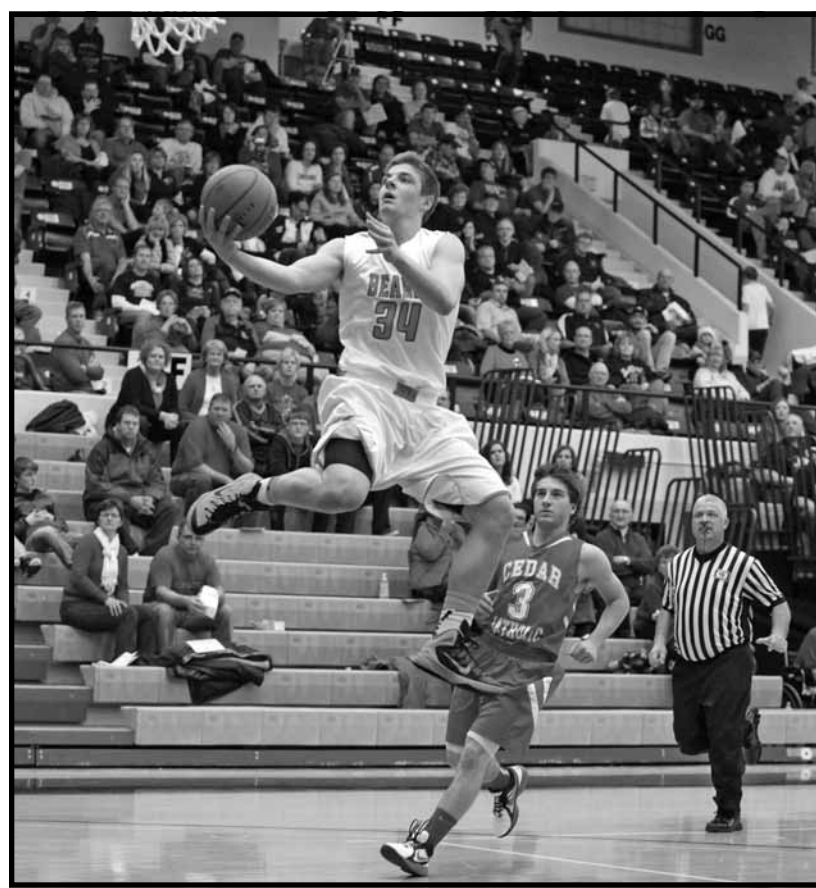
The Bears will see Cedar Catholic, Winnebago and Wayne in the next week, which will be a good test for Erwin's team.

"We've got a couple of tough weeks coming up with some of the teams that we're playing, so it's going to be a lot of fun," he said.

Wayne girls cruise past LHNE, 58-43

Wayne High's girls pounded Lutheran High Northeast early and cruised to a 58-43 win Tuesday at Wayne High School.

The Blue Devils led 36-10 at intermission and were never challenged after that, but coach Dave



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

LCC's Dillan Wolfgram floats for two to help the Bears finish fourth at the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout.

Hix said his team could have played better.

"It was a tale of two halves," he said. "We came out and started the game really aggressive, but seemed to back off the second half."

Abbie Hix led the way with 17

points and Kylie Hammer added 13. Also scoring were Rachel Rauner with nine, Kelsie Boyer, Morgan Keating and Danica Schaefer with four each, Tarah Stegemann with three and Lindy Sandoz and Allison Echtenkamp with two apiece.

Trojans handle Cougars

The Wakefield boys basketball team jumped on Lyons-Decatur Northeast early and cruised to a 45-29 win in action Tuesday at Wakefield High School.

The Trojans ran out to a 19-3 lead after one period and led by 18 at intermission. The visiting Cougars played the Trojans tougher in the second half, but couldn't get past the big deficit.

Jose Sanchez paced the winners with 11 points, Brodie Mackling and Alex Conley each had 10, Riley Zamzow put in eight, Isaac Camarena had four and Anthony Victor had two.

Wakefield 45, Lyons-Decatur NE 29

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WAKEFIELD - Sanchez 11, Mackling 10,

Conley 10, Zamzow 8, Camarena 4, Victor 2.

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Sports Shorts

Wayne baseball registration coming

The Wayne Baseball Association will register players for the 2015 season Jan. 10-13 at the Wayne Community Activity Center.

Registration and fee payment will take place Saturday, Jan. 10 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 12-13, from 3:45-6 p.m.

Sign-up is for boys ages 9-16 as of Jan. 1, 2015. For more information, check out the Wayne Baseball Association website at waynelegionbaseball.com.

Wildcat women 19th in coaches poll

The Wayne State women's basketball team is ranked No. 19 in the latest USA Today Sports Div. II coaches poll.

Wayne State fell four spots after losing to Augustana before the holi-

days and rebounding for two wins this past weekend. They are one of two Northern Sun schools in the top 25, along with No. 6 ranked Northern State.

Other Central Region teams in the top 25 include top-ranked Emporia State, No. 5 Pittsburg State, No. 13 Washburn, No. 18 Arkansas Tech and No. 22 Harding.

Winside team, wrestlers ranked

The latest Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association rankings have three area wrestlers and the Winside team ranked among the best in the state.

Defending state champion Marcus Escalera of Winside is the top-ranked wrestler in Class D at 132 pounds in the latest rankings. Teammate Sean Mann is ranked fourth at 113 pounds, and Billy Barelman of Laurel-Concord-Coleridge is fifth at 195 pounds.

In the team rankings, Winside is ranked sixth overall and fourth in the dual team rankings.

Freshman boys beat Norfolk Catholic

Wayne's freshman boys basketball team defeated Norfolk Catholic 48-36 to improve to 3-1 on the season.

Ryan Jaixen led the team with 15 points and Mason Lee added 11, including three 3-pointers. Also scoring were Beau Bowers with eight, Jack Evetovich with six, Tyler Pecena with four and Brennan O'Reilly and Edgar Ficke-Anderson with two apiece.

Area wrestlers medal at Wisner JV meet

Junior varsity wrestlers from Wayne and Winside came away with medals in a JV wrestling tournament Saturday at Wisner-Pilger.

Wayne had three medalists, with Garrett Schafer taking runner-up honors at 160 pounds and Justin Dean finishing second at 220. Ber-to Vergara finished third overall at 195 pounds.

For Winside, Isaiah Muhs took first-place honorst at 160 pounds, pinning Schafer in the final round. Mason King and Joey Haase both finished third at 106 and 182 pounds, respectively.

Spring turkey permits are available Jan. 12

Spring turkey hunting permits will be available from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission starting Monday, Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. Central time.

The 2015 permit prices, not including issuing fees, are: resident turkey, \$23; nonresident turkey, \$95; and resident and nonresident youth turkey, \$5. Youth permits are for hunters who are under age 16 on the opening day of the youth archery season. All turkey hunters, except residents under age 16, require a Nebraska Habitat Stamp. Visit OutdoorNebraska.org or Game and Parks permitting offices to purchase permits.

A spring turkey permit, as well as a spring youth turkey permit, allows a hunter to take turkeys with bow and arrow in the archery season and a shotgun in the shotgun season. A person may have up to three spring turkey permits. The bag limit is one male or bearded female turkey per permit.

The youth and regular archery seasons open March 25, while youth shotgun season opens April 11 and regular shotgun on April 18. All seasons close May 31.

For more information on turkey hunting in Nebraska, read the 2015 Turkey Guide, which is available wherever permits are sold. A digital version of the guide may be viewed or downloaded at OutdoorNebraska.org.

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Opinion

Don't get me started

By: Michael Carnes
Managing Editor

Scott: sports fans lose an original

After spending an unscheduled night in Sioux Falls while traveling with the Wayne State basketball teams, I was hit with some disappointing news.

Being the sports addict that I am, I have watched untold hours of SportsCenter highlights on ESPN over the years. I remember the early days of the program and how it used to follow things like USFL or Canadian football broadcasts or even "events" like bowl-spinning championships or hot dog-eating contests.

In the 90's, the program experienced two of its greatest two-man tandems as co-hosts. There was the "Big Show" duo of Dan Patrick and Keith Olbermann, and then there was the tandem of Rich Eisen – now on the NFL Network – and a young, brash, unapologetic North Carolina man who brought a whole new energy to the concept of sports broadcasting.

Phrases like "BOO-YEAH" and "as cool as the other side of the pillow" began to find their way into our sports conversations. At first, we weren't sure what to make of this high-energy African-American cat who was talking faster than the average Joe and somehow making even the most mundane midseason baseball highlight seem like the play of the night.

Stuart Scott passed away early Sunday morning after a nearly decade-long battle with cancer. He would have been 50 this year, but you'd have never known how old he was by the way he carried himself during those entertaining SportsCenter broadcasts. His energy and enthusiasm for sports belied his age and made every telecast on ESPN that he was a part of worth watching.

Being something of a take-no-prisoners kind of communicator myself, I always enjoyed listening to Stuart Scott's catchphrases. "Don't hate the playah," he'd say while Ken Griffey Jr. jacked another home run over the wall, "hate the GAME."

Who says these things in the middle of a broadcast, I'd ask anyone who might be listening with me. It was so out of the usual element of even the most creative sportscaster for him to bring what he brought to the table every time, without exception, for the better part of two decades.

The last half of his career at ESPN, Scott battled cancer. On three different occasions, the cancer showed up, and by listening to those who knew him best, it was clear he wasn't taking this battle lightly. He fought it all the way and never, ever, stopped living and enjoying life. He fought so that he could see his two daughters grow up and loved his girls with the same kind of energy and passion that he brought to the TV screen every night.

When he received the Valvano Award at last summer's ESPY awards, he gave a speech that was so moving, it brought me to tears. His talk about living life with passion and never letting anything stand in the way of that was something I'll not soon forget. I watch the speech every now and then on YouTube during times when I need some kind of mental boost to get through a tough day, and it never fails to move me and give me a lift.

There are a lot of sports broadcasters, both here in Nebraska and nationally, whose work I enjoy listening to. I've become good friends with a number of broadcasters and writers in the journalism field in Nebraska who share this enthusiasm and energy for our profession. And I think a lot of us probably share in the sense of loss that I felt as I rode the bus home from Sioux Falls this past Sunday morning, knowing that one of the truly bright and gifted people in this profession is no longer with us here on this physical plane.

RIP, Stuart Scott – give the Big Man a BOO-YEAH for us.

BABY UPDATE – The countdown to grandparenthood is on. We're about 10 weeks away from the arrival of little Emmalynn (yes, my grandbaby is a girl and she's got a name already), and everybody in the family is anxiously awaiting her arrival this March.

I spent the night at my daughter and son-in-law's house during a family Christmas gathering last month, and my daughter showed off the recently-redecorated baby's room. It was beautifully painted and it will be a great place for a new baby to be welcomed home to, but it was missing something.

A crib.
And baby clothes.

This, I discovered, is where grandparents come in.

Fortunately, Kylie and Dan had registered at Babies R Us, and one of the items on their wish list was a beautiful new crib. I was thinking of working with my woodworking dad on actually building one, but our schedules weren't in alignment and time, I reasoned, was of the essence and money was no object (well, it IS... but this is my granddaughter we're talking about here).

And then, as luck would have it, a friend knew of a rummage sale where a HUGE load of gently-worn baby clothes could be had. Two full garbage bags and \$10 later, I think we've got the first six months of my grandbaby's apparel issues all taken care of.

A good friend of mine became a grandmother just the other day, and it seems her Facebook page is being updated on a minute-by-minute basis with baby pictures and comments about how pretty and wonderful her little grandchild is. She's completely lost her mind and is talking about nothing else other than her new grandbaby.

I can't wait to enjoy that same experience. Just a few days to go...

Capitol View

New year kicks off four seasons

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

The swearing-in is upon us; the swearing-at can't be too far behind.

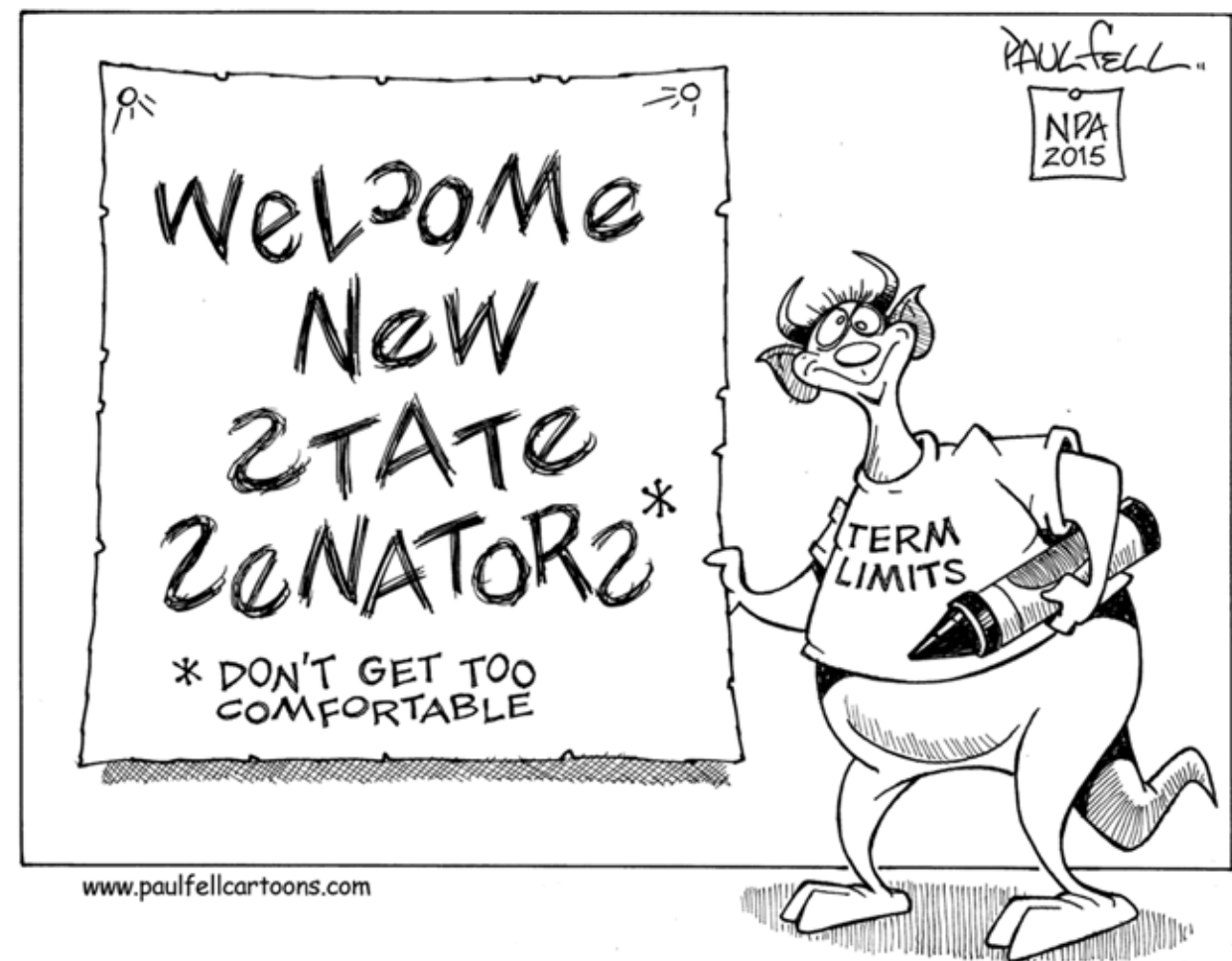
Eighteen new state senators, a new governor and a handful of newly elected state officials are taking over this week. Nebraska's first official season of the New Year – the Legislature – has begun. The swearing-in phase, a grace period for the newbies, will soon be followed by the second official season – the Swearing At.

That, of course, is followed by the third season – Football – which in recent years has become known as The Swearing. In a post-Pelini era, football may well revert to the dad-gummit phase instead of the f-bombs when you least expect it. The fourth season is the Holiday, or the Hallowthanksmas.

But, for now, all eyes are on the Capitol and the shuffling deck that is the nation's only one-house Legislature. The 49 will have their hands full of major issues that carry over from year-to-year as well as a host of bright ideas from the newbies who either don't know any better or are carrying the water to fulfill the promises they made to get elected.

The first new governor in 10 years will be scrambling to fill three major cabinet posts – Corrections, Economic Development and Health and Human Services – banking on a national search to provide the strong leaders so desperately needed in the scandal-racked divisions. All this plays out while he is also trying to establish some amount of swagger with the legislative branch. A new auditor and attorney general will also be looking for their grooves.

A highlight of the Legislature season is the scramble among veter-



eran senators seeking leadership positions, bigger offices and more importance. But such gamesmanship soon gives way to the task of meeting the public's demands for economic growth, tax relief, public safety and equitable treatment for all.

Failure to provide any of the above leads to an early arrival of the second season – the Swearing At. More often than not, this season is also enhanced by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Spring Football Game. There are folks who care about government and politics, but

there are way more who care about Nebraska football. This mix dictates the length and intensity of the Swearing At.

After the Legislature packs up its bags and disperses, and their action or inaction is cussed and discussed, all eyes turn toward the third season – Football. With a new head coach and a cadre of new assistants, this will be a season of high hopes and speculation. At times it will still feel like Swearing At, but right on schedule it will all of a sudden be Holiday.

The final season is probably bet-

ter known as Hallowthanksmas, because it is hard to distinguish based on the overlapping retail pitch. The State Fair is barely over before Hallowthanksmas decorations begin showing up in stores. And the pumpkins and witches seem to morph overnight into turkeys and pilgrims, all the while fighting for space with the evergreens and the elves. Whatever happened to no Christmas music before Thanksgiving and no turkey talk before Hallowthanksmas?

Welcome to the New Year. It's going to be an interesting one.

Governor says thanks for 10 great years

Dear Fellow Nebraskans:
Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your Governor for the past 10 years. Completing this experience, I will have spent more than two decades of my life serving Nebraskans in various capacities. It's been an exciting, interesting and challenging experience – one for which I am very grateful.

I truly love this state. It has been a privilege to help move Nebraska forward during my time here. Serving as Governor, Lt. Governor and State Treasurer, I have always appreciated being able to contribute to the betterment of our citizens through public service. That has been my focus day in and day out – serving the people of Nebraska with honor and integrity.

In a recent interview reflecting on the last ten years, I was asked

about my influences on governing. I shared the lessons I learned early on in life, as well as my experience throughout a career dedicated to the betterment of others. My parents taught me the importance of hard work and living with integrity. Years later, during my time at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, we learned to "choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong." These were important lessons that guided my decisions as Governor.

Working together, we've made exceptional progress. We made difficult decisions and set priorities. We stayed focused on the mission of growing Nebraska. Today, we see the real and positive results of a decade of hard work. Nebraska is stronger economically and educationally today than we were previously.



I am proud of our state, and I'm thankful to have lived in so many Nebraska communities growing up here. That's why I know how very much Nebraskans care about this special place we call home. I've seen this caring attitude on display all of my life and every day that I have been Governor.

When traveling the country and the world promoting our state, there are many aspects to tout that make Nebraska a desirable location. When talking with CEOs, I hear a similar message. Clearly, one of our strongest strengths has always been and will always be our people. Nebraskans are hard-working, responsible, pragmatic and caring citizens. We have a quiet pride in our work, our families and our state.

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As I leave this office, I am grateful and thankful for living in the best state in America. I am proud of you. I am proud of our state.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to be your Governor. Sally and I have cherished our many years serving Nebraskans. It has been an honor of a lifetime.



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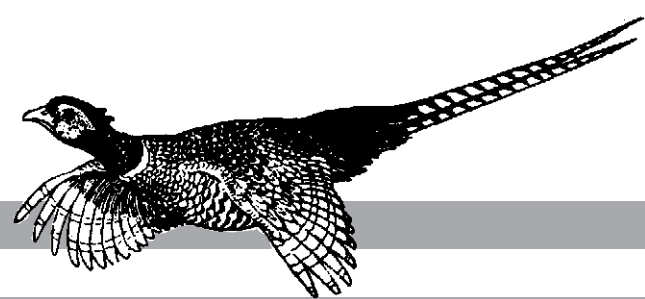
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Livestock Market Report

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

Prices were generally steady on all classes. There were 400 head

sold.

Strictly choice fed steers, \$160 to \$165.25. Good and choice steers, \$155 to \$160. Medium and good steers, \$150 to \$155. Standard

steers, \$130 to \$145. Strictly choice fed heifers, \$158 to \$163. Good and choice heifers, \$155 to \$158. Medium and good heifers, \$150 to \$155. Standard heifers, \$125 to \$135.

Beef cows, \$110 to \$115. Utility cows, \$115 to \$120. Cannons and cutters, \$100 to \$110. Bologna bulls, \$130 to \$143.

The sheep sale was held Saturday at the Nebraska Livestock Market. The market was steady on all classes.

Fat lambs, 125 to 150 lbs., \$128 to \$131.

Feeder lambs, 40 to 100 lbs., \$125 to \$170.

Ewes: Good, \$100 to \$150; medium, \$50 to \$100; slaughter, \$25 to \$50.

The dairy cattle sale was conducted Saturday at the Nebraska Livestock Market.

There was no test on the market. Crossbred baby calves, \$300 to \$500.

Holstein calves, \$150 to \$300.

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

Prices were steady on butcher hogs and lower on sows. There were 125 hogs sold.

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New Year's Day filled with parade, football

Our tree is still up, but most of the ornaments are off. I kind of like the extra light in that corner of the room. We also have a smaller one on the table in the entry way, and I'm going to miss it, too. But tomorrow is Epiphany, so I can't put it off any longer.

Our neighbor to the West got into the Omalink van with three friends yesterday noon to go to Omaha to catch a plane for Phoenix. They have been doing this every winter for some time now, and I'm jealous! I think this will be an especially good week to leave Nebraska.

A faithful reader has informed me she doesn't read these when it deals with sports, but I have to give you my two cent's worth. I actually saw a T shirt today that says Real Women Watch Football. At least, in Nebraska!

Anyway, this past New Year's Day was the first time I've watched the Rose Bowl parade in its entirety. I've seen it for real a couple of times, but apparently have always had something going on that kept me from sitting down to watch on TV. I really enjoyed it, but decided there are enough trophies for almost every float, and if they didn't have all the horses and bands, it wouldn't be much of a parade.

Speaking of bands, when did they



The
Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

start wearing caps instead of head dresses? I'm guessing a cap is much easier to transport, but I don't think I've ever noticed them before.

And then, there were the two football games! The first one turned into a rout, and I'm sure I was not the only one enjoying seeing James Winston on his back, losing the ball. I got on the net later, and read about the Oregon quarterback, whose last name is Mariota.

I have to admit I had not even paid attention to the Heisman winner when Abdullah was not a contender. Therefore, I had not heard anything about this young man from Hawaii whose father is Samoan. His high school coach had some unusual rules for his players: Hug and kiss your Mom every day and tell her you love her. Brighten someone else's day. Take out the garbage. Do the dishes. When you see a fire truck or ambulance, stop, and say a prayer. Now, that's my kind of coach!

Those interviewed about Mariota described him as humble, and fair, a believer in hard work; and he says that's the real meaning of Aloha. In his speech, he said there are sixty Polynesians in the NFL, something I was certainly not aware of, and that sports are certainly a way to get an education and hopefully, make some money.

I remembered that tourism is the main industry in the Islands, and not everyone wants to work in hospitality. Besides, a lot of those jobs probably do not pay all that well, either.

Anyway, I loved that Ohio State beat Alabama later that day, but I'm pulling for the Ducks next Monday eve! Funny uniforms and all. It's their turn, right?

Variety of topics to be covered at meetings

I'll be reminding people weekly about the slate of this year's winter meetings in the northeast part of the state. They involve Crop Production Clinics and pesticide trainings, among other topics. For all scheduled meetings in the northeast area sponsored or co-sponsored by Nebraska Extension, go to the website nec.unl.edu.

This is the second year of our series of Cropping Challenges meetings. This year's meetings will be held in Albion, Bloomfield, and Pender, on Jan. 27-29 respectively. These meetings will differ from the Crop Production Clinics by providing additional information on locally important topics including resistance management, soil health and fertility, new products, plus an ag public policy update.

The Pender meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 29 at the Fire Hall. Like the Crop Production Clinics, there will be a fee for the meeting, which includes a lunch. The fee will be \$20 for attendees who do not need their private pesticide certification licenses renewed. If you want to renew your private certification at this meeting, the total charge will be \$45, which is a \$5 reduction from the usual charge for pesticide safety training. The usual charge is \$30 just for the training.

The annual Crop Production



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Clinics will be held at nine locations across Nebraska in January 2015. The Clinics will provide valuable information to help crop producers and agribusiness professionals improve their profitability and safety. The nearest location in northeast Nebraska will be Norfolk on Wednesday, Jan. 21. Pesticide Applicator Recertification for Commercial & Noncommercial Pesticide Applicators can be accomplished by attending the Crop Production Clinics.

For commercial and non-commercial applicators the categories that can be renewed are Ag Plant (01), Regulatory (REG), and Demonstration and Research (D/R). For private applicators, attendance will renew your license for three years.

The fee to attend the Crop Production Clinic this year is \$65. NOTE: Online registration is strongly encouraged. Onsite/day-of registration will be \$80.

Certified Crop Advisors may earn CEUs in the following categories: Integrated Pest Management, Soil and Water, Nutrient Management, Crop Production and Professional Development. Attendees can earn a maximum of 6 CEUs at a location. Certified Crop Advisors are required to bring their CCA number to apply for CEU credits.

Dakota City has a recertification date for commercial/noncommercial applicators in categories 00 (general standards), 04 (ornamental and turf pest control), and 07 (right-of-way) on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The Texas A&M Agricultural and Food Policy Center and Nebraska Extension are teaming up to present a comprehensive Farm Bill Decision Aid computer workshop. The hands-on training for farm managers, bankers, insurance agents, farmers, and landlords will be held Wednesday, Jan. 14 at the Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference (NIC) Center, 2021 Transformation Drive in Lincoln.

The 2015 Farm Bill Commodity provisions are complex and nationally recognized ag economists Brad Lubben, UNL, and James Richardson, Texas A&M University, will lead the training. Richardson is the author of a new, cutting edge computer decision tool endorsed by USDA: the Texas A&M Computer Decision Aid. Attendees will learn how to use the program and interpret results and learn how managing risk is integrated into the model. Participants are encouraged to bring their own iPad, tablet, or laptop computer. For more info go to <http://go.unl.edu/farmbill>.

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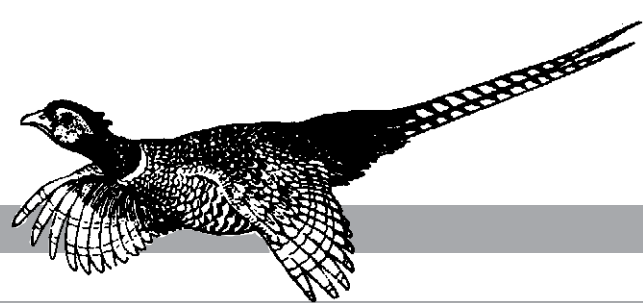
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Advice shared for strengthening families

What we know: Families thrive when things are going well in their lives and in their communities.

The basis for strengthening families are: parents capacity to bounce back, social contacts, support in times of need, understanding of

parenting and child development, and social and emotional ability of children. Research studies shows that when the above factors are in place there is less likely to be child abuse and neglect.

Parenting can be stressful, but how parents deal with stress is affected by their ability to bounce back. It means knowing and understanding ways to solve problems and finding and building trusting relationships.

Friends, family members, neighbors and community members can help solve problems, by offering parenting advice and giving assistance to parents. Networks of support are necessary for parents to gain social skills and share those skills with the community.

Meeting basic needs like food, shelter, clothing and health care are essential for families to thrive. Likewise, when families encounter a crisis supports need to be in place to provide stability, treatment and



Ruth Vonderohe
Extension Educator

help for family members during times of need.

It is important that parents un-

derstand child development and realize there are appropriate expectations for children's behavior at every age. Information can come from many sources, including family members as well as parent education classes and surfing the internet. Studies show information is most effective when it comes at the precise time parents need it to understand their own children. Parents who faced negative childhood experiences may need help to change their parenting skills.

A child or youth's ability to interact with others, control their behavior and communicate their feelings has a positive impact on their relationships with their family, other adults and peers. Challenging behavior create extra stress for families, so getting assistance heads off negative results.

School Lunches

ALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Jan. 12-16)

Monday: Breakfast — Pancake. Lunch — Pork chop patty on a bun, corn.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Muffin. Lunch — Fiestada pizza, cookie.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Sausage biscuit. Lunch — creamed chicken on biscuits, peas.

Thursday: Breakfast — Pop tart. Lunch — Stromboli, broccoli.

Friday: Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Chicken and cheese quesadilla, refried beans.

Most breakfast meals include: Choice of cereal or oatmeal.

All breakfast meals include: 8 oz. milk, fruit or fruit juice.

All lunch meals include: 8 oz. milk and salad bar.

Salad bar may include the following options: fresh lettuce, fresh spinach, carrots/celery, tomatoes, diced eggs, bean variety, cucumbers, fruit variety.

WAKEFIELD SCHOOLS (Jan. 12-16)

Monday: Breakfast — Pretzels, oranges. Lunch — Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, pears, cookie.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Banana muffins, apples. Lunch — Oriental chicken, rice, broccoli, honeydew.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Egg tacos, oranges. Lunch — Beef and noodles, corn, cauliflower, wheat roll, pineapple.

Thursday: Breakfast — Cake donuts, pears. Lunch — Meatball subs, green beans, baby carrots, apples.

Friday: Breakfast — Cereal choices, bananas. Lunch — Chicken salad, baked beans, coleslaw, grape juice.

Milk and juice served with breakfast and lunch.

Juice or fruit offered everyday.

WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Jan. 12-16)

Monday: Breakfast — Whole grain French. Lunch — Meatball whole grain sub, green beans, baby carrots, applesauce.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Breakfast burrito. Lunch — Chicken patty on whole grain bun, baked beans, sweet potato wedges, peaches.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Breakfast sandwich. Lunch — Mini corn dogs, whole green bread sticks, tomato sauce, peas, cauliflower, banana.

Thursday: Breakfast — Cheese omelet. Lunch — Creamed turkey on potatoes, whole grain dinner roll, celery, strawberries.

Friday: Breakfast — Breakfast pizza. Lunch — Whole grain pizza, broccoli, cherry tomato, pears.

Fruit and vegetable bar available for K-12. Fruit served with every breakfast. Chef salad is optional. Milk served with every meal.

WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Jan. 12-16)

Monday: Breakfast — Omelet. Lunch — Popcorn chicken, peas, mandarin oranges, roll.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Pancake. Lunch — Pork steak, mashed potatoes, cooked carrots, applesauce, roll.

Wednesday: Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Hamburger on bun, fries, peaches.

Thursday: Breakfast — Cereal. Lunch — Teriyaki chicken, rice, wild rice, California blend, pineapple, roll.

Friday: Breakfast — Egg taco. Lunch — Pizza, lettuce, pears.

Milk served with all meals. Menu may change without notice. Chef salad, fruit and vegetable bar available daily. Late start - no breakfast or K-3 salads.

Baier-Brabec married in September ceremony

Elizabeth Baier and Jeremy Brabec were married Sept. 6, 2014, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Wayne. The Rev. Ron Nelson officiated. A reception and dance followed at the City Auditorium in Wayne.

Parents of the couple are Mitch and Penny Baier of Wayne and Mark and Sheila Brabec of Schuyler. Grandparents of the bride are Ruby Roberts of Wakefield and Merrill Baier of Carroll. Grandparents of the groom are Gerald and Rita Brabec of Clarkson.

Matron of Honor was Tara Bergland of Omaha, friend of the bride. Maid of Honor was Kayla Hoeltling of Omaha, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Blake Gutz of Osmond; Laura Cuda of Schuyler; and Ambre Ruzicka of Lincoln, all friends of the bride. The bride's personal attendants were Becky Meyer of Palmer and Micaela Rahe of Beatrice, both friends of the couple.

Best men were Nathan Brabec of Norfolk and Tyler Brabec of Lincoln, brothers of the groom. Groomsmen were Nathan Krupka of Schuyler, Brent Hegemann of Howells and Jonathan Bos of Hershey, all friends of the groom. Ushers were Marcus Baier of Lincoln, brother of the bride; Jim Belina of Howells, friend of the groom; Justin Meyer of Palmer, friend of the couple; Matt Rahe of Beatrice, friend of the couple and Brian Yosten of Schuyler, friend of the groom. The bride is a 2007 graduate of Wayne High School and a 2011



Mr. and Mrs. Brabec

graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is currently finishing her doctorate of pharmacy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. She will graduate in May 2015 and will be a staff pharmacist at CVS in Columbus upon graduation.

The groom is a 2008 graduate of Schuyler Central High School and a 2012 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He graduated with a bachelor's of science in Agribusiness with a minor in Agronomy. He is employed as an agronomist with Servi-Tech in the Schuyler area and also works on the family farm near Schuyler.

Following their honeymoon to the Dominican Republic, the couple is at home in Schuyler.

The Wayne Vet's Club would like to invite ALL VETERANS to our monthly meeting on Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at 220 Main Street in Wayne.

Robert Montag from the Vet Center in Omaha will be there to discuss some of the services they have to offer.

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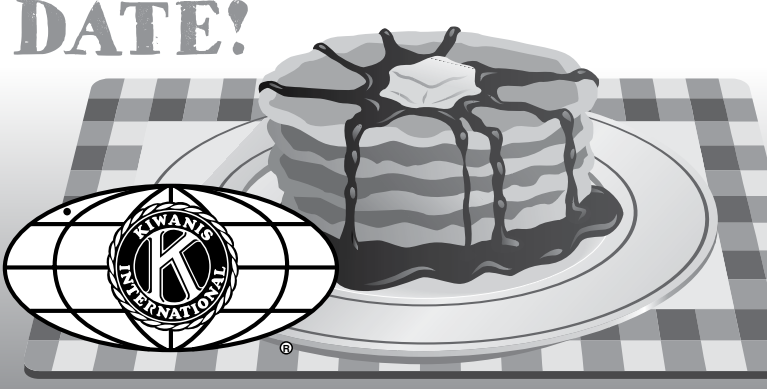
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Wednesday: Sliced beef, twice baked potatoes with skins, frozen Key Largo blend, whole wheat dinner roll, Promise, canned mandarin oranges.

Thursday: Creamed chicken over biscuit, frozen mixed vegetables, shredded lettuce and shredded carrots, Dorothy Lynch, Promise, apricot halves.

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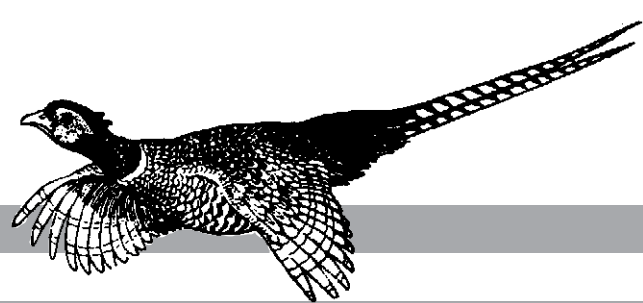
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tact Sacred Heart Parish at (402) 695-2505. **Monday:** KTCH Radio Devotions, 10:15 a.m. (all week); Ecumenical Prayer group, 3 p.m. at Providence Medical Center Chapel; Adoration 4:30-5 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Hispanic Prayer Group and Rosary at school, 6 p.m. **Tuesday:** Adoration, 4:30-5 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Board of Education meeting, rectory, 7 p.m.; Mass, 9 p.m. **Wednesday:** Mass at 8:15 a.m.; Adoration from 4:30-5 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Family Formation for K-sixth grade parents and students, 6:45 p.m. at church (re-scheduled from Jan. 7); Religious Education classes for seventh and eighth grade students and W.I.N.G.S. **Thursday:** No That Man is You breakfast or session; Adoration, 4:30-5 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.; R.C.I.A. 7 p.m., rectory. **Friday:** Fr. Beran's day off.

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Briefly Speaking

Bridge played at Senior Center
AREA — Bridge was played at the Wayne Senior Center on Tuesday, Jan. 6 with eight ladies attending. Bridge was played at two tables. Joan Lage was hostess. Bridge will be played again on Tuesday, Jan. 13. Hostess will be Barb Hypse. For reservations, call (402) 833-5314 by Sunday, Jan. 11.

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What is the right way for us to respond?

(AUTHOR'S NOTE: I would like to thank The Wayne Herald for creating this space and allowing local faith leaders to weigh in. Thank you, and happy New Year!)

Besides the occasional speeding ticket, most of us don't have many run-ins with the law. But once in a while, someone we know is accused of doing wrong in a big way. And when that happens, we have to ask ourselves, what is the right way for a Christian to respond to someone who is in trouble - not to mention how to treat his or her family?

Probably most of us have a gut reaction that demands justice and punishment, especially when the misdeed in question is repugnant to our sensibilities. Retributive justice is deeply ingrained in our American legal system. This way of thinking treats bad deeds as a crime against the state and against abstract principles of right and wrong; and it demands punishment that fits the crime—an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, so to speak.

A couple of months ago, I read an exchange on social media about a dog that had been supposedly stolen by a man, who then gave it away and claimed no knowledge of the dog at all - even though it sounded like everyone knew he had done it. And there were two types of responses by those who chimed in on how to proceed with the dog thief: punitive and restorative.

The punitive response: "I hope they fine this guy big time and some jail time wouldn't hurt him at all so he can sit and think about what he did."



By Ray McCalla
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

And the restorative response: "I hope they get their friend (i.e., their dog) back."

Sometimes, especially when we don't know or care about the guilty party, it's easy for us to say, "Throw the book at him!" Or, "Put him in prison and throw away the key!" But is that always the best outcome? It seems that a better question to ask when someone is caught in a crime, is to say, "How can this be made right? How can this person be restored to wholeness and be reunited with his family?" Because it doesn't do anyone good to throw an otherwise decent person into prison for the rest of his life, with no chance of his kids knowing their father and no chance of a wife being reconciled to her husband. This is the restorative approach: when wrongdoing is seen as a violation against another human being, and the solution is reconciliation between the two parties - the one at fault and the one faulted.

And I'm not just talking about one notorious example. But when a

kid is naughty at school and hurts others: How many chances do we give him before we demand that he is shipped off for good? And when someone offends us deeply with hurtful words: How much rope do we give them before we write them off as dead and go about our lives without them? How many times must we forgive our brother or sister who has wronged us? (Matthew 18:21)

C.S. Lewis poignantly wrote that, "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." We tend to see sins like we are looking at a city's skyline: some tall and some short; some big and some little. But God sees sins as one looking down on the city: all the buildings - skyscrapers and bungalows alike - look the same to God. Although we may judge some sins as particularly vile or abominable, God sees them all the same: our sins just as much a problem as the other guy's sins.

Lewis' comment is a pretty fair summary of Colossians 3:13b: "For-

give as the Lord forgave you." It's amazing to think that God is able to forgive everything we have done. And yes, even that. And that. In his unfathomable mercy poured out at the cross, God forgives the little sins and the big sins alike. And we must always be humble when looking at someone else's wrongdoing, knowing that we have temptations in our own hearts, and that sometimes the only difference between us and the guy in court is that he acted on his temptations and we didn't - or that he got caught and we didn't.

I feel the weight of our broken world. Whether it's dog theft, or something "worse," there is plenty wrong with the world. And whether it's something scandalous and public, or merely the secret temptations that churn inside us, there is more than enough guilt to go around. But thankfully, God is forgiving and gentle and merciful. Jesus has died to take away all our sins and to forgive us completely. So let us always keep that in the front of our minds, and let us always pray impartially for those who struggle publicly and for those who struggle privately.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: "A Word In Faith" is a new feature column The Wayne Herald will run with the help of local faith leaders, giving them an opportunity to discuss topics regarding the faith community that are of interest to our readers. Local ministers who would like to be a part of this weekly column are asked to contact managing editor Michael Carnes at sports@wayneherald.com or at (402) 375-2600.)

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Blood Bank

The Blood Bank will be in Allen on Monday, Jan. 12, 2015 at the Allen Fire Hall from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Allen School Menu

Friday, Jan. 9: Breakfast - Scrambled Eggs. Lunch - Barbecue pork on a bun, green beans.

Monday, Jan. 12: Breakfast - Pancakes. Lunch - Pork chop patty on a bun, corn.

Tuesday, Jan. 13: Breakfast - Muffin. Lunch - Fiestada Pizza, cookie.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Breakfast - Sausage Biscuit. Lunch - Creamed

chicken on biscuits, peas.

Thursday, Jan. 15: Breakfast - Pop tart. Lunch - Stromboli, broccoli.

Friday, Jan. 16: Breakfast - French toast. Lunch - Chicken and cheese quesadilla, refried beans.

All breakfast meals include: 8 oz. milk, fruit or fruit juice. All lunch meals include: 8 oz. milk and salad bar. Salad bar may include the following options: fresh lettuce, fresh spinach, carrots/celery, tomatoes, diced eggs, bean variety, cucumbers, and fruit variety.

Community Birthdays

Friday, Jan. 9: Brittany Sullivan.

Saturday, Jan. 10: Erna Sands,

Russell Marshall, Dawn Oswald, Wayne Rastede, Rick Stewart, Seth Martinson.

Sunday, Jan. 11: Dalynn Hackney, Nick Tramp.

Monday, Jan. 12: ViAnne Stange, Holly Stark, Stockden McNear.

Tuesday, Jan. 13: None.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Shelly Saxen, Linda Roth, Kloie Ferris.

Thursday, Jan. 15: Val Boese, Jacob Warner.

Friday, Jan. 16: Linda Sorensen, Wade Connot, Jeff Geiger, Chris Isom, Barb Sands, Ethin Graves.

Community Calendar

Friday, Jan. 9: Brunch, 8:30 a.m. at Senior Center; Springbank Library hours 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; Boys JV/Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball at Ponca, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10: Springbank Library hours 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; A-Club Tournament, 8 a.m.; Wrestling at Wisner Tourney, 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 11: First Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.; United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.; St. Paul Lutheran, 8 a.m.; St. Anne's Catholic, 10 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 12: Exercise, Senior Center, 9 a.m.; Board of Education at School, 7 p.m.; Village Board at Village Office, 7:30 p.m.; American Legion/Auxiliary at Sr. Citizen Center, 7 p.m.; Girls JH Basketball at Ponca High School, 2:45 p.m.; JV/Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball vs. Randolph, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13: Fire and Rescue at Fire Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: No activities.

Thursday, Jan. 15: Lifetouch pictures, 8 a.m.; KTCH Quiz Bowl - first round by phone, 10:30 a.m. Wrestling at Wakefield (Dual vs. Ponca) Parent's Night, 7 p.m.; Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Santee, 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 16: Senior Center Brunch, 8:30 a.m.; Springbank Library Hours 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; Girls/

Boys Varsity Basketball at Whiting High School, 6:15 p.m.

Senior Center Calendar

(Week of Jan. 12-16)

Monday, Jan. 12: FROG Exercises and Morning Walking, 9:15 a.m.; Quilting; "The 100 Foot Journey," 12:30 p.m. (two hours).

Tuesday, Jan. 13: Morning walking, 8:30 a.m.; Quilting; Afternoon Bridge Club; Pitch.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Morning Walking, 8:30 a.m.; FROG Exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Quilting; Pool; Dan Hansen's Variety Show, 12:45 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15: Morning Walking, 8:30 a.m.; Quilting; Downton Abbey, Season 1, Episode 2, 10:30 a.m.; Judith Stanton, "Can You Hear Me Now," 12:45 p.m.; Afternoon Bridge Club.

Friday, Jan. 16: FROG Exercises/walking, 9:15 a.m.; Quilting; Pool; Hand and Foot; Pitch; Bingo.



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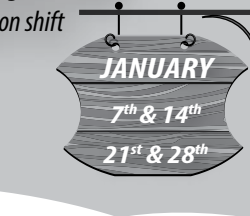
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Tuesday, Feb. 3 – Waterwise Landscapes and Residential Rain Gardens – Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn about water-wise landscape practices and about residential rain garden design and plant selection to conserve water, reduce nutrient runoff, and add plant diversity to landscapes. Presented by Kelly Feehan, Platte County Extension Educator.

Tuesday, Feb. 10 – Pruning Deciduous and Evergreen Trees and Shrubs – Learn about the correct pruning time and methods to enhance the health, function, and aesthetic beauty of deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs. Presented by Kim Todd, Extension Horticulture Specialist.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 – Insects – Bene-

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Tuesday, Feb. 24 – Wildlife Damage Management – What is damaging the landscape or the garden? Here is your opportunity to learn about different wildlife that can damage landscapes and gardens, along with their damage patterns, and control options. Presented by Dennis Ferraro, Herpetologist & Natural Resources Online Educator.

Tuesday, March 3 – Technology in the Garden and Landscape Photography for Beauty and Diagnostics – Move your tablet off the deck and into the garden – We will look at some of the latest trends just for the garden world. Capture the

beauty of landscapes as well as the ability to identify plant material, insects, and plant damage found in landscapes and gardens through diagnostic photos. Presented by Terri James, Extension Assistant and Jim Kalisch, UNL Entomologist.

Tuesday, March 10 – Preparing for Emerald Ash Borer: Identification, Management and Treatment Options and Tree Planting Selections Now and Post EAB – Here is your opportunity to learn more about Nebraska's response plan to Emerald Ash Borer once it is found in Nebraska, how to prepare for EAB, and about tree planting selections. Learn how EAB is identified, treated, and tree species selections across Nebraska in regards to the spread of EAB. Presented by Laurie Stepanek, Forest Health Specialist and Amy Seiler, Community Forester, Nebraska Forest Service

These six training sessions will run from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Lifelong Learning Center, 601 E Benjamin Ave. in Norfolk. Individuals inter-

ested in the Master Gardener program are those who want to learn more about gardening and horticulture and share their knowledge with others.

Those wishing to become Master Gardeners will need to pay a one-time initial training fee of \$100. Individuals will receive The Master Gardener Handbook and trainings. Those attending training sessions without intending to become a Master Gardener do not need to pay the initial training fee. For non-Master Gardeners, there will be a charge of \$5 per person for each training session attended.

All six training sessions can be attended for \$25. For more information and to pre-register, please contact the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension offices in Madison County (402) 370-4040 or Wayne County (402) 375-3310.

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NECC, Nucor joining to offer career fair Jan. 13

The Center for Enterprise (CFE) at Northeast Community College will join the Nucor Detailing Center (NDC) in Norfolk in sponsoring an open house career fair for qualified individuals who are interested in employment with the company.

The event will be held Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 4-7 p.m. at the Nucor Detailing Center, 801 East Omaha Avenue. Those attending will have the opportunity to visit with NDC teammates, participate in hands-on demonstrations and learn about a new training program offered through the CFE.

"With the continual growth of our business, we have several immediate openings for new teammates at the Nucor Detailing Center," said Jason Ternus, lead at NDC. "Regardless of your current profession, the right person with the help of Northeast Community College's Center for Enterprise and our On-Site Training programs could enjoy a rewarding new career as a detailer/modeler."

Eric Johnson, associate vice president of the Center for Enterprise at Northeast, said the College has been working with the Nucor Detailing Center over the past year to offer the short-term training program to help fill NDC's employment needs.

"We collaboratively hold the open house career fair at the NDC where the public may speak to NDC teammates in an open house setting about what the company is, what it is looking for in its employees, explain the company culture and provide the information necessary for those who wish to seek a career with this Fortune 200 Company."

Johnson said NDC will take applications and conduct interviews on site for the training program. He said those who successfully complete the interview process are then enrolled in a 36 hour course taught by Michael Holcomb, CAD/drafting instructor at Northeast.

"The goal of the 36 hour training

program is to provide interested individuals with exposure to both the Nucor culture and the job skills required to become a successful detailer," Johnson said. "After completing this initial training, candidates should be able to make an informed decision on whether they would like to continue the process of becoming a full-time detailer at Nucor or to continue their education toward an Associate of Applied Science degree in architectural drafting through Northeast.

During the 36 hour training program, candidates are exposed to three technical skills that are crucial to the successful detailing of joists and deck: mathematics, plan reading and AutoCAD. In addition to technical skills they will be exposed to Nucor's culture of safety, teamwork, productivity, customer service, honesty/integrity, career development and environmental/cultural stewardship.

Students who successfully complete the 36 hour training program will receive a Certificate of Completion and will have the opportunity to interview with Nucor. Those interested must have a high school diploma, math and computer skills, and a solid work history. Construction and/or AutoCAD (computer aided design) experience is preferred.

Johnson said Northeast values its partnership with the NDC. "Northeast Community College collaborates with the Nucor Detailing Center in Norfolk in filling a high demand for drafters. Because of this partnership, Northeast received the American Association of Community Colleges Award of Excellence for Outstanding College/Corporate Partnerships. With over 60 percent of the detailers at the Nucor Detailing Center graduates of Northeast Community College, you can understand why we cherish this collaboration."

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