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Mayor breaks tie on engineering vote

Council deadlocks on 4th Street design

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

On a close play at first base in the game of baseball, the tie always goes to the runner.

In Wayne city government, a tie vote goes to the mayor, and Mayor Ken Chamberlain was called upon at Tuesday's Wayne City Council meeting to break a 4-4 deadlock on a proposal to award the Fourth Street design project to a new local firm.

The mayor's decision became necessary after the council spent a considerable amount of time discussing whether or not to accept a bid by a new Wayne-based engineering firm, McLaury Engineering, even though it came in about \$37,000 over a bid by ACES, a West Point-based engineering company.

City administrator Lowell Johnson said that, in most cases, the council is required to approve the lowest bid. However, when selecting engineers that aren't receiving any state or federal funding, the council is

not required to accept the lowest bid.

"We pick an engineer that we think can do the job and give them a shot," he told the Council. "This is a new local firm, and we wanted to get them in the mix."

Councilman Matt Eischeid said he asked that Johnson get quotes from other companies for the project so they could compare McLaury's offer.

"We're stewards of tax dollars and we have to be as efficient as we can," Eischeid said. "I can see where we have an opportunity to give a local business a chance, but these costs are going to go back on the homeowners on that route, and we're potentially passing another \$37,000 on to them."

Johnson said that the other companies that bid on the project did get to see McLaury's proposal before making their bid, but those numbers did not affect the proposals those companies made.

Steve Rames, speaking on behalf of the McLaury company, said they were made aware of that and had an opportunity to adjust their numbers, but said they believed their bid represented the value of their work.

Councilman Nick Muir motioned to go ahead with the McLaury bid, and the vote was deadlocked at 4-4, with Council members Eischeid, Jill Brodersen, Cale Giese and Jennifer Sievers voting against the bid and

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Adam Manoucheri explains the plans he has for the building on the corner of Second and Main streets during Tuesday's City Council meeting. Listening are Council members Jill Brodersen, Matt Eischeid and Jason Karsky.

(Photo by Michael Carnes)



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Smoke, but no fire in trailer

The Wayne Volunteer Fire Department was called Sunday evening to a trailer about two blocks west of the fire hall in the 800 block of East Sixth Street after a report of smoke in the trailer. According to Wayne Fire Chief Phil Monahan, it was believed that dust particles in the vent of the trailer's furnace heated up, leading to smoke buildup that led to the fire call. By the time firefighters reached the trailer, the furnace had been turned off and the smoke had mostly cleared from the trailer. No flames were reported at the scene.

Comedy festival bringing alums to Wayne for Jan. 28 show at WSC

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

If you like a good laugh, you'll want to be at Ramsey Theater on the campus of Wayne State College on Thursday, Jan. 28, as two of the nation's top up-and-coming comedians will bring their talents to town.

The Great American Comedy Festival Committee is sponsoring the show, which will feature New York City comedian Rob Haze and San Francisco native Mark Pitta in a night of comedy at Wayne State College that starts at 8 p.m.

"January 2016 has been a cold month," festival director Lori Williams said. "The festival committee plans to chase away the winter blues with a set of comedy shows so people can simply laugh."

Both Haze and Pitta are returning to Nebraska after competing in the Great American Comedy Festival competition in recent years. Haze placed third at last year's event, while Pitta was a third-place finisher in 2014.

Haze was a finalist on the "Stand Up for Diversity" program on NBC in 2012 and was part of the show's college tour the following year, while Pitta is a veteran come-



(Courtesy photos)

Comedians Rob Haze (left) and Mark Pitta will bring the laughs to Wayne State College for a special performance on Jan. 28, thanks to the Norfolk-based Great American Comedy Festival Committee.

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WACAM helps out, but in need of help

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

A local non-profit organization whose goal is helping those in need is finding itself to be in need as well.

Helping those who have found themselves in temporary financial difficulties has long been the focus of the Wayne Association of Congregations And Ministers (WACAM). From young families transitioning into a new community to elderly who have run into unexpected medical situations, the organization has, for more than 70 years, been there to help those deal with some of life's little bumps in the road.

Last year, WACAM helped more than 50 area families on everything from assisting with rent payments to providing vouchers for food at local grocery stores. However, they are finding themselves in need of a little local support to continue helping those in Wayne who are in need of temporary assistance.

"The needs of some people go up and down throughout the year," said George Burcum, WACAM's treasurer. "They may need help with their gas bill for heat during

"These people have very limited funds . . . They budget things down to the nickle, so something as simple as a \$30 prescription might come out of their food budget, and then they can't take care of their other needs."

— Jeanne Madsen

Pastor, Our Savior Lutheran Church

these winter months, and in the summer it might be for electricity to run their air conditioners. We want to make sure these people get help, and that help goes to the most appropriate assistance."

Currently, WACAM is facing a shortage in resources. With less than \$1,000 available, they are looking for people in the area who would like to help out the organization so that it can help those in need of assistance.

WACAM is a collaborative effort on the part of all the churches in the city of Wayne. Those who are in need of assistance can go to any of the churches in town, who will then direct them to WACAM to help them out.

"These people have very limited funds," said Jeanne Madsen, pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church. "They might get sick suddenly and have to pay for a prescription, and that money might come out of their food budget. They budget things down to the nickel, so something as simple as a \$30 prescription might come out of their food budget, and then they can't take care of their other needs."

WACAM helps those in need out with some of the basic necessities, from food to utility payments, rent, gas for their vehicles and, on occasion, minor vehicle repairs.

Most of the money WACAM receives comes from the United Way of Wayne, which gave \$4,000 to the program last year, Burcum said.

"That's a huge contribution for us," he said. "We also receive money from the local churches, who are very helpful with funding, and from anonymous donors in the community."

The group has found themselves in a tight situation, though, due to the needs that they have been called upon to assist with in recent months.

Donations to WACAM are tax-deductible, and the money WACAM gives out goes directly to the vendors, whether it's to Quality Foods for a \$25 food voucher or half of a month's electric bill with the City of Wayne.

WACAM works with local vendors and utilities to assist with payments. For example, a landlord asking for two months rent as a deposit might work with the group and cut his deposit asking to help out a family that has just moved to town and lacks the funds needed to pay for the first month's rent and the deposit.

"Sometimes they just needed that to get started because they just started a job and don't get paid for a couple of weeks and can't afford the rent and deposit," Burcum said. "The vendors in town are very helpful in helping us meet these needs and make

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CITY OF WAYNE SALES TAX RECEIPTS		
Month.....	2014-15	2015-16
October.....	\$57,499.12	\$87,237.48
November.....	62,786.90	87,263.09
December.....	59,129.48	79,091.88
January.....	53,006.61	80,027.79
February.....	66,640.07	
March.....	52,032.96	
April.....	48,203.69	
May.....	57,007.40	
June.....	74,503.43	
July.....	80,780.18	
August.....	90,878.86	
September.....	77,329.27	
Total.....	\$779,797.97	\$333,620.24
Average.....	\$64,983.16	\$83,583.33

Sales tax receipts hit \$300K mark

Just four months into fiscal year 2015-16, the City of Wayne is on pace for its first million-dollar year in sales tax receipts.

January's total of \$80,027.79 – which is based on sales made during November of 2015 – pushed the city's receipts for the fiscal year to date to more than \$333,000, putting the city on pace to receive more than \$1 million in sales tax receipts for the 12-month period.

The increase in monthly numbers is due to the extra half-cent that was added to the city's 1 cent sales tax for the construction of the new pool at the Wayne Community Activity Center. Since that extra half-cent began being collected in June of last year, the city has received \$657,111.98 in sales tax receipts.

City of Wayne Proposed Options for Phase II Walking Trail

The maps and frequently asked questions are provided at the request of The Wayne Herald:

1. What is the cost of Phase II?

- The engineer's estimate of the trail for construction and engineering is \$1,700,000.

2. Who pays for the trail?

- The trail is being funded with 80% federal funds and the City pays 20%. There has been enough money set aside by previous City Councils to pay for the City's share.

3. Where would the trail go?

- The trail is designed to start at Victor Park on the south side of Wayne where it meets Phase I. It goes west and north to the Wayne County Fairgrounds and then back east and north through Ashley Park to the Community Activity Center. It then goes under Highway 35 and north past the City water tower to the north edge of Wayne. It then turns east and goes to Wayne State College.

4. How was the alignment determined?

- In 2003, a committee was appointed by the City Council to work under the federal guidelines with a consultant to design the trail. The federal funding is based upon transportation needs. Therefore a route was chosen that would connect different points of interest around Wayne such that people could walk or bike to them rather than drive a car.

5. What are the options for the trail alignment currently being discussed by the City Council in the Westwood Addition neighborhood?

- The State of Nebraska has worked with Federal Highway Administration to give the City some options in this area after the neighborhood expressed concerns with the alignment. They gave us four choices:

A. Keep the proposed alignment on City owned property along the south side of Westwood Road and the east side of Sherman Street with an 8' wide sidewalk replacing the 4' wide sidewalk. Current examples of this are along the east side of Providence Road from 10th Street north to Providence Medical Center and along the south side of Grainland Road from the Fairgrounds going west to Pheasant Run.

B. Move the alignment onto Westwood Road and Sherman Street with a 5' wide bike lane on both sides of the street along the curb and replace the 4' wide sidewalk along those streets with a 5' wide sidewalk. This would eliminate parking on those streets and make them go to one-way traffic.

C. Move the trail to the north side of the Westwood neighborhood behind the houses out in the farm field and then go east to Wayne State College. Current examples of this are behind the houses on Poplar Street along the north side of Journey Christian Church and behind the houses on Hillcrest Road along the south side of Providence Medical Center.

D. Stop the trail at the Community Activity Center and don't build the underpass under Highway 35.

6. What happens to the driveways, lawns, and sprinkler systems that have to be removed where the trail is built?

- Option A is on City owned property. No costs would be billed to private property owners.

7. What happens if the City doesn't build the trail?

- The City would have to pay back \$93,230.07 in federal dollars and \$45,000 in Game & Parks grant and the City of Wayne will have \$54,000 in unrecoverable engineering survey and acquisition costs. All private land for the proposed Phase II trail was donated by the Hall, Zach, Carhart and Ley families and Michael Foods and the Wayne Fair Board. If we stopped the trail at the Activity Center, the state has suggested but not confirmed there would be no reimbursement of costs back to them.



**For more information,
contact the City of Wayne — 402-375-1733**

New drop box approved by County

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

Voters who want to submit an absentee ballot will have a bigger, safer box to drop their ballots into this year.

At Tuesday's Wayne County Commissioners meeting, the board gave its blessing to County Clerk Deb Finn's request to purchase a bigger drop box that would be used for people to drop off everything from fine payments to absentee ballots after hours or on weekends.

The \$1,039 box is larger than the one that is now in use, Finn said, which would allow for the safe delivery of larger envelopes that absentee ballots would be delivered in. "It's something that is for the

convenience of voters who want to make sure their ballots are back to us by the deadline," she said, noting that concerns with changes in mail delivery made it unclear that ballots mailed the day before the election deadline would make it in time to meet the deadline.

"It could make a difference in a race," she said. "If they mail them out Monday, we aren't guaranteed to receive them by Tuesday at 8 p.m. the night of the election."

Finn said the new box would be installed around April 1, about three days before absentee ballots are mailed out.

The board discussed the options it has available for creating a paving district along Chiefs Way, but opted to delay a final decision until

it had an opportunity to speak with Phil Lorenzen of D.A. Davidson and Co., who works with the county on financing road projects. The county hopes to start road work along Chiefs Way in the spring, but that work may be delayed until later in the year.

In other action, the board: — voted for Brian Kesting as the area's representative on the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) board of directors. The board had the option to choose two of the three candidates on the ballot, but chose Kesting alone.

— announced that they would conduct a hearing on the one- and six-year road plans on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 10 a.m. The board's regular meeting begins at 9 a.m.

Bald eagle shot in Cedar County

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is investigating a report of a bald eagle shot in Cedar County recently.

A local citizen found the dead eagle on Sunday in Cedar County, about three miles southeast of Yankton, S.D. The eagle had been shot on the day it was found. Two rooster pheasants and two hen pheasants were found with the eagle. Rooster pheasants are in season through Jan. 31, but it is illegal

to harvest hen pheasants.

Bald eagles are protected by the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA), which prohibits the take, possession, sale, purchase, barter, offer to sell, transport, export or import of any bald or golden eagle, alive or dead, including any part, nest or egg, unless allowed by permit.

"Take" includes pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or dis-

turb. Maximum penalties for violating BGEPA can be as high as a \$250,000 fine and up to two years in prison.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Commission Conservation Officer Jeff Jones at (402) 762-5022, or Nebraska Wildlife Crime Stoppers at (800) 742-7627. The caller can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward.

Engineering

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Muir, Jason Karsky, Jon Haase and Rod Greve voting in favor. Chamberlain broke the tie, voting in favor of the McLaury proposal.

The Council also spent a good portion of the meeting discussing an LB840 loan application by Adam Manoucheri or Crossroads-Atoll Productions, LLC. Manoucheri has offered to purchase the building at the corner of Second and Main streets that has sat empty for the better part of two years.

Manoucheri's hope is for his wife to start a photography business on the south side of the building, with the north side to be set up for office space and a possible recording studio.

Council members were particularly concerned about the exterior work on the front of the building, asking that the facade to the building be completed within nine months, with a design approved by a design committee.

Questions were also raised about whether or not the city should dictate whether or not the two sides of the interior of the building are sealed off from one another. If the north side is sealed off from the south, Manoucheri would have to create a back exit for the north side of the structure.

Mayor Chamberlain said the city had been burned on

the previous owner of the building, which explained the council's specific questions on how the property would be used. Manoucheri said he had no problem with the questions and said he would entertain any reasonable ideas that might be suggested.

The board approved Maoucheri's loan request with the stipulation that remodeling of the front exterior of the building be completed within nine months, and the inside being built to the required city and fire codes within 18 months.

The Council also approved an LB840 loan request for Beck Ag, Inc., which is moving its operations from the Mineshaft Mall to the College Plaza. The \$50,000 loan will be paid back in less than five years, according to Wes Blecke, Wayne Area Economic Development director.

In other action, the council:

— heard a report on the city's audit from Terry Galloway of Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, PC. Galloway told the Council that the city's finances are in "great shape," but they may need to look at raising water or sewer rates and cut some expense to meet future cash reserve needs.

The City Council's next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 5:30 p.m. in Council chambers.

Wildcat gets a second chance to help others with CPR class

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

A good classic rock tune will get your feet tapping at about 130 beats per minute.

Now imagine your heart beating more than twice as fast — and you having a 3 percent chance of living through the experience.

Last November, Wayne State football player Sam Simon was hanging out at his parents' house in Wayne when his heart began racing out of control. At almost 300 beats per minute, he was suffering a rare case of cardiomyopathy and passed out.

"I was at home when I collapsed, and luckily my mom knew what was going on and called the hospital right away," the 22-year-old kicker on the Wayne State football team said. "All I remember was telling mom, and then the next thing I remember was the ambulance guys helping me up the stairs."

Chele Mesienbach had just received her CPR certification a month before her son's ordeal. He had been diagnosed with epilepsy a few years earlier, but she knew right away this was something more.

"He was very ashen in the face, and when he passed out he had a heart rate of about 280 beats a minute, and then all of a sudden he had no pulse," Mesienbach said. "In my head, I could hear my CPR trainer telling me what to check for and get him on the floor."

Mesienbach said that Dominic Consoli from the Wayne Police Department was the first to show up, followed closely behind by Providence Medical Center ambulance crew members. Her son threw up, and she remembered from her CPR training that vomiting was a sign that there were some heart problems. After getting her son to PMC, Mesienbach said that Dr. Melissa Dobbins talked with Dr. Ben Martin, whose

brother is a cardiologist, and after consulting with him, they shocked Simon's heart to get its rate back under control.

It was that quick thinking from her CPR training that inspired Mesienbach and her son to start putting together a CPR class for the community, which will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Mesienbach believes the training she received in the CPR class she took helped her save her son's life.

"The doctors told Sam that he had a 3 percent chance of survival, and if you don't act fast in a situation like that, you're going to lose them," she said. "I never thought I'd have to use my training on my own kid, and Sam and I thought that everybody should know how to do this."

While not a certification training class, the CPR class will teach how to administer CPR to adults, children and even infants. It's the kind of training that people of all ages should have some knowledge of, she said.

"For a kid Sam's age, this training could help if he was hanging out with some kids and something like this happened on a basketball court or something. He could spring into action," she said.

The class is sponsored by Ameritas, Providence Medical Center and The Wayne State College Sports Management Club. Two sessions have already filled up at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and a 7 p.m. session will also be offered. The classes are open to anyone age 12 and older. To sign up, call Mesienbach at (402) 518-8227 or Simon at (308) 440-3734.

"We've already got 45 people signed up in those two classes, so we're going to offer the third one as well," Mesienbach said.

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dian who has appearances on "The Tonight Show" with both Johnny Carson and Leno on his resume, as well as host of Fox's "Totally Hidden Video" in the early 1990's.

Williams said the two comedians' contrasting styles will be a great fit for local audiences to enjoy.

"Since we are hosting a show

in Wayne on a Thursday night at Ramsey Theater on campus, we wanted a comedian that would resonate with a college crowd and Rob fit that description," Williams said. "Then we wanted a comedian that's completely different in style than Rob, and Mark was the perfect choice."

Haze and Pitta are performing

three shows in northeast Nebraska, with Wayne being the first stop on the mini-tour. They also have 8 p.m. performances scheduled for Friday, Jan. 29 at Divots Conference Center in Norfolk and Saturday, Jan. 30 at Oborny's Husker Bar in Columbus. For ticket information, go to www.greatamericancomedyfestival.com.

WACAM

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it easy for us to provide assistance."

"I was with a family at Quality Foods to help them with groceries," Madsen added. "One of the items was going to be on special the following week, so they gave it to us at that price. People here are very helpful, and that little bit goes a

little bit further for those who need it."

Madsen said that WACAM is going to help raise awareness by placing jars in the local banks for people to drop spare change in to help out. Those who need help, or would like to donate, are encouraged to stop by any of the churches in town to ask

about WACAM's assistance efforts.

"There is an actual need out there, and hopefully people in the community could help out," Madsen said. "The work we do on behalf of the local congregations is very important, and the money that comes in goes directly to those who are in need here in town."

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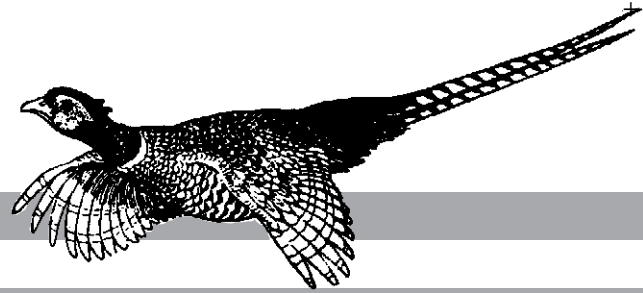
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Sports

Area wrestlers battle at Battle Creek

From The Bleachers

Michael Carnes



He knows hoops better than NFL

When it comes to being a fan of pro sports teams, Chris Kielsmeier doesn't know how to pick a winner.

Walk into his office, and you'll see a lot of Chicago Cubs and Dallas Cowboys mementos, a sure sign that the guy doesn't have a clue when it comes to being a fan of a winning team (although that doesn't stop him from hassling me about my Seattle Seahawks when we tape the Wayne State Coaches Show every week at The Max.)

But when it comes to basketball, there's no question - the guy knows how to build a winner.

In eight years, Kielsmeier has taken the Wayne State women's basketball team on quite the amazing journey. The Wildcat basketball program has become the gold standard of the Northern Sun Conference, with Kielsmeier's team winning four regular-season titles and two tournament crowns, along with five NCAA Div. II tournament appearances and an Elite Eight trip in 2012.

On Saturday, the Wildcats came from behind to beat St. Cloud State, marking the 183rd win in Kielsmeier's tenure at Wayne State, surpassing the 182 wins earned by his predecessor, Ryun Williams, in a 10-year run that ended in 2008.



Kielsmeier

The Iowa State grad, who came to Wayne after winning the NCAA Div. III national title at Howard Payne University in Texas, was quick to give credit

where credit was due when we talked about it during Monday's taping of the Wayne State Coaches Show (available at mywaynews.com): "Players make plays and win games, and it's really that simple," he said. "With an individual accomplishment like that, the one that does it gets way too much credit and the ones who really accomplish it don't get enough."

Kielsmeier is quick to put the spotlight on the administration that gives his program the resources it needs to be a success, as well as his coaching staff, including his brother, Kelly, who has been his assistant throughout his tenure here. "My brother deserves as much credit, if not more, than I do," he said. "But it all falls on the players. They're the reason we win games, and if you have really good players, you have a shot to be a really good coach and I've been very blessed to have some great players and coached a lot of people who really wanted to be successful."

Kielsmeier certainly has had some players that shared his passion for wanting to play at the highest level. Players like two-time All-American Ashley Arlen, Mara Hjelle, Ali Schwartzwald, Ellen Hansen, Clare Duwelius, Ashton Yossi, Jordan Spencer, Millie Niggeling and a host of others were all key contributors to Kielsmeier's win total at Wayne State.

And while he might be quick to pass the credit elsewhere, the fact of the matter is that somebody has to be the one who guides a team to victory, and you'll be hard pressed to find a women's basketball coach at this level who is as driven to succeed, and demands the same of those who are part of his program, than Wayne State's "Coach K."

One of the things that some fans like to criticize is the way Kielsmeier gets on his players during the course of a game. It's no secret when one of the Wildcats blows an assignment - you'll know the offending party's name from anywhere within a 100-yard radius of Rice Auditorium.

Kielsmeier is very particular about his matchup zone defense, and he demands a lot out of his

BATTLE CREEK - Winside and Laurel-Concord-Coleridge both brought home individual champions from a very tough tournament Saturday at the Battle Creek Invitational.

The fifth-ranked Wildcats claimed runner-up honors on the day and had a total of 10 medalists, led by champions Marcos Escalera (132) and Cory Shoff (220).

Escalera, the top-ranked wrestler in Class D, was able to pin Preston Bussey of Battle Creek midway through the second period in their finals matchup to give the Winside senior the first-place medal.

Shoff, wrestling in round-robin play at 220 pounds, was a perfect 5-0 on the day, finishing with an exciting 2-1 win in his final match of the day to help solidify his No. 2 ranking in Class D.

Koby Ellis (106), Mason King (113) and Jon Escalante (195) earned third-place medals for the Wildcats,

while Sean Mann (120), Colby Erickson (132), Chase Magwire (160) and Hayden King (182) finished fourth. Isaiah Muhs was sixth at 152 pounds.

LCC had three wrestlers competing and two came away with medals. Nolan Casey took top honors at 195 pounds with his third-period pin of Jan-Louw de Jager of Battle Creek. Billy Barelman wrestled at 182 pounds and finished third, pinning Muhs in the consolation finals to help LCC finish 14th.

Wakefield's wrestlers placed sixth in the 18-team field, bringing home four medals.

Three of the Trojans' medalists were runner-up finishers. No. 3-ranked Cody Thomas came through with a big win in the semifinals, but lost a tough one in overtime at 170 pounds to Battle Creek's Drew Lannan, 4-2. Sixth-ranked Efen Godinez also lost a heart-

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(Photos by Michael Carnes) Winside, LCC and Wakefield wrestlers faced some tough competition at Saturday's Battle Creek Invitational. (clockwise from top right) Nolan Casey was one of three area wrestlers to take home a first-place medal, winning the 195-pound championship. Efen Godinez works for a takedown, but gave up a late takedown to finish second at 195 pounds. Winside's Sean Mann was one of 10 Wildcats who finished in the top four to help the team take second place in the 18-team tournament. Mann was fourth at 120 pounds.



Wildcats run win streak to six

Paige Ballinger and Maggie Schulte combined for 53 points, 41 coming in the second half, as the Wayne State women's basketball team posted a come-from-behind 87-77 win over St. Cloud State Saturday at Rice Auditorium in Wayne.

The win was also a milestone victory for Wildcat coach Chris Kielsmeier, who became the all-time wins leader in Wayne State women's basketball history. Kielsmeier is now 183-52 in his eighth season at Wayne State and moves past Ryun Williams, who was 182-106 in 10 seasons at Wayne State (1998-2008), for the most wins by a Wildcat coach.

The Wildcats trailed almost all of the first half, trailing 20-14 after one quarter and falling behind by as many as 13 in the second quarter (43-30 and 45-32) before cutting the Husky lead to eight at halftime 45-37.

Wayne State came out on fire to start the second half and erase the halftime deficit, taking control of the game in the third quarter as they outscored St. Cloud State 27-12 to turn a 45-37 deficit into a 64-57 lead after three quarters.

The Wildcats took the lead for the first time since the opening minute of the game at 51-50 on a Maggie Schulte jumper with 5:31 to play in the third quarter. With the score tied at 57, Wayne State closed the final 2:14 of the third quarter with seven straight points to take the seven-point lead into the fourth

quarter. St. Cloud State never got closer than four after that, thanks to an 11-point run that included seven straight from Ballinger, who scored 20 of her game-high 32 points in the final two periods.

The Pender sophomore was 12-of-17 from the field and 8-of-11 at the free throw stripe, and Schulte recorded all 21 of her points in the second half, going 6-of-13 from the field with four 3-pointers. Jasmin Bretoi also reached double figures for the Wildcats with 10 points.

Ballinger hauled in nine boards with Schulte grabbing eight to lead Wayne State. Schulte, Ballinger and Sadie Murren each had five assists.

On Friday, Wayne State outscored Minnesota Duluth 26-12 in the third quarter to break open a close game and come away with a 68-52 win over the Bulldogs.

The game was close early, as the two teams traded the lead three times to go with two ties. Trailing 12-11 at the 2:31 mark of the first quarter, the Wildcats received an instant spark off the bench when Bretoi drained three straight 3-pointers to give Wayne State a 20-12 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Wildcats went cold from the field in the second quarter, making just three baskets as the Bulldogs slowly cut into the Wildcat advantage, getting it down to a single point (29-28) at intermission.

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(Photo courtesy Tess Riecke, Wayne Stater)

Wayne State sophomore Maggie Schulte scored all of her 21 points in the second half to help the Wildcats come from behind to beat St. Cloud State on Saturday. Schulte's effort helped coach Chris Kielsmeier become the school's all-time winningest coach in women's basketball. The Wildcats are at Upper Iowa and Winona State

12 Wildcats are recipients of Brand honor

A total of 14 Wayne State College seniors, the most from any school in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, received the seventh annual NSIC Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award.

The honor, named for the late NCAA President Dr. Myles Brand, is bestowed to senior NSIC student-athletes who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher and are exhausting their eligibility and on track to graduate.

Men's Basketball - David Andersen (Lester Prairie, Minn., Sport Management).

Women's Soccer - Josie Brown (Elk River, Minn., Communication Studies); Natalie Poppe (North Platte, Life Sciences/Biology); Hannah Thayer (Aurora, Ill., Organizational Leadership).

Football - Jon Davis (Webster City, Iowa, Chemistry/Health Science).

Volleyball - Elizabeth Gebhardt (Norfolk, Mathematics Education); Katie Hughes (Seward, Elementary Education); Leisa McClintock (Sioux City, Iowa, Exercise Science).

Baseball - Joey Greco (Omaha, Sport Management); Spencer Morris (Genoa, Computer Information Systems).

Women's CC/Track - Molly Kingsley (Bellevue, Art Education).

Softball - Lexie Loos (Omaha, Sport Physiology); Cassie Miller (Wakefield, Chemistry/Health Science).

Women's Basketball - Sadie Murren (Colon, Business Administration).

Learning the game

Australian rugby manager brings knowledge base to Wayne State

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

Last fall, Nick Leah was in Minnesota conducting a rugby clinic when he ran into a familiar face.

Leah manages the academy for the Brumbies rugby club in Canberra, Australia, and the team's academy has been a regular contributor to the growth of college rugby in the United States with its coaching development program that regularly conducts clinics across the country.

Back in 2006, Wayne State rugby coach Darrin Barner traveled to Arizona State University to take part in one of Leah's clinics, and when the two touched base again last fall in Minnesota, Barner worked to bring Leah and his knowledge base to the area - not only to help his own successful club out, but to help those teams Wayne State regularly compete against as well.

An evening clinic at the Dakota Dome in Vermillion, S.D., was attended by coaches and players from about a dozen area rugby clubs in the upper Midwest, giving those schools an opportunity to learn from

someone who is involved with one of the top rugby clubs in the Super Rugby league, professional rugby's version of the NFL that includes teams in Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

"I've been to a lot of coaching classes, and Nick's classes are a lot better and more advanced than some of the others I've been to," Barner said. "Rugby is kind of different because you want to beat the other team, but at the same time we're trying to promote the game and we want to make the teams we play better, which will in turn make us work harder to get to that next level."

The Brumbies academy develops younger players who might have an interest in playing professional rugby in Australia, running youth programs for players beginning in their early teens and continuing into their early 20's. As part of the funding mechanism for their academy, Leah and other coaches in the academy bring their knowledge base to the United States for coaches clinics



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Australian rugby club manager Nick Leah works with Wayne State rugby players Jasmine Kovacs (looking down) and Hannah Meyer on a tackling drill during a practice in the WSC Rec Center recently.

Wildcats upset Duluth, fall to St. Cloud

Wayne State used career-high performances from redshirt freshman center Adam Moon and sophomore forward Jordan Cornelius to lead the Wildcats in a 93-85 upset of NSIC North Division co-leader Minnesota Duluth Friday evening at Rice Auditorium.

Wayne State shot a season-high 54.4 percent from the field (31-of-57) and were 24-of-32 from the free throw line, playing solid basketball by committing a season-low five turnovers to upend the North Division contenders.

The Wildcats held the lead for most of the first half and led by as many as eight at 27-19 following a Moon jumper with 9:01 to play in the half.

Wayne State was held without a basket for the next 6:48 while Duluth's Brendon Pineda caught fire for the Bulldogs, scoring eight straight points to highlight a 15-3 run that gave Minnesota Duluth a 34-30 lead with 2:24 to play in the half.

A J.J. Zumbrennen layup ended the Wildcat drought, and another Zumbrennen layup right before halftime cut the Bulldog lead to 37-35 at intermission.

The two teams battled back and forth for a good share of the second half until Wayne State pulled away late. The two teams exchanged nines and nine lead changes until the Wildcats took the lead for good in the final two minutes.

Moon finished with a career-high 24 points to lead Wayne State, going 7-of-9 from the field and 10-of-11 at the free throw line. Cornelius was right behind with a career-best 22 points, going 7-of-15 from

the field and 5-of-10 from 3-point range. Other Wildcats in double figures included David Andersen with 12, Zumbrennen with 11 and Matt Thomas with 10 along with five assists.

On Saturday, visiting St. Cloud State shot 58.1 percent from the field to take down Wayne State College, 108-74.

Wayne State stayed close early with the Huskies thanks to the shooting of Thomas, who scored the Wildcats' first 14 points of the game in the opening 5:03.

The last lead of the game for Wayne State was on a Thomas 3-pointer at the 14:57 mark, giving the Wildcats a 14-13 lead. That would be the last Wildcat basket for a stretch of 6:57 as St. Cloud State built a 29-22 lead.

The Huskies led by as many as 14 and Wayne State got within 11 at 40-29 on a Adam Moon 3-point play, but the Huskies closed the half on a 16-4 run and took a commanding 56-33 lead at intermission thanks to 62 percent shooting (23-of-37) in the first half.

St. Cloud State's hot shooting never allowed Wayne State to make a rally in the second half as the Huskies pulled away for the 108-74 victory.

Thomas led Wayne State in scoring with 28 points. It was his sixth game with 25 or more points this season. Janssen also reached double figures for the Wildcats with 11 points.

Wayne State, 4-13 overall (2-10 NSIC), plays at Upper Iowa Friday at 8 p.m. and Winona State Saturday in a 6 p.m. contest.



(Photo courtesy Tess Riecke, Wayne Stater) Adam Moon fakes out a Minnesota Duluth defender before scoring two of his career-high 24 points in Wayne State's upset of the Bulldogs on Friday.



(Contributed photo)

I got this!

Rob Burrows thinks he can see spring from this stance, but in reality it may be a while before any of us see green grass. That didn't stop the good Dr. Burrows from teaming up to win the golf simulator indoor league championship at Providence Wellness Center. Burrows was unofficially named the league MVP.

WHS ninth at Schuyler

SCHUYLER - The Wayne High wrestling team came away with five medalists in a tough field and posted a ninth-place finish at the Schuyler Invitational.

Wayne had one finalist on the day in 120-pounder Gage Schultz, who reached the final round before being pinned by Joshua Via of Elkhorn South midway through the second period.

Mikey Reyes was the lone Blue Devil to come out on top in his final match of the day, taking consolation honors at 220 pounds with a hard-fought 11-9 decision over Sam Cantu of Madison.

Schuyler Schweers finished fourth at 195 pounds, losing in the consolation finals. Cole Koenig (182) and Hunter Jorgensen (285) both earned sixth-place medals.

Wayne wrestles in the Neligh-Oakdale Invitational on Saturday and will be at Winside for their annual in-county dual on Tuesday.

Schuyler Invitational Team Standings
Valentine 197.5, Aquinas 189, Alliance 167, Elkhorn South 146.5, Blair 122.5, Schuyler 121, Madison 110, West Point-Beemer 91.5, Wayne 74, Malcolm 68, Tekamah-Herman 58, Lakeview 49, Boys Town 42.5, DC West 23.

Wayne Medalists
120: 1. Joshua Via, Elkhorn South, pinned Gage Schultz, Wayne, 3:32. 182: 5. Braydon Luebbert, WP-B, pinned Cole Koenig, Wayne, 4:07. 195: 3. Wyatt Knudsen, Elkhorn South, pinned Schuyler Schweers, Wayne, 1:22. 220: 3. Mikey Reyes, Wayne, dec. Sam Cantu, Madison, 11-9. 285: 5. Nathan Lauder, Alliance, dec. Hunter Jorgensen, Wayne, 5-4.

Trojans claim 42-25 dual win

The Wakefield wrestlers outlasted Ponca 42-25 in dual action Thursday at Ponca High School.

The Trojans got wins from Alex Camarena (160), Cody Thomas (170), Efen Godinez (182) and David Olvera (285). All four wins came via pin, with Albrecht's 38-second victory highlighting the effort.

Wakefield 42, Ponca 25
120: Both open. 126: Cullen Cook, Ponca, maj. dec. Clayton Christensen, 13-4. 132: Colton Krusemark, Ponca, pinned Ben Chase, 3:23. 138: Wakefield open. 145: Tristan Bostwick, Ponca, maj. dec. Kyle Smith, 9-0. 152: Michael Brewer, Ponca, tech. fall Luke Walsh, 16-1. 160: Alex Camarena, Wakefield, pinned Joe Albrecht, :38.

170: Cody Thomas, Wakefield, pinned Michael Hegge, 1:45. 182: Efen Godinez, Wakefield, pinned Tim Heiner, 3:30. 195: Ponca open. 220: Both open. 285: David Olvera, Wakefield, pinned Michael Logue, 3:2. 106: Ponca open. 113: Ponca open.

Learning

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or consulting visits such as the one he conducted during a recent visit to Wayne.

"We focus on the core rugby skills and also try to provide a global view of the game and provide players and coaches with some context as to why they need to work on certain skills," Leah said. "We talk about scenarios where they have some options they can go to and how they need to be proficient at certain skills to execute those options."

The Brumbies do a lot of their course work at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz., but also travel to other locations across the country, including California, Boston, Chicago and Minneapolis.

Barner first met up with Leah at a clinic in Arizona 10 years ago, and the knowledge he said he's gained from those workshops helps fuel the success of the Wayne State men's and women's rugby teams.

"We want to improve as a program and get more strategy ideas and have more plays to choose from," he said. "We'd like to run more of a pro style of offense, and getting the kids to understand these strategies and theories from a guy from a team like the Brumbies will help us out a lot. We've had a really good program, and we want to stay that way."

Leah said that he has observed that the quality of play in America is much better than some may realize, particularly at the youth level.

"Arizona State created a Rugby Bowl and played BYU not too long ago, and they also had some 10-under and 12-under teams playing there and the skill level was unbelievable for that age," he said. "The beauty of that is that, by starting at 10 or 11 years old and playing other sports like football, baseball or basketball, they get that gross motor skill development that transfers across a wide range of sports. As they continue to play rugby or football or whatever, they can get opportunities down the road to play sports that they might not otherwise have."

While only a handful of college football seniors go on to play in the NFL, those who learn the sport of rugby might have options to play after their football days are over, Leah said.

"There are over a thousand opportunities to play rugby worldwide, and if they have that rugby base, you can see a lot of crossover ath-

letes who might play football and would be able to come back to rugby and, maybe, play professionally somewhere," he added.

Leah worked with the Wayne State rugby teams during a recent night practice in the WSC Rec Center, and Barner said the opportunity is something that will benefit the Wildcat rugby teams in the future, both in the traditional 15-on-15 and the newer 7-on-7 format.

"There will be more options and more opportunities for our offense that will make us more multi-dimensional and give us more attack plans that other teams will have to defend against," he said. "We learned a ton from Nick at that clinic in the Dakota Dome, and if the other coaches learned from it and it makes their teams better, it will make us better as well."



(Photos by Michael Carnes) (top) Nick Leah explains proper ball-handling technique to Shelbi Brown of Elm Creek during a recent Wayne State practice. (above) Wayne State coach Darrin Barner, at right, attended several of Nick Leah's coaching clinics and brought him to the area to help out other coaches in the region.

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LCC boys continue solid play with wins

The Laurel-Concord-Coleridge boys basketball team continued its winning ways with a pair of wins. On Friday, the Bears won a wild one over Creighton, hitting free throws down the stretch to post a 75-72 win over the Bulldogs at LCC High School. Dillan Wolfgram had a big night with a game-high 31 points to lead four Bears in double figures. Mason Forsberg had a double-double with 14 points and 14 rebounds, Jordan Jansen had 13 points and Jayden Reifenrath had 10 points and five

blocks. On Tuesday night, the Bears got double-doubles from Wolfgram and Reifenrath to take care of Hartington-Newcastle 69-40 in Hartington. Wolfgram led all scorers with 23 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while Reifenrath flirted with a triple-double before finishing with 10 points, 13 rebounds and six assists. Forsberg also hit double figures in the scoring department, finishing with 10 points. LCC is at Battle Creek on Thursday and Osmond on Tuesday.

Wakefield teams gets wins at Winside

Two area teams locked horns Friday at Winside High School as the Wildcats and Wakefield Trojans did battle in boys and girls basketball action. Wakefield's girls basketball team has had its struggles this season, but they put together a solid effort on Friday and earned their first win of the 2015-16 season with a 41-27 victory over Winside. The Trojans got off to a good start and built a 12-7 lead after one quarter. Their defense was solid, particularly in the middle two quarters as they slowed down the Winside attack and built a 12-point lead going to the final period. Winside tried to mount a comeback in the fourth quarter, but Wakefield was able to match the Wildcat effort and finish off their first win of the season. Shelby Oetken and Savannah Nelson each had nine points to lead a balanced Trojan attack. Nelson also had four blocks defensively. Jamie Dolph and Jessica Borg both had five points, while Josephine Peitz and Megan Borg each had four. Devaney Brown and Avery Zamzow each had nine rebounds and Borg had six steals. For Winside, Ellie Jaeger led the way with eight points, Kelly Tweedy put up seven and Callie Finn scored five. The Wakefield boys jumped out to a good lead early and were able to

hold off Winside to post a 60-41 win in area action Friday at Winside High School. The combination of Solomon Peitz and Dylan Hurlbert helped the Trojans get out to a nine-point lead after one period, and the Trojans continued to build on their lead on their way to the 19-point win over the Wildcats. Peitz led three Trojans in double figures with a game-high 21 points and grabbed six rebounds. Hurlbert added 15 points and Parker Lehmkuhl put in 10. Isaac Camarena had seven assists. For Winside, JaShaun Vyborny led the way with 12 points, Keith Mundil had nine points and seven rebounds and Brandon Watters put in eight points. Dylan Brogren had eight rebounds and five blocks to lead the defense. Wakefield hosts Emerson-Hubbard on Friday, while Winside is at Wausa.



(Photos by Michael Carnes) (top) Solomon Peitz slides under the block of Dylan Brogren for two points for the Wakefield boys during their win at Winside. (above) Winside's Ellie Jaeger tries to block the shot of Wakefield's Devaney Brown during the visitors' 41-27 win over the Wildcats.

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Wildcats second at LHNE Duals

The Winside wrestlers had two first-place finishers among 11 top-four finishers at the Lutheran High Northeast Duals on Friday in Norfolk. Koby Ellis (106) and Marcos Escalera (132) both won their respective brackets. Ellis was 3-0 on the day, while Escalera went 5-0. Second-place finishes went to Mason King (113), Colby Erickson (126), Hayden King (182), Jon Escalante (195) and Cory Shoff (220). Thirds went to Sean Mann (120)

and Isaiah Muhs (152), while fourths were earned by Chase Magwire (160) and Joey Haase (170).
Lutheran High NE Duals Team Standings
North Bend 165, Winside 118, Neligh-Oakdale 110, Norfolk Catholic 102, Fullerton 38, Lutheran High Northeast 31.
Winside Results
106: Koby Ellis, 3-0, 1st. 113: Mason King, 2-1, 2nd. 120: Sean Mann, 0-3, 3rd. 126: Colby Erickson, 2-1, 2nd. 132: Marcos Escalera, 5-0, 1st. 152: Isaiah Muhs, 3-2, 3rd. 160: Chase Magwire 2-3, 4th. 170: Joey Haase, 1-4, 4th; Michael Jensen, 0-5, 5th. 182: Hayden King, 1-1, 2nd. 195: Jon Escalante, 1-1, 2nd. 220: Cory Shoff, 2-1, 2nd.

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LCC girls get first win

The Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Lady Bears picked up their first victory of the season on Friday with a 55-39 win over Creighton at LCC High School. The Lady Bears got off to a good start offensively, building an 11-point lead at the intermission. LCC continued to play well in the second half and never let the visitors back in the game, finishing with a 16-point victory. Brynn Schutte had a double-double with a game-high 22 points and

11 rebounds. Emily Hangman added 10 points and Katie Leapley just missed a triple-double, recording nine points and career highs in rebounds (21) and blocked shots (11). The Lady Bears are on the road Thursday at Battle Creek and Tuesday at Osmond.
LCC 55, Creighton 39
LCC 13 16 9 17 - 55
Creighton 8 8 9 14 - 39
LCC - Kardell 2, Leapley 9, Wolfgram 4, B. Holloway 2, Cook 5, Chapman 1, Schutte 22, Hangman 10.
CREIGHTON - Scoring not available.

Eagles struggle in losses

The offensive woes continued for Allen's boys basketball team, as they dropped a pair of games this past week. On Thursday, the Eagles traveled to Santee, and the Warriors blew open a competitive game with a 31-9 third-quarter run to help them to a 70-49 win over the Eagles. Allen got 12 points from Austin Crom and 10 from Tayler Kumm, while S.T. O'Keefe put in nine and Garrett Brentlinger scored seven. On Friday, the Eagles returned home to face Whiting out of Iowa, and the third quarter again proved to be Allen's undoing in a 61-35 setback.

The visitors broke the game open coming out of the locker room at halftime, outscoring the Eagles 26-9 to come away with the 21-point win. Brentlinger paced Allen with 12 points while Kumm added 11. Allen hosts Wausa on Thursday and Walthill on Monday.
Santee 70, Allen 49
Allen 4 16 9 20 - 49
Santee 10 20 31 9 - 70
ALLEN - Kumm 10, Johnson 3, Bausch 2, Nelson 2, Brentlinger 7, O'Keefe 9, Jacob 4, Crom 12.
SANTEE - Scoring not available.
Whiting 61, Allen 35
Allen 5 14 9 7 - 35
Whiting 19 10 26 6 - 61
ALLEN - Kumm 11, Johnson 3, Bausch 3, Nelson 3, Brentlinger 12, Williams 1, Riffey 2.
WHITING - Scoring not available.

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(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Kylie Hammer had a game-high 21 points in Wayne's win over Norfolk Catholic on Friday.

Win streak ends for WHS

The Wayne High girls basketball team saw some quality competition as they faced a pair of Mid State Conference rivals last week.

On Friday, the Blue Devils used a 12-3 third-quarter effort to turn back Norfolk Catholic in a matchup at Wayne High School, taking a 52-41 win.

The Blue Devils rode the hot hand of sophomore guard Kylie Hammer, who finished with a game-high 21 points to lead the hosts. Tarah Stegemann added 13 points in the win, Danica Schaefer had a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Kelsey Boyer put in six points.

On Tuesday, the Class C-1 No. 7 Blue Devils ran into a second-half buzzsaw in the hands of Class C-2 No. 2 Crofton, as the Warriors pulled away for a 69-27 blowout win

at Crofton High School.

Crofton built a 10-point halftime lead, then used a solid defense to frustrate the Wayne offense. Crofton outscored Wayne 40-8 in the second half to turn a competitive game into a blowout.

Stegemann scored six points and Hammer and Jamie Gamble both had five for Wayne.

Wayne plays at Hartington CC on Friday before coming home to host Kearney Catholic on Saturday.

Wayne 52, Norfolk Catholic 41

Wayne	11	10	12	19	-	52
Norfolk Cath.	13	10	3	15	-	41

WAYNE - K. Boyer 6, Stegemann 13, Schaefer 12, Hammer 21.
NORF. CATH. - Scoring not available.

Crofton 69, Wayne 27

Wayne	13	6	4	4	-	27
Crofton	18	11	19	21	-	69

WAYNE - Maly 2, Keating 3, Stegemann 3, Schaefer 3, Meyer 3, Gamble 5, Hammer 5.
CROFTON - Scoring not available.

Wayne boys end losing streak with 51-44 win

After a couple of tough losses, the Wayne High boys got back on track with a good road win on Tuesday.

On Friday, the Blue Devils ran into a tough Dakota Valley team in South Dakota, and the host team came away with a 62-43 win, using a 23-13 third-quarter run to overcome a 23-22 halftime advantage by the Blue Devils.

Payten Gamble led Wayne in the losing effort with 17 points, while Grayson McBride put in 13 points.

On Saturday, Wayne turned the ball over 26 times and couldn't overcome Boys Town's size as the visiting Cowboys defeated the Blue Devils 62-49.

Boys Town's tough defense forced Wayne

into a number of early turnovers, helping the visitors build a 12-point halftime lead that they wouldn't relinquish.

McBride had a team-high 20 points and Gamble added 15 in the losing effort. Mason Lee added seven points.

On Tuesday, the Blue Devils ended their losing skid with a 51-44 win at Crofton.

It was a tight game throughout, but Wayne came back from a four-point first-quarter deficit to take a two-point lead at the half and come away with the win.

Gamble led all scorers with 19 points in the win, McBride added 13 and Lee and Tyler Gilliland each had six.

Wayne is at Hartington CC on Friday.

Dakota Valley 62, Wayne 43

Wayne	10	13	13	7	-	43
Dakota Valley	7	15	23	17	-	62

WAYNE - McBride 13, Jaixen 2, Gamble 17, Gilliland 2, Evetovich 3, Davie 4, Lee 2.
DAKOTA VALLEY - Scoring not available.

Boys Town 62, Wayne 49

Wayne	7	9	16	17	-	49
Boys Town	17	11	18	16	-	62

WAYNE - McBride 20, Jaixen 3, Anderson 2, Gamble 15, Evetovich 2, Lee 7.
BOYS TOWN - Scoring not available.

Wayne 51, Crofton 44

Wayne	6	17	15	13	-	51
Crofton	10	11	13	10	-	44

WAYNE - McBride 13, Jaixen 5, Gamble 19, Gilliland 6, Davie 2, Lee 6.
CROFTON - Scoring not available.

WSC indoor track opens 2016 at Dakota Dome

The Wayne State College indoor track and field teams opened the 2016 portion of their schedule Saturday with some solid results at the Dakota Realty Alumni Track and Field Meet, held at the Dakota

Dome in Vermillion, S.D.

The Wayne State men had six top-five on the day, led by sophomore Brady Metz, who won the triple jump with a leap of 46 feet, 0 1/2 inches. He also took fifth place in the long jump with a mark of 20-9.

Bryan Dunn led four Wildcats among the top eight in the weight throw, finishing second with a mark of 59-9 1/2. Richard Sweeney (53-7 3/4) was third, Matthew Nemecek (48-3 1/2) was seventh and Joe Giesselmann (44-11 3/4) was eighth.

Robert Sullivan finished third in the high jump (6-2 3/4), Clay Kramper was fourth in the 200 (22.97), Nick Fly was seventh in the mile run (4:32.32), Kole Heller was seventh in the 60-meter dash (7.22) and the 1,600-meter relay of Tren-

ton Zink, Kramper, Brandon Marker and Allen Arauz finished fifth in 3:39.31.

In women's action, senior thrower Kyndra Sturm's third-place finish in the weight throw highlighted the Wayne State ladies' efforts. She finished with an NCAA provisional mark of 54-3 1/4, with teammate

Tessa Ives coming in sixth at 47-9.

Wayne native Rachel Rauner finished seventh in the 60-meter dash in a time of 8.12 seconds, while Melissa Kroll was eighth in the 400 in 1:03.33. In the 3,000-meter run, Molly Kingsley was eighth in 11:16.71, with Andrea DeSimone finishing ninth in 11:36.42.



(Photo courtesy Marlon Brink) Brady Metz won the triple jump for WSC Saturday.

Sports Shorts

Wayne to play host to Juniors area tourney

The Nebraska American Legion Baseball committee recently announced host sites for area and state tournaments for 2016, and Hank Overin Field was named as one of the host sites for this summer's postseason baseball action.

Wayne will play host to the Class B, Area 5 Juniors tournament, which will run July 8-12, according to Wayne Baseball Association representative Steve Lutt. Wayne is one of seven cities that will host area tournaments in Class B, with area tournament winners advancing to the state tournament in Sidney.

Youth basketball club seeking refs for tourney

The Wayne Youth Basketball Club is looking for officials for their annual tournament, set for Saturday, Feb. 20.

Games are for boys and girls in grades 4-8. Prior officiating experience is preferred, and deadline to apply is Wednesday, Feb. 10.

For more information, contact Jeff Zeiss at (402) 375-7323 or (402) 369-3481.

Harder named state PGA Senior POY

Troy Harder of Wayne Country Club was named the Nebraska Section PGA Senior Player of the Year by the organization.

Harder will be honored in the Nebraska Section PGA's spring meeting on March 14 at Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln.

Freshman lose one, claim two victories

The Wayne freshman boys basketball team won two of three games last week.

On Friday, the Blue Devils lost at Dakota Valley 62-49, Drew Buck led the way with 17 points, while Marcus Fertig had 12 and Aaron Reynolds scored 11. Kaleb Anderson, Carlos Magana, Ethan Hill and Kaden Kneifl each had two.

On Saturday, Wayne posted a 45-29 win over Battle Creek. Fertig led the way with 20 points, Magana

had 14, Buck and Kneifl each had four, Anderson had two and Reynolds had one.

On Monday, Wayne earned a 48-40 win over Crofton. Fertig scored 15 and Buck added 14 to lead the way. Reynolds put in eight, Magana had six, Anderson had three and Kneifl had two.

Two area wrestlers in NSWCA ratings

Two area wrestlers are listed in this week's Class C rankings by the Nebraska Scholastic Coaches Association.

Wakefield's Cody Thomas and Efen Godinez are ranked in their respective weight classes. Thomas is No. 3 at 170 pounds, while Godinez is sixth at 182 pounds.

Girls BB, cheerleader parent night is Feb. 9

Wayne High School will honor the girls basketball team and the cheerleaders, along with their parents, on Tuesday, Feb. 9 during their matchup against Ponca.

Girls basketball parents should be at the Wayne High School gym by 6:30 p.m. They will be introduced during the JV and varsity The cheerleaders' parents should be at the gym by 7 p.m. They will be introduced at halftime of the varsity game.

Seventh boys start with three victories

The Wayne seventh-grade boys basketball team opened the season with three victories.

Wayne beat Battle Creek 31-26 and were led by Jacob Kneifl with nine points and Reid Korth with eight. Kallan Herman and Victor Kniesche each had six points and Treyton Blecke finished with two.

Wayne handled Pierce 29-20 with a balanced attack. Korth and Colton Vovos each scored six, Herman, Kneifl and Blecke each had four, Nolan Hunke had three and Kniesche had two.

Wayne earned a 30-17 over Columbus Lakeview behind Kneifl's game-high 13 points. Korth added five, Blecke scored four, Vovos and

Kniesche each had three and Herman scored two.

Eighth boys start winter season 3-0

The Wayne eighth-grade boys basketball team tipped off their season going 3-0 in recent matchups.

Wayne won a close one over Battle Creek to open the season, winning 34-33. Shea Sweetland was 12-of-13 at the line and finished with 19 points to lead the way. Cody Rogers added seven, Trevor DeBoer had four and Tyrus Eischeid and Josh Lutt each had two.

Wayne posted a 30-25 win at Pierce to improve to 2-0. DeBoer led the way with 11 points and Eischeid added 10. Rogers put in four, Sweetland had three and Gunnar Jorgensen scored two.

Wayne moved to 3-0 with a 40-29 win at Columbus Lakeview. Sweetland scored 16 points to lead the way, Lutt and DeBoer both had seven, Eischeid and Hagan Miller each had four and Rogers scored two.

WSC baseball hosting camps

The Wayne State College baseball program is conducting two baseball camps, one at the end of January and one at the beginning of February in the WSC Recreation Center.

A Total Skills Camp will be held on Sunday, Jan. 24, followed by a Hitting/Pitching Intensity Camp on Sunday, Feb. 14, with each camp running from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Both camps are open to baseball players ages 8-18, and players will be grouped according to their age. The average group size will be four players to ensure quality fundamentals and instruction.

The Total Skills Camp will emphasize all parts of the game - fielding, pitching, catching, hitting and base running while the Hitting/Pitching Intensity Camp is designed to give each camper with a specific skill set, either pitching or hitting, advanced instruction in each area.

The Wayne State coaching staff and Wildcat baseball team will instruct the camps. The Wayne State baseball camps have been well attended in the past due in part to the

1-on-1 training and the competent instruction given by the Wildcat players and coaching staff.

Registration for each camp begins at 8:30 a.m. in the WSC Recreation Center. Players are asked to bring their glove, bat and gym shoes. The fee for one camp is \$50 or \$90 for both and includes a camp t-shirt.

For more information on the camps or for registration information, contact Wayne State head baseball coach Alex Koch at (402) 375-7012 or e-mail alkoch1@wsc.edu. Fans can also register online by logging on to www.wscbaseballcamps.com, or mailing their registration form and payment to: WSC Baseball Camps, Attn: Ryan Hix, 1111 Main Street, Wayne, Neb., 68787.

Softball clinic to be held at WSC

The Wayne State College softball program will host a Hitting/General Skills Clinic on Sunday, Jan. 31 and Sunday, Feb. 7 in the WSC Recreation Center.

The Hitting/General Skills Clinic on Sunday, Jan. 31 is open for players 8-13 years old, while the clinic on Sunday, Feb. 7 is open for players 14-18 years old. Check in for each camp is 8:30-9 a.m. with each clinic running from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The cost of each clinic is \$50 and includes a camp t-shirt.

The clinics will emphasize the basic skills needed for hitting and defense and is designed for the novice to advanced athlete. Instructors for the clinics will be Wildcat coaches and players and is a great clinic for young players to help enhance their game.

All athletes should come dressed for participation. It is recommended that athletes bring tennis/turf shoes, glove, bat, batting gloves, and water bottle.

For more information on the clinics, contact WSC head softball coach Shelli Manson at (402) 375-7522 or e-mail shmanson1@wsc.edu. Fans can also register online by logging on to www.wscsoftballcamps.com or mailing their registration form and payment to: WSC Softball Camps, Attn: Ryan Hix, 1111 Main Street, Wayne, Neb. 68787.

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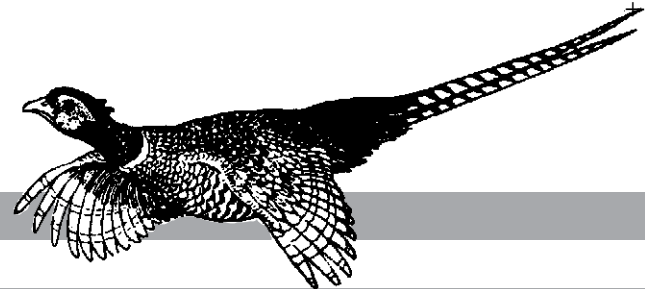
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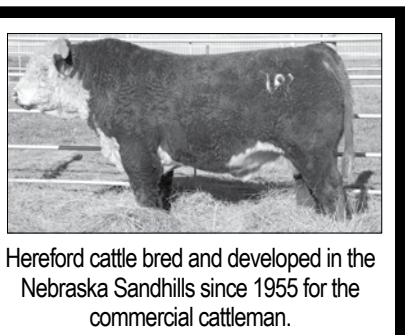
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Cold winter days filled with searching through scrapbooks

This is the time of year for staying indoors and tackling the tasks that pile up when the weather is more conducive to outdoor activities. So, I found the box in the store room that held about a dozen scrap books. I think I started keeping them when in high school, and I've really never stopped, although in recent years, they have been only for really important things.



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

I'm looking for a photo from a newspaper of the son of good friends playing basketball. I know I have it, I just have not found the right book yet. They lost this son to a heart attack a couple of months ago, and of course, would like to have the clipping.

Looking for it, I have found a lot of things I had forgotten! Our little schools in York County would publish a composite of the graduates, for instance, and I have a lot of them saved; from Utica, Thayer, Benedict, etc. Today, that just doesn't happen. I have engagement and wedding photos galore! In those days, only the bride was the subject; I guess they thought the groom was just not important.

Along with those clippings, I have wedding invitations. Gobs of them! (Does anyone use the word 'gobs' anymore? I have had an e-mail recently with all kinds of expressions we used that our kids would not understand, like 'jalopy'.)

Then, there are thank you notes,

and baby announcements, the evidence that we were all getting married and starting families. I even kept all my Christmas and birthday cards. So, of course, I kept baby congratulation cards. But, before that, there is a huge scrap book of nurses training; this includes snapshots, and all the cards I received when I graduated. Another composite of our graduating class, and of our affiliations.

There is a separate one for wedding cards, and another one for cards and showers when we had Sue. After that, though, the cards are not in scrapbooks; they are in

boxes! I wonder what happened?

I did not remember that Norfolk was flooded in 1962. Or that there was a tornado north of Gresham before that. There are advice columns regarding marriage, essays regarding farming and farmers, and poetry about kids.

Eventually, of course, there are all kinds of clippings of athletic and music contests; some of these have already been given to the kids. Plus, I'm thinking I had better get rid of some of this detritus before I die; what will those kids do with

them? Throw them, of course! Also, it's surprising how much newsprint fades.

But I've had a fun week, reading and reminiscing, and sometimes, not able to recall why in the world that clipping is there. I thought it was important at the time. And, I still have not found the picture I'm looking for, so there are more to look through.

Stay warm! They say it's going to get better. And, think of me, still searching!

Wayne County Clover Kid's Meeting

The first meeting for Wayne County Clover Kids will be held Saturday, Feb. 6 from 9-10:15 a.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse.

Youth ages 5-7 on or before Dec. 31, 2015 are eligible. They will learn about 4-H and participate in an activity that will be an exhibit they can bring to the fair.

Participants will need to enroll in 4-H and pay a \$2 insurance fee. Enrollment instructions are available at wayne.unl.edu (click on 2016 4-H Enrollment Information) and at the Extension Office.

The purpose of the Clover Kid Program is to promote the positive development of youth to become competent, caring, contributing citizens. The learning experience is the primary reason for involvement in the program. Clover Kids have the opportunity to exhibit at the Wayne County Fair in a non-competitive environment.

Online enrollment can be completed by parents at the meeting. Contact the Extension Office by 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 1 to register so supplies will be available for the February meeting.

Ag Management workshops upcoming

Learn how to extract more information from your precision agriculture data at the 2016 Nebraska Extension Precision Ag Data Management workshops. This two day workshop will be held at Norfolk on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 25-26 at the Northeast Community College Lifelong Learning Center.

The first day, Session One, will address intermediate ag data management topics, such as: Working with as-applied data, tracking product locations and rates; creating templates to speed up the data import process; terrain analysis diagnostic opportunities and working with LiDAR data; georeferenced soil sample data input and prescription map development options; and



Ag Happenings
Keith Jarvi
Extension Educator

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The next day, Session Two, will address more advanced ag data management topics: Generating maps from georeferenced soil samples - Map interpolation strategies; improving Yield Monitor Data Accuracy with Yield Editor Software from USDA; Multi-layer Geospatial analysis to determine hybrid performance across changing landscapes; and imagery analysis using data from active and passive sensors.

Individuals can register for one or both days. Cost is \$75 for one day or \$130 for both. Registration includes printed learning guides, a jump drive with workshop tutorials attendees can reference at home, and data. On-line preregistration is required and class size is limited to 20 to facilitate the hands-on training. To register online, visit the pro-

gram website at agronomy.unl.edu/precisionag.

Further down the line are the annual series of Beef Profit Workshops. During the winter of 2016 Nebraska Extension will host 18 Beef Profitability Workshops to help beef producers evaluate their operations to make them more profitable thorough the latest research information. The three nearest our area are at the Oakland Community Room the afternoon of Monday, Feb. 22 and in the Wayne Fire Hall on the evening of that same day, and Hartington will host on Friday, March 4 at the extension office.

Remember that private Pesticide Safety Training Sessions are beginning soon. Find that letter from the state Department of Agriculture and bring it with you. Call your extension office for dates and locations.

4-H News

COUNTRY CLASSICS 4-H Club

The Jan. 10 Country Classics 4-H meeting was called to order at by President Anna Loberg and the pledge was lead by Claire Lutter.

The roll call was given by Secretary Josie Thompson and 16 members were present.

Old business included voting for club officers and finding club goals. Committees were also put together for each project.

New business included packing backpacks for the Backpack Program after the meeting. Other proposed projects included a sewing workshop, Mercy Meals, bingo at The Oaks, Tray Favors, and an educational tour.

The Treasurer's report was given by Sylvia Jager, and historian report by Marta Pulfer. Both were approved by the club.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 14.

Demonstrations were given by Hannah Belt, Sylvia Jager, Marta Pulfer and Josie Thompson.

Maura Loberg
News Reporter

Carbon monoxide is a silent killer

The Nebraska Poison Center experienced a nearly 13 percent increase in calls concerning carbon monoxide poisonings between 2014 and 2015.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are more than 400 deaths and approximately 15,000 emergency room visits each year as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning. The highest percentage of carbon monoxide exposures occur during the winter months of November, December, January and February. The coldest temperatures of the winter have yet to arrive.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ranked Nebraska as one of the states with the highest mortality rate from carbon monoxide. It is imperative that the citizens of Nebraska understand the dangers, the symptoms and how to prevent poisoning from carbon monoxide.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include sleepiness, headache, dizziness, blurred vision, vomiting, shortness of breath and convulsions.

The first step in treating carbon monoxide poisoning is getting the victim to fresh air. Then seek medical attention immediately.

Carbon monoxide is a gas produced when fuels burn incompletely. It has no color, taste or smell. The major causes of carbon monoxide poisoning include:

- Using heating equipment that is in poor repair;
- Lack of ventilation in a car;
- Using a charcoal grill indoors;
- Using unvented space heaters.

The Poison Center offers the following suggestions to help prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Inspect all fuel-burning equipment yearly.

- Vent fuel-burning heaters to the outside.

- Do not use a gas range or an oven for heating a room.

- Never use a charcoal grill or hibachi inside.

- Install carbon monoxide alarms on every level of your home.

- Never leave a car running in an attached garage, even with the garage door open.

- Have the vehicle muffler and tailpipes checked regularly.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning resemble those associated with other health conditions that are common among the elderly, especially in the winter. The carbon monoxide death rate is highest among people greater than 65 years of age.

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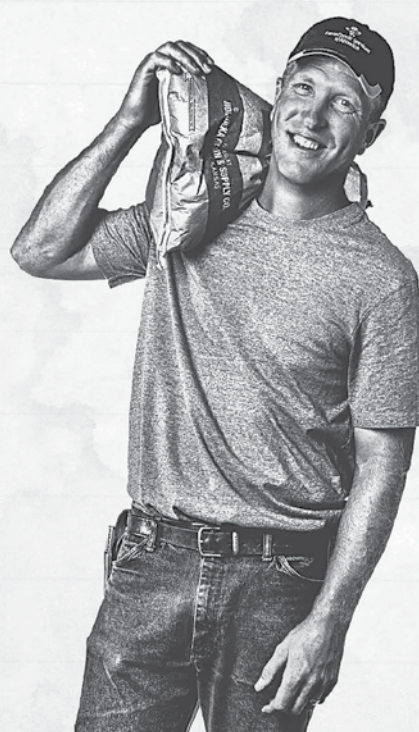


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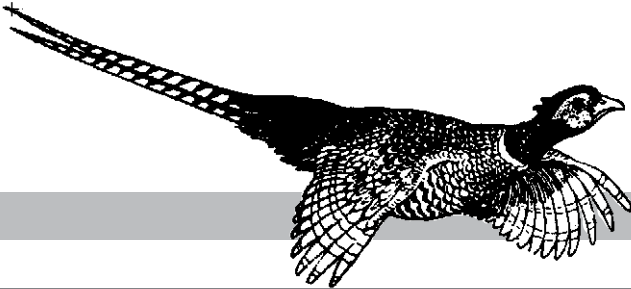


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Don't get me started

By: Michael Carnes
Managing Editor

The hypocrisy of anti-gamblers

The hypocrisy of those who oppose gambling in the state of Nebraska really amuses me.

Last week, you had to look pretty hard to find a Nebraskan who WASN'T buying a lottery ticket for the \$1.5 billion Powerball jackpot. In fact, one Nebraska Lottery retailer in town told me that, on the day of the drawing, their business sold \$4,000 worth of \$2 lottery tickets - including \$1,200 in the final hour before the drawing (that's about 2,000 tickets in one day and 600 in an hour, for those of you scoring at home).

Almost a BILLION Powerball tickets were sold across the United States in the last two drawings. Considering how many hundreds of thousands of those tickets were purchased right here in Nebraska, one would think that expanded gambling would be a logical addition here in our little corner of the world.

Ahhhh, but this is Nebraska - the Good Hypocrite State, where we try to convince ourselves that casinos and sports betting and poker are oh-so-bad for the moral fabric of our citizenry . . . but seem to have no problem watching our residents either make the drive across the border to drop MILLIONS of dollars in slot machines and at blackjack tables in Sioux City, Deadwood, Winnivegas or Council Bluffs, or drop hundreds of dollars on scratch cards, Powerball and Pick 5 tickets, pickle cards and keno numbers.

People like Pat Loontjier, the leader of the anti-gambling crusade of hypocrites known as Gambling With The Good Life, wring their hands and jump up and down telling us how evil those big, bad casinos are, and how they'll take all our money, and cause families to go hungry, and how crime will skyrocket and all these horrible, terrible things that will kill "the good life" in Nebraska as we know it, yet are remarkably silent when it comes to the forms of gambling that ARE available in this state - and say nothing about whether or not Nebraska should continue to offer the gambling that now legally exists.

Never mind the fact that, in 2013, the state of Iowa received an estimated \$600 MILLION in gambling revenue from Nebraska players ALONE - and then brought whatever problems might arise from those who have a problem with gambling their paychecks away back across the border - and efforts, they chirp, is a bad bet for Nebraska, and they oppose any and all efforts to expand gambling options within our state's two-faced borders.

Now I'm not saying gambling is necessarily a good thing to get into. I enjoy playing poker and engaging in other forms of wagering, but I know where my limits are and don't step beyond that threshold. Like alcohol, gambling in moderation can be an enjoyable experience for those who engage in it, but there are those who, as an alcoholic might with booze, go far beyond their means at the slot machines or the blackjack table and get themselves, and their families, into trouble as a result.

That being said - I find it incredibly hypocritical that the Nebraska Legislature finds itself allowing certain types of gambling while, at the same time, rejecting others. If we're going to play the "good for the family" or the "moral objection" card when discussing casino gambling, or skill-related games like poker or fantasy sports, then how, in good conscience, can ANY state representative accept the revenue the state generates from its lottery games, including scratch tickets and the various lottery games (Pick 5, 2 by 2, MyDay, Powerball) the Nebraska Lottery engages in?

The state is not only allowing a significant amount of revenue to leave the state by siding with Gambling With The Good Life and rejecting any and all efforts to expand its gambling offerings within Nebraska, it is engaging in unquestionable hypocritical behavior by saying expanded gambling is bad, but the gambling that is legal within our borders is somehow OK for people to participate in. You can't take money from "legalized" gambling and say that kind of gambling is OK, and then reject any efforts to bring in more revenue by claiming that casino gambling is evil. It's a simple definition of hypocrisy at its most pathetic.

At some point, the Nebraska Legislature needs to stop its hypocritical view and get off of the fence when it comes to gambling. There isn't a gambling device, legal or otherwise, that doesn't have the potential to create financial problems for those who can't walk away from a losing bet. Powerball, pickle cards and scratch-offs are just as potentially damaging to some with a gambling addiction as the roulette wheel, the poker table or a slot machine.

It's time Nebraska makes a choice - go "all-in" with gambling . . . or cash in their chips.

Capitol View

A new twist to help working poor

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

A plan to provide health insurance for the more than 77,000 Nebraskans who can't afford it appears to have some new advocates.

They're from Omaha, they have financial resources and influence on fellow businessmen. No, they aren't Pete Ricketts. But they have been around longer than the first-term governor and may just rule the day.

Walter Scott, former chairman of construction giant Peter Kiewit Sons, and Michael Yanney, former chairman of the Burlington Capital Group and America First investment firms have invited other business leaders to a briefing today (Jan. 20) at the Omaha Country Club to learn more about a plan promoted by three state senators.

Omaha senators Heath Mello and John McCollister and Lincoln Sen. Kathy Campbell are sponsoring the bi-partisan effort that would use more than a billion in federal dollars to fund private insurance for an estimated 77,000 Nebraskans who are the working poor. Mello is a Democrat and chairman of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee. Campbell, a Republican, is chair of the Health and Human Services Committee. Republican McCollister is a member of a politically prominent Omaha family.

The business community has remained largely neutral on the topic, which has been debated each of the last three years. Supporters have tried unsuccessfully to expand Medicaid to cover the low-income adults. Groups such as the Greater Omaha, Lincoln, and state chambers of commerce have remained neutral. Governor Pete Ricketts has adamantly opposed the move, saying he fears federal involvement will wane and leave Nebraska holding the bag.

Scott and Yanney say they are concerned that Nebraska has elected to ignore more than \$1 billion in federal payments, burdening Nebraska health care providers and employers with uncompensated care. They agree that the Affordable Care Act - Obamacare - is far from perfect. But they say they like this



year's proposal as a market-driven model.

In making the business case for Scott and Yanney and other business leaders, McCollister said it would bring in \$2.1 billion over 5 years to the state of Nebraska. The move would also add 10,000 jobs. Apart from the benefit to 77,000 people, it would be a boost to the Nebraska economy.

McCollister hit the road after completion of last year's legislative session for a series of statewide meetings to explain the proposal to access available federal Medicaid expansion dollars and use them to purchase private health care insurance. He said the proposal is patterned after similar legislation in Arkansas.

The federal government would pay 100 percent of the costs through 2016; the federal share then would gradually begin to phase down to a 90 percent floor in 2020. Ricketts

said he's worried that the federal money isn't a sure thing and could end without warning. McCollister has a contingency plan for that. He said he's encouraged that the business community and a number of his colleagues are willing to listen.

McCollister also hopes to shake the negative image of "Medicaid expansion" terminology that has made it politically difficult for many senators. He prefers to call it "transitional health insurance for targeted Nebraskans." That's the people who slipped through the cracks in the ACA. People who are employed in food service, construction, retail sales, cleaning and maintenance - who do not have health care coverage and are ineligible for Obamacare's private health care insurance subsidies. Others include students, spouses and some disabled Nebraskans. These are not lazy people who are just staying home and collecting benefits. Most are working adults

and a great many are in rural Nebraska working multiple jobs.

McCollister sees this as a short-term program for most of the Nebraskans who need it now. Uncompensated care for uninsured Nebraskans currently shifts hundreds of millions of dollars of health care costs to other Nebraskans in the form of higher private insurance premiums. He said turning to the private health care insurance market rather than simply expanding Medicaid in Nebraska is a fundamentally Republican solution to the health care coverage challenge. And the fiscal impact to the state should be considerably less than the original \$59 million estimate over five years.

Let's hope that facts, cool heads and wisdom can finally settle this issue.

Letters

Need to think carefully on trail

I'm writing to express my concern and to galvanize the citizenry to raise the alarm over the manner in which our city government has conducted the process surrounding their decision-making about the construction of the third phase of our proposed walking trail.

Having been a Wayne resident twice in my life (my first 22 years

and my most recent 21 years), and being an avid outdoor walker along with my wife, we have both long awaited some movement from the city respective of completing the walking trail. At this point, while we are still supporters of the trail idea, it is extraordinarily difficult to support an initiative of this expense without very specific and accurate information from the city about three key concerns yet to be addressed adequately.

First, while we've been given a variety of figures about cost from the city, we've not seen any reasonable or specific breakdown of the costs to construct this third phase of the trail. While we know approximately what the state and the city will each "kick in", that figure does not demonstrate with accuracy what this project will cost in total.

In order for citizens to either support or challenge this initiative, we need absolutely specific, accurate and non-contradictory information about the costs - which we are not getting. Given the proposed route west from the college to Sherman Street south, Westwood Drive west through the corn field near the western water tower, then between Western Ridge and Greenwood Cemetery to link with the west Highway 35 underpass, it seems a near miracle that we could come even close to completing a trail for the \$300,000 predicted by the city given the infrastructure deconstruction/reconstruction required if the trail passes through multiple residential neighborhoods as the city has proposed. As a further point of interest, we also have no forecast of costs or cost sharing to construct the west Highway 35 underpass. It would appear inconceivable that both the trail and the underpass could be completed for less than twice the current projected \$300,000.

Second, publicly three potential trail routes have been discussed and we've been told that no decision has been made. That, in part, is true: while no final decision has

been made on the route, subliminally, it seems obvious to those curious enough to look, that a specific route has been determined but the city's responses to the public on that question remain evasive.

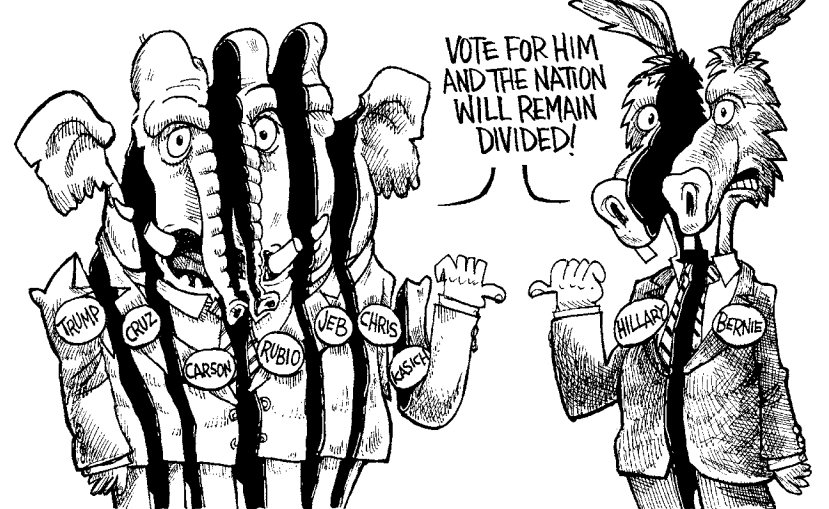
Third, we were originally told by the city administrator that the completion of phase three of the trail was not related to the west Highway 35 underpass (between the Western Ridge addition and the Rec Center). Apparently, that also was not accurate nor complete information and that, in truth, the two projects are linked inextricably (i.e. one cannot happen unless they both happen).

If you are interested in knowing how and why the city is spending your tax dollars for a very expensive, yet ill-defined project, you should attend the next two city council meetings to listen and express your concerns about this entire process. While the trail may not be going through your neighborhood, we are all paying for this decision now, and we will continue to pay for it in the future for upkeep, repair, snow removal, mowing the right of way, etc.

No matter whether you are a proponent or opponent, it's time to think carefully and challenge the prevailing thinking on this project and letting your voices be heard as we seek definitive answers from the city officials. Pay attention to the radio and print media for information about an upcoming open meeting possibly on Sunday, Jan. 24 later in the day.

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Letters can be sent to Michael Carnes, Managing Editor, at The Wayne Herald, P.O. Box 70, Wayne, Neb., 68787. Letters may also be e-mailed to sports@wayneherald.com.



(Photos by Clara Osten)

Food Pantry visit

First grade students from Wayne Elementary School recently brought items to the Food Pantry and were able to seek where the food is stored. (left) The students dropped off the items that they had contributed. (right) While at the Food Pantry, which is located at First Presbyterian Church in Wayne, the students were also able to see the coats that have been contributed to the Wayne Coat Closet. Jenny Hammer, who serves as the coordinator of both the Food Pantry and Coat Closet, noted that donations to either of these charities are especially welcome this time of year.




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Court News

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Civil Proceedings
Curtis J. Pilger, Carroll vs. Brittney M. Pilger, Pierce. Dissolution of Marriage
Candice R. Guill, Wayne vs. Shane M. Guill, Wayne. Dissolution of Marriage
Gricelda Casillas, Wayne vs. Jose Olivares, Wayne. Dissolution of Marriage

Criminal Proceedings
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Austin J. Weaver, Wayne. Theft by Unlawful Taking, a Class 4 Felony. Sentenced to 9-12 months in the Nebraska Department of Corrections with credit for 125 days served, to run consecutive to sentence currently being served. Ordered to pay restitution of \$450 and court costs of \$135.

Wayne County Court

Criminal Proceedings
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Michael A. Houdek, Wayne, def. Complaint for Disturbing the Peace. Fined \$500 and costs.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Jamar W. Rucker, Norfolk, def. Complaint for Operating a Motor Vehicle During Suspension or Revocation (count I); Possession of Marijuana, one ounce or less (count II); and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (count III). Fined \$700 and costs.
St. of Neb., pltf., vs. Katie M. Rutenbeck, Wayne, def. Complaint for Failure to Stop Following an accident involving property damage. Fined \$50 and costs.

Civil Proceedings
Credit Bureau Services, Inc., pltf., vs. Glenn W. Bender, Wayne, def. \$782. Judgment for the pltf. for \$782 and costs.
Professional Choice Recovery, Inc., pltf., vs. Quinton M. Derr, Wayne, def. \$1,973. Judgment for the pltf. for \$1,973 and costs.
Credit Management Services, Inc., pltf., vs. Rochelle Maxwell and Robert Maxwell, Carroll, defs. \$438. Judgment for the pltf. for \$438 and costs.

Traffic violations
Marcellus Brice, Wayne, violated stop sign, \$123; Connie Miller, Sioux City, Iowa, spd., \$173; Billie Marcellus, Norfolk, spd., \$123; Christopher Hupp, Norfolk, headlight not working, \$58; Hannah Rathman, Grand Island, wrong way on one way, \$73; Taylor Krusemark, Pender, spd., \$123; Tiffany Gustafson, Emerson, spd., \$73.
William Reppert, Pender, spd., \$73; McKenna Clevinger, Butte, spd., \$173; Karen Tjarks, Pender, spd., \$173; Colby Henderson, Wakefield, spd., \$73; Cornelio Espino, Wayne, spd., \$123; Morgan Hurley, Lincoln, spd., \$173; Dectrick Devenport, Houston, Texas, spd., \$123; Jashaun Vborny, Hoskins, no valid registration, \$73.
Logan Hamik, Norfolk, no valid reg., \$73; Timothy Campton, Wakefield, spd., \$123; Ashley Sukup, Nacogdoches, Texas, spd., \$123; Rene Tello, Wakefield, spd., \$248; Michael Sells, Omaha, spd., \$173; Keaton Slaughter, Sioux City, Iowa, spd., \$73; Shae Reinke, Pierce, spd., \$73.

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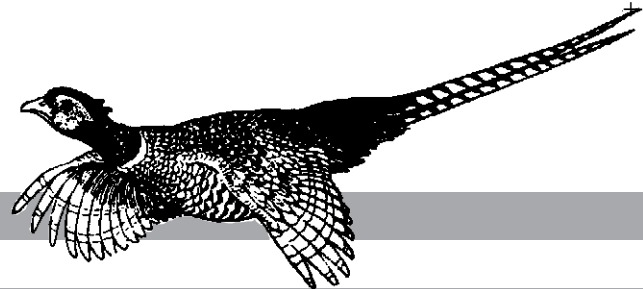
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- Friends and family that are already members of 4-H.

- Project materials, developed by University of Nebraska staff based on the latest research.

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- Your local Nebraska Extension Office. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension staff are ready to help you discover all that 4-H can offer you!

- The Nebraska 4-H Web site. Whether you're interested in animal science, cooking, photography or technology, you'll discover it here!

To learn more about 4-H or to join a 4-H Club, contact the staff at your local Nebraska Extension office.

Anniversary



Larry and Emily Haase

Open house Jan. 23 for Haase 50th

Larry and Emily (Shulz) Haase are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Saturday, Jan. 23.

The event will be at the Wayne Fire Hall from 5-8 p.m.

Their family, sons Rick (Mindy), Dan (Amy) and Nick; and Emily's sister LaRene Miller will be hosting this celebration. The couple also has four grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to the couple at 57446 851st Road, Wayne, Neb. 68787.

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School Lunches

ALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Jan. 25-29)

Monday: Breakfast — Cinnamon round. Lunch — Soft shell taco.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Pancake and sausage. Lunch — Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, tea roll.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Long John. Lunch — Barbecue pork on a bun, tator tots.

Thursday: Breakfast — Egg and biscuit. Lunch — Orange chicken, rice, tea roll.

Friday: Breakfast — Cinnamon roll. Lunch — Meatball sub, carrots.

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.

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Jan. 25-29)

Monday: Breakfast — Omelets. Lunch — Taco salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Dutch waffles. Lunch — Corn dogs.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Breakfast sandwich. Lunch — Hot ham and cheese sandwich.

Thursday: Breakfast — Mini pancakes. Lunch — Goulash.

Friday: Breakfast — Tornado. Lunch — Chicken noodle soup.

Menus are the same for Elementary, Middle and High School and are subject to change. Orange juice, skim milk, fruit, yogurt and salad bar are available daily. All breads and pasta are whole grain.

WAKEFIELD SCHOOLS (Jan. 25-29)

Monday: Breakfast — Long Johns, string cheese, juice. Lunch — KFC casserole, lettuce, wheat roll, strawberries.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Cinnamon rolls, apples. Lunch — Hot dogs, carrots, tomato, apples.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Pancake on a stick, peaches. Lunch — Barbecue meatballs, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, mandarin

oranges.

Thursday: Breakfast — Banana muffins, apples. Lunch — Chicken nuggets, green beans, baby carrots, homemade bun, pears.

Friday: Breakfast — Cereal, juice. Lunch — Beef nachos, corn, black bean salsa, apple juice.

Milk and juice served with breakfast and lunch. Juice or fruit offered everyday.

WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Jan. 25-29)

Monday: Breakfast — Waffles. Lunch — Sweet-sour chicken, brown rice, Oriental vegetables, cauliflower, pear.

Tuesday: Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Hot ham and cheese, whole grain bun, peas, carrots, peaches.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Breakfast burrito. Lunch — Chicken patty, whole grain bun, baked beans, Romaine lettuce, strawberries.

Thursday: Breakfast — Cheese omelet. Lunch — Whole grain spaghetti, meat sauce, whole grain French bread, green beans, banana.

Friday: Breakfast — Whole grain breakfast pizza. Lunch — Beef patty, whole grain bun, corn, sweet potato wedges, orange.

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

WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Jan. 25-29)

Monday: Breakfast — Omelet. Lunch — Chicken nuggets, broccoli, applesauce, roll.

Tuesday: Breakfast — French toast sticks. Lunch — Barbecue rib on a bun, baked beans, mandarin oranges.



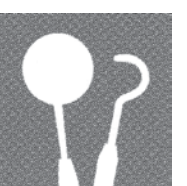
Wednesday: Breakfast — Egg burrito. Lunch — Breakfast pizza, green beans, blushing pears.

Thursday: Breakfast — Breakfast cookie. Lunch — Chicken quesadilla, lettuce, pineapple.

Friday: Breakfast — Cereal. Lunch — Philly sub sandwiches, carrot sticks, fruit cocktail.

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Minerva Club holds Jan. 11 meeting

Minerva Club met Jan.11, 2016 at the Wayne Senior Center with Donna Hansen as hostess. Eleven members answered roll call by sharing what they knew about the state of Indiana. President Joyce Mitchell held our attention as she shared some notes about life style one hundred years ago. She also read a touching story entitled "Red Marbles".

Minutes were read and approved. Donna Hansen presented the treasurer's report. Historian Hollis Frese read minutes from ninety-eight years ago. Programs at that time consisted of four minute talks. One such topic was about potash used in fertilizer being discovered in Nebraska; up until that time potash was shipped from Germany but WWI had limited the supply so crop production had suffered. Another four minute talk was entitled "The value of moving picture".

Donna Hansen presented her program about Indiana. She shared that Indiana is located in two time

zones, eastern and central. Indianapolis is the state Capitol and is located in the middle of the state which is not the case in many states. In Indiana's early history there were many skirmishes with the Native Indians. Mad Anthony Wayne lead the final battle defeating the natives. Which lead Indiana to receive statehood Nov., 1816, becoming the nineteenth state. Indiana opposed slavery and provided more than their share of troops. Natural gas was discovered in 1880. The Ohio River is a major source of transportation. Heavy manufacturing attracted many European immigrants helping to grow the population quickly. Eli Lilly Chemical Co. remains a major industry today. When in Indiana Donna urged us to visit the Conner Prairie Area. She concluded her program by highlighting the Indy 500 race and the facility.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 25 at the Wayne Senior Center with Connie Webber as hostess.

Planetarium shows begin Jan. 22

The Fred G. Dale Planetarium at Wayne State College will begin its 2016 season of public shows on Friday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. This Friday will be "Dawn of the Space Age" followed by "Back to the Moon."

For this season, the planetarium will cycle through 19 different

shows including "Dawn of the Space Age," "Chasing the Ghost Particle," "The Sistine Chapel," and "One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure."

Included in each show will be a tour of the current night sky and a constellation song. Subsequent shows will be on every Friday night until April 29.

Please visit www.wsc.edu/planetarium for a detailed show schedule, more information about these public shows, and how to book a private group showing. The suggested donation for all shows is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids.

Senior Center Calendar

(Week of Jan. 25-29)

Monday, Jan. 25: Morning Walking, 8:30 a.m.; FROG Exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Quilting; Pool; Senior Center Chimers, 11:30 a.m.; Pitch; Hand and Foot.

Tuesday, Jan. 26: Morning Walking; Quilting; Eating Healthy by Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department, 11:45 a.m.; Afternoon Bridge Club; Pitch.

Wednesday, Jan. 27: Morning Walking; FROG Exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Quilting; Pool; Legal Aid - Amanda "Legal Issues for Seniors," 11:45 a.m.; Hand and Foot; Pitch.

Thursday, Jan. 28: Morning Walking; Quilting; Spotlight on Promise, 11:30 a.m.; Safety Committee meeting, 1:30 p.m.; Pitch; Afternoon Bridge Club.

Friday, Jan. 29: Morning Walking; FROG Exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Quilting; Pool; Providence Bingo, 1 p.m.; Hand and Foot; Pitch.

Senior Center Congregate Meal Menu

(Week of Jan. 25-29)

Meals served daily at noon.

For reservations, call 375-1460
Each meal served with bread, 2% milk, skim milk and coffee.

All menus subject to change.

Monday: Pork cutlet with pork gravy, fresh red roasted potatoes with skins, peas and carrots, fresh cut oranges, whole wheat fresh bread, Promise.

Tuesday: Beef tips with mushroom soup, onions, beef gravy, mashed potatoes, frozen green beans, canned apricots, whole wheat fresh bread, Promise.

Wednesday: Ham salad sandwich, whole wheat fresh bread, homemade tomato soup with stewed tomatoes, pea salad, crackers and Promise, applesauce.

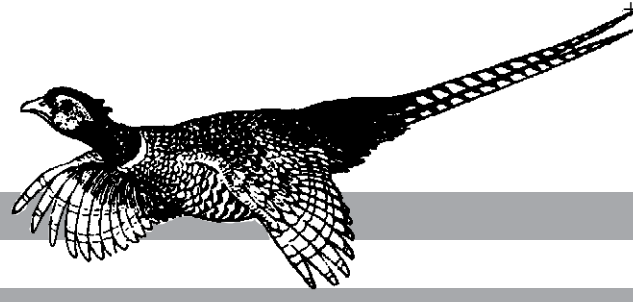
Thursday: Turkey cutlet, mashed potatoes with skins, turkey gravy, frozen Key Largo blend vegetables, canned apricots, whole wheat fresh bread, Promise.

Friday: Chicken tenders, baked beans, frozen cauliflower, whole wheat fresh bread, Promise, mandarin oranges.

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375-3608
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Sunday: Sunday School, Adult and children's classes, 9:15 a.m.; Prayer and Fellowship, 10:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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Pastor Sally Carlson, Interim pastor
Sunday: Handbell Rehearsal, 8:45 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.; First Presbyterian Church Annual Meeting, 11 a.m.; Fellowship, 11:15 a.m.; Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. **Monday:** Session Meeting, 7 p.m. **Wednesday:** Church School, 6:30 p.m.; Sewing Souls, 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday: Divine Worship with Holy Communion, 8:45 a.m. with Sunday School to follow worship.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
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Sunday: Third Sunday after the Epiphany. Worship Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Youth Group, 5 p.m. **Monday:** Faithful Fitness, 5:30 p.m. **Tuesday:** Faithful Fitness, 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday:** Newsletter Folding, 9 a.m.; Bell Choir, 5:45 p.m.; Gospel Seekers, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:45 p.m.; Praise Band, 7:45 p.m. **Thursday:** Bible Study, 9 a.m.; King's Kids, 3:45 p.m. **Friday:** Faithful Fitness, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: Mobile Food Pantry at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 10-11:30 a.m.

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(Rev. Jeanne Madsen, senior pastor)
Friday: Great Bible Stories at Careage, 10 a.m. **Saturday:** Worship, 5:30 p.m. **Sunday:** Coffee Hour, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.; Annual meeting with potluck to follow, 11:15 a.m.; Worship at Careage, 1:30 p.m. **Monday:** Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m.; Staff meeting, 2 p.m. **Tuesday:** Bible Study at Tacos & More, 6:45 a.m.; WELCA Board meeting, 10 a.m.; Tabitha Circle, 7 p.m. **Wednesday:** Joyful Noise, 6 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 7 p.m. **Thursday:** Senior Ministry - Build a Snowman Event, 2 p.m. **Saturday:** Mobile Food Bank Truck Delivery, 8 a.m.; Worship, 5:30 p.m.

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Friday: Mass, 8 a.m. Adoration, 8:30 a.m. **Saturday:** No Mass at 8 a.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m. **Sunday:** Mass, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Mass, 9 p.m.; Spanish Mass has been moved to Emerson on Sundays at 10 a.m. For more information contact Sacred Heart Parish at (402) 695-2505. **Monday:** Fr. Beran's Day off; Ecumenical Prayer group, 3 p.m. at Providence Medical Center Chapel. **Tuesday:** Adoration, 4:30 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Pastor Council Meeting, rectory, 6 p.m.; Mass, 9 p.m. **Wednesday:** Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Adoration, 4:30 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Religious Education for seventh grade through W.I.N.G.S. **Thursday:** That Man is You, breakfast, 5:45 a.m.; Session, 6-7 a.m.;

Adoration, 4:30 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Hispanic Prayer Group and rosary at church, 6 p.m.; R.C.I.A., 7 p.m., rectory. **Friday:** Mass, 8 a.m. Adoration, 8:30 a.m.

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Saturday: Worship, 6:30 p.m. **Sunday:** Adult and Youth Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. **Monday:** Boy Scout Webelos meeting, 4 p.m.; Altar Guild, 6:30 p.m.; Evangelism, 7 p.m. **Wednesday:** Bell Choir Practice, 7 p.m. **Thursday:** Salem Video on Channel 98, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Tiger Cubs, 6:45 p.m. **Saturday:** Worship, 6:30 p.m.

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All information submitted to the Herald by Monday at 5 p.m. (delivered to the Herald office) or emailed by 8 a.m. on Tuesday will be included in that week's edition of the paper.

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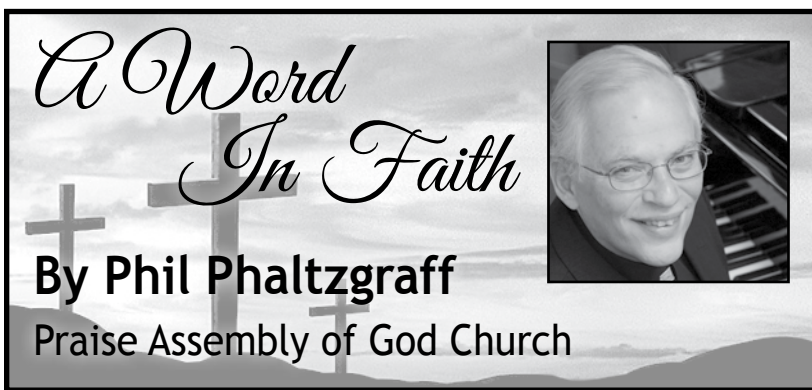
Greetings! Each time my name comes around in the rotation to be a part of the faithful submission of "The Word in Faith" articles, I pray about what it is that the Lord wants to say. Just as the Psalmist wanted his tongue to be a "ready writer" (Psalm 45:1), I would like the Lord to direct these words to people who need to read them.

Facebook has become a great place to be able to renew and maintain contact with family members; and we have also reconnected with many friends whom Sherry and I have known across the country and around the world from employment and ministry days in Iowa, Michigan, Florida, Nebraska, South Africa, and Mexico.

And as I read their posts, it is always interesting to see someone celebrate a birthday and wonder "where time has gone." Sometimes I write a little quip -- for instance for the friend who had just turned 60: "I remember that number". And I also remember 65.

Because of this, the holidays that we just passed became a time of looking back as well as straining a look into what the future might hold. Last year the milestone was to sign up for Medicare Part A, and more recently Part B. That choice brought with it the historic decision to drop my regular BC/BS coverage and to sign up for the "Supplement" and the "Prescription Drug Coverage" that are both necessary when signing up for Medicare. This means that I now carry THREE cards for coverage instead of just ONE. What a hoot!

I'm sure you are starting to see



some of my reasons for giving today's column the title "I've Joined the Ranks."

The scriptures speak of the issue of aging with some positive observations like these: - Proverbs 16:31 reports that grey hair is the splendor of the person who is aging; - Proverbs 20:29 says that the glory of old men is their gray hair; - Psalm 92:14 informs us that older folks will still bring forth fruit in old age; in fact, the King James rendering of that verse also includes the information that "they will still be full of sap and very green" (The good news is that I can still bring forth fruit for the Lord - even at "this" age: Hallelujah!)

There is also this sobering prayer of the Psalmist in Psalm 90:12 when he prays that God will "teach us to number our days so that we may present to Thee a heart of wisdom". In other words: God is the only One Who truly knows the number of days that we will be granted this side of heaven. So he asks God for the wisdom to know and live circumspectly by this truth.

With this in mind, let me tell you

what I am discovering as I age:

Among other things: I have found that I'm moving slower, I don't like to jump as high, I really don't run any more, I have more aches and pains than a few years ago, and my voice has a wider vibrato than when I was younger. Oh, yes: I also have found out (when I go to the doctor's office) that I am getting shorter (I used to be 5 feet 9 inches tall; and now I am 5 feet 7 and 3/4 inches). However, I still have my own teeth and my own hair (although the latter is thinning and changing color VERY FAST). I can't stop the track of time -- either in my lifespan or in the number that is my age. Eventually my wife and I will transition through another "rite of passage": the vast company of the retired. More on that in a few years, I expect.

But for now, I have settled the bigger issue: I have joined the ranks of the REDEEMED. This refers to the men, women, and children who acknowledged their need of forgiveness from God, and for His redemption from the power of sin at work in their lives and the world around

us. I am truly grateful for membership in this glorious company. Do you want to know why?

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- There are no health questions asked

And what -- if any -- are the requirements to maintain my place in this wonderful FAMILY of God (as it is called)? Just these:

- Never forget that God loves me unconditionally (Romans 5:8);
- Trust God daily and walk through open doors of service to those whom God puts in my path; and
- Rest in the confident assurance that Jesus is the same: yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8); and this means that He was there all the time -- when I was young as well as now when I am not. And His (presence) will be the crowning reality of eternity in heaven with Him.

Yes. I have happily joined the ranks of the "over-66 crowd." But more importantly: I am a grateful member of the Company of the Redeemed. You should all join the same Company!

Community invited to take part in area clothing drive

First Trinity Lutheran Church of Altona is cooperating with St. John's Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Pilger in a clothing drive to help tornado victims in the southern United States. Monetary donations may also be made to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Disaster Relief Fund through local Missouri Synod churches.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Republican Party of Wayne County Nebraska shall hold its biennial County Convention on **Friday, April 1, 2016 at 7 PM at the Wayne County Courthouse Courtroom, 510 Pearl Street, Wayne NE.** Registered Republican voters of Wayne County need to file Delegate to County Convention papers with the Wayne County Clerk's Office no later than March 1, 2016. Paid for by Republican Party of Wayne County Nebraska - Robert "Bud" Neel, Chairman - 402-369-1873

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Why I Want to Go to College' writing contest is under way

Nebraska State Treasurer Don Stenberg is encouraging seventh and eighth graders to enter the 14th annual "Why I Want to Go to College" writing contest for a chance to win a Nebraska Educational Savings Trust (NEST) scholarship and a ticket to the May 1 Storm Chasers game at Werner Park in Papillion.

The annual writing contest is sponsored by the Nebraska State Treasurer's Office and the Omaha Storm Chasers.

Three winners will be chosen in each of Nebraska's three U.S. Congressional districts, and three winners will be selected from outside Nebraska. First-place winners will each receive a \$2,000 contribution to a NEST college savings plan. Second-place winners will each receive a \$1,000 contribution to a NEST plan, and third-place winners will each receive a \$500 contribution to a NEST plan. Nebraska winners and their families will receive tickets to the May 1 game.

"The writing contest is an ideal opportunity for seventh- and eighth-grade students to reflect on their educational goals and their future career possibilities. At the same time, the contest is an opportunity for students to practice good writing skills, to learn to express themselves clearly and persuasively, and to

begin saving for college or to add to their existing savings," Stenberg said.

Stenberg said that students in public schools, private schools, and home schools are invited to enter.

As in the past, preliminary judging will be done by students and faculty in the College of Education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and final selections will be made by Treasurer Stenberg.

Entries are due March 18. Contest rules are available at treasurer.nebraska.gov/csp/scholarships/essay/college/2016/contest-announcement.

The following rules apply to entries:

- Must be focused on the student's educational goals and dreams for the future.
- Must be student's original work.
- Must be typed, double spaced on 8 1/2 X 11-inch paper.
- Must be accompanied by required cover sheet.
- Must be no more than 750 words in length.
- Must be postmarked by March 18, 2016. Winners will be notified in late April.
- Mail entries to Megan Burdek, Omaha Storm Chasers, 12356 Ballpark Way, Papillion, Neb. 68046.

Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid has January meeting

Grace Ladies Aid and LWML met Jan. 13 at Brookdale Wayne. Outgoing President Rhonda Sebade welcomed 15 members and three guests - Bernice Hogan, Milet Habrock, and Connie Schmeichal to the meeting. The LWML pledge was recited in unison.

Pastor Lilienkamp conducted the installation of Fauneil Bennett as President and Rhonda Sebade as Secretary.

President Fauneil Bennett opened the meeting by leading the LWML grant devotion for "Redeeming Life Maternity Home" in Sanford, Fla. She also reminded the ladies of the dues for 2016.

Ellen Heinemann led the devotions, which included a memorial devotion in honor of Elinor Jensen. Secretary Rhonda Sebade read the secretary's report and the correspondence. Louise Green read her 2015 Annual Report. Treasurer Barb Greve gave the treasurer's report and handed out the 2015 financial report. Bonnadell Koch and Betty Wittig audited the books and found them to be in order.

Committee Reports: Sewing - Ruth Victor has stepped down from the chair position of the sewing committee. Jan Poppe will take her place and chair with Esther Brader.

Kitchen - Fauneil will contact Doechers to get the burner ordered. **Visiting** - Rhonda Sebade and Betty Wittig thanked all who helped deliver the cookies to the shut-ins.

Many cards were also sent. The new committee will be Fauneil Bennett and LaVon Biermann. **Burial** - Two funerals were served. The ladies thanked all for the food donations and the help. The new committee will be Fauneil Bennett, Louise Green, Diane Zach, and Jan Casey. **Mission Service** - Mary Janke reported on the gifts given to the confirmands for Christmas. Barb Greve will write to seminary student Ryan Janke this month.

Old Business - Ellen Heinemann reported we collected 239 pairs of socks, nine pairs of girl's panties, 27 hats, and 87 pairs of gloves/mittens for the Orphan Grain Train. She thanked all who donated.

New Business - Grace Ladies Aid will serve the Pastor's conference on Feb. 2, 2016. Louise Green will chair the meal. Rhonda Sebade requested items for the Right to Life Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Church.

The birthday song was sung for Barb Greve and Pastor Mike. The next meeting will be held in fellowship hall on Wednesday, Feb. 10 with Fauneil Serving. Pastor Lilienkamp presented the Bible Study "God wants you to have Integrity" taken from Daniel 6.

The meeting was adjourned by reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Table Prayer in unison. Rhonda Sebade served lunch.

Joy Circle conducts Jan. 13 memorial service

Joy Circle of Our Savior Lutheran Church met Jan. 13.

President Phyllis Rahn welcomed everyone and gave announcements from the December and January executive board meetings. She reminded the group of the Winter Retreat to be held at St. Paul's Lutheran in Grand Island on Saturday, Jan. 23.

Virginia Backstrom gave the devotions, talking about the Seeds of the Heart. For a garden, the soil needs to be tilled, the seeds planted, water is needed for the ground, and the garden must be kept free of

weeds. She shared several parables Jesus told His disciples about sowing seeds, the main one found in Matthew 13 where seeds fell in different types of soil. Those seeds that fell on good ground are like those whose lives are built on God's Word. God starts working in us at our baptism. Regular study and hearing God's Word keeps God within us, and the seeds of His Word grow in our hearts.

As a final activity, she gave the group 13 baggies with different types of seeds and asked the members to see if they could identify the

seeds. Phyllis Rahn presented the program. It was a memorial for the 21 women from Our Savior who have gone to be with their Lord during the period from November, 2013 until November, 2015.

As Phyllis read each woman's name, members of the group reminisced about the life of each person

while she was still with us on earth -- likes, occupations, activities in which they were involved, and hobbies they had.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 10, with Public Health Nurse Julie Rother giving a program on Public Health Awareness and Genia Puls hosting.

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2015 Area Babies

First baby of 2015 welcomed at PMC

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:

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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.

Did you know?

Thousands of new babies are born every year. Time and again expectant parents are left with the often difficult decision of coming up with a name to bestow on their new bundle of joy. Some parents want something that is trendy or inspired by a Hollywood character or personality, while others look for a name with a certain meaning behind it. For example, the name "Jacob" is of Hebrew origin and means "he who supplants," while the name "Sophia" is of Greek origin and signi-

fies "wisdom." The most popular baby names of 2012, courtesy of Social Security Administration statistics.

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Advice is offered on how to sooth your colicky baby

There's no magic formula for parenting a newborn. Parents do their best to prepare for the moment they bring their new son or daughter home for the first time, but it's only through trial and error that most parents learn which childcare techniques work on their children.

One condition new parents often face is infant colic. Spells of crying mixed with discomfort and inability to get settled can make for worn-out babies and equally frazzled mothers and fathers.

"Colic" is a term used to describe uncontrollable crying in an otherwise healthy infant. Babies who are younger than five months old and who cry for three or more hours per day during a period of three or more days a week, with such episodes lasting for at least three weeks, are classified as hav-

ing colic. "Colic" is a term, not a specific disease, and there are no long-term health effects.

Parents often find that colic arrives when a baby is two or three weeks old, according to Baby Center. The American Academy of Pediatrics says it is quite common for episodes of colic to occur between 6 p.m. and midnight, right when parents are looking to wind down themselves. Roughly one-fifth of all babies will develop colic.

Colic may be blamed on gas or sensitivity to milk protein in formula or breastmilk. But colic often occurs because the child's nervous system is immature and the baby is unusually sensitive to outside stimulation. The infant cannot self-console, and it could take several weeks or months for him or her to grow accustomed to outside

stimuli. Distraught parents may think there's no end in sight when facing an infant with colic. But many cases of colic resolve by the time the child is three or four months old. In extreme conditions, colic may last until the child is six months old.

Parents who suspect their child has colic should first rule out any other medical conditions, such as acid reflux, hernia or another illness. If the child is otherwise healthy, one or more of these methods may help soothe a colicky baby.

- If you suspect gas, gas-relief medications can be administered under the advisement of a pediatrician. Probiotics also may help maintain a natural balance of good bacteria in a baby's digestive tract.
- Hold the baby as upright as possible during feedings and burp him

or her often.

- Avoid potential allergy-inducing foods if you are breastfeeding. Consider switching formulas to one with broken down proteins which are easier to digest.

- Use white noise, such as a fan, running clothes dryer or another steady, rhythmic sound, to help the baby fall asleep.

- Some children like to be held closely and comforted. When you cannot hold your baby, try swaddling.

- Rocking motions or riding in the car can soothe some children.

- A warm bath may help calm a crying baby.

- Infants may sense if their parents are tense. So if you are feeling anxious, leave the room or get out of the house and ask a friend or family member to sit with the baby

for a little while until you can calm down.

Colic is a mystery to parents and

doctors alike. It can be a trying experience, but one that resolves itself in time.


How breastfeeding benefits mother and child later in life

Breastfeeding is a natural and often convenient method of providing nutrition to a growing infant.


The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advise that breast milk is widely acknowledged as the most complete form of nutrition, with a range of benefits for infants' health, growth, immunity, and development. Formula can come close to replicating the benefits of breast milk, but many mothers still prefer to feed their youngsters their natu-

ral breast milk instead of formula.


Due to its unique combination of nutrients, breast milk can present a number of health advantages that begin at birth and continue throughout a child's life — even into adulthood. Some health experts believe that many of the health problems children face today can be prevented or decreased if they are exclusively breastfed up until six months of age.



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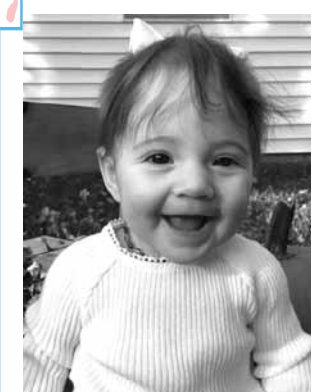
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May 1, 2015
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May 23, 2015
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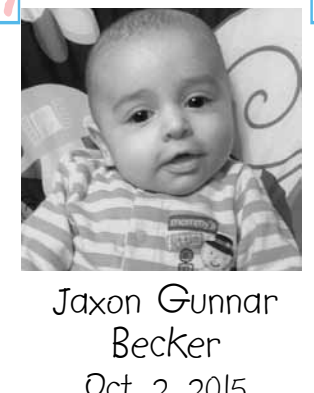
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