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Governor highlights 25th annual forum

Medicaid, marijuana, wind discussed

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

The lecture room at Gardner Hall was buzzing Friday as the 25th edition of the community's Legislative Forum had an unusual guest join in the event.

The Wayne Area Chamber's legislative committee, which has hosted the event since its inception, had never included a sitting governor before, but Gov. Pete Ricketts dropped in to join state senators Dave Bloomfield, Lydia Brasch and Jim Scheer in a 90-minute discussion of some of the major issues facing the Nebraska Legislature during the 60-day session that runs through the end of next month.

Students from Ponca and Wayne high schools helped fill a good portion of the seats in the lecture hall, and they listened intently as Gov. Ricketts and the three senators discussed issues ranging from property taxes to the state's infrastructure.

The governor opened the forum by declaring property taxes to be the top issue for the Unicameral to work on this session, pointing to LB958 and LB959 as

two bills that, Ricketts believed, would help address the property tax issue.

"This is of particular concern to those in agriculture," he told the reporter-estimated crowd of 150. "Ag land taxes are up 66 percent, while personal and commercial is up only eight percent."

Ricketts said the state has already cut spending 6 1/2 percent in the last budget and an additional 3 percent for this fiscal year's budget, and the new legislation could bring more than \$408 million in relief to property owners in the state.

Wind energy was one of the topics discussed by those on the forum, and all believed it was not up to the state to offer tax incentives to companies who are interested in building the infrastructure to take advantage of the wind energy available in the state.

"Most states like Iowa, Oklahoma and Kansas that are doing well with wind energy started with tax credits that are no longer there on the federal level," Sen. Scheer said. "My question is, does it make sense for me as a state senator to provide for a company

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(Photo by Michael Carnes)

A good crowd that included students from Ponca and Wayne gathered in the Gardner Hall lecture hall for the 25th annual Wayne Area Chamber Legislative Forum.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Joe Blanekau helps voters get registered for the Democratic Party's caucus Saturday at the Wayne County Courthouse. About 100 registered Democrats filled the court room to select their nominee for President.

'Much bigger crowd' gathers for county Democrats' caucus

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

They came in a wide variety of shapes, sizes, ages and backgrounds, creating a standing-room only atmosphere inside the court room of the Wayne County Courthouse.

About 100 hopeful Wayne County residents gathered there Saturday to take part in the county's portion of the Nebraska Democratic Party's caucus, which decided the number of delegates the candidates for President of the United States would receive from the state at this summer's national convention.

This is the third time the state's Democrats have gathered for a caucus, a move made by the party back in 2008 to help give the state more relevance in deciding which of the Democrats' candidates would advance to the general election, and this was by far the biggest turnout of Democrats in the county, according to caucus chair Traci Bruckner.

"This is a much bigger crowd than what we've had before," she said after the hour-long meeting had concluded. "I think the Democratic Party did a good job with outreach for the event. They created a Facebook page and we ran an ad in The Wayne Herald, but I also think there's a lot of excitement about both candidates."

Asked what she felt the reason for the big turnout could be attributed to, she pointed to the two candidates, as well as those running on the Republican ticket.

"I think we saw a lot of excitement for both candidates, and I think some of it is that they don't want what the Republicans are offering," she said.

The caucus started with a call to ask those supporting one of the four Democrats running for President to speak on behalf of



(Photos by Michael Carnes)

(top) Eric Colvard makes the case for Bernie Sanders as a group of undecided voters listen. (above) Charlene Rasmussen speaks in favor of Hillary Clinton as a packed Wayne County courtroom listens.

Pheasants Forever group getting ready for annual banquet

By CLARA OSTEN
Of The Herald

Just as it has been for the previous 25 years, the Logan Creek Chapter of Pheasants Forever annual Banquet will be held the third Friday of March, which this year is March 18.

Doors to the Wayne City Auditorium will open at 5:30 p.m. for social time, and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

The event will include a variety of games and raffles, along with a silent and live auction.

Of special interest this year, the live auction will include a four-person, seven-day fishing trip to northern Minnesota. The trip can be taken at a time to be determined by the purchaser.

"I checked with your wife, and she says it's okay for you and three buddies to put your money together to take the trip," Pheasants Forever president Jim Modrell said jokingly.

Tickets for the banquet may be purchased from any Pheasants Forever member or at CopyWrite in Wayne. A limited number will also be available at the door the night of the event.

Throughout its history, the Logan Creek Chapter of Pheasants Forever has been involved in many habitat projects throughout its history, including tree planting at the Thompson Barnes Wildlife Management Area northwest of Wayne.

One of the goals of the group for the com-

ing year is to implement a pollinator project to increase the number of bees and monarch butterflies in this area. The project will also take place at the Thompson Barnes Wildlife Management Area. The group hopes to involve students in Wayne Community Schools in the project.

Also planned for the near future is working with the Izaak Walton League on some type of family event.

"We want to introduce youth, and adults, to the outdoors and outdoor activities," Modrell said.

Modrell stressed that Pheasants Forever is not a hunting organization. Instead, the group works to provide habitat for wildlife of all types.

"We are always looking for volunteers to work with habitat and youth and those who want to make a difference. You don't have to be a hunter

to be a part of our organization," Modrell said.

"We would like to thank everyone in the community for their support of our organization through the year," he added.

For more information on Pheasants Forever, to purchase tickets for the banquet or to volunteer to become involved with the group in some way, contact Jim Modrell at (402) 369-0084.

Information about the Wayne chapter can also be found on their Facebook page, Logan Creek Pheasants Forever Chapter 303.



Wayne High to host B-3 district speech contest

Wayne High will play host to the B-3 District Speech Tournament at Wayne Junior-Senior High School on Monday, March 14, starting at 9 a.m.

"This is the third time in four years we've hosted," coach Dwaine Spieker said. "Each time it's been an honor, a chance for the local public to see these hard-working kids in action."

Wayne High's speech district, Spieker said, is enormous, stretching from the Sandhills to the Omaha area.

"I'm sure all the schools were happy when we agreed to host the tournament," Spieker continued. "We're clearly the central location."

In addition to Wayne, the district schools are O'Neill, Columbus Lakeview, Columbus Scotus, Schuyler, West Point-Beemer, Blair, and Bennington.

Speakers will compete in two rounds, with the top six entries in each making fi-

nals. The top three finalists in each event qualify for the State Speech Tournament, which will be held in Kearney on Wednesday, March 23.

No classes are planned for Wayne Public Schools on March 14. The tournament begins at 9 a.m. and should run until 4:15, with the awards ceremony to be held shortly after the end of the last round.

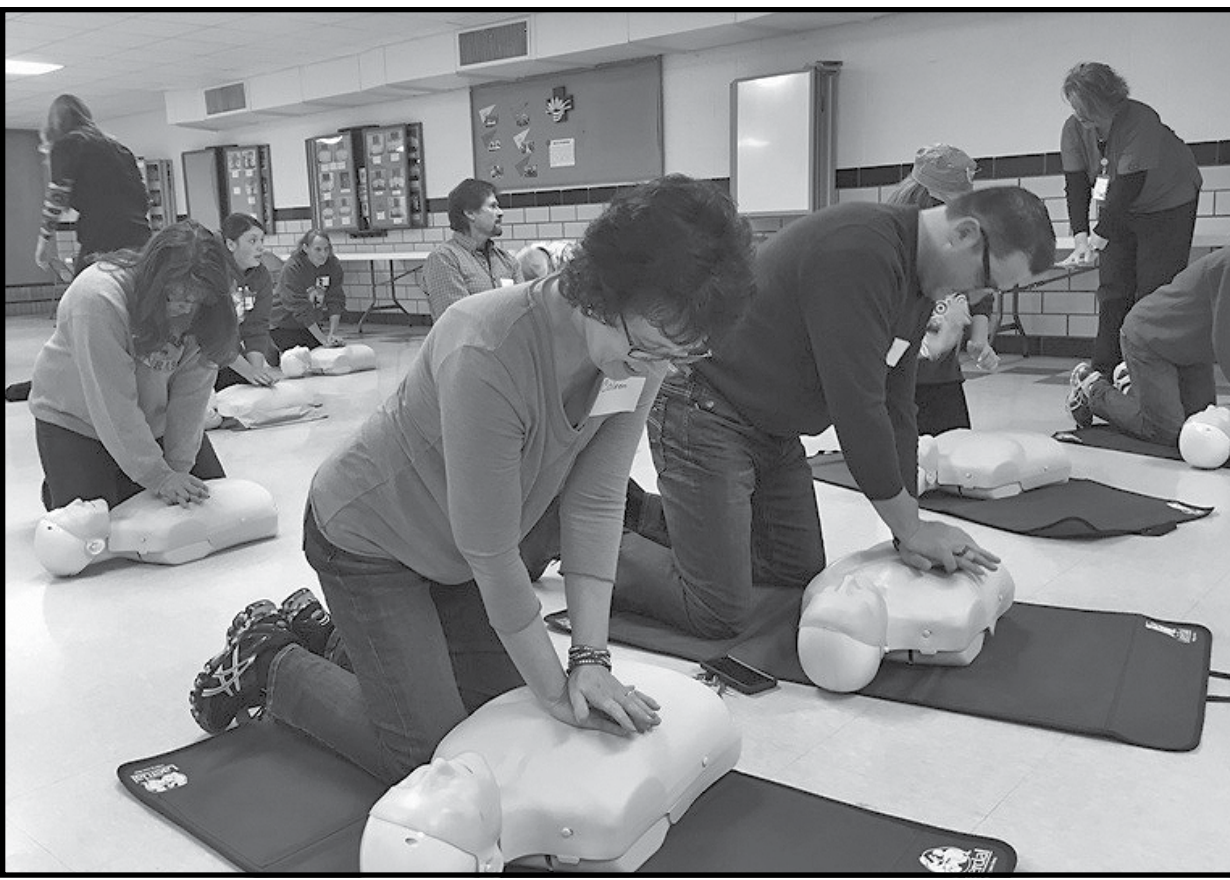
"I like to think we are helping our kids get 'home court advantage,'" Spieker went on to say. "Districts

can be pretty intimidating, even for experienced kids, but it's less so when they are competing in the building they know very well."

Spieker said he is grateful to the Wayne administration, teachers, staff, and community for their support.

The public is invited to the event, and admission is free.





(Photo courtesy Chele Simon)

Saving lives with CPR training

Coleen Jeffries and Jim Rusk give compressions on dummies during a CPR training class that was co-sponsored by Ameritas and the Wayne State College sports management club. More than 70 people attended three classes that were held recently.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Guadalupe Ramirez, (second from the right) and Colleen Hupke (back) work with a group of students in the English as a Second Language class.

Wayne Head Start helping out those learning to speak English

Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership-Wayne Head Start has partnered with Northeast Community College to offer English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in Wayne. These classes are held every Saturday morning from 9-11 a.m. at Wayne Head Start, located at 1210 East Seventh Street in Wayne. "We are pleased to be able to open these classes to the public. These new classes are designed for beginning, intermediate, and advanced English learners with different programs for different levels of learners. We have excellent instructors with ESL experience, and the class is also equipped with a variety of new technology to enhance the learning experience," said Colleen Hupke, Family Service Worker at Wayne Head Start. She also serves as a volunteer teacher for the ESL classes. Three teachers, Guadalupe Ramirez who is the lead teacher, Mary Carstens and Hupke, work with the students each week.

Hupke has been a part of NEN-CAP since August 2015. She is a political science/public administration graduate of Wayne State College in May 2015. "I reached out to Northeast Community College's Adult Education Program to partner with Wayne Head Start and bring ESL classes to the Wayne community. We are hoping in the future we can also bring GED classes and Citizenship classes to Wayne as well," she said. At the present time there are approximately 10 students attending classes on Saturday mornings. "We wanted to design the class for all levels of English learners. We have a couple of different programs that have levels within them that we can tailor to each individual student. We also have access to several touch screen laptops for us to utilize online programs and apps in class. We do some learning with the whole group together, some in smaller groups, and some individualized. We make it an enjoyable and exciting experience for everyone,"

Hupke said. Students can work at any pace that they are comfortable with; however they need to have an 80 percent attendance rate to graduate from the class and earn the college credit hours. The course is part of Northeast Community College's Adult Education program. In addition to the Saturday morning class time, the students are able to "practice" and work on their own when it is convenient for them. There is no maximum number of students who can take the class and Hupke hopes to attract more students from throughout the area. Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership-Wayne Head Start (NEN-CAP) is committed to supporting young children and their families to discover and develop their potential throughout life. Anyone who is interested in attending, is asked to come to class on Saturday morning or contact Colleen Hupke at (402) 375-2913 or e-mail chupke@nencap.org.



(Photo courtesy Bill Dickey)

Republicans meet for Lincoln-Reagan event

Wayne County Republicans met recently for the annual Lincoln-Reagan Dinner that was held Feb. 20 at the Winside City Auditorium. Lt. Gov. Mike Foley (second from left) was the guest speaker. He was joined by current Dist. 17 Sen. Dave Bloomfield, District 17 Legislative candidate Joni Albrecht and Rep. Adrian Smith.

County's top spellers compete

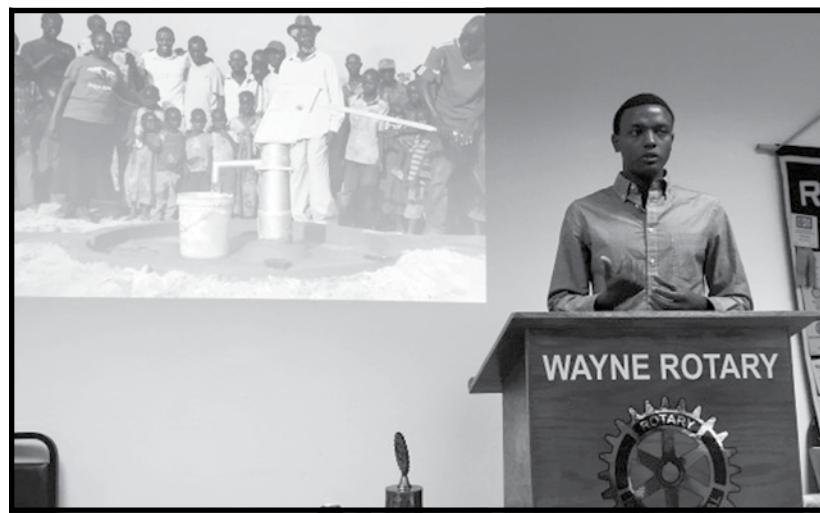
Winside Public School recently hosted the Wayne County Spelling Bee, with a Winside student advancing to regional competition. Finalists this year were: first - Noah Janke of Winside Public School; second - Kati Topp of Winside Public School; third - Zach Schenk of Wayne Public School and fourth - Christopher Woerdemann of Wayne Public School. Janke advances to the Omaha World-Herald Midwest Spelling Bee which will be held Saturday, March 12 in Omaha. Each year, nearly 80 students from Nebraska and western-Iowa compete in the Omaha World-Herald's Midwest Spelling Bee. The students earn the right to compete in the Omaha World-Herald Midwest Spelling Bee by winning their county or district bees. The winner of the Omaha World-Herald Midwest Spelling Bee receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete against champion spellers from across the country in the Scripps National Spelling Bee the end of May. The Omaha World-Herald has sponsored The Midwest Spelling Bee since 1929.



(Contributed photo) Wayne County Spelling Bee champions include (left) Noah Janke, Kati Topp, Zach Schenk and Christopher Woerdemann.

Rotary partners on clean water project

Buey Tut spoke to the Wayne Rotary Club and to an audience at Gardner Auditorium at Wayne State College. A graduate from the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Buey has been the executive director for Aqua-Africa for five years. This non-profit organization is helping to bring clean water to the people of South Sudan, Africa. They have assisted with eight wells, directly serving over 3,400 people. With a Sudanese population over 10 million, there is a great need for more water towers and wells. The fresh water not only has a direct impact on health, it also eliminates the many hours necessary to haul water. The Wayne Rotary Club, Rotary International and the Juba, South Sudan Rotary Clubs have provided financial assistance. Barbara Engebretsen, Wayne Rotary Club Vice-President, introduced Buey. She implemented and oversaw the Rotary International Future Visions Global Grant project.



(Photo by Clara Osten) Buey Tut speaks to the Wayne Rotary Club about a group he leads that brings clean water to people in South Sudan.

The organization notes, "Through microdemocracy and resource management training, we mobilize entire communities, leaving a lasting impression that stretches beyond the edge of the well." For more information refer to aqua-africa.net.

WSC play highlights Children's Show

Wayne State College students will perform "Wiley and the Hairy Man" for the 55th annual Children's Show. The play will be performed on March 18 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.; March 20 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. with a free performance by Discovery Mime Theatre in Fine Arts Lobby. Additional performances are March 21 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. or March 22 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Set deep in the Tombigbee swamp, this classic tale of a young boy with a very big fear is brought to vibrant life in Wiley and the Hairy Man. The story centers on a fatherless young boy, his conjure-woman mother, his faithful dog and the Hairy Man who haunts Wiley's days and dreams. An expandable chorus of swamp creatures creates various locations in sound and movement as Wiley sets forth alone to face his fears and to conquer his own lack of self-confidence. The magic of this play is not fairy dust—it is soil, the magic of survival, the magic of the earth and mud of the swamp. The play is produced by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, Illinois. Zeder is one of the leading playwrights for family or young audiences in the United States. Her plays have been produced by professional, university and community theatres in all 50 states and internationally. She is a six-time winner of the Distinguished Play Award from the American Alliance of Theatre and Education, including 2015 awards for both Wiley and the

Hairy Man (musical) and The Edge of Peace. She is a member of the College of Fellows of the American Theatre and the Academy of Distinguished Teachers at the University of Texas at Austin, where she headed the playwriting program for 23 years. Zeder was the first holder of an Endowed Chair in Theatre for Youth and Playwriting in the United States. Tickets are adults \$6, students \$4 and free admission for WSC students, faculty and staff. For more information or to make reservations, call (402) 369-6807. The box office is open 2-5 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

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sellable tax credits so they can build a wind turbine that will generate energy that will go into the southwest power grid and reduce costs in Louisiana and Arkansas? Why would Nebraska want to subsidize other states' electrical needs?"

Sen. Bloomfield said, "Wind power is a wonderful thing when it can stand on its own, but as long as we have to subsidize it, I don't see going forward with it. I don't support anything where the state has to furnish subsidies or cash up front to build something like that."

Brasch said the state needs to upgrade its infrastructure to take wind energy into account.

"The problem is that our infrastructure, as it exists, is meant for coal and that's where the investment has been," she said. "In my district, we have farmers who want to have wind turbines and have that money spent in Burt County, and it's been very difficult."

The effort to expand Medicaid has been one Gov. Ricketts has been particularly adamant in being against, and he said that is not the solution to address the state's health care concerns.

"Medicaid is for protecting the most vulnerable people in the population," he said. "Arkansas was 61 percent over budget when they expanded Medicaid, so now it's not only a threat to their budget, but it makes it harder for people on Medicaid to actually get care. It will cost the state \$1 billion over 10 years, and if the federal government goes back on their promise to cover 90 percent of the expansion - and they do it all the time - then the state would have to add \$650 million to cover the program. Nobody's denying there is a problem, but this is not the solution."

"Medicaid is a horrendous expense for the state," Bloomfield added. "Expanding it to everybody that seems to think they need it would bankrupt the state. Depending on how the election goes this fall, there are going to be some huge changes in the way the federal government handles it, so for us to do anything that would tie our hands, not knowing what's coming, doesn't make a lot of sense."

Sen. Brasch said she talked with a pharmacist in her district, and a lot of the problems with rising health care costs can be attributed to increasing federal regulations.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Gov. Pete Ricketts makes a point during discussion at the 25th annual Legislative Forum as state senators (from left) Dave Bloomfield, Lydia Brasch and Jim Scheer listen.

"I talked with a local pharmacist, and they have a third party that controls pricing," she said. "These pharmacies are being forced out of business by mandates and regulations, and hospital administrators have said they have even more mandates. Our prices go up as expectations are given through federal requirements, so we need to look at where these costs are and be very careful before we enter into any agreements with the federal government. They've promised money on education and roads and military, and (those promises) have been diminishing, so we need to be careful on any agreements we move forward with."

Legalization of marijuana was another topic where the panel was in agreement, expressing concern with Colorado's legalization of the drug while, at the same time, looking for ways to take advantage of the medicinal properties of the drug.

"We have a process to allow dangerous drugs like marijuana to be used for medical purposes," Ricketts said, pointing to the Federal Drug Administration. "Derivatives of marijuana are going through the FDA process now and when they're approved they'll be legal in Nebraska. Legalizing marijuana in Colorado didn't do away with the black market there; in fact, it's flourishing and that's spilling over into Nebraska with increased trafficking. Nebraska and Oklahoma are suing Colorado because they've legalized marijuana while it's still illegal at the federal level, and we're trying to get the Attorney General to enforce the law in Colorado."

"I've visited with several Colorado senators in the last couple of

years, and when you ask about the revenue (from marijuana sales), they ask if you realize what the liability and risks are," Brasch added. "Since they've regulated it, the black market tries to undersell it, so people are out buying marijuana that could be laced with something harmful and they don't know what they're getting because somebody is bypassing the government. The Colorado legislature is in a quandary, because they didn't support this but it went to a referendum."

Bloomfield said he's also against recreational use of the drug, but said the medicinal properties should be researched, as should the growing of industrial hemp, which doesn't have the medicinal properties of marijuana but can be used in a variety of ways.

"My wife worked for more than 20 years with kids with seizures, so if there's any way we can get that under control, we need to work at it, but what we do not need is recreational use in the state of Nebraska," he said. "Industrial hemp would be a good crop for Nebraska, and the university is studying it and it could be an economic boom for us."

At the close of the meeting, Gov. Ricketts encouraged the younger members of the audience to take an active role in their government.

"Our constitutional republic only works if people like you get involved," he said. "Whether you're supporting a candidate for school board or whatever it might be, if you don't get involved, somebody decides for you. Thomas Jefferson once said 'Just because you don't take an interest in politics, doesn't mean politics is not going to take an interest in you.'"



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Book donation

The Acme Club recently donated a book to the Wayne Public Library in memory of long-time member Elinor Jensen, who passed away recently. Involved presentation was Acme Club member Bonnadell Koch (left) and Julie Osnes, Youth Services Director/Assistant Director at the Wayne Public Library

Candidate forum set for April 26

The Wayne Area Chamber's legislative committee has lined up candidates for two primary races of interest to Wayne voters for a candidate forum that will be held on Tuesday, April 26.

Nebraska Legislature District 17 candidates Joni Albrecht, Ardel Bengston and Lou Benscoter have

told Wayne Area Chamber executive director Wes Blecke that they will attend the candidate forum.

All three candidates for Ward Two of the Wayne City Council have confirmed they will be at the forum. Candidates for the position include incumbent Jennifer Sievers, Reed Allen and Josie Broders.

Blecke said the tentative time and location for the forum will be at 7 p.m. at the Wayne Senior Center. The Chamber's legislative committee is expected to confirm the time and location at their next meeting, scheduled for next Tuesday.

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their candidate. Two came forward - one siding with Hillary Clinton, the other for Bernie Sanders.

Charlene Rasmussen, a longtime resident who spoke in favor of Clinton, said she cut her teeth supporting candidates who didn't fare well in the general election, starting with Eugene McCarthy in 1968 and George McGovern four years later.

"I've been there, done that, and I think I still have the T-shirt," she said as the crowd laughed.

She told the gathering that she felt Clinton was the most electable candidate and had been put through quite a lot with ongoing investigations into a variety of issues. And while she said her vote was with the former First Lady, she encouraged everyone in the room to follow through this November, regardless of whether or not their candidate is chosen in the primary.

"If your candidate doesn't win, don't go home and be a spoil sport," she said. "I've seen too many elections lost because people went home (after the primary) and didn't vote (in November)."

Dominic Reinke, a student at Wayne State College, spoke in favor of Sanders, citing his stance on social issues and desire to get things done for America.

"He's been consistent on issues and has been on the right side of these social issues long before they became big and popular," he said. "He's running on a dream to make America better."

After the speeches, those in the room were asked to separate into groups, based on who their vote was for.

Those who were undecided were asked to come to the front, where they heard passionate conversations between the two sides to help them decide which group to stand with.

"You heard a lot of people on the Sanders side say 'Let's be dreamers and go for these issues,' and then you saw people on the Clinton side say 'We need to be realistic about what we can accomplish in Congress,' so there's some push and pull there," Bruckner said. "The thing I enjoyed was that it was a respectful dialogue that was offered on both sides, which is something I think Democrats can offer that Republicans can't."

Once the undecideds had made their choice, a head count was taken of each side. When the votes were tallied along with the absentee ballots that were cast prior to Saturday's caucus, Clinton had 58 votes to Sanders' 52, giving Clinton the county's one delegate at the party's state convention, which will be held June 17-19 in Kearney.

While the May 10 primary results won't have an effect on who wins the party's nomination, Bruckner said it's still important for voters to cast their ballot in this spring's primary.

"If you wanted to vote for your presidential preference for the Democratic Party, you had to do it today, but it's very important that Democrats vote in the primary as well so we can vote for the candidates in the other races," she said. "It's important for us to turn out and support those candidates as well."

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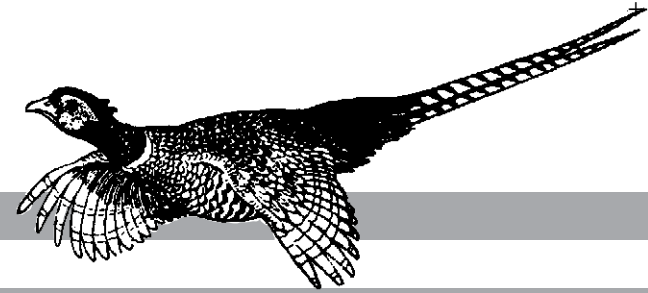
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From The Bleachers

Michael Carnes



WHS girls battled 7 state teams

Since we've got a little break before spring high school sports kicks in, how about a little spring cleaning of the "Bits and Pieces" file:

— Whoever the next coach is for the Wayne High girls basketball team, that individual needs to have a heart-to-heart conversation with athletic director Rocky Ruhl about the team's schedule for next season.

The Wayne High girls finished 16-11 and made the "Final 12" in Class C-1 this past season. That record doesn't SOUND impressive, but when you look back on who they played, you have to be impressed with the job this team did this season.

The Blue Devils played 21 different schools this season, and a third of those teams wound up playing in the state basketball tournament. Two other teams ended their seasons a game short of Lincoln, losing in the district finals as the Blue Devils did.

That accounts for 13 of the 27 games the Blue Devils played this season. Ten of their 11 losses were to teams who played in the state tournament, including losses to the eventual champions in both Class C-1 (Kearney Catholic) and C-2 (Crofton), along with C-2 runner-up Guardian Angels Central Catholic and C-1 consolation champion Pierce, both of whom beat Wayne twice this season.

They also defeated C-1 fourth-place finisher Louisville and lost to the top-seeded team in Class A, South Sioux City (who was upset by eventual champion Lincoln East in the opening round).

Of their 27 games, 19 were against teams with a .500 record or better. In fact, the Blue Devils last 13 games were against teams who finished with a .500 or better record, so there weren't any cupcakes. Wayne was going up against the last six weeks of the season.

— Another coaching change in the area that will be worth watching will be in Winside, where they will have to replace longtime wrestling coach Paul Sok after his 35-year run as the Wildcat mat mentor.

Whoever fills that spot will have quite the shoes to fill when you consider how much team and individual success Winside has had over the years.

This year marked just the fifth time in the last 20 years that a Winside team failed to crack the top 10 in the final Class D team standings. The 21st century has been particularly good for the Wildcats, as they have 12 top-10 finishes in the new millennium, including three runner-up finishes and the 2005 state title, along with 11 individual champions.

— St. Patrick's Day and the first day of March Madness fall on the same day next week. I'm sure the White Dog Pub will be unusually quiet on that day since nobody around here is interested in celebrating a day of Irish heritage or sit around watching college basketball all day.

(Your sarcasm meter should have exploded with that last paragraph. Just don't tell the boss that I'll be there "doing a story" with several other hard-working locals who will be spending the day watching March Madness.)

— Excuse the mess, but you'll want to be in the new grandstand at Hank Overin Field for the Wayne High baseball team's home debut on Tuesday, March 22.

A lot of work has gone into rebuilding the grandstand after it was destroyed in a 2014 wind storm, and kudos need to go out to the group of local citizens who worked hard to raise money and design the new and improved grandstand.

You'll see some new additions at Hank Overin Field, including a new press box and storage facility behind the first base dugout. Restrooms are being renovated as well, so it will be a great looking ball park once the work is completed.



(Contributed photo)

Ashley (Arlen) Harris was named the Player of the Month for February in the Women's British Basketball League, averaging 17 points and 12.3 rebounds a game for the undefeated Nottingham Wildcats.

Harris still enjoys game while playing overseas

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

This is one Wildcat who may have changed colors, but hasn't lost her stripes.

Ashley (Arlen) Harris is still frustrating defenses four years after she led Wayne State to a magical run to the Elite Eight, and she's doing her damage overseas in the Women's British Basketball League.

Harris has helped lead the Nottingham Wildcats to the top spot in the WBBL standings midway through the season, and finished off an impressive month of February by being named the league's Player of the Month after averaging 17 points and 12.3 rebounds per game.

Harris has quickly made a name for herself in England after spending her first few years as a pro playing overseas in Spain, Romania and Germany.

"The game is definitely taking me to some pretty neat places and I've met some great people in every country," she said by phone recently. "You can't beat an experience like that."

After back-to-back All-American seasons at Wayne State, Harris worked with an agent who helped her find an opportunity to play overseas. Two years ago, she had a chance to play for the green-and-white Wildcats in Nottingham, but chose an offer to play in Spain instead.

"Our coach here (Dave Greenway) wanted me to come two years ago,



(Contributed photo)

Harris was a two-time All-American during her playing days at Wayne State College and has established her self as one of the top young players in the WBBL, leading the Nottingham Wildcats to a 10-0 record so far this season.

but I had an offer in Spain and decided to take that one instead," Harris said. "He's always had me on his radar, though, and this year I decided this was the right move and I've been really happy with my decision."

The transition has been good on a social level as well, as she is able to better communicate with her English-speaking teammates on and off the court.

"I live with three of my teammates, so it's just like college," she said. "We get along well both on and off the court and have really grown together, and it's been easier to adjust here because we all speak English."

Harris' play on the court has spoke volumes this season. She is one of three players in the nine-team league who have been fea-

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Softball team wins two, loses two in Florida

The Wayne State softball team went 2-2 in the first two days of play during their annual spring break trip to the National Training Center Spring Games in Clermont, Fla.

On Sunday, the Wildcats dropped a pair of one-run battles, losing to California (Pa.), 6-5, and falling to Mount Olive, 4-3.

In the opener, Wayne State lost on a walk-off grand slam homer in the bottom of the seventh, to fall to No. 15-ranked California (Pa.).

Lexie Loos singled and scored on a passed ball to help Wayne State get on the board. They trailed 2-1 in the fourth when Abbie Hix was hit by a pitch and later scored on a double by Katelyn Wobken, then took the lead in the sixth when Wobken singled and scored on a passed ball.

Wayne State added two more runs in the seventh when Shelby Wobken walked and scored on her sister's single, and Hix was hit by a pitch and scored on a throwing error to take a 5-2 lead. The lead wouldn't hold, however, as two hits and an error loaded the bases to set the stage for Jacquelyn Fowler, who hit a home run to left for the game-ending grand slam.

Katelyn Wobken went 3-for-4 with two RBI to lead Wayne State's eight-hit attack. Loos added two hits and Hix doubled and scored twice. Cassidy Miller was the hard-luck loser in the circle, allowing six hits and four walks while striking out three.

In the second game, Wayne State scored three in the sixth to mount a comeback, only to see Mount Olive score in the top of the seventh to hang on for the win.

Mount Olive scored three in the second and made the lead hold until the sixth when Wayne State came back. Caitlin Fehringer's two-run double scored Alyssa Schropp and Katelyn Wobken, and Fehringer tied the game when she scored on a passed ball.

Mount Olive scored in the seventh and Wayne State had a chance to counter, but left the tying run at third base after Loos led off the inning with a double and moved to third on Emily Chandler's infield single.

Fehringer went 3-for-3 with a double and two RBIs to lead a 10-

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(Herald file photo)

Lexie Loos had two hits for Wayne State in an 8-6 win over Assumption during the National Training Center Spring Games in Clermont, Fla.

Baseball team falls in one-run games

The Wayne State baseball team dropped a pair of one-run heartbreakers as they started 0-3 in the RussMat Central Florida Invitational in Winter Haven, Fla.

On Sunday, Ohio Dominican rallied in the bottom of the ninth, using a walk-off single to post an 11-10 win over Wayne State Sunday in the Wildcats' opening game of the RussMat Central Florida Baseball Invitational in Winter Haven, Fla.

A pinch-hit single by Noah Bland with two out in the bottom of the ninth scored Jacob Horsley with the deciding run, breaking a 10-10 tie in what was a wild, high-scoring affair.

The Wildcats scored first in the opening inning, as Cody Jenkins extended his hitting streak to eight games with an RBI single, scoring Curtis Bussard. They'd extend the lead to 3-0 in the second on an RBI double by Chase Egelston and an RBI groundout by Brandon Fowler.

A two-run single by Nate Ackerman in the fourth gave the Wildcats a 5-1 advantage, but Ohio Dominican came back with four in the bottom of the inning to tie the game at 5-5.

A single by Fowler helped Wayne State regain the lead before the Panthers countered with two in the bottom of the inning to make it 7-6. Tanner Simons helped spark another rally with a triple to make it 9-7, but the Panthers rallied again with three in the sixth to make it 10-9.

Wayne State tied the game in the seventh when Egelston scored on an

RBI single by Bussard, and it would stay that way until the ninth when Bland's heroics ended the wild affair.

Egelston went 3-for-5 with a double and three runs scored to lead Wayne State's 12-hit attack. Jenkins, Bussard and Fowler each added two hits. Reliever Teague McFadden was credited with the loss on the mound.

On Monday, Ohio Dominican defeated Wayne State for the second straight day, posting a 9-2 win.

The top of the Panthers' lineup did in the Wildcats on Monday, accounting for 10 hits and seven runs. They scored single runs in the first, third and fifth innings to take a 3-0 lead and never trailed after that.

Wayne State got a run in the fifth when Bodie Cooper singled and later scored on an error. They added another run in the seventh when Chris May doubled home Egelston, who reached on a fielder's choice.

May led a six-hit effort with two hits and Cooper also had two hits while scoring a run. Spencer Johnson took the loss, allowing five runs on 10 hits over five innings with six strikeouts and a walk.

Wayne State dropped its fourth one-run decision of the season Tuesday as Alderson-Broaddus scored in the bottom of the eighth to come away with a 7-6 win in action at the RussMat Central Florida Invitational in Winter Haven, Fla.

The Wildcats drew first blood in

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hit attack. Loos and Wobken each went 2-for-3. Miller took the loss in relief of starter Shelby Wobken.
On Monday, the Wildcats came away with a pair of victories, defeating Assumption (Mass.) 8-6 and shutting out Walsh (Ohio), 8-0.
In the opener, Shelby Wobken was 3-for-3 at the plate and drove in a career-high six runs to lead Wayne State to the victory.
Wobken's three-run homer highlighted a four-run first inning that got the Wildcats rolling. They added three more in the third, two coming on a two-run double by Wobken with Hix driving in another run with a single.
Assumption closed to within a run in the sixth inning, but Wayne State got an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth when Morgan Hoeg doubled home Wobken to finish off the win.
Loos and Emily Chandler each had two hits to go with Wobken's three-hit effort as part of an 11-hit attack. Riley VanderVeen got the win in the circle, allow-

ing two runs on one hit in two innings of relief.
In the second game, Miller tossed a five-hit shut-out and struck out 10 to help the Wildcats shut down Walsh.
Wayne State got all they would need in the third when Chandler hit a solo homer and Melanie Aleya stroked an RBI single. They added another run in the fourth when Shelby Wobken singled and scored on a bases-loaded walk, then got three more in the fifth with the help of three walks and an error.
Rachel Shumaker and Hoeg both had RBI singles in the seventh to close out the scoring for the 3-7 Wildcats. Chandler was 2-for-4 and Hoeg and Aleya each had two hits in Wayne State's nine-hit attack.
Miller was solid in the circle, not allowing a walk while scattering five hits and striking out 10.
The Wildcats continue play in the tournament through the end of the week. They play in the Missouri Western Tournament March 18-20 before playing their home opener on March 23 with a NSIC doubleheader against Augustana at the Chapman Complex.

6th gets first

The Wayne WBDA girls sixth grade team took first-place honors at a tournament in David City. Team members are (front) Mikaela McManigal, Madysen Sievers, Reagan Backer, Kendall Dorey, (back) coach Scott Sievers, Rubie Klausen, Hope O'Reilly, Mia Nelsen, Amara Hurlbert, Sydney Redden, and coach Kyle Nelsen.



Runner-ups

The Wayne WBDA fourth grade boys placed second in their bracket at the David City Tournament. Team members are (front) Colson Nelsen, Caiden Backer, Miles Chamberlain, Grant Onderstal, Devin Anderson, Caleb Moormeier, (back) Mason Ley, Caden Wiese, Ryan Karsky, Parker Kesting and Harrison Collier.



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Baseball

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The fourth inning as Cooper and Alex Kreft both stroked RBI singles to give Wayne State a 2-0 advantage.
The Battlers came back with a run in the fifth, but the Wildcats got that run back in the sixth when Ackerman singled and scored on a passed ball.
Alderson-Broadus scored four in the sixth to take a 5-3 lead and added another in the seventh to take a 6-3 advantage, but Wayne State came back with three in the top of the eighth to tie the game.
Albert Johnson got the Wildcat rally started when he walked and scored on a passed ball. Chris May

walked and later scored on a Bussard single, and Tanner Simons tied the game when his RBI single scored pinch-runner Aron Krier.
The Battlers had the last word in the bottom of the eighth, using a pair of singles to score the winning run off Bussard, who came on in relief and was credited with the loss.
The Wildcats had 11 hits in the losing effort. Cooper led the charge by going 4-for-5 with a double, while Bussard and Ackerman each had two hits and Ackerman scored two runs.
The Wildcats will host their home opener on Wednesday when they host Nebraska-Kearney at 1:30 p.m.

Anderson places fifth in Big Ten indoor meet

Wayne High graduate and Nebraska sophomore Grant Anderson finished fifth in the high jump at the B1G Conference Championships in Geneva, Ohio recently.
Anderson's mark of 6 feet, 11 inches and fifth-place finish were an improvement over last year's seventh-place finish. He helped the Huskers run away with the team title, scoring 116 points to win the title by 43 pounds.
Anderson will compete in outdoor competition beginning Easter weekend at Arizona State.

Harris

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tured in the league's prestigious All-Star Five on five separate occasions and has helped the team to a 10-0 record in league play this season. She is averaging 14.5 points and 10.9 rebounds per game for the Wildcats and is shooting 50 percent from the field.
She had a big game in the Wildcats' last outing against the Cardiff Met Archers, scoring a game-high 27 points and grabbing 16 rebounds in an 88-67 win.
"Their tallest girl was shorter than me, so the game plan was to force it inside and I played pretty well," the 6-foot-2 power forward said.
Harris said that the women's game isn't as developed in Europe as it is back home in the United States, and a lot of the games they

play are in places that would make her old stomping grounds at Rice Auditorium look like giant arenas.
"Sometimes we play games in a gym about the size of a high school gym," she said. "Nottingham has the best arena in the league by far. It's a great place to play."
Harris has welcomed the opportunity to continue her career after graduating with a speech communication degree from Wayne State, and she still keeps in contact with some of her old teammates back home.
"I'm still really good friends with Marcy (Amundson), Ali (Schwartzwald) and Claire (Duwelius), and we talk about the old days every once in a while," she said.
About the only major adjustment Harris has had to deal with is the time between games. Nottingham's

win over Cardiff came on Feb. 28, and the team won't play again until March 20 when they hit the road to face the Brixton Topcats.
"It's really a different kind of season here," she said. "There are a lot of gaps between games because there are national teams in Great Britain and players from some of the teams in the league play for those teams, so there's a break in between, which is nice because it gives the body a rest."
The regular season ends in mid-April, and Harris is hoping she won't be back home until June, which would be a week or two after the league's championship is decided.
"Hopefully we'll make it to the finals in May, and then I'll be back home to work in Norfolk and work out and get ready for next season."

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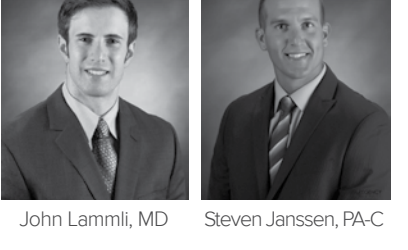


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Successful event

Nearly 400 people attended a recent benefit for Nathan Staub and his family. The event was held at the Carroll Auditorium and included a lunch and silent auction. Nathan is currently undergoing treatment for oral cancer of the throat. He is employed with NPPD in Norfolk and his wife, Jessi (Lunz) is a teacher at Battle Creek High School. They are the parents of a two year old daughter, Elizabeth. Supplemental funding was provided by Thrivent Financial. Monetary donations may be made at State Nebraska Bank & Trust, c/o Nathan Staub Benefit, 112 Main Street, Wayne, Neb. 68787.

Diabetes workshop to focus on vision connection

You may have heard that diabetes causes eye problems and may lead to blindness. People with diabetes do have a higher risk of blindness than people without diabetes. But most people who have diabetes have nothing more than minor eye disorders.

The Control Diabetes for Life program on Wednesday, March 30 will be offered from 1:30-4 p.m. at Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department, 215 North Pearl St. in Wayne.

With regular checkups, you can keep minor problems minor. And, if you do develop a major problem, there are treatments that often work well if you begin them right away. It is important to work with your eye health care team to monitor your eye health.

People with diabetes are 40 percent more likely to suffer from glaucoma than people without diabetes. The longer someone has had diabetes, the more common glaucoma is. Risk also increases with age. Many people without diabetes get cataracts, but people with diabetes are 60 percent more likely to develop this eye condition. People with diabetes also tend to get cataracts at a younger age and have them progress faster. With cataracts, the eye's clear lens clouds, blocking light. Diabetic retinopathy is a general term for all disorders of the retina caused by diabetes. There are two major types of retinopathy: nonproliferative and proliferative.

People with diabetes, their family members and friends are encouraged to attend the March 30 session of Control Diabetes for Life to learn more about signs and symptoms of eye problems. Deborah Willcox, R.D., L.M.N.T., with Franciscan Care Services in West Point, will share dietary hints and precautions that can be taken to protect your eye health.

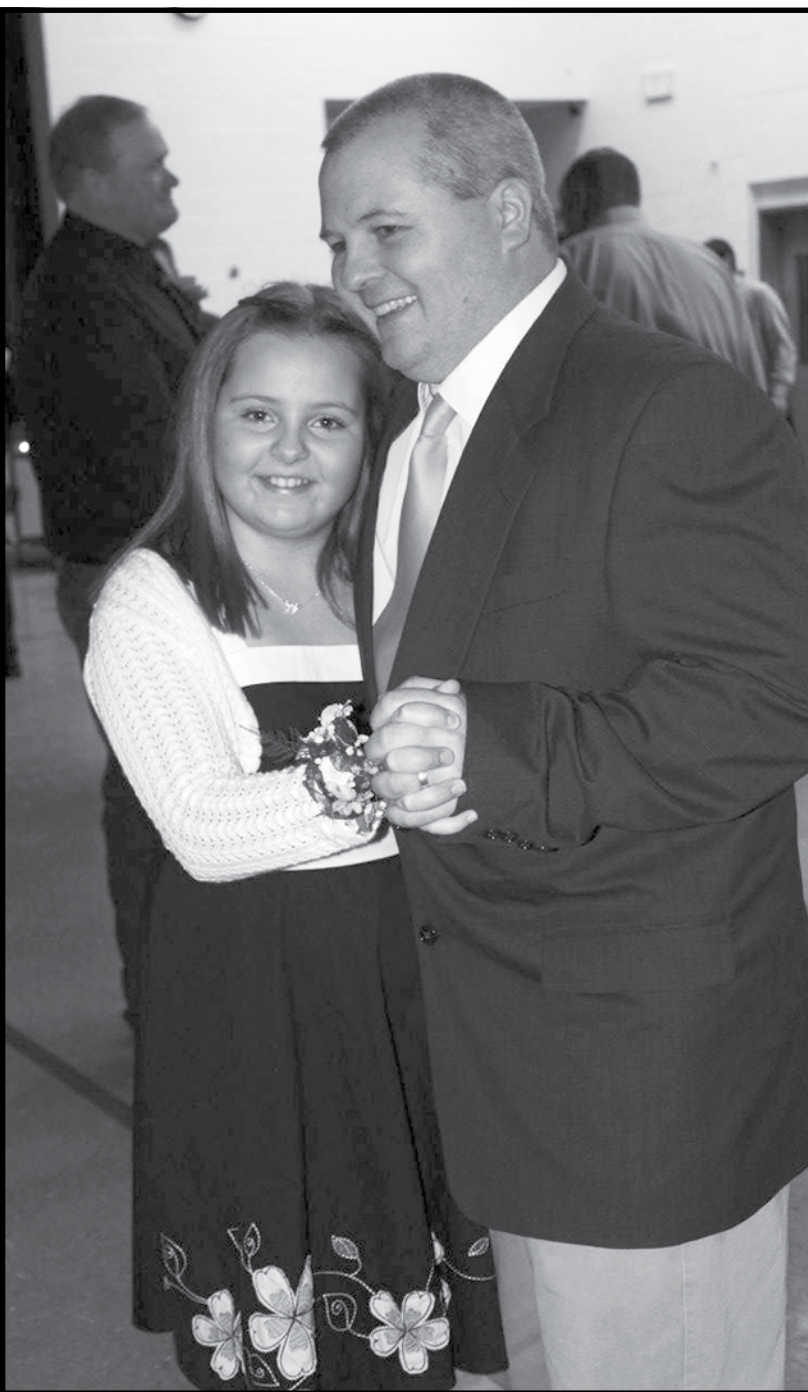
Fitting diabetes into your life-

style is the key message today. Diabetes does not have to dictate how you live. Nebraska Extension and Franciscan Care Services invite you and your family members to participate in this diabetes educational program. Participants will learn about current issues related to diabetes from educators with over 25 years of team-teaching experience.

Wednesday, March 30, is the first of three programs in the 2016 Control Diabetes for Life series. The theme for the March session is Ready, Set, Go! Diabetes Self-Management a New Look. Topics that will be addressed during the two-hour program are: What's New in Diabetes Care, Nutrition and Eye Health, Are You Sitting Too Much?, and Is Your Home Slim by Design?

Control Diabetes for Life is a joint project of Nebraska Extension and Franciscan Care Services of West Point. The program is offered free-of-charge. Control Diabetes for Life will help participants learn to control diabetes and prolong the onset of complications from the disease. These sessions are designed to supplement the education that you receive from your local diabetes education team and are not a substitute for diabetes classes through your local health care providers.

Participants are asked to pre-register by calling Nebraska Extension in Wayne County at (402) 375-3310 by Monday, March 28, so the proper number of handouts may be prepared. Nebraska School Food Service Association has approved this session for two hours of continuing education credits for food service staff attending.



Night out on the town

The Winside Youth Development Committee recently sponsored a Father-Daughter Dance at Winside Public School. Over 90 fathers and daughters attended the dance. Funds collected from the event will be used to purchase new equipment, uniforms, and supplies for all the different Winside youth programs such as volleyball, basketball, wrestling, and football. (above) Hannah Gubbels and her father, James, enjoy the evening.



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Clover Kids gathering



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Wayne County 4-H youth enrolled in Clover Kids met March 5 at the Wayne County Courthouse. District Forester Steve Rasmussen worked with the youth to plant an Ohio Buckeye tree seed. He also explained to the youth how to take care of the tree. Extension Educator Amy Topp was assisted during the meeting by several members of the Wayne County Teen Supremes. (above, left) Rasmussen talks to a group of youth about trees. (above) the youth plant their tree seeds. (left) the group poses for a photo at the end of the meeting. Clover Kids is available to youth ages five to seven years of age. The group meets several times a year and projects completed may be exhibited at the Wayne County Fair.



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The first class (NURA 1110 & CRN 23097) will be held Mondays and Thursdays, March 14-May 5, from 5-9 p.m. at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, 430 N. Monitor St., in West Point, although the first class will meet at the Northeast Community College Extended Campus in West Point, 202 Anna Stalp Ave., in Room 201. The class will also meet on Saturdays, April 2 and 30 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mary Dickson is the instructor.

Students will learn the basic skills needed to provide safe, effective, and caring services to the elderly or chronically ill patient of any age, in a long-term care facility. Upon completion of this course, the student is eligible to take the state written and practical skills exam. After successfully passing this examination and completing the application procedure, the student's name will be placed on the basic nurse aide registry at the Nebraska Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure Credential Division.

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Wayne fruit orchard pruning workshop set

Steve Rasmussen, District Forester with the Nebraska Forest Service, and Keith Jarvi, Nebraska Extension Educator in Wayne County will conduct a tree pruning workshop on Thursday, March 17 at the Wayne Fruit Orchard, directly west of the Community Activity Center.

The workshop, designed to last one hour, will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Activity Center is located at 901 West Seventh St. in Wayne.

Rasmussen and Jarvi will demonstrate proper pruning techniques and then participants will be given the chance to practice their pruning on the apple trees in the orchard.

There is no cost to attend. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own pruning equipment, gloves and appropriate clothing. Some pruning equipment will be provided.

Rasmussen said, "This workshop will be for those homeowners interested in learning more about pruning fruit trees, especially apple trees."

For more information, contact the Nebraska Extension in Wayne County at (402) 375-3310. Sponsors of this event are the City of Wayne, Nebraska Extension, and Nebraska Forest Service.

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Recapping the weekend of basketball

Well, last week's column turned out to be shorter than I realized; but you were surprised and grateful. I'll try not to make up for it this week. But after watching the finals of the girls' state basketball tournament, which were some of the closest finals I have ever seen, I must quote one of my favorite philosophers, Theodore Gesell, aka Dr. Seuss; "Don't cry because it's over; Smile because it happened." That will be my advice to my grand daughters, too, as I attend one more music concert this evening.



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

Did you notice last week that the six teams in the three smallest categories were all from northeast Nebraska? What does that tell you about the athleticism in the area? And, furthermore, they beat up on each other all season, and then hope they get to state, while playing in some of the toughest districts. Wild cards help that situation a bit, and that is how Pierce has made it for four years in a row, winning it

for three. However, this year, they ran into Lincoln Christian. I had seen this team twice in the past two years, and was betting on them to win it all. It was not to be.

Anyway, it was all exciting, with only one final score won by more than three points! Now, it's on to the guys. Hope the cream rises to the top here, too. (Some of you won't even know what that expression means; ask your grandparents.)

I drove to York on Sunday afternoon. My cousin had let me know that her mother, my last surviving aunt, and also my godmother, would be celebrating her 95th birthday, which was on the first. Since kids from Arizona and Oklahoma would be there, I thought it would be a good time to see everyone.

My Aunt Flora is really an amazing woman. A farmer's wife with an eighth grade education, she raised eleven children, two sets of twins. That meant a big garden, of course, and quite a lot of cooking and canning. My uncle also milked cows, which I can believe would be almost a necessity.

The upstairs in their house was

one big dorm style room, with the boys at one end and the girls at the other. They all graduated from Bradshaw High, and about half went on to college. Everyone had good jobs, and most are now retired. I really don't know how many grand children and great grands there are now; I'm not sure Flora knows! I do know that each child has received a crocheted bedspread, and I have one, too! She also crochets beautiful clothes for dolls, and has them displayed in a cabinet. She also reads a lot, swims at the local senior center, and two weeks before the birth date, drove for the patrolman and passed her license renewal! At Christmas, I get a hand written note in my card. Before I had a couple kids, I used to say I was going to keep up with her; obviously, I changed my mind.

She really is an amazing gal, and a role model for me, but there is no way I will ever keep up with her. God bless her soul! I hope she makes it to one hundred.

Time for tree pruning, lawn care

If you are interested in pruning your trees, particularly your fruit trees for better production, there will be a couple of tree pruning workshops next week.

Steve Rasmussen, District Forester with the Nebraska Forest Service, and I will demonstrate proper pruning techniques and then participants will be given the chance to practice their pruning on the apple trees in the orchards. The first workshop will be held Monday, March 14 at 5:30 pm at the Haskell Ag Lab east of Concord. On Thursday, March 17 we will meet for approximately one hour at the Wayne Fruit Orchard directly west of the Community Activity Center, 901 W Seventh Street in Wayne.

There is no cost to attend the demonstrations. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own prun-

ing equipment, gloves and appropriate clothing. Some pruning equipment will be provided. This workshop will be for those homeowners interested in learning more about pruning fruit trees, especially apple trees. For more information, contact the Nebraska Extension in Wayne County at (402) 375-3310.

The latest round of warm weather has gotten lawn owners antsy to do something, particularly apply fertilizer.

If you apply your own lawn fertilizer, try to wait until mid-late April to make the first application; from a fertilization and turf grass health standpoint, soil temperatures need to be fairly warm before nitrogen is applied. If applied when soil temperatures are still cold, nitrogen forces top growth at the ex-



Ag Happenings
Keith Jarvi
Extension Educator

choose a broadleaf killer first to control and suppress dandelions and other broadleaves. Please note that if you are hiring a company to do your lawn work, they may have a different schedule and products than do-it-yourselfers, so let them do their thing.

If you have a crabgrass problem and use a fertilizer containing a crabgrass pre-emergent herbicide - from a crabgrass standpoint, the herbicide is only effective when active in the soil while crabgrass seed is germinating. Since most homeowner products are effective for six to eight weeks, if it is applied too early, the herbicide is no longer effective when most crabgrass seed is germinating from mid-May through June. Fertilize and apply lawn chemicals based on soil, not air temperatures

pense of roots. Stressed or weakened roots then go into the heat of summer and we see an increase in fungal disease and insect damage. Give it some time and let the roots establish first. It may not green up as fast but it is better for the health of your lawn to let it green up naturally first before applying fertilizer.

If you like to combine fertilizer with a pre-emergent herbicide,

IBACH encourages communication between pesticide applicators, specialty crop producers

As trees and plants green up and soil temperatures rise across the state, farm operations of all sizes and types are getting set to begin another planting season.

Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) Director Greg Ibach is encouraging anyone who will be applying pesticide products during the busy spring season to be mindful of best management practices and use good communication with their neighbors. Pesticides include all categories of control applications such as herbicides, insecticides and fungicides.

"It's important for our commodity crop farmers and our growing sector of specialty crop farmers to work together so everyone can be successful," Ibach said. "Herbicide applications are critical for corn and soybean production, but there are a number of specialty crops, such as grape vines, that are sensitive to these products."

One way farmers can open the door of communication is through DriftWatch. This website is a free, voluntary service that allows those with pesticide sensitive crops, or-

ganic crops and beehives to report their field locations. Pesticide applicators can review the website to gain an understanding of the locations of specialty crops in their area.

"For example, Nebraska's vineyards will soon begin 'bud break,' or the official start of the vines' annual growth cycle, and these plants are extremely vulnerable during this time period," Ibach said. "It's also time for our commodity crop growers to ready their fields for planting, including herbicide applications. Communication between all parties is important to ensure successful crop production for everyone."

Applicators also can register on the DriftWatch website, facilitating email notifications to the applicators when a new sensitive crop site is registered in their local area.

The DriftWatch website can be found online at <http://www.field-watch.com>. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture monitors the DriftWatch™ site for the state. For questions about it, contact Craig Romary with NDA at (402) 471-2351.

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Energy Tip

Cost savings with LFL lamps

Many Nebraska businesses and homes have used linear fluorescent light (LFL) fixtures for years.

As of July 14, 2014, fluorescent lamps that cannot meet efficiency levels of 88 lumens per watt are no longer allowed to be manufactured or imported into the U.S. This eliminates all T12 fluorescent lamps and many T8s.

While replacing these fixtures with new, solid-state lighting (SSL) featuring light-emitting diodes (LEDs) fixtures is the most

efficient way to meet the new standards, the upfront cost makes this process usually the most expensive way, too. Another option is to convert your existing LFL fixtures with LED-based tubes.

There are two different approaches for using LEDs in existing fluorescent lighting fixtures: replacement lamps, and retrofit lamps. Replacement lamps are just what the name says - they are a direct replacement for a fluorescent lamp in an existing unmodified fixture: you pull out

the old fluorescent lamp from the fixture and install the LED lamp. Retrofit LED T8 lamps require that the fixture be modified for installation. Typically, the retrofit requires disconnection and possible removal of the ballast, then direct wiring between the lamp and the AC power coming into the fixture.

LED replacement lamps, also referred to as instant fit or direct fit LEDs, only require you to remove the old fluorescent tube and install the new LED tube. However, this simplicity comes at the cost of being dependent on the longevity of the original ballast, which will likely require replacement before the end of the new LED's life. Also, this approach is usually the least energy efficient, as some power is still being consumed by the old ballast.

With retrofit LED lamps, ballasts are removed from the fixture or bypassed, and the sockets or "tombstones" that hold the tube are wired directly to the line voltage. Typically only one socket is rewired and the other socket is left in place to hold the lamp in place. Many fluorescent fixtures have shunted sockets so often times you will need to replace the socket that is being rewired to a non-shunted socket. Retrofitting may also require installing an external LED driver if the newly selected LED lamps do not contain internal (inside-the-tube) drivers. While retrofits with external drivers tend to provide better energy efficiency and retrofit flexibility, they often require additional time for installation.

While replacements and retrofits both offer energy savings, there are additional advantages to LEDs over LFLs:

- Mercury Free - Unlike fluorescents, LEDs contain no mercury. This makes more them environmentally friendly.
- Dimmable - Many LEDs have full dimming capabilities, whereas fluorescents are expensive to dim and do so poorly.
- Occupancy Sensors - Expected lamp life for LFLs is significantly reduced the more it is switched "on-and-off." This is especially true when occupancy sensor switching is used to control fluorescent fixtures with instant start ballasts. However, LEDs are not impacted at all by frequent switching.
- Directional Lighting - LEDs offer directional light (illumination exactly where it is needed). Fluorescents have multi-directional light, which means some light is lost in the fixture and other unnecessary places.
- Quality Light - Today's LEDs produce light in a variety of color temperatures (warm white to cool white) similar to fluorescent but do not have any flickering issues that can happen with LFLs.
- Lifespan - The average life of a T8 LED is 50,000 hours, versus only 30,000 hours for an average T8 LFL.
- Shatterproof - LED T8 tubes traditionally were made using plastic and aluminum, meaning they are shatterproof. Though there are now glass options as well, which mimic the look of T8 fluorescent lamps, the majority are still made of shatterproof material.



(Photos by Clara Osten)

Visit from the Cat

In observance of Dr. Seuss' birthday, The Cat in the Hat made visits to a number of children last week. The Cat stopped at Wayne Elementary School, Rainbow World, the Wayne Public Library and the Wayne Early Learning Center. (above) the Cat reads to the four-year old group at the Early Learning Center. (right) The students and teachers get their picture taken with The Cat after the story.



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National Cheerleading Day

Members of the Wayne High School Cheerleading team entertained at the Wayne Senior Center on March 4 in observance of National Cheerleading Day.

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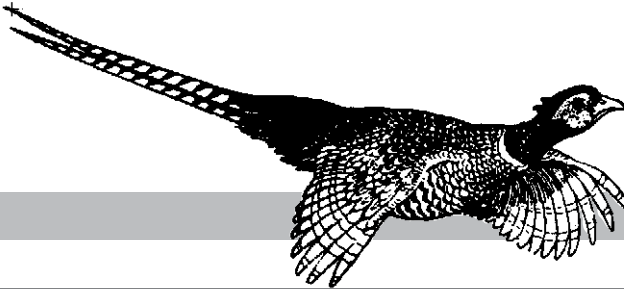
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Don't get me started

By: Michael Carnes
Managing Editor

How NOT to play hooky at home

You're already tired of all the garbage going on in politics, and I'm tired of telling you why four more years of Republicans and Democrats is the last thing America needs. Let's put that all aside this week and run gleefully through the "Bits and Pieces" file:

- For those kids in the audience who are giving thought to playing hooky from school, here's a quick lesson, courtesy of a guy in eastern Pennsylvania who will be doing time for trying to pull a fast one on authorities.

The man had filed more than 30 lawsuits, claiming that he was severely injured at his job. He told authorities he couldn't walk or hold a glass of water, and couldn't pick up papers he was being served by authorities at his door.

The ruse was working quite well - right up until the moment investigators using surveillance footage found the man raking his lawn, pulling a hand cart, dumping debris, using a power saw and climbing up and down a ladder.

The court in Bucks County, Pennsylvania sentenced the man to 1-23 months in prison for perjury.

- Want to make every other guy in school feel like a jerk on Valentine's Day? Follow the lead of a young man in Utah who made the day special for every girl in his school.

The young man saved his money from part-time jobs for more than a year and wound up buying 900 carnations from an online flower wholesaler, then gave each girl in his school a flower for Valentine's Day.

The young man said he was inspired after noticing that some girls in his schools didn't receive anything on the romantic holiday, so he bought the flowers and had about 20 friends process and cut the 24-inch stems.

My guess is this young man isn't going to have a problem getting a prom date - although I'm sure his date will have to stand in line when it comes time to dance.

- How about this for a good case of "sibling rivalry": two brothers in Pennsylvania each received checks from the Florida Lottery after cashing in winning tickets together.

One brother picked up a check for \$7, but his brother's was a little bigger - as in \$291.4 million.

The man had been on vacation when he bought the ticket and didn't check the numbers until he'd flown back home to Pennsylvania. When he was eating at a local diner the following morning, he found out he had the ticket that matched all six numbers to win the big prize.

The man bought the ticket with two other friends, and the three of them flew to Florida to claim their winnings. They'll each get about \$40 million after taxes.

- My apologies in advance for the forthcoming item regarding Kim Kardashian, but it was just too good to pass up for those of us who have long since tired of the do-nothing family full of media whores.

Recently, Kardashian's husband hacked her Twitter account and posted a nude selfie that had been taken a year ago. The post prompted many to reply, and the home run post came from Bette Midler, who said "If Kim wants us to see a part of her we've never seen, she's gonna have to swallow the camera."

Kardashian tried a weak comeback, suggesting Midler post nude selfies of herself if it wasn't already past her bedtime, but by then Midler had already dropped the mic on the bubble-headed showoff.

- Annnnnnd finally, on a more serious note, justice was served in a Tennessee courtroom recently when a jury of five men and seven women awarded TV sportscaster Erin Andrews \$55 million after she was subjected to sexual assault thanks to Marriott Hotels and a sick, twisted pervert who was able to film video of Andrews in the nude in her hotel room when she was in Nashville for a football game back in 2008.

The perpetrator of the crime, who had already done time in jail and been fined for the attack, was declared to have been 51 percent liable for the attack on Andrews, while the hotel chain's ownership group was found to be 49 percent liable.

The only thing more disgusting than the act of rigging the peephole of her hotel door to film her was the efforts by the defense to paint her as a golddigger who was using the video to try to further her own career. I don't know how it's possible for someone with that twisted a mind to be able to sleep at night after attempting to shame a victim in such a manner. Lawyers like that, in all honesty, need to be hung in a public square.

Kudos to Andrews on winning the court case, and continued prayers for finding peace in dealing with this assault.

Capitol View

Property tax debate continues

By J.L. SCHMIDT
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The Nebraska Press Association

Plans to cap annual increases in statewide agricultural land valuation have won the support of Governor Pete Ricketts but brought opposition from some municipalities and appears to have created mixed reaction among farm groups.

All this as lawmakers try to solve a decades-old property tax problem in a short session. It's a daunting task at best, but an impossible one with a Legislature more prone to quibbling than cooperating.

Grand Island Sen. Mike Gloor introduced the 3 percent cap for the governor in LB958. The measure would affect aggregate agricultural and horticultural land valuation increases and tighten spending limits on local governments to slow property tax growth. Gloor said the intent is to slow down the valuation increase and slow the growth of locally levied taxes.

Gloor's bill would remove some exclusions from levy and budget limits, including the ability of a political subdivision - other than schools - to approve a levy in excess of its limit during a meeting in which more than 10 percent of the subdivision's registered voters are present. The use of restricted funds for capital improvements, sinking funds and inter-local agreements would also be limited to the 3 percent cap in 2017.

There appears to be no argument with the 2013 Tax Modernization Committee, a joint interim study of the Revenue and Education Committees that Nebraska relies too heavily on property taxes to fund K-12 education. The disagreement comes in finding a way to fund education and lower property taxes. Gloor said his plan could result in a variety of increases or decreases in property valuation assessments.

Ricketts testified in support of the bill with the understanding that any property tax relief plan must include limits on local government spending.

Steve Nelson, president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau, said he supports the bill because Nebraska farmers and ranchers pay a disproportionate amount of property



taxes compared to residential and commercial property owners. Nebraska Farmers Union President John Hansen spoke in opposition to the bill, saying the 3 percent assessment limit could result in an over-correction of agricultural land valuations over the next 10 to 15 years.

Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler opposed the bill, saying spending limits would devastate some political subdivisions by removing budget flexibility. LaVista Mayor Doug Kindig spoke against the bill because of the imposed limitations on interlocal agreements, which have allowed his city to grow. Nebraska Association of County Officials President Robert Post opposed the bill because limits on sinking funds would prevent counties from making unforeseen but necessary purchases of equipment without going to a popular vote, which takes time and money.

The Revenue Committee is also considering a couple of stop-gap measures that could be implement-

ed in case lawmakers do not agree to a more permanent solution. Wahoo Sen. Jerry Johnson's bill (LB940) would freeze valuations on all classes of property for three years at their 2016 levels unless lawmakers pass a law to reduce the percentage of school funding provided by property taxes. Tax credits would remain the same during the freeze and political subdivisions could increase their levy limits only if the state budget grows.

If there is still no law in place at the end of the freeze, assessed values would increase by the same percentage as the increase in the state budget from year to year. If there is no reform in place before the end of the stabilization period, assessed values would increase by the same percentage as the increase in the state budget from one fiscal year to the next. Johnson said he hopes the stabilization period would give lawmakers time to pass comprehensive tax reform that would reduce the dependence on property taxes to

fund public education.

Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation spokesman Bruce Rieker said he supports the bill because it would create an incentive for the Legislature to change the state's property tax policy before the end of the stabilization period. Nebraska Association of County Officials Executive Director Larry Dix said he is against the bill because it doesn't consider land use changes during the stabilization period. Senator Mike Groene of North Platte has proposed a one-year freeze (LB717) and a requirement that assessors use a five-year comparable sale history instead of the current three-year formula.

These appear to be good ideas. But none will be the hoped-for panacea without the necessary study, debate and compromise that is clearly not possible in a short legislative session.

Legislative Update

Legislative season is nearing an end

The legislative session is running short on time (22 days left as of this writing) - committee hearings have now concluded and next week (March 7), we start having all day debate.

This week, the Agriculture Com-

mittee, a committee I serve on, advanced LR378CA to the full Legislature for debate. LR378CA is a constitutional amendment that would guarantee the right to engage in farming and ranching. This amendment is controversial be-



Legislative Update
By Dave Bloomfield
State Senator, District 17

cause it would require a compelling state interest for the Legislature to pass new regulations. The Agriculture Committee advanced this legislation on a second attempt with an amendment that would allow state and local governments to regulate groundwater. I still think that there are some issues to be worked out on LR378CA and I look forward to having the discussion. I did support the bill coming out of committee so we can have the discussion on

the floor.

A few weeks ago the Legislature debated LR35 and after only a few hours of debate the resolution was sent back to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee - another committee that I serve on. This week the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee advanced LR35 back to the full Legislature with an amendment. While it was advanced to the full Legislature, I do not know if it will be on the agenda again given the fact that we now have 51 priority bills on General File waiting to be debated.

Last week I commented on the fact that we seem to have senators that are missing for key votes. Having senators abstain from voting is nothing new - in fact, it is often considered a "polite" no vote. Senators being absent from debate and votes altogether seems to be more prevalent this year. Last week on a bill that was fairly important, there were only 41 senators present to vote. There were eight senators gone. There are three or four who are serious repeat offenders. I guess maybe I am a little old school, but it seems to me that if you take a job you should probably show up to do the job.

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



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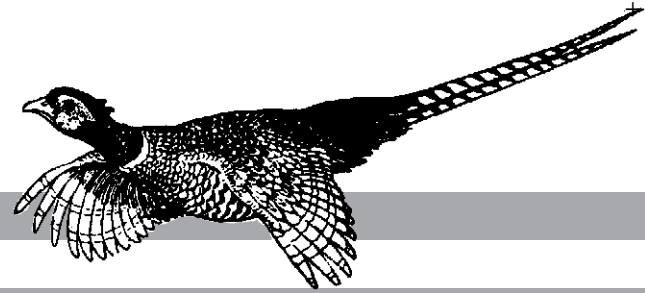
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Citizenship leads to leadership

Today's Youth are the future of the United States and our world! That is a pretty strong and impacting statement, but is the truth.

By providing youth with opportunities to connect to their communities and adult leaders through 4-H


programs, youth gain a clear understanding of their role in civic affairs and are able to build their decision-making ability.

Citizenship is having the knowledge, skills, attitudes and motivation that give youth the capacity to move beyond one's individual self-interest and to be committed to the well-being of some larger group. It is important to instill citizenship in youth so they are aware and involved when it comes to engaging in any type of governing body.

A great way to help youth grasp this concept is through 4-H clubs, councils and community service

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the future.

The 4-H curriculum has over 150 projects available for youth to engage in. This is proof that everyone is different and has different areas of interest and strengths. Having so many different types of people in this world is a good thing because it takes all kinds of people to make the country and the world work.

Every person has a unique mixture of strengths, some are good at math or science and others are good at music or art but we need all types of people and their strengths to make a difference.

Sometimes when in a group setting people tend to only want to be around those that are similar to how they are, however it is truly better to have all different types of people with different personalities, qualities and strengths in a group. This way in any club, board or other governing body there is a lot of different perspectives and all are important to hear ask questions before moving forward with any decision.

By being a part of a club, council or service project youth gain skills that they will use throughout their entire life such as problem solving and decision making, how to manage resources, how to work in a group and how to communicate and relate to others. By having the understanding, confidence and drive to want to be a leader our youth will be able to become good leaders of their peers. Today's youth are the next great leaders for our country and our worlds. 4-H, club leaders, volunteers and parents let's continue to help today's youth as they are the future of the United States and our World.

For more information about 4-H and Youth Development, please contact the Nebraska Extension Office in your local county or visit the website at 4h.unl.edu.

Anniversary



Keith and Fern Erickson

Ericksons to note 65th

Keith and Fern Erickson of Wayne will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary with their immediate family.

They were married March 25, 1951 at Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne.

Children of the couple are Denise (Tom Tiedgen of Lincoln, Vicki (Mark) Carlson of Omaha, Pastor Michael (Jerri) Erickson of Texas and Scott (Brenda) Erickson of Seward. They also have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to the couple at 1014 Sycamore Street, Wayne, Neb. 68787.

Piano students take part in Feb. 27 festival

Several students of Mrs. Marcile Uken of Wayne took part in National Federation Festival held Feb. 27. The National Federation is designed to promote study and stimulate interest in music.

Students playing at the festival were Brooklyn Bierbower, Easton Blecke, Kennasyn Blecke, Treyton Blecke, Alex Frank, Kelsey Heggemeyer, Avery Herman, Cole Hochstein, Sean Hochstein, Faith Junck, Grace Junck, Samuel Junck, Lepiro Kantai, Nyamalo Kantai, Ky Kenny (Carroll), Ella Leseberg, Savannah Leseberg, Will Leseberg, Emily Longe, Anna Lundahl, (Wakefield), JoAnne Lundahl (Wakefield), Kate Lundahl (Wakefield), Emily Matthes. Ben Sandoz, Liam Spieker, Orion Spieker, Sophia Spieker, Andrea Torres, Elisabeth Torres, James Torres, Ethan Wibben and Sarah Wibben.

The following students received superiors and certificates in Piano Solo division for consecutive superiors. Consecutive superiors require that no interruptions occur in the years the superiors are earned.

Students receiving a one-year superior were Kennasyn Blecke, Samuel Junck, Lepiro Kantai, Nyamalo Kantai, Savannah Leseberg, Ben Sandoz and Sophia Spieker.

Students receiving superiors and two-year superior certificates were Alex Frank, Grace Junck and Sarah Wibben.

Receiving a superior and three-year superior consecutive certificate was Treyton Blecke.

Students receiving superiors and four-year consecutive superior certificates were Brooklyn Bierbower, Avery Herman, Emily Longe, James Torres and Ethan Wibben.

Students receiving superiors and five-year consecutive superior certificates were Kelsey Heggemeyer, Sean Hochstein, Faith Junck, Ky Kenny and Kate Lundahl.

Students receiving superiors and seven-year consecutive superior certificates were Anna Lundahl and

Elisabeth Torres.

Students receiving superiors and nine-year consecutive superior certificates were JoAnne Lundahl and Emily Matthes.

Receiving a superiors and 10-year consecutive certificate was Andrea Torres.

Excellent certificates were awarded to Easton Blecke, Cole Hochstein, Ella Leseberg, Will Leseberg, Liam Spieker, and Orion Spieker.

Trophies are awarded on a point system and receiving a 30-point trophy was Kelsey Heggemeyer.

Students receiving 45-point trophies were JoAnne Lundahl and Emily Matthes.

Senior Center

Congregate Meal Menu

(Week of March 14-18)

Meals served daily at noon.

For reservations, call 375-1460

Each meal served with water, 2% milk, skim milk and coffee.

All menus subject to change.

Monday: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with skins, turkey gravy, frozen corn, whole wheat Sara lee bread, Promise, canned apples.

Tuesday: Swedish meatball with celery soup and dill, au gratin potatoes, peas and pearl onions, whole wheat fresh bread, Promise, peaches.

Wednesday: Country beef steak, mashed potatoes with skins, country gravy, frozen corn, Promise, whole wheat fresh bread, canned pears.

Thursday: Rotisserie pork loin, ranch roasted potatoes, frozen dilled carrots, whole wheat fresh bread, Promise, fresh cut apples with cinnamon and sugar.

Friday: Fried pollack, tartar sauce, baked potato, frozen mixed vegetables, canned apricots, whole wheat fresh bread, Promise.

projects. By youth engaging in clubs, councils or community service projects they gain the skills, experience and confidence they need to emerge as effective leaders and contributing members of society. Youth who engage in citizenship and leadership projects as well as being a member of their local 4-H club and/or 4-H council exposes them to important issues and helps them learn how to effectively make decisions.

Voting is such an important part of any government and one of the easiest ways to have your voice heard, hold elected officials accountable for their decisions and to have a say on important issues that affect your community. People may not vote because they are uncomfortable with the voting process or are not up to date on the current candidate opinions on issues.

One of the ways to help people feel more comfortable with the voting process is by being exposed to it. If youth are involved in 4-H projects or are members on a board or club, they have a chance to listen to both side of an issue and make an informed decision and vote. By becoming familiar with the way a meeting runs and how important it is to make an informed decision to vote youth maybe more likely to vote or voice their own opinion in

Congratulations Young Lady!
Dolores Erwin turns "90 years young" on Monday, March 14!



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Her address is 707 Cedar, Apt #4, Laurel, NE 68745

Birthday

Card shower for Marshall 80th

The family of Merton (Mert) Marshall of Wayne is requesting a card shower in honor of his 80th birthday, which is Thursday, March 17.

His family includes his wife, Alice Marshall; children, Russel Marshall (Deanette) of Allen, Rosella Karr of Springfield, S.D., Loretta Heaton (Timothy) of Jefferson, S.D., Louise (deceased) and Marti Calhoon of Wayne, Estelle Bierbower (James) of Wakefield, Priscilla Junck (Dwayne) of Carroll and Rebekah Flowers (Jason) of Mayfield, Ky.; 21 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.


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Merton Marshall

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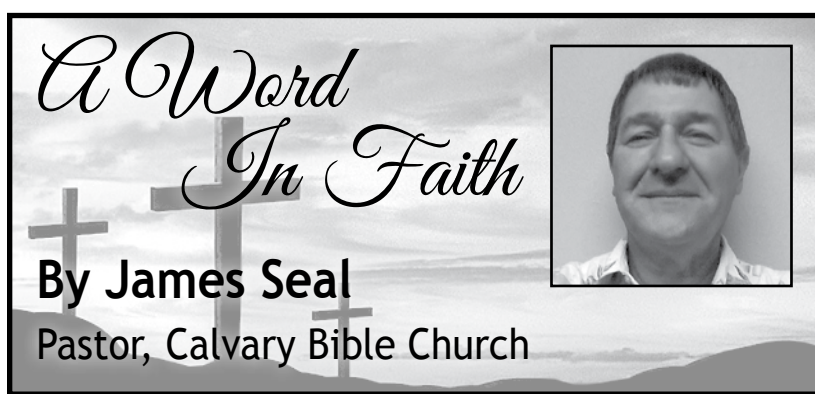
Is God asking you to 'get out of the boat'?

One of the most famous yet intriguing stories in the Bible is the account of Jesus walking on the water described in Matthew 14:22-33. Jesus sends his disciples out in a boat to cross to the other side of the Sea of Galilee while he stays behind and prays. The disciples find themselves caught in a storm that was tossing their boat around on the sea.

Around 3 a.m., Jesus came walking on the water to where the disciples are struggling in their little fishing boat. Jesus is not only walking on water, which is impossible for human beings, he is walking on the waters of a raging sea. As Jesus approaches the boat the disciples become frightened because they think Jesus is a ghost. I imagine that most of us would have a similar reaction to seeing a person walking on a raging sea.

Jesus speaks to his disciples to calm their fears. "Take courage, it is I. Don't be afraid." What follows is truly extraordinary. Peter in his typical outspoken fashion immediately says, "Lord if it is you tell me to come to you on the water." Who in their right mind would ever think to ask such a question? Asking Jesus to get in the boat with them would certainly be reasonable. Asking Jesus to help them manage their situation might be expected. But to ask Jesus to tell you to walk out on the water in the middle of a storm is certainly a ridiculous request. What follows is equally unexpected. Jesus tells Peter, "Come."

Most messages I have heard on this story focus on Peter's inability to continue to walk on the water.



They emphasize the fact that Peter took his eyes off of Jesus and began to sink in the water. But what is usually overlooked in this story is this statement, Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. Is that not amazing? Peter actually walked on the water of the raging sea and came toward Jesus. Who else in all of human history has ever done such a thing?

What we sometimes miss in this story is the faith that Peter had in Jesus. It was the faith to believe that if Jesus said he could walk on water, then at Jesus' command he actually could walk on water. It was the faith to believe that no matter how ridiculous the request, if Jesus says you can do something then you actually can. If Jesus says he will give you the ability to accomplish something, then in his strength you are able to do it.

How many of us have that kind of faith? How many of us are willing to take that kind of risk? How many of us would just rather stay in the boat and watch someone else take

the risk? How many of us are too afraid of the wind and the waves to even ask Jesus to allow us to walk on the water?

You see, I don't think that was Peter was the failure in this story; it was the eleven who stayed in the boat who did not have enough faith to even ask. Peter certainly had his blunders but he also had a willingness to take great risks for God because of his faith in the person, power, and character of Jesus.

Some of you reading this article are by nature risk takers. You don't mind taking a risk even if you fail because you see your lack of success, not as a failure, but as a lesson learned. You know that if something is going to get done, somebody has to take action even at the risk of failure.

Some of you reading this article are more like me. You don't take a lot of risks and when you do they are very carefully thought out, calculated risks. In other words, you try to take out all the uncertainties so that there is much less risk of actually failing.

Still others just don't take risks but would prefer to remain in the comfort of the boat. These people have made their boat as safe and comfortable as possible and avoid even putting their boat in water that has the potential of a storm. Comfort, safety, and security are their life goals. The fear of failure or the fear of criticism has paralyzed their willingness step out of the boat.

Yet most of us know that most significant change is not accomplished without taking a risk. Risk is required to have faith. If we are certain of the outcome, then no faith is required. It is only when we trust God and step out on the waters of uncertainty that we accomplish things of eternal value.

Complete trust in God is what Christ followers are called to exercise. Without faith in God and sometimes faith in the impossible, life can become quit boring and routine.

What is God asking you to do that requires you taking a risk? Where has God called you to go that you are unwilling to go? Is there something you know you should do yet your fears have caused you stay in the boat?

God has called believers in Jesus Christ to trust him completely even when it does not make sense. God has called us to follow Christ as our example. God has called us to set aside our personal preferences, our comforts, and our fears and surrender our lives to Him, trusting Him with the results.

Is it time for you to become a water walker for Jesus?

Spring Guest Day set for April 9 at Winside UMC

The public is being invited to "Mark your calendars for a Spring Guest Day" at Winside United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m.

The church is located at 207 Jones Street in Winside. This event is open to all men, women and chil-

dren. The afternoon will include a short educational program by a few ladies from Winside and Wayne who will discuss the "Children's Back Pack" program. Anyone attending who would like to donate to this program, is asked to bring small

puddings, cans of soup, individual small boxes of cereal, small cracker/cheese packets, or fresh apples/oranges. A donation is NOT expected but would be appreciated by that program.

Following the educational portion of the program, entertainment will be provided by Julie and Mike Couch of Norfolk. This duo brings contagious fun and lively country music to their show. Julie is one half of the Johansen Sisters who were very popular in northeast Nebraska in past years. Now Julie has teamed with her husband, Mike, for a brand new duo. Attendees will hear a bit of country folk and western tunes as well as country gospel. They will also experience a bit of family friendly humor between the couple.

A luncheon will be held at the end

of the afternoon.

The event is being sponsored by the Winside United Methodist Church Hospitality Committee and by Thrivent Financial Action Team.

Senior Center Calendar

(Week of March 14-18)

Monday, March 14: Morning Walking, 8:30 a.m.; FROG Exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Lesser Known Women in History with Rita McLean, 11:30 a.m. National Potato Chips Day - enjoy potato chips for snack; Quilting; Pool; Pitch; Hand and Foot.

Tuesday, March 15: Morning Walking; Quilting; Afternoon Bridge Club; Pitch; Susan Boust Foot Massage, 12:30 p.m.; Ann Liska Toe Clinic, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16: Morning Walking; FROG Exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Quilting; Mary Nichols, Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Health Clinic, 9:30 a.m. to noon; Hand and Foot; Pitch.

Thursday, March 17: Morning Walking; Quilting; Pitch; Irish tunes by Connie Webber, 11:30 a.m.; St. Patty Dinner, prepared by Center, noon; Afternoon Bridge Club.

Friday, March 18: Morning Walking; FROG Exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Quilting; Pool; Providence Bingo, 1 p.m.; Hand and Foot; Pitch; Wish Diane a Happy Birthday and enjoy her homemade oatmeal cookies and ice cream for National Oatmeal Cookie Day and Crazy Hat Day.

St. Paul's Ladies Aid, LWML holds March meeting

Winside St Paul's Ladies Aid & LWML met on March 2, 2016 with 15 members, one guest, Margaret Brugger, and Pastor Goodman present.

Daisy Janke, president, opened the meeting, welcomed the guest, and then everyone recited The League Pledge.

Mrs. Janke read an article titled 'Moving Day on the Farm, 1918' and then everyone sang the hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross".

Pastor Goodman had Bible study on The Prayers We Offer.

Daisy reminded members about the Spring Workshop which will be held on Tuesday, April 19 at Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City.

Janice Mundil will visit the shut-ins in March.

The birthday song was sung for Pat Janke, and a birthday card was sent to Doris Marotz.

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

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6.

Merton Marshall (Mert)

80th Birthday



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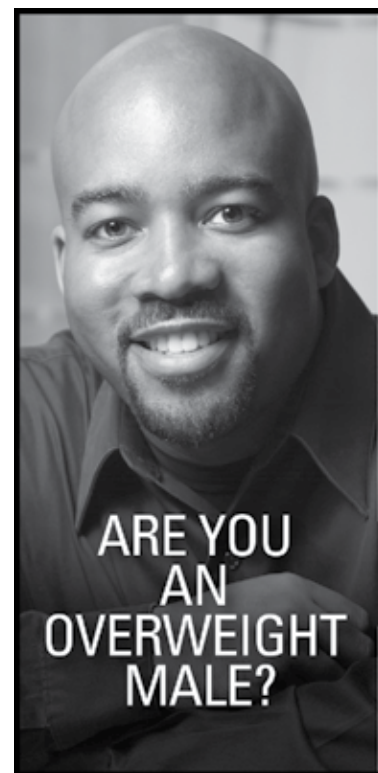
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Interested persons may obtain an application at the City Office at 405 Main Street, Wakefield, Nebraska. Applications must be returned no later than May 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be mailed to City of Wakefield, P.O. Box 178, Wakefield, Nebraska 68784. EOE.

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For more information, contact St. Mary's at 402-375-2000

NorthStar Services in Wayne
has a Full-Time and Part-Time Direct Support Staff position available at the Day Service Program.

The hours are typically Monday-Friday between 8:00am-3:30pm with a ½ hour lunch. Position will be opened until filled.

We are looking for dependable, self-motivated, organized persons with the ability to positively interact with persons with disabilities. All applicants must be 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license, the ability to lift 45 lbs., possess a high school diploma or GED, and be able to read, write and comprehend the English language.

Applicants should have good interpersonal skills and the ability to work with a wide variety of people. Starting wage is \$10.25 per hour with a wage increase to \$10.50 after 180 days and completion of a paid training program.

Applicants are REQUIRED to attend job training, most of which are day hours (example: 8:30am-4:00pm but, 2 of the trainings are evening hours 5pm-9pm.)

Interested parties should pick up an application to apply at: NorthStar Services, 209 S. Main Street, Wayne, NE 68787
 Please note on the application ATTENTION: VERN

NorthStar Services
 209 1/2 South Main Street,
 Wayne, NE 68787

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR UTILITY FOREMAN

The City of Wakefield, Nebraska is accepting applications for the position of Utility Foreman

The position is responsible for the oversight of the following: Public Water System, Wastewater System, Light Plant/Generator, (including all reporting requirements) employees, street maintenance, parks and recreation maintenance, equipment maintenance, facility maintenance, budget maintenance and working with major industries.

Manual labor will be required. Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds and must be a licensed driver, and hold or obtain a Grade III Water Certification, Grade I (minimum) Wastewater Certification and have three to five years of Supervisory/Managerial experience preferred. Three work references are required as well. A successful applicant will be required to work on call weekends. Other duties may be required such as nuisance abatement, tree trimming, pool maintenance, maintain adequate records, and cemetery maintenance to name a few.

Application and job description can be obtained at the City of Wakefield, 405 Main St., Wakefield, NE 68784.

Positions will be available until filled. 402-287-2080. The City of Wakefield is an EOE.

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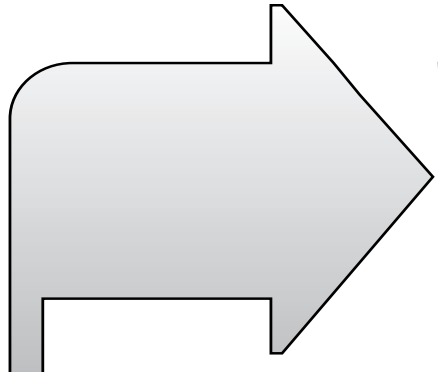
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Great Dane

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Great Dane Trailers is looking for highly motivated individuals who want summer employment. Our winning organization is the largest manufacturer of semi-trailers in the country, and we are seeking candidates to fill full-time production positions for the summer. We are currently taking applications for all three shifts.

- First Shift**
Monday-Thursday, 5:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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- Weekend Shift (Three-Day Work Week)**
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Sunday, 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

We offer great pay and a good working environment. Previous mechanical or construction experience is helpful, but not necessary. Great Dane provides all training. Candidates must be 18 years of age and successfully complete a post-job offer drug screen. To find out more about these exciting positions or to apply in person, stop by our office between 8:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Great Dane Trailers
1200 N. Centennial Road, Wayne, NE 68787
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206 Oak Street
Wakefield, NE 68784

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Wakefield High School coaching positions available

- Assistant High School Volleyball Coach
- Assistant High School Wrestling Coach

Wakefield High School is seeking candidates for two high school coaching positions. We are in need of an assistant volleyball coach and an assistant wrestling coach. At this time, these positions are coaching only. Applicants without teaching endorsements will be accepted. Positions open until filled.

Please send a letter of interest and resume to:
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POOL — HELP WANTED

The Village of Emerson is now accepting applications for Pool Manager & Lifeguards for the 2016 pool season. A good work record, dependable and mature work habits a must. Nebraska Pool Operator certification & lifeguard certification required. Applications may be obtained at the Village Office, 511 North Main Street, Emerson and will be accepted until the positions are filled. EOE

Employment Opportunities **Wayne State College**

WSC is accepting applications for the following positions. WSC offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefits package including health insurance, retirement, tuition assistance (employee/family), paid leave time, and paid holidays.

Office Assistant II - School of Natural and Social Science
IT Technician
Financial Aid Counselor
Custodian (Night Shift Sunday-Thursday 10:30 p.m.-7 a.m.)

For a complete listing of job requirements and application procedures, visit our Website at www.wsc.edu/hr, call 402-375-7365 or email hr@wsc.edu. WSC is an EOE.

MIXER TRUCK DRIVERS

Do you want to help Wayne grow and make a great city even better? We now have an immediate need for Mixer Truck Drivers.

Preferred candidates will:

- Have a valid Class A or B CDL-or WILL TRAIN right candidate with a CDL Permit
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EEO/AA/VETS/DISABILITY

Accepting Applications for ASSISTANT POOL MANAGER & SWIMMING POOL LIFE GUARDS

The City of Wakefield is now accepting applications for a seasonal full-time Assistant Pool Manager for the 2016 season.

The City of Wakefield is now accepting applications for seasonal full-time and seasonal part-time Life Guards for the 2016 season.

Applicants must have good work habits and show dependability. Current Nebraska certifications are required, along with references.

Interested persons may obtain an application form at the City Office, 405 Main Street, Wakefield, Nebraska. Applications must be returned no later than May 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be mailed to City of Wakefield, P.O. Box 178, Wakefield, NE 68784. EOE.

Seasonal Help Needed

City of Wayne Public Works, Park and Street Departments and Water/Wastewater Department

Preference given to individuals who can work 40 hours during the week, and once a month for 2 to 3 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings, May through September.

Work will consist of manual labor, but experience in operating dump trucks, tractors, and large mowing equipment is a plus. Summer work includes mowing, trimming, watering flowers, picking up debris in parks and city property, etc.

Position is part-time, and applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Starting wage is \$10.00 per hour.

Applications are available at Wayne City Hall, Monday - Friday, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, 306 Pearl Street. On the application please write: **ATTN: TODD** Questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 402-375-1300 and ask for Todd. Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2016.

City of Wayne is EEO/AAE

ASSISTANT POOL MANAGER

The City of Wayne is now accepting applications for Assistant Pool Manager for the 2016 summer season. Applicants must show that they have a good work record and that they are dependable and mature in their work habits. Nebraska Pool Operator Certification required. CPR/AED and Basic First Aid certification required. Previous lifeguard experience and current certification required. Previous management experience preferred.

Applications may be obtained at the Community Activity Center, 901 W. 7th Street.

Persons interested should return their application to the Recreation Services Director no later than Monday, February 29, 2016. EOE.

OFFICE ASSISTANT (Concord, NE)
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

The University of Nebraska, through its Northeast Research & Extension Center, seeks a responsible individual to provide office support at the Haskell Ag Laboratory located near Concord, NE. Duties include answering phones, drafting correspondence, and performing occasional receptionist duties. Making travel arrangements, processing forms, arranging meetings, data entry, and maintaining calendars, listservs, mailing lists, and files. Facilitating educational workshops/conferences by formatting brochures and handout materials/proceedings, preparing bulk mailings, arranging food service, facilities, equipment and managing registrations and database/s. In addition, support Specialists and Technologists in formatting educational materials and posters, processing course curricula, and preparing manuscripts, abstracts and grants from drafts and electronic media for submission. Other duties as assigned. View requisition S_160131 at <https://employment.unl.edu> for details and to apply. Criminal history background check will be conducted. Excellent benefits including staff/dependent scholarship program. Review of applications begins March 28. UNL does not discriminate based upon any protected status. Please see <http://www.unl.edu/equity/notice-nondiscrimination>.

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Great Dane Employment Opportunities

Great Dane Trailers of Wayne is accepting applications to fill the following positions

Inventory Planner/ Parts Coordinator-Material Control Department
Duties include: Planning of assigned materials to ensure an uninterrupted flow of material to support the production schedule. Coordinating the transfer of parts and assemblies between the Wayne plant and the Parts Distribution Centers. Confirming the availability of materials prior to authorizing/processing after market orders. Verifying the physical transfer of material. General knowledge of the raw material required to build the Super Seal trailer would be helpful. Must have a working knowledge of bill of materials and sales orders, Maintain inventory records and data base information, Multitasking and paying close attention to detail. Must have strong PC skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, Office, etc...)

Great Dane has one of the best wage and benefits packages in Northeast Nebraska including Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance, as well as 401K and a pension plan. Candidates are to successfully complete a post job offer drug screen and medical examination. Individuals wanting to join a winning team need to apply in person or mail in your resume at

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POBox 157
A Division of Great Dane Limited Partnership EOE
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Van Driver/Maintenance
Full Time

Activity Personnel
Full Time and Part Time

Assisted Living Aide
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no prior training or experience.

Apply in person at:
WAKEFIELD HEALTH CARE CENTER
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Phone: 402-287-2244 EOE

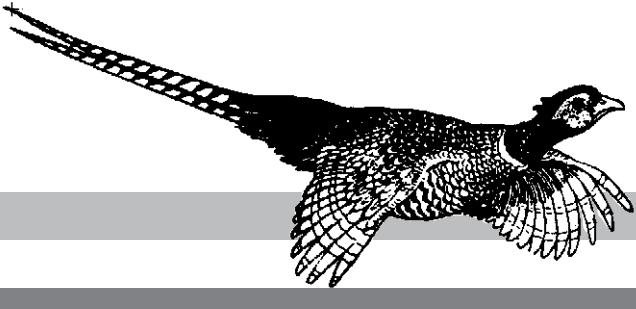
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Submit an application by visiting: www.esu1.org
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211 Tenth Street
Wakefield NE 68784-5014
402.287.2061



Legal Notices

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION AQUAPOP, LLC

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is AquaPop, LLC.
 SECOND: The street and mailing address of its designated office in the state of Nebraska is 816 Walnut Drive, Wayne, NE 68787.
 THIRD: The street and mailing address of its agent for service of process in the state of Nebraska is 816 Walnut Drive, Wayne, NE 68787. The name of its agent for service of process is Adam J. Manoucheri.
 FOURTH: The personal liability of the members and managers of the company for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty shall be eliminated to the fullest extent permissible under Nebraska law. The company is authorized to indemnify its members and managers to the fullest extent permissible under Nebraska law.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Certificate of Organization has been executed as of January 22, 2016.
 (Publ. March 10, 17, 24, 2016) ZNEZ

DISTRICT, 429.40; VILLAGE OF LEIGH, 35.87
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WATER RESOURCES: KELLY SUPPLY CO, 377.49; CULLIGAN, 85.31; WELLS FARGO CARD SERVICES, 499.99; UPPER ELKHORN NRD, 2,002.57; LAKETECH CONSULTING, 23,239.20; ENWRA, 30,000.00; US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, 11,705.00; US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, 15,500.00; OLSSON ASSOCIATES, 3,988.40
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Bergstrom, 2,953.30; Ken Berney, 4,333.13; Shawn Blahak, 3,201.17; Ken Bloomquist, 475.77; Leonard Boryca, 2,992.07; Brian Bruckner, 3,255.94; Mason Bushnell, 2,176.39; Vickie DeJong, 2,633.23; Kathy Dohmen, 1,935.81; Dave Fuhr, 257.05; Ed Gall, 337.54; Karen Hansen, 1,562.56; Bob

Huntley, 285.96; Kurt Janke, 380.18; Danny Johnson, 2,408.86; Phyllis Knobbe, 1,990.11; Tammi Loberg, 2,446.36; Tyson Lodge, 890.18; Patty Martens, 921.21; Mike Murphy, 2,703.68; Char Newkirk, 173.63; Kristie Olmer, 2,042.24; Lonnie Puntley, 35.09; Pat Schneider, 456.70; Josh Schnitzler, 2,785.75;

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LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
 As per requirements by Section 2-3220, R.R.S.
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BUILDINGS: HOWARD CONSTRUCTION INC, 1,215.00
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DIRECTORS EXPENSE: DIVOT'S CONFERENCE CENTER, 1,740.47; VISA, 1,009.48; Cory Beller, 248.40; Bob Huntley, 190.50; Kurt Janke, 133.92; EMBASSY SUITES, 2,229.00; STANTON REGISTER, 101.25; NARD, 1,265.00; LOWER PLATTE NORTH, 604.36
DUES & MEMBERSHIP: GROUND-WATER FOUNDATION, 150.00; NORTHEAST NEBRASKA RC&D, 2,000.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: NARD Risk Pool Association, 26,986.65; NATIONWIDE FINANCIAL, 5,789.07
PERSONNEL EXPENSES: NARD, 680.00; WELLS FARGO CARD SERVICES, 125.00; LICENSURE UNIT, 150.00; VISA, 1,913.81; EMBASSY SUITES, 1,762.75; NORFOLK DAILY NEWS, 94.60; NARD, 385.00; PRENGER'S RESTAURANT, 46.24; WELLS FARGO CARD SERVICES, 9.00; WALMART COMMUNITY, 100.00
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LEGAL NOTICES: WEST POINT NEWS, 74.07; WAYNE HERALD, 80.29; NORFOLK DAILY NEWS, 243.06
OFFICE SUPPLIES: US Bank, 14.00; ELITE OFFICE PRODUCTS, 626.31; WELLS FARGO CARD SERVICES, 255.14; BOMGAARS, 44.97; WELLS FARGO CARD SERVICES, 976.37; One Office Solution, 333.08; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, 30.00; ELITE OFFICE PRODUCTS, 900.04; WALMART COMMUNITY, 235.37
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