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School choir to get new robes for next year

By CLARA OSTEN
Of the Herald

Students at Wayne High School will soon be wearing new attire at choir concerts.

In action taken during Monday's regular meeting of the Wayne Community Schools Board of Education meeting, the board accepted a gift of \$7,500 from the Wayne School Foundation. In addition, the board voted to contribute \$5,000 toward the purchase of the choir robes.

Superintendent Mark Lenihan told the board that the current robes are more than 20 years old and show signs of wear. He said that there are more than 100 students who will be involved in the choir during the next school year. Estimated cost of the robes is between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

Board members received information from Lenihan

on the school's budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

He said the projected expenses have been cut slightly and the budget reflects less than a one percent increase.

"We can't do much on the revenue side until the valuations come in, but I feel we are in pretty good shape overall," Lenihan said.

Lenihan also presented information on a program that will be implemented district-wide on character education.

"The program is designed to promote positive character traits and will provide consistency throughout the whole school. We will be recognizing students who do something good, based on a different character trait each month. We will then send home a note to parents saying that their student did something good. It will be nice to have positive communication with parents," Lenihan said.

In other action, the board gave second reading approval to the Junior-Senior High School Handbook.

Reports were presented by all of the administrators and included information on a handbook workshop attended by Wayne High School Principal Mark Hanson.

Special Education Director Misty Bear told the board that there will be no state writing test for the 2016-17 school year. She also recently learned that the Early Learning Center qualified for a grant for the breakfast/lunch program.

Information was also shared on the school's discipline statistics for the recently completed school year. Declines were seen in several areas, including out-of-school suspensions, in-school suspensions and special education students receiving suspensions.

Foundation Director Lindsay McLaughlin presented information to the board on the upcoming Gift-A-Thon being conducted by the Foundation.

The goal is to replace many of the individual high school fundraisers with a one-week campaign. The goal is to raise \$50,000.

McLaughlin told the board that the students have raised \$50,000 in fundraisers in the past; however, they only received \$37,000 after expenses.

She also told the board that the Foundation is planning a number of activities for an all-school Alumni Weekend to be held in conjunction with the Wayne Chicken Show.

Travis Meyer told the board that a number of summer projects are currently being completed, including painting and the removal of the old lockers in the high school.

The Wayne Community Schools Board of Education will next meet in regular session on Monday, July 11 at 5 p.m. in the junior-senior high school library.

ALLEN CELEBRATES ITS HISTORY WITH Q125 WEEKEND



(Photos by Clara Osten and Michael Carnes)

Whether it was getting sprayed by the fire tanker (clockwise from left), saluting the colors, stuffing your face in a hot dog-eating contest or getting dirty in a mud volleyball tournament, there was plenty of fun to be had in Allen over the weekend as the city celebrated its 125th anniversary with a variety of activities. More pictures from last weekend's community celebration can be found on Pages 6-7B.

Kaminsky named new WSC coach

By MICHAEL CARNES
Of The Herald

Wayne State has its new men's basketball coach.

The school announced the hiring of Jeff Kaminsky late Wednesday morning as the new men's basketball coach. He will take over for Brian Dolan, who was relieved of his duties after three seasons with the Wildcats.

"We are excited to have Jeff Kaminsky take over the leadership of our men's basketball program," athletic director Mike Powicki said in a news release. "Jeff has numerous years of head coaching experience at various levels and brings a track record of successfully re-building programs in challenging situations. Jeff showed he has a vision for the future of Wildcat men's basketball and a clear plan for how to get there. I am confident he is ready for the challenge of turning Wildcat men's basketball into a contender."

Kaminsky has been head coach at Valley City State University in North Dakota for the past 11 seasons. Last year, the Vikings finished 22-11 and earned a share of the North Star Athletic Association regular-season championship. They advanced to the second round of the NAIA Div. II national tournament for the second time in program history, finishing the season ranked No. 21 in the final NAIA Div. II coaches poll.

Under Kaminsky's guidance, the Vikings have had five 20-win seasons in the last nine years. Kaminsky is 183-144 in his 11 years at the school.

"I want to thank Mike Powicki, Mike Barry and the entire committee for providing me with the opportunity to come to Wayne State College," he said. "I am honored to be the next men's basketball coach at Wayne State and look forward to getting started. The Northern Sun Conference is a conference I am familiar with, having been on 15 of the campuses. I have great respect for the conference and I am extremely excited to be a part of it."

Kaminsky, who will take over a young Wildcat team that finished 5-24 last year (3-19 NSIC), is excited about the opportunity to step into an NCAA Div. II program.

"The opportunity to rebuild a program that has an opportunity to be successful again. I have great respect for the tradition of the program and especially for what Coach McDermott was able to accomplish here. The city of Wayne and Wayne State College is appealing to me and my wife Cindy for a lot of reasons, and we are looking forward to being a part of the community and Wayne State College."

Kaminsky has been coaching for 29 years and has won 452 games in his career. He also spent 11 years as head coach at Wisconsin-Superior (1994-2005), where he also served as interim athletic director; and spent seven years as head coach of Mid State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc. (1987-1994), where he took a struggling junior college program and led them to three straight Wisconsin Junior College championships.



Kaminsky

No worries for tree owners about EAB – at least, not yet

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) that attacks and kills all ages of ash trees has been confirmed in Nebraska.

Last Wednesday, EAB was found in Pulaski Park in Omaha. What does this mean for tree owners in northeast Nebraska? First, this has not taken those working with trees by surprise. This invasive insect from Asia has been in adjacent states for three years now and it was only a matter of time before it was found in our state.

Nebraska has had an EAB Working Group comprised of government, tree industry, entomologists, foresters, University and private representation constantly updating an EAB Preparedness Plan for a couple of years now. There have been promotions to remove poor growing ash trees in advance and also planting a diversity of different types of shade trees to replace the ash removed or that would have to be removed.

"We need to continue to plant a diversity of shade trees like hackberry, red, bur, swamp white and shingle oaks, linden, sugar maple,

Kentucky coffeetree and other large growing trees in our yards and communities," Nebraska Forest Service District Forester Steve Rasmussen said.

"Probably the most common question I have had so far has been about treatment options. There are treatments available but not all ash trees are ideal candidates. And keep in mind, treatments will probably be needed to be repeated every year. A major concern to be aware of is the negative environmental impacts that the soil drenches, such as Imidacloprid, can cause. Injection techniques are more effective and less dangerous to the environment and these require a certified arborist," he added.

The recommendation has been consistent to not worry about treating your tree until EAB has been found within 15 miles of your location. This insect does not move far on its own power. Studies show less than 10 miles a year when it is searching for new ash to infest. It is mostly spread by human assisted movement like firewood transportation. So the strong message has

been "Don't move firewood".

"For us outside of the Omaha area, do not panic and do not fall into the temptation to treat your ash trees with all the news articles and promotion ads that will probably be seen this summer. Become informed and be aware of what EAB looks like and watch for it in your ash trees," Rasmussen said.

The Nebraska Forest Service has produced a series of resources and information to help directly address many of the common questions and concerns such as:

- ash tree identification guide
- guideline for Nebraska homeowners
- frequently asked questions about EAB
- decline in ash trees: borers and bark beetles
- homeowner guidelines for EAB treatment

More resources are available at nfs.unl.edu/nebraska-eab. Also, the national website at www.emeraldashborer.info has good general information about this pest.



(Photo courtesy Diane Jaeger)

Almost 100 Winside alumni were in attendance for the community's annual alumni banquet at the Winside City Auditorium.

Almost 100 attend 110th Winside alumni banquet

Winside held its 110th Alumni Banquet Memorial weekend, May 28, in the village auditorium with approximately 100 in attendance. The event began with a 5 p.m. social hour and then was followed by an evening meal catered by Vel's Bakery of Wayne.

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Jaeger of Winside. PMA Glenn Kietzmann of Trinity Lutheran Church gave the Invocation and later the closing Benediction for the event.

Music was provided by Dave Merkel during the night. All graduating classes ending in "6" were honored this year.

Representing the 2016 class of 15 students were: Halle Brogren, Colby Erickson, Jami Jaeger, Sophie Milenkovich and Jady Prince.

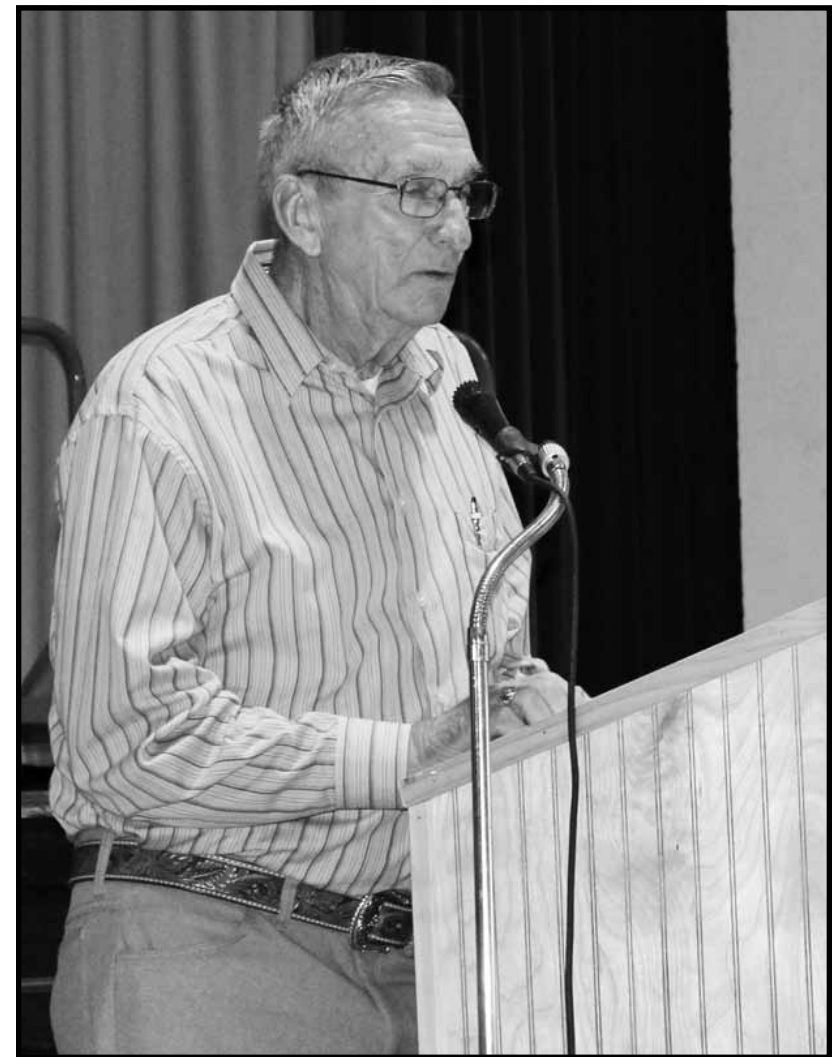
There were five members of the 1946 class present celebrating their 70th year after graduation. Present were Virginia Lettman Leonard, LaJeane Miller Marotz, Duane Neary (who introduced his classmates), Laura Quinn Trautwein, and Patricia Waller Podoll.

Introductions were made for the following classes by: Connie Troutman, class of 1956; Roger Hill, class of 1966; Tami Koll Hoffmann, class of 1966; there were no members of the 1986 or 1996 classes; and Korine Stubbs Bowers class of 2006.

Committee members Janice Bowers and Dewey Bowers gave their reports and Rose Janke gave the Historian's report.

The Alumni voted to have the current year's committee call perspective committee members for the next year instead of just voting people in on a ballot as had previously been done. The 2017 committee members will be Dan Jaeger, Cindy Van Houten, Darci Frahm, Samantha Harmeier, and Ashley Doffin Walker.

A presentation on the PRIDE committee was made by Jenni Topp and Anna Janke. Lorraine Prince announced the Scholarship Foundation recipients. They are Alumni - Shailynn Mundil; 2016 graduates



(Photo courtesy Diane Jaeger)

Russell Prince, Winside alum, spoke during the 110th annual Winside Alumni Banquet held at the Winside City Auditorium.

- Jaydin Prince, Keith Mundil, and Marlowe Kampa. Each received a \$200 scholarship.

Russell Prince, an alumni member, announced with sadness that this year ends 70 continuous years of Prince family members in the Winside School system. His last grandchild, Jady Prince, graduated this year.

Several gift cards were given out for the following: Coming the farthest - Jackie Jefferies Bell; Oldest Classmate from the 1946 class - Pat Podoll; and wearing their class ring

to the banquet - there were three qualifiers, Greta Grubbs, LeRoy Damme and Russell Prince.

A Winside Q125 history book was won by Pat Podoll; a CD of the 1990 centennial book by Dave Merkel; and a Q125 cookbook by Janice Jaeger. Jackie Bell also won Split the Pot. The event closed with a number of past Winside Cheerleaders leading in the school song.


This year's committee members were Kevin Jaeger, Janice Bowers, Dewey Bowers and assisted by Rose Janke.




(Photo by Clara Osten)


Logan Creek running high with rains

Several locations in northeast Nebraska received as much as two inches of rain in a short time Tuesday. Pictured is the water running under the Logan Creek bridge east of Wayne.



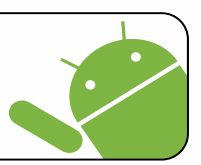


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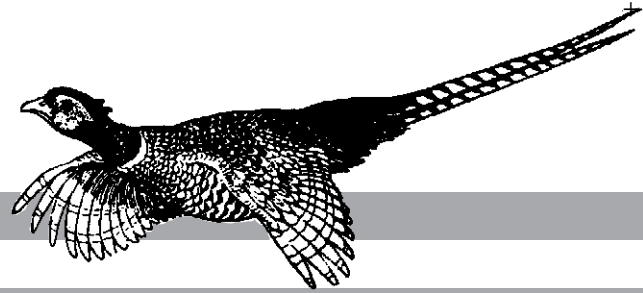
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Explaining the business

Stephanie Liska of Beck Ag (right), explains the services offered by the company. Beck Ag, which has been in Wayne 15 years and recently re-located to the College View Plaza, hosted last week's Chamber Coffee.



Sports

From The Bleachers

Michael Carnes



Fun family traditions at CWS

A number of years ago, I worked for a ticket broker in Omaha who sold tickets to concerts and sporting events on the secondary market, much the same way you might buy tickets on StubHub.

One of the interesting things about that experience was the College World Series, which begins its annual two-week festival this weekend in Omaha. The top eight college baseball teams in the country come together, bringing fans from all over the country who enjoy not only the games, but the atmosphere that surrounds this annual event.

I remember helping an older guy in Louisiana out with the purchase of tickets to the CWS. It was April, a good two months before the big event, and he was already ordering his tickets for the tournament without knowing if his favorite team would make it to "The Blatt." (At the time, Rosenblatt Stadium was still around, a beautiful stadium that has some great memories for me as well.)

The guy was hopeful that his team, LSU, would make it to Omaha, but it didn't really matter to him whether or not the Tigers made it to the big show. For him, the experience of hanging out with fellow baseball fans, meeting old friends who were fans of other teams and meeting new people and getting to know them was the draw for him. He was spending his two weeks of vacation in his decked-out camper parked north of the stadium, and if his team didn't make it, he'd still have a good time.

After taking the job here, my daughter and I were looking at doing something fun and different for Father's Day, and she suggested going to the College World Series. The event had moved to the new ballpark at TD Ameritrade Park in downtown Omaha, and it was an opportunity for us to start a summer tradition of our own.

I've been fortunate to have connections who help us out with tickets every year, and we make it a tradition on Father's Day to take in one of the games. The first few years, we did the evening game, but with me having to drive home after and my daughter being something of an early-to-bed kind of person (a virus she obviously picked up from her mother - early bedtime for me is BEFORE midnight), we decided that the afternoon game was more to our liking.

Something fun - or funny - always seems to happen when we hit downtown. One year, we got these tasty rum-flavored drinks with a funny glass and spent the afternoon cracking jokes about funny sayings they SHOULD have put on the glasses (very few of which can be printed here, unfortunately).

One thing my daughter and I like to do is make a little wager on who wins the game we watch. We pick a team and root for them for that game, and usually there's a reason why we pick the team we're rooting for. One year, we watched Arkansas play South Carolina. She took Arkansas in honor of her adopted sister who lives there - I took South Carolina because, well, they just have a funny name for a mascot. I mean, seriously, what other team can you cheer on by yelling "Go Cocks" without people looking at you funny?

This year, I'm picking TCU because a friend of mine coaches at the school, so she's stuck with Texas Tech (although they were one of the top eight seeds going into the tournament, so stuck might not be the right word here). Loser buys ice cream at Zesto's after the game.

There's a ton of great things to do at the College World Series, and I look forward to spending another Father's Day this weekend with my daughter watching baseball, drinking funny drinks and making more fun father-daughter memories together - provided nobody brings any nacho cheese into our section.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Zane Jackson was part of a solid pitching effort by the Wayne Juniors as they claimed the first-place trophy in the Max Greve Wood Bat Tournament.

Juniors break out bats, claim Wood Bat honors

WAKEFIELD - When your offense is swinging a hot bat, your defense is solid and your pitching is almost unhittable - you're a pretty tough baseball team to beat.

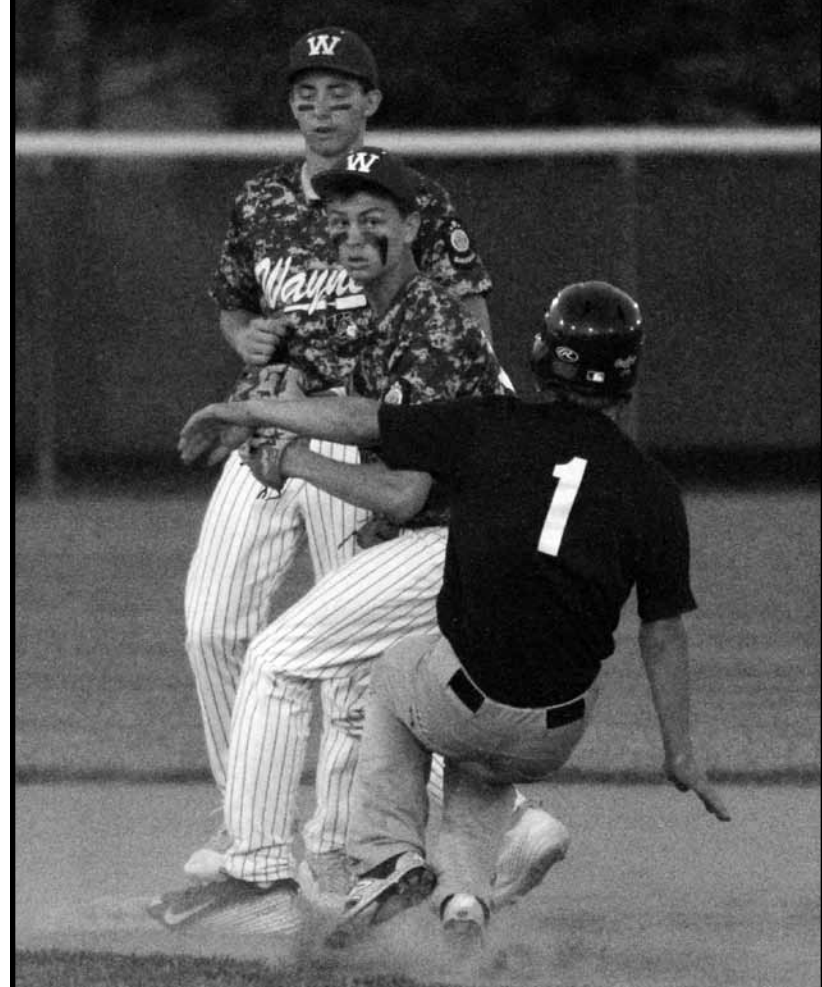
People are finding that out about the Wayne Juniors this summer, as the Juniors bounced back from their first loss of the season with a solid week that was capped by a dominating 10-1 win over Lenox (S.D.) in the finals of the Max Greve Wood Bat Tournament Sunday evening at Eaton Field.

It would have been easy for the Wayne Juniors to come into the tournament a little tired. The night before tournament play began, they rang up 25 runs on 25 hits in a 25-0 blowout at Pierce. But coach Jeff Zeiss said he was more worried about the change in equipment than taking glorified batting practice.

"I really was concerned more with the wooden bats," he said after the game. "We talked all week about how runs tend to be at a premium during a wooden bat tournament. It's natural to have a letdown after a game like that, but it was a good weekend for the kids."

The Juniors did have a letdown in Saturday morning's matchup with Creighton, as they were limited to just one hit. They made the most of it, though, taking advantage of seven walks and manufacturing enough to post a 4-0 win. Mason Lee's double was the Juniors' only hit in the win, but they took advantage of six walks to manufacture four runs, two coming in the fifth to put the game out of reach. Tucker Nichols got the win with three innings of no-hit ball, while Adam Bentjen allowed one hit in four innings.

The bats came to life after that. They smoked Lenox in a 10-0 run to



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Tucker Nichols looks toward first base to try to complete a double play for the Wayne Juniors.

cap Saturday's play and win their pool, then lit up Wakefield in a 9-1 decision Sunday afternoon at Hank Overin Field.

In the Lenox game, Wayne scored five in the first to take control of the game. Brennan O'Reilly and Zane Jackson each had two RBIs, and Beau Bowers had two hits to lead

a seven-hit effort. Tyler Lutt threw a one-hit shutout, striking out five and walking three.

Against Wakefield, Wayne scored two in the first to take the lead and built a 5-1 lead before putting the game out of reach with four in the sixth. Jackson and Bentjen each

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Hughes earns NCAA Degree Completion nod

Wayne State volleyball player Katie Hughes has received the NCAA Div. II Degree Completion Award. The Wildcat standout was selected by a national committee with an emphasis on academic performance, athletic achievement and involvement in campus and community activities.



Hughes

Hughes is a double major in elementary education and special education and carries a 3.982 grade-point average. She is scheduled to complete her undergraduate degree by student teaching in the fall and spring semesters of the 2016-17 school year and will graduate from Wayne State College in May, 2017.

As a four-year starter for the Wildcats, Hughes became just the

seventh player in school history to record 1,000 career kills and 1,000 digs, finishing third in career digs (1,924) and 14th in kills with 1,177. Hughes was a first-team All-NSIC selection during her senior season after averaging 3.57 kills and 4.74 digs per set. She had 20 double-doubles and helped Wayne State win their first-ever NCAA Central Region title while advancing to the national semifinals. Hughes was a second-team All-NSIC honoree as a junior and received the NSIC Myles Brand All-Academic With Distinction Award during her senior campaign.

The NCAA established the Division II Degree Completion Award Program in 2001 to provide deserving student-athletes financial assistance to complete their undergraduate degree. Hughes will receive an award of \$4,800. To date, nearly \$4 million has been given to approximately 1,000 deserving student-athletes since the program's inception.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Kendall Dorey winds up to fire a pitch for the Dirt Devils 12-under team during the Dirt Devil Invitational.

Devils 12-under takes second place

The Wayne Dirt Devils 12-under team went undefeated in pool play and came away with a runner-up finish in their division of the Dirt Devil Invitational at the Summer Sports Complex.

The 12-unders opened the tournament with a tough 2-1 win over Kelly's, riding the four-hit, nine-strikeout pitching of Kendall Dorey.

Wayne trailed 1-0 in the second when they tied up the game on a wild pitch. Aliah Schultz doubled to left and moved to third on a passed ball before coming home to tie the game.

Wayne got the go-ahead run in the third inning. Hope O'Reilly, who had two of the team's four hits in the win, singled to left to score Brianna Nissen, who reached on an error to open the inning.

Dorey shut Kelly's down after that, allowing just one baserunner over the last three innings to get the win.

The Dirt Devils put up eight in the first inning on their way to a 13-0 win over Dakota Valley. RBI singles by O'Reilly, Chloe Klug and

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18-under Devils run out of gas in tourney final

The Wayne Dirt Devils 18-under team played well for most of the Dirt Devil Invitational before the defense stumbled in the championship game.

The 18-unders' defense was solid throughout much of the tournament, not giving up a run until the final game when the Golden Girls Gold team erupted for 12 runs in a 12-2 win at Wayne State College.

"We played really well all weekend, but we just fell apart at the end," coach Tim Schaefer said. "The Golden Girls hit the gaps really well and took advantage of our lapses on defense and made us make mistakes."

Wayne opened the tournament Friday with a dominating 12-0 win over the Golden Girls Black team. Ashton Gibson threw a three-inning no-hitter, striking out five batters and getting plenty of offensive support to make quick work of the Norfolk team.

Danica Schaefer led the offensive attack with three hits, including

two doubles. Jenna Trenhaile added two doubles, Kennedy Maly had a single and a double, and Gibson and Abby Ankeny added hits.

On Saturday, Wayne got a 10-strikeout effort from Gibson in a 3-0 win over Calvary, then followed that with a 12-0 shutout of West Point. In that game, Schaefer, Trenhaile and Kortney Keller each had two hits and Ankeny added a triple to highlight the offensive attack.

In bracket play Sunday, the Dirt Devils advanced to the finals with an 8-0 win over the Omaha Eagles. Gibson threw a five-hit shutout, striking out nine. Schaefer had two triples and Jamie Gamble added a double and single to the offensive attack.

In the championship game, Schaefer's double and Trenhaile's triple were the only hits of the game for the 14-6-1 Dirt Devils. Gibson struck out five in a losing effort.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Taylor Gamble waits to make the tag on a would-be Golden Girls base stealer to end the inning during action at the Dirt Devil Invitational.

Dirt Devil Tournament Highlights



Gracie Jansen has her eye on the ball as she bats for the Dirt Devils 10-under team.



Jersi Jensen has her eye on the ball at third base for the Dirt Devils 10-under team.



Avianna Doring helped get the 14-under Devils on the comeback trail in their first win against Kelly's of Norfolk.



Kennedy Maly rounds is on her way around the bases to score for the 18-under Dirt Devils.



Alliah Schulz had a hot bat for the 12-under Dirt Devils as they finished second in their bracket.



Londyn Nelson pitched the 14-under team to a win over Kelly's in Friday evening action.



Hope O'Reilly hit the ball well for the 12-under Dirt Devils in their win Saturday against Kelly's.



Devils' 18-under pitcher Ashten Gibson threw a no-hitter to open the Dirt Devil Invitational, striking out five in a 12-0, three-inning win over the Norfolk Golden Girls Gold.

Photos by Michael Carnes



It was a sister act of sorts in the umpiring crew for the Dirt Devils' 14-under game with Kelly's of Norfolk. Shelby Wobken (left) worked behind the plate while younger sister Katelyn was watching the basepaths.

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Having A Blast At Allen Q125



Mary Lou Koester blows out the 125 candles on the Allen Q 125 birthday cake during Friday's opening ceremonies.



Displays in the Allen High School, including this one of those who served in the military with ties to the community, were very popular.



Diana Badley, Dawn Oswald, Stephanie Jorgensen, Melissa Gensler and Samantha Sachau were the organizers of the Allen Q125.



Kathy Boswell and Marcia Rastede work to open the time capsule. The items in the time capsule, which was actually a child's casket, were collected in 1991. After the time capsule was opened, the items were returned to those who had contributed them.



Members of the Allen FFA took part in a number of games, including the popular shopping cart race.



The spray of water from one of the Allen-Waterbury fire trucks was a welcome relief for those in attendance who braved temperatures near 100 degrees for much of the parade.



More than 100 entries made up Saturday's parade through the streets of Allen, including a number of classic and newer-model tractors.



Even a warm day, a good breakfast of pancakes and sausage at the Allen Senior Center is worth digging into.



Even the mayor of Allen is in on the action during Saturday's parade, as Allen mayor Jay Jones stops for a quick photo.



Note to all parade candy tossers - the photographer LOVES Tootsie Rolls.



A number of young people participated in the Kiddie Parade on Friday evening, including Mason Rastede.



Hundreds of people braved the weekend's heat to take part in the Allen Q125 celebration. This group enjoyed the free meal at the firehall on Friday evening.

This classic car was one of several sharp looking vehicles on the parade route at Allen's Q125 celebration.



Call it an early dinner or a late lunch, but about 10 people gave it their all in the hot dog-eating contest.

Allen High School's Class of 1966 enjoyed a trip through town on the parade route as part of their 50-year reunion.



William Van Bruggen, 4, Clara Sachau, 20 months and Anneke Van Bruggen were attired in centennial garb as they rode through the Kiddie parade.



Photos by
Michael Carnes and Clara Osten



When you can beat the heat with a tall, cool glass of lemonade in the city park, one can't help but smile.



Area fire crews battled it out on the streets of downtown Allen during the afternoon water fights.



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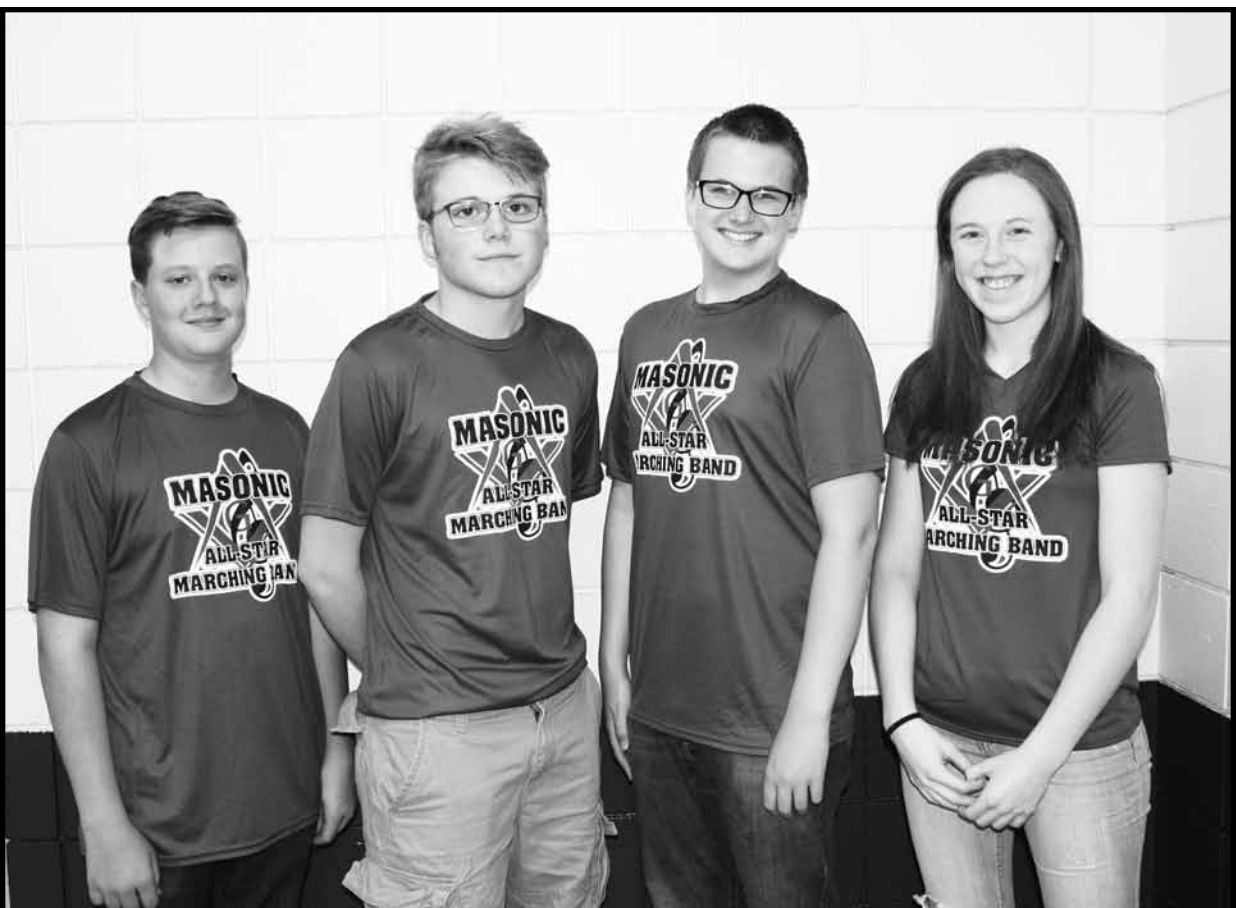
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Local students who were part of the Masonic All-Star Marching Band included (from left) Jonah Brodersen of Wayne, Connor Lemke-Elznic of Winside, Ky Kenny of Wayne and Summer Jackson of Allen.

Three local high school musicians in Masonic All-Star Marching Band

Two Wayne High School students, one Allen Consolidated High School student and one Winside Public High School student were among 257 high school students from across Nebraska who participated in the 22nd Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band, which performed June 4 during Shrine Bowl festivities in Kearney. Participating were: Jonah Brodersen, son of Doug and Jill Brodersen; Summer Jackson, daughter of Jay and Holli Jackson; Ky Kenny, son of Joe and Kelly Kenny; and Connor Lemke-Elznic, son of Jason A. Elznic and Melissa K. Lemke-Elznic. The band members devoted four days of intense practice starting May 31, to learn the music, marching steps and field formations. The band gave their first public performance with a public concert at Harmon Park on June 3. The band led the Shrine Bowl Parade down Kearney's Central and 1st Avenue on Saturday morning and it also performed the pre-game National Anthem and during half-time of the 58th Annual Shrine Bowl football game at Ron & Carol Cope Stadium, on Foster Field, at the University of Nebraska—Kearney. The band members were hosted by the Masons of Nebraska, and were directed by Brad Weber, retired Band Director from Wayne High School, currently Instructor of Percussion at Wayne State College; Dan Sodomka, Band Director at Aurora High School; and Dr. Dave Bohnert, Director of Bands at Wayne State College. Brodersen received a scholarship from Wayne Chapter OES No. 132; Jackson received a scholarship from Wayne Lodge No. 120; Kenny received a scholarship from Wayne Lodge No. 120; and Lemke-Elznic received a scholarship from Blue Valley Lodge No. 64. The scholarships covered the cost of the camp. "We demanded a lot of the students during the past

week," Weber said. "They responded professionally and worked very hard. That was evident by the high-quality shows they performed Friday and Saturday. There's no doubt these young musicians are among the best in the state." Coupled with hard work, the members also participated in bowling and a dance. Many are looking forward to the opportunity to use the instruction provided by the band directors when they return to their respective high school bands. "The band members worked hard during the week preparing for the Shrine Bowl performances," said Dennis Rix, Grand Master of Nebraska Masons. "They also had a lot of fun meeting new people and enjoyed the activities, but they also understand the main reason for the long hours and hard work. Patients at the Shriners Hospitals for Children will benefit the most from the band's efforts this past week. We sincerely appreciate their contribution to raise awareness and funds to enable the Shriners to help even more children." "Masonic lodges across Nebraska support local youth and community projects, humanitarian efforts including a child identification program, academic scholarships, and efforts to support our military," Rix said. "At the statewide level, the Grand Lodge helps to maintain two homes: The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth for Masons and their female relatives, and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. The combined philanthropic efforts of Masonic-related organizations amount to more than \$2 million a day." Freemasonry is the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world and is based on the lessons of living a life of brotherhood and high moral standards as portrayed symbolically in the work of stone masons who built the cathedrals, abbeys and castles of Europe.



Wayne students at the State Science Meet were (from left) Allyson Avery, Kevin Kiely, Korina Niemann and James Tompkins.

Eight area science students among 53 at State Science Meet

Fifty-three eighth-grade students from 21 schools across Nebraska attended UNMC's 24th annual State Science Meet June 9-11, for an educational and fun experience. Among those involved were: Jacob Anderson, Dylan Parr and Allyssia Strivens of Allen Consolidated Schools; Emily Walsh of Wakefield Community School; and Allyson Avery, Kevin Kiely, Korina Niemann and James Tompkins of Wayne Junior High School. The goal of the meet is to inspire students, especially those from rural communities, to pursue careers in health care. The students qualify for the meet by submitting science projects in one of seven regional science meets sponsored by the Nebraska Area Health Education Centers and the Coalition for Life Saving Cures held earlier in the year. While on campus students were exposed to the health professions, medical research and patient care. Events included hands-on science activities such as: - Presentations about a variety of health science disciplines - Tours of UNMC - A team science competition.



Area students at the State Science Meet included (top) Allen students Jacob Anderson, Dylan Parr and Allyssia Strivens, and Wakefield's Emily Walsh (right).



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Horsing around

A 4-H Horsemanship and District Preparation Clinic was held June 9 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Selena Finn, former Wayne County 4-Her who was very active in the horse portion of the program, presented to six 4-Hers. Finn is currently a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and completing an internship in the Wayne County office of Nebraska Extension.

Northeast CC earns safety award

Northeast Community College has earned special honors through the National Safety Council, Nebraska. The College received an Award of Merit as part of the 2016 Nebraska's Safest Companies and Community Safety Awards. Now in its 29th year, the awards recognized over 90 Nebraska organizations with outstanding accomplishments in safety records and programs. Part of the requirements for the award is continual progression toward establishing and promoting safety within the workplace. Marisa Hingst, coordinator of environmental health and safety at Northeast, says the College has implemented a number of programs to ensure safety for on the main

campus in Norfolk and the three extended campus locations. The College provides safety manuals that are readily available college-wide and online. They conduct annual building inspections and also receive advanced training in identifying potential hazards within their work areas. Hingst's coordinator position at Northeast was created in 2015 specifically to assist in implementing a variety of safety and environmental processes. She says a number of key safety elements were improved for the 2015-16 school year, including the installation of building coordinators throughout all buildings on all campus locations to provide more enhanced focus on emergency preparedness and risk manage-

ment. Northeast Community College has earned 17 safety honors from the National Safety Council, Nebraska since it joined the organization in May of 1994, with its awards ranging from Awards of Excellence to Awards of Merit consecutively since 1999. "By being recognized with these prestigious awards, it is a testament to Northeast's striving for continual improvement within the Safety and Environmental campus operations," Hingst said. "The College President and Board of Governors are very supportive of our safety programs on campus and provide continual guidance in development of these programs."



Sweet learning experience

A 4-H Food Preservation workshop was held June 8 at the Wayne Junior/Senior High School. Carol Larvick, Nebraska Extension Educator in Dakota County, presented on the proper and safe techniques for making jam. Strawberry-rhubarb jam was preserved.

Wildflower Walk

Wayne State College hosted "Nebraska Wildflower Week" for visitors from a variety of communities on campus, June 3. A free event, the Wildflower Walk included the outcome of landscape care by planting seasonal colors of plants in various sizes in shady or sunny locations. Community members strolled through the campus to explore the use of native plants in the summer landscape with the direction of knowledgeable WSC staff members such as Bill Jammer (pictured) and Kim Schramm, Arboretum/Landscape Manager (not pictured). Additional walks will be hosted on July 22 and Sept. 23. There are no reservations or registrations needed to participate in the July and September walks. No admission is charged and parking is also free. Individuals may stay informed about the upcoming events at www.wsc.edu/events/event/568/wildflower_walk.



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Senior Center Menu

Friday, June 17: Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. Biscuits and gravy, sausage links, fruit, orange juice.

Monday, June 20: Brauts/Kraut, mashed potatoes, baked beans, peach cobbler, bun.

Tuesday, June 21: Boneless pork chop, baked potatoes, green beans, pears in jello.

Wednesday, June 22: Hamburgers, macaroni salad, peas, bun, fruit cocktail dessert.

Thursday, June 23: Goulash, garlic bread, deviled egg, apple-sauce, juice.

Friday, June 24: Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. Egg casserole with peppers, onions, cheese, sausage in casserole, hash brown, cranberry juice, fruit. Milk and bread served with all meals. Meals subject to change.

Community Birthdays

Friday, June 17: Israhel Cruz,

Artcher Gensler, Andy Mattes, Hugh O'Brien, Ray & Sharon Brentlinger (A).

Saturday, June 18: Barb Waldo, Jacob Waldo, Jeff & Marlene Levine (A).

Sunday, June 19: Brock Floyd, Greg & Abby Rastede (A).

Monday, June 20: Heather Dohrman, Ty Krommenhoek, Ritchie & Tina Monteith (A), Heath & McKenzie Roeber (A).

Tuesday, June 21: Drew & Bailey Diediker (A), Robert & Nancy Frerichs (A), Curtis & Dawn Oswald (A).

Wednesday, June 22: Lindy Koester, Bren Mattes, Matt & Kami Murphy (A), Patrick & Jill Peterson (A).

Thursday, June 23: Jerry Dickens, Lauren Gonzales, Brooke Kingst, Larry Puckett, BO & Angie Ketselsen (A), Tom & Vicky Sands (A).

Friday, June 24: Andy Chase, Gary & Yvonne Erwin (A), Jarrod & Nicole Johnson (A), Forrest & Mona Kramer (A).

Community Calendar

Friday, June 17: Senior Center Brunch, 8:30 a.m.; Springbank Library hours 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Saturday, June 18: Springbank Library hours 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; St.Anne's Catholic Church (Dixon), 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 19: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 8 a.m.; St. Michael's Catholic Church (Coleridge) 8 a.m. First Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.; Trinity Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.; St. Mary's Catholic Church (Laurel) 10 a.m.; Evangelical Free Church, 10:30 a.m.; Father's Day.

Monday, June 20: No activities scheduled.

Tuesday, June 21: No activities scheduled.

Wednesday, June 22: Springbank Library 2-6 p.m.

Thursday, June 23: Deck out your Tie Contest at Senior Center; Desert Bar at 12 p.m. at Senior Center.

Friday, June 24: Senior Center Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.

Community Hours

Library: Wednesday, 2-6 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Post Office: Monday-Friday: 7:45 -11:45 a.m.; Saturday, 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Gas Station: Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Bank: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12p.m., 1-4 p.m., Saturday, 8-11 a.m.

Senior Citizen Center: Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday, 7 -11 a.m., Saturday, 7 a.m.-12 p.m.



Allen Pee Wee Junior (9U) baseball team are the 2016 Northeast Nebraska League Tournament Champions. They included (front) Alex Kneiff, Devin Reinert, Ben Jorgensen, Jacob Claypool, Jaykob Sanchez, Ethin Graves, (middle) Ruany Figueroa, Boden Jackson, Aceson Graves, Gabe Olesen, Mike Dickens, Alex Ankeny, Dylan Boyle, (back) Coach-es Jason Olesen, Jay Jackson and Craig Boyle. Not pictured is Chaz Adair.

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Capital for rural business is available

USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service Administrator Sam Rikkers has unveiled new rules to expand access to capital for rural businesses.

"Access to capital is one of the most important needs for businesses," Rikkers said. "USDA is partnering with the Treasury Department and other agencies to ensure that rural businesses have the resources they need to prosper and grow. The regulatory changes I am announcing today will help businesses expand their operations and create jobs."

USDA awarded more than 3,500 Business & Industry program loans totaling \$9.7 billion between 2009 and 2015 to help rural businesses create or retain jobs.

In Nebraska, Hardwood Artisan LLC of Friend received a loan that helped provide the business with working capital funds to start and grow a locally owned woodworking business (www.hardwood-artisan.com). The company produces cabinetry, custom built furniture, reclaimed wood products and hardwood floors and moldings. The company has grown from a one person operation to hiring up to 10 people during its busy season.

Also in Nebraska, a loan helped Clark Specialty Grains, LLC of Gothenburg to receive working capital funds and to refinance debt which helped support the growth and expansion of the business. Jim Clark, owner of the business, grows and produces organic, food grade, human consumption corn for the tortilla chip industry. The facility received non GMO (genetically modified organism) project process certification. Clark not only grows the product but also contracts with farmers in his area to supply specialty corn to the food industry.

The changes, published in today's Federal Register, make it easier for rural businesses to qualify for loans in USDA's Business & Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program.

They allow businesses to use the New Markets Tax Credit as a form of equity, and allow, for the first time, employees of a business to qualify for loan guarantees to purchase stock in a business by forming an Employee Stock Ownership Plan or worker cooperative.

Other improvements include:

- New, loan application scoring criteria, including priority for loans to businesses that will create quality jobs, such as those with health care benefits;
- Reduced paperwork requirements to refinance loans;
- Strengthened eligibility criteria for non-regulated lenders (such as privately owned finance companies) to participate in the B&I program;
- Expanded loan eligibility, including in urban areas, for projects that process, distribute, aggregate, store and/or market locally or regionally produced foods.

The stock ownership provisions are modeled after rural cooperative businesses. Co-ops have been economic development partners with USDA for decades. A January 2016 USDA report indicated that cooperatives earned \$6.5 billion in net income and generated \$246.7 billion in total revenue in 2014.

For a complete overview of the new rules, see page 35984 of the June 3, 2016 Federal Register.

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