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(Naples Daily News photo)

Esteban Santiago, suspect in the shooting at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport on Jan. 6 is escorted out of the Broward County Jail before his pre-trial detention hearing Jan. 17.

Family's return home delayed after Florida airport shooting

By Calyn Dunklau
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The Erhardt family was checking their rental car in when shots sounded in the baggage claim area of Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

After a 10-day vacation in Florida the family of four was ready to return to home to Colorado to sleep in their own beds but the events that transpired on Jan. 6 would force them to stay an extra two days in Florida.

Jason Erhardt, a 1991 Wayne High School graduate, and his wife Kelli had made several stops around the state while the family was on vacation, including Orlando, St. Pete's beach and Key West before heading north to Fort Lauderdale to fly home.

The family had no intentions of staying in Fort Lauderdale -- they wanted to board their plane and head home, but it all changed when an active shooter disembarked from his flight, collected his checked baggage, entered a bathroom to load his weapon and opened fire in the baggage claim area of the airport.

"We had just gotten to the rent-a-car place, just turned it back in and were going to hop on the shuttle to go check into our flight," Jason Erhardt said. "That's when everything went down."

Five minutes doesn't seem like a long time, but it was enough of a buffer that the Erhardts never actually made it into the airport to check in.

"Everything happened pretty fast actually. Everything was shut down immediately," the 20-year police officer veteran said. "There was no traffic in or out. They even told all the shuttles to cease moving."

His wife's phone went off with an alert saying there was an active shooter in the Fort Lauderdale airport, but it

"There were maybe 5 to 10 choppers overhead, so we knew it was going to be a serious thing. We watched just non-stop cops and firemen flying in there."

JASON ERHARDT

had no details beyond that.

"We weren't certain how big it was and it didn't say where in the airport it was."

It was that confusion that had people running onto the tarmac, behind vehicles and hiding out in the airport, not knowing how many, where or the extent of the incident.

Flights initially showed being on time, but that quickly changed, as times posted delayed or cancelled all together.

"I thought to myself 'there's no way they're going to be on time with all of this going down, it being a major crime scene.'"

The Erhardts stayed put at the rental car check in, playing the waiting game, still not sure the extent of the damage done.

"There were maybe 5 to 10 choppers overhead, so we knew it was going to be a serious thing," he said. "We watched just non-stop cops and firemen flying in there."

And part of the impressive response was due to the talk of a second shooter on the grounds.

"Someone actually thought there was a second shooter at one point in a parking garage. And then they thought there was another active shooter going on -- which there wasn't -- and that made it much worse."

The knowledge Erhardt possesses as a police officer was a benefit for him, allowing him to remain calm. There were mixed emotions, he said, commenting that people not knowing how bad it was really had an effect on their emotions.

Erhardt said his wife was upset, and justifiably so, but his law enforcement career in Denver had him used to dealing with threatening situations regularly.

Watching the live feed on the television, the Erhardts learned people were stuck on planes for six to seven hours, the highway coming into the airport had been shut down so all the traffic was stopped there. Even those in the cruise ship port were halted in their tracks.

Erhardt said they lucked out in more than one way, stating that because they hadn't made it into the airport yet, they were able to take a cab out and swap their flight out to Sunday, Jan. 8. They managed to scoop up a hotel room quickly as rooms were going fast.

Eventually busses were brought in to get people out of the terminals. Having no transportation in or out required law enforcement to bring in the busses.

When the family got to the airport on Sunday, it was business as usual for the most part.

Unclaimed luggage sat in a pile waiting for people to recognize their own pieces that had been abandoned in the chaos.

An increased police presence reassured passengers, but things moved quickly as far as check in, Erhardt said.

Given that the gunman's weapon had been checked baggage, not carried illegally on board, Erhardt didn't feel there could really have been more that could have been done.

"He had even checked his gun in, and

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Changes embraced as PMC pushed into new era of medicine

By Calyn Dunklau
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As Providence Medical Center pushes forward in its impressive construction and renovation project, we will publish a series of five articles centered around various aspects of PMC. This week focuses on developing the healthcare system and next week's will highlight shortcomings and necessary improvements.

After the construction of Providence Medical Center, a client base had to be established and the most effective way to get clientele is to bring in the physicians.

And that's what Providence set about to do and successfully did so, incorporating a family practice clinic at its location in 1994.

Dr. Willis Wiseman purchased a family practice clinic located at 214 Pearl Street from the Madsen family in 1975 when he moved from Wyoming to Wayne.

Nearly immediately, Wiseman began searching for physicians to join the practice because of the extreme need for health care in the area that he and the other clinic in town, the Benthack clinic, weren't able to keep up with.

"In 1979, I recruited Dr. Jim Lindau to come to town," Wiseman said. "Later that same year, we opened the Wisner clinic as a satellite clinic, which happened to be the first family practice satellite in the state."

In 1982, Wiseman and Lindau recruited Dr. Todd French to come to town and join the clinic's practice because there was still a serious need for family health care in the area and there was about to be a second satellite clinic opened, this time in Laurel.

Yet another physician was brought in, a doctor named Dave Wachs, who cost quite a bit to recruit, but by the end of his first year, the farm crisis of 1980s had its grip on the area.

"It hit us economically really hard and even though he was really popular, we had to let him go," Wiseman said. "It was very disappointing to a lot of people."

A mere six months later, French decided he was going to pull out of the family clinic to pursue anesthesiology.

This left Wiseman and Lindau to hold down three locations between two doctors, when, had they known, they would have made things work for six months with Wachs until French left.

During that time, the Benthack clinic had recruited Dr. Benjamin Martin and Gary West, P.A.-C. to work along side Dr. Walter Benthack and Dr. Robert Benthack. They also opened a satellite location in Wakefield.

Wiseman recruited Dr. David Felber, but he had a year of residency left to complete before he could join the practice in 1987.

It wasn't until 1988 that the two clinics merged, changing from Wayne Family Practice Clinic and the Benthack Clinic into one Northeast Nebraska Family Practice, Inc.

But changes that large don't come together seamlessly or overnight, so there were hurdles to clear.

"For a while we were operating the two downtown clinics at the same time, as one entity," Wiseman said. "Which was awkward."

That was when discussions began with the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Norfolk.

"Finally, after a lot of negotiations they built the addition onto the hospital, which still is the clinic presently."

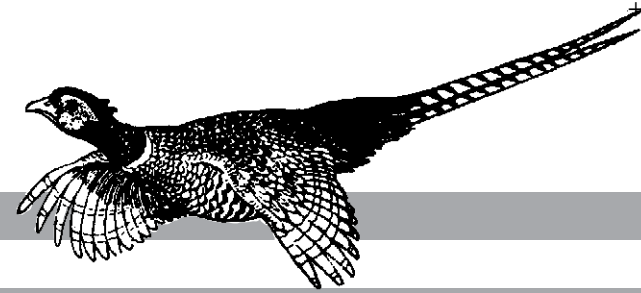
The clinic broke ground in August of 1994 and was dedicated in September of the following year. Wiseman, along with Felber, Lindau, West, and Martin operated under Northeast Nebraska Family Practice in the

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Winter Wonderland



Tuesday morning flurries quickly changed to large clusters of snow flakes falling from the sky, forcing the early dismissal and closure of numerous area schools and businesses. Folks were out early to scoop sidewalks and clear parking areas on Wednesday, but snow continued to fall throughout the morning.



Area teams set for L&C Conference basketball tournament

Brackets have been announced for the boys and girls divisions of the Lewis & Clark Conference tournament that will begin on Friday, Jan. 27.

In boys action, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge is the fourth seed and will host one of four quadrants of games. They will take on Plainview on Monday, Jan. 30 at 7:45 p.m.

Wakefield and Winside are seeded eighth and ninth and will face each other in the first round at Winnebago on Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. Allen is the 14th seed and will play at Wynot on Jan. 30 at 7:45 p.m.

In the girls bracket, Allen is in the play-in game on Friday, Jan. 27 and will face Creighton at Homer at 6 p.m. The winner moves on to face top-seeded Wynot at Wynot on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 7:45 p.m.

Both Wakefield and LCC will open tournament play at Randolph on Jan. 28. Wakefield, the 11th seed, faces sixth-seeded Wausa at 6 p.m., while No. 14 LCC plays No. 3 Randolph at 7:45 p.m. Winside is the 15th seed and plays at Ponca that same evening at 7:45 p.m.

Quarterfinal games will be played at Homer and Hartington for the boys, with girls games at Wakefield and Winside. Allen hosts the girls semifinals and Ponca will host the boys semis. The finals will be played Monday, Feb. 6 at LCC High School at 6 p.m.

Brackets are as follows (seeds in parenthesis):

Boys Bracket

Friday, Jan. 27 Play-In Game at Homer – Homer vs. Creighton, 7:45 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 30 First Round at Winnebago – (8) Wakefield vs. (9) Winside, 6 p.m.; (1) Winnebago vs. Homer/Creighton winner, 7:45 p.m.

at Laurel – (5) Walthill vs. (12) Wausa, 6 p.m.; (4) LCC vs. (13) Plainview, 7:45 p.m.

at Wynot – (6) Osmond vs. (11) Bloomfield, 6 p.m.; (3) Wynot vs. (14) Allen, 7:45 p.m.

at Ponca – (7) Randolph vs. (10) Hartington-Newcastle, 6 p.m.; (2) Ponca vs. (15) Emerson-Hubbard, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2 Quarterfinals at Homer – Winnebago winners, 6 p.m.; Laurel winners, 7:45 p.m.

at Hartington – Ponca winners, 6 p.m.; Wynot winners, 7:45 p.m.

(NOTE: Consolation games for first-round losers will be held at Laurel and Allen at 6 and 7:45 p.m.)

Saturday, Feb. 4 Semifinals at Ponca – Homer winners, 6 p.m.; Hartington winners, 7:45 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 6 Championship at Laurel – Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

Girls Bracket

Friday, Jan. 27 Play-In Game at Homer – Creighton vs. Allen, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28 First Round at Wynot – (8) Osmond vs. (9) Homer, 6 p.m.; (1) Wynot vs. Creighton/Allen winner, 7:45 p.m.

at Bloomfield – (5) Hartington-Newcastle vs. (12) Emerson-Hubbard, 6 p.m.; (4) Bloomfield vs. (13) Winnebago, 7:45 p.m.

at Randolph – (6) Wausa vs. (11) Wakefield, 6 p.m.; (3) Randolph vs. (14) LCC, 7:45 p.m.

at Ponca – (7) Walthill vs. (10) Plainview, 6 p.m.; (2) Ponca vs. (15) Winside, 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 31 Quarterfinals at Wakefield – Wynot winners, 6 p.m.; Bloomfield winners, 7:45 p.m.

at Winside – Ponca winners, 6 p.m.; Randolph winners, 7:45 p.m.

(NOTE: Consolation games for first-round losers will be held at Homer and Creighton at 6 and 7:45 p.m.)

Friday, Feb. 3 Semifinals at Allen – Wakefield winners, 6 p.m.; Winside winners, 7:45 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 6 Championship at Laurel – Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

ONE THOUSAND



(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions) The Wayne High student section celebrates Kylie Hammer's 1,000th career point during Wayne High's 71-58 win over Hartington Cedar Catholic on Friday.

Hammer nails her 1,000th career point

By MICHAEL CARNES
For The Herald

For all the driving layups and rainbow-arc-ing 3-pointers she's made over the years, it seemed almost anticlimactic for Kylie Hammer's 1,000th career point to come on a free throw.

The junior sharpshooter for the Wayne High girls basketball team hit the magic plateau Friday during the Blue Devils' 71-58 win over Hartington Cedar Catholic at Wayne High School. She added two more points later in the game to finish the night with 28 points and put herself well within striking distance of the all-time mark of 1,219 points set by Liz Reeg from 1989-93.

Hitting the 1,000-point mark has long been a goal of the daughter of Scott and Melissa Hammer, and she was thrilled to be able to do it on her home floor near the end of her junior season.

"I've worked my whole life focusing on basketball and centering my life around it, so hitting 1,000 is a huge milestone," she said after the game. "I didn't think I'd get it my junior year, though."

Hammer's passion for the game started at a very young age when she watched her older brother, Austin, practice his moves on the home basketball hoop.

"He started playing when I was five, and when he'd come home I'd try to do the moves he was doing and would practice it for hours until I could master it," she said.

By fourth grade, Hammer was beginning to play competitively and has been involved in numerous summer camps and select leagues since. She's also a talented athlete in volleyball and track, earning a fourth-place medal in the long jump at the Nebraska State Track and Field Championships as a freshman.

"Those sports help me stay in shape and help with mental toughness," she said. "If you're having a tough day, you just need to stay focused and remember what you want to get accomplished."

Getting to the 1,000-point level was something coach Lindsay McLaughlin said she was happy to see as she complimented her junior point guard's efforts.

"She's a great athlete, and more important than that is that she's very humble and unselfish, and that's what makes her a great kid," she said.

Hammer has been able to average more than 24 points a game so far this season for the 12-4 Blue Devils, and while she's a key element in the team's offensive output, she's not alone out on the perimeter, as senior Kelsey Boyer gives opposing defenses a second weapon to think about, which limits the amount of attention they can give to Hammer and her ability to hit from outside or quickly drive the lane and score.

"I love playing with her," Hammer said of Boyer. "She has a fire in her, and when she's on she is on and I try to look for her when she's shooting like that."

Hammer is the team's floor general on offense, and McLaughlin said she is able to not only create opportunities for herself, but for her teammates as well.

"She's always looking up the court and trying to create plays for herself, for Kelsey on the wing or for the people inside. Her first instinct is to pass, but she's talented enough that she can drive through anyone," she said.

For now, Hammer has two goals on her basketball to-do list – break Reeg's school record and help lead Wayne High to the state tournament, a place the Blue Devils have been only once (1993) in school history.

"Right now, I think we're playing really well, and if we can keep this up and keep playing to our potential, I think we can make it," Hammer said. "Our main goal is to make it to state and we have a huge chance of getting there and I believe we can do it."

McLaughlin said the team is playing well and is using the disappointment of last year's loss in the district finals as motivation to make that second trip to state.

"Last year left a sour taste in our mouths. We felt that should have been our game, but I think that's what is motivating us and pushing us forward," she said. "I inherited a great team from Dave (Hix) and we have a solid core group of girls."

And if Hammer doesn't break the school record this year (at 24 points a game, she would break it sometime during sub-district play next month), there's always next year. And after that, she's not sure what her future plans include.

"I want to either continue playing basketball or running track, but I'm not sure where," she said. "I'd love to go to Iowa, but I know that's a long shot, but Wayne State would be a good goal to pursue as well."

Dendinger wins two events, sets NCAA marks at SDSU Invite



(Photo courtesy Marlon Brink)

Antoine Bardou set a new Wayne State school record with his first-place effort in the mile run at the South Dakota State Indoor Invitational.

Wayne State thrower Michaela Dendinger posted a pair of first-place finishes in the weight throw and shot put that were NCAA provisional qualifying marks to lead the Wildcats at the SDSU Div. II Indoor Track and Field Invitational held Friday at the Sanford Jackrabbit Athletic Complex in Brookings, S.D.

Dendinger opened the event with a first-place mark in the shot put at 47 feet, 1 1/2 inches that ranks 10th in NCAA Div. II. She followed that with another first-place finish in the weight throw at 60-8 3/4 that ranks eighth in NCAA Div. II.

Shelby Roth tied for second in the high jump, clearing 4-11 3/4. Tessa Ives tied for sixth in the weight throw at 48-1 3/4, while while Shelby Poell finished sixth in the long jump at 15-10 1/4.

Top finishers in running events included Melissa Kroll taking 11th in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:46.22, while Wayne native Rachel Rauner was 15th in the 60-meter dash in 8.26.

In men's action, Antoine Bardou set a

new school record for the second straight week with a first-place finish in the mile run while junior Brady Metz posted a first-place effort in the triple jump.

Bardou, who set a new school record last week in the 1,000-meter run, broke the tape first in the mile run with a time of 4:12.48 to top the previous school record of 4:12.86 set by John Kern in the 2011 season.

The other first-place finish was from Metz in the triple jump with a top mark of 46-8 1/4. He also placed sixth in the long jump at 21-1 1/4.

Robert Sullivan was the No. 3 qualifier in the prelims of the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.44 seconds, but finished seventh in the finals. Alvyns Alcenrod was the No. 5 qualifier in the 60-meter dash at 7.03 seconds but came in eighth in the finals with a clocking of 7.17 seconds. Braxton Adams just missed the finals in the 60-meter dash, coming in ninth place overall in 7.11 seconds.

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Sports shorts

WSC softball to host clinics

The Wayne State College softball program will host a Hitting and General Skills Clinic on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 4-5 and a Pitching Clinic Sunday, Feb. 12 in the WSC Recreation Center.

The Hitting and General Skills Clinic on Saturday, Feb. 4 is open for players 8-13 years old, while the clinic on Sunday, Feb. 5 is open for players 14-18 years old. Check-in for each camp is 8:30-9 a.m. with each clinic running from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The cost of each clinic is \$50 and includes a camp t-shirt.

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

The Pitching Clinic on Feb. 12 is open to players ages 10-18 and will be held from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., with registration taking place at 9:30 a.m. in the WSC Recreation Center. The clinic emphasizes the basic skills need for pitching and will enhance your pitching game. Pitchers are responsible for their own catchers at the clinic.

Cost of the pitching clinic is \$50 and includes a camp T-shirt.

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

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

Freshman boys 8-0 after win

The Wayne freshmen boys basketball team traveled to Ponca on Thursday and moved their record to 8-0 with a 44-29 win.

Wayne built a 22-7 halftime advantage and cruised to the easy win, led by Tyrus Eischeid's 10 points.

Also scoring were Shea Sweetland with nine, Trevor DeBoer with eight, Cody Rogers and Gunner Jorgensen each had six and Noah Lutt put in five.

Wayne Junior High teams battle HCC

The Wayne Junior High boys basketball teams took on Hartington Cedar Catholic in recent action at Hartington.

In the seventh grade game, Wayne ran into an unusually-tall HCC squad and couldn't overcome the height disadvantage in a 44-29 defeat.

Tanner Walling paced Wayne with 12 points, James Dorcey added 11, Brandon Bartos put in five and Drew Sharpe added a free throw.

In eighth-grade action, Wayne posted a 41-33 win with a strong defense.

Kallan Herman hit five 3-pointers in the first half and finished with 20 points to lead all scorers. Reid Korth added eight, Jacob Kneiff put in five and Colton Vovos and Mike Leatherdale each had four. Wayne also won the B quarter 4-3, with Leatherdale and Justin Sherman scoring.

The two teams play LCC at Coleridge on Thursday, then host their own tournament on Saturday.

JV boys earn overtime win

In high school action Friday, the Wayne JV boys basketball team posted a 53-51 win over Hartington Cedar Catholic.

The JV boys will host West Point-Beemer on Thursday.



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In the top left photo, Zach Morris of Winside works for a pin during the Lewis & Clark Conference tournament at Winside High School. Morris was one of three Wildcats to win individual conference titles as the Wildcats finished fourth in the meet. To the right, Zach Dietrich was one of three LCC wrestlers to earn third-place honors at the Lewis & Clark Conference wrestling tournament in Winside, taking third at 195 pounds.

Wakefield second, Winside fourth at L&C Conference

By MICHAEL CARNES
For The Herald

WINSIDE – The team race came down to the final few matches before the Lewis & Clark Conference wrestling championship trophy could be handed out.

Wakefield and Winside were both in the hunt for the team title in round-robin action Thursday at Winside High School, but in the end it

was Plainview, ranked third in Class D by the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association, that came away with the first-place plaque.

Both the Trojans and Wildcats came away with their share of first-place awards. Wakefield, the runner-up in the team race, had a pair of conference champions, while the Wildcats, who finished fourth, ended the day with a trio of first-place finishers.

Wakefield coach Eric Burenheide said his team had some struggles early on that ultimately made the difference between first and second place in the team race.

“We started off kind of rough and

had some first-round losses that we probably shouldn't have had, and that ultimately was the difference,” he said. “We came back from that and wrestled really well and had some great matches in that final round that we needed to win, and we beat some quality opponents.”

After that slow start, Burenheide said it would have been easy to give up, but his team showed some fire after the rough beginning to the day.

“It was good to see them come back and do what they did. It could have been gloom and doom the rest of the day, but they came back and wrestled well,” he said.

Wakefield's two NSWCA-rated wrestlers came away with first-place finishes on the day. Cody Thomas, ranked third in Class C at 182 pounds, continued his unbeaten season with a spotless run through his round-robin competition. No. 5-ranked Moises Barboza was also a winner, going undefeated on the day at 220 pounds.

Top-four finishes for the Trojans included a runner-up effort by Julio Sanchez at 195 pounds and thirds by Tay Guill (106), Jacob Dorey (120), Charlie Lopez (126), Ben Chase (132), Isaac Verzani (145), Luke

Walsh (152), Eric Gladitz (170).

The Wildcats ended the day with a trio of champions and battled through some injuries to finish eight points behind third-place Creighton in the team standings.

“We did pretty well today,” coach Jesse Thies said. “Unfortunately, we had some injuries with Mason King and Jonathan Escalante, and without them we just don't have the numbers to compete and stay at the top with those other teams. The few guys we did have did very well, so I was pretty happy with the way we wrestled.”

Sixth-ranked Koby Ellis took top honors at 106 pounds, Joey Heimdale won a best-of-three round-robin effort at 113 pounds, and Zach Morris came away with top honors at 152 pounds to pace the Wildcats.

Finishing with runner-up medals for Winside were Mathew Fredrick (120), Sean Mann (126), Michael Jensen (170) and Jon Escalante (220).

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge had three wrestlers end in the top four in their respective weight brackets, all finishing third.

“We had a good day,” coach Don Maxwell said. “This was a good ex-

perience for us. I thought we got the most out of our kids today, and we'll keep improving.”

Thirds for the Bears went to Jayden Garrett (160), Zach Dietrich (195) and Ethan Williams (220).

Lewis & Clark Conference Team Standings

Plainview 190, Wakefield 181, Creighton 157, Winside 149, Winnebago 100, Randolph 76, Ponca 69, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 53, Osmond 20.

Top Four Medalists

106: 1. Koby Ellis, Winside; 2. Cody Hanvey, Creighton; 3. Tay Guill, Wakefield.

113: 1. Joey Heimdale, Winside; 2. Jaden Sobotka, Plainview. (Heimdale wins best-of-three 2-1).

120: 1. Dominique Rickard, Plainview; 2. Mathew Fredrick, Winside; 3. Jacob Dorey, Wakefield.

126: 1. Zac Hazen, Creighton; 2. Sean Mann, Winside; 3. Charlie Lopez, Wakefield; 4. Jeremy Bear, Winnebago.

132: 1. Trenton Steinkraus, Plainview; 2. Alex Schmit, Randolph; 3. Ben Chase, Wakefield; 4. Cullen Cook, Ponca.

138: 1. Christian Miller, Plainview; 2. Derek Wortman, Creighton;

3. Brandon Bloomquist, Randolph; 4. Paul Gubbels, Osmond.

145: 1. Cole Aschoff, Plainview; 2. Bryce Zimmerer, Creighton; 3. Isaac Verzani, Wakefield; 4. Noah Scott, Randolph.

152: 1. Zach Morris, Winside; 2. Brenden Waldow, Creighton; 3. Luke Walsh, Wakefield; 4. Colton Beacom, Osmond.

160: 1. Brady Wortman, Creighton; 2. Josh Miles, Winnebago; 3. Jayden Garrett, LCC; 4. Aaron Boone, Plainview.

170: 1. Levi Stacken, Creighton; 2. Michael Jensen, Winside; 3. Erik Gladitz, Wakefield.

182: 1. Cody Thomas, Wakefield; 2. Michael Hegge, Ponca; 3. Kiylista Harden, Winnebago.

195: 1. Collin Gale, Plainview; 2. Julio Sanchez, Wakefield; 3. Zach Dietrich, LCC; 4. Andrew Daly, Ponca.

220: 1. Moises Barboza, Wakefield; 2. Jon Escalante, Winside; 3. Ethan Williams, LCC; 4. Sam Brickett, Ponca.

285: 1. Derrell Zagurski, Winnebago; 2. Dalton Rath, Randolph; 3. Cameron Nelson, Plainview; 4. Michael Logue, Ponca.

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Wildcat women stumble, rebound on last weekend's road trip

After stumbling on the road Friday night, the Wayne State women's basketball team recovered and salvaged a split on the first of back-to-back weekend road trips.

On Friday night, the Wildcats fell behind early against No. 17-ranked Winona State and never recovered as the Warriors walked away with an easy 62-41 win.

The Warriors jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead and led by as many as 18 points in the first period, limiting the Wildcats to 2-of-12 shooting from the floor in the quarter. Winona State built their lead to 24 points at the half, going 9-for-14 from the floor in the second quarter to take a 40-16 lead and the game was never in doubt after that.

Haley Moore and Kacie O'Connor each had 12 points to lead the Wildcats. Paige Ballinger led the defense with nine rebounds and four blocked shots.

On Saturday, the Wildcats

The WSC Wildcats fell behind early on Friday at Winona State, but came back Saturday to clutch a win against Upper Iowa.

bounced back and used a solid fourth quarter to come away with a 73-64 win over Upper Iowa in action at Fayette, Iowa.

Despite going without a basket the last six minutes of the first period, Wayne State led the Peacocks 17-12. Wayne State's offensive struggles continued in the second though, and while they were able to lead by as many as seven points, the Peacocks got the deficit down to two at 24-22 going into the locker room.

The lead changed hands several times in the second half. Upper Io-

wa took a 45-40 lead with 1:44 to go in the third, but Wayne State used a 10-0 run to take control of the game. The run included a Maggie Schulte 3-pointer and a basket by O'Connor to close the third, and they opened the fourth with a Katie Hoskins basket and a trey by Haley Moore to make it 50-45.

Upper Iowa tied the game at 50-50 with 7:29 left, but Wayne State used another big run, going on a 14-4 surge to put the game out of reach.

O'Connor led four Wildcats in double figures with 19 points, Schulte and Ballinger each had 13 and Moore scored 11. Schulte had six rebounds and Hoskins added five. Moore had five assists and three steals, and Ballinger had two blocked shots.

Wayne State, 14-5 (9-5 NSIC) is back on the road this weekend with games Friday at St. Cloud State and Saturday at Minnesota Duluth.

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mywaynenews.com sits down each week to talk to Wayne State coaches about their teams' efforts throughout the 2016-17 season. We'll recap the previous week's games and talk about upcoming opponents.

Wayne State men clutch a rare road win over Winona State during trip

The Wayne State men's basketball team got a rare win over Winona State to highlight last weekend's road trip. Wayne State came back from a 10-point deficit with five minutes to go on Friday and came away with a 66-63 overtime win over the Warriors, ending an 11-game losing streak to Winona State and marking just the second time in 23 games that the Wildcats have beaten the Warriors.

Wayne State led 12-7 early in the game, but Winona State held the Wildcats without a basket for eight minutes to take a 15-13 advantage. The game stayed close throughout the first half, with the host team going on a seven-point run to help them to a 28-24 halftime advantage.

Wayne State stayed within striking range for much of the second half, but the Warriors used a nine-point run to take a 52-42 lead with 7:38 to go. They led 58-48 with 4:56 to go before the Wildcats rallied to force the extra period.

The rally started with a Jordan Corenius jumper, a Luke TerHark trey and two free throws by Matt Thomas to make it 58-55 with 3:26 to go. Vance Janssen hit a layup with 1:07 to play to make it 58-57, and Austin Esters hit one of two free throws with :28 left in regulation to force overtime.

The game was tied 60-60 early in overtime when Wayne State went on a key six-point run to take control of the game. Free throws by Janssen, TerHark, Cornelius and Kendall Jacks helped Wayne State build a 66-60 ad-

vantage. Winona State hit a 3-pointer and had a chance to tie the game at the buzzer, but a 3-point shot rimmed out to give Wayne State the win.

Cornelius scored 14 points and Jacks added 13 to lead the Wildcats in the win. Janssen and Brian Goodwin each added 10 points.

On Saturday, the Wildcats scored just one basket in the final 6 1/2 minutes of the game after battling back from a nine-point deficit, allowing Upper Iowa to break a 62-62 tie and come away with a 77-72 win.

The game was tight throughout the first half, with neither team leading by more than five points. Esters got the Wildcats a 15-10 advantage with a 3-pointer, and later in the half it was TerHark hitting back-to-back threes to get Wayne State back in front at 21-16. Upper Iowa countered with a 10-2 run to take a 26-23 advantage, and the teams continued to trade leads before Wayne State took a 39-37 advantage into the locker room.

In the second half, Upper Iowa opened with a 13-2 run to take a nine-point advantage. Wayne State came back to tie the score at 62-62 on a Janssen jumper with 6:23 to go, but that would be the last Wildcat basket until the closing seconds as Upper Iowa came away with the win.

TerHark scored a career-high 20 points, Jacks added 18 and Esters put in 13 and grabbed eight rebounds for the Wildcats.

Wayne State (6-14, 4-9 NSIC) is back on the road this weekend, facing St. Cloud State on Friday and Minnesota Duluth on Saturday.



(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions) Winside's JaShaun Vyborny shoots over a Randolph defender during action Monday at Randolph. The Wildcats dropped a 44-40 decision to the Cardinals.

Winside boys suffer two losses, one win in the bag last week

For the first time all season, the Winside boys basketball team dropped below the .500 mark after losing two of three games this past week.

On Thursday, the Wildcats dropped a 66-42 decision at Macy, as the host Chiefs pulled away in the second half to claim the victory.

Brandon Watters paced the Wildcats with 15 points and Dylan Brogren tossed in nine points. Colton Jensen and JaShaun Vyborny each scored six points, Caleb Kampa put in four points and Jadon Wagner had two.

The Wildcats bounced back on Friday night, using the home-court advantage to come away with a 48-38 victory over Wausa.

The game was close from start to finish, but the Wildcats were able to keep the Vikings at bay in the final eight minutes and finished off the 10-point win.

Brogren had a game-high 19 points in the winning effort while Vyborny added 11. Also scoring were Watters with eight, Kampa with six and Jensen put in four.

Winside hung tough with Randolph on the road Monday night, but couldn't quite get over the hump as the Cardinals escaped with a 44-40 win in a weather-delayed matchup at Randolph High School.

Brogren's late 3-pointer gave Winside an 11-8 advan-

tage, but Randolph was able to come band and claim the lead at the half, 19-16.

The two teams went back and forth throughout the second half. Winside led 40-39, but the Cardinals were able to get a key basket and hit 3-of-8 free throws in the closing minutes to come away with the hard-fought win.

Watters led the 7-8 Wildcats with 11 points, Vyborny added nine, Brogren and Jensen each had seven and Kampa put in six.

Winside hosts Hartington-Newcastle on Thursday.

Omaha Nation 66, Winside 42

Winside	14	10	9	9	-	42
O. Nation	22	10	16	18	-	66

WINSIDE - Watters 15, Brogren 9, Jensen 6, Wagner 2, Vyborny 6, Kampa 4.

O. NATION - Parker 29, Morris 10, Freemont 3, Sheridan 6, Aldrich 4, Lasley 6, LaPointe 4, Ross 4.

Winside 48, Wausa 38

Winside	11	9	12	16	-	48
Wausa	7	12	9	10	-	38

WINSIDE - Watters 8, Brogren 19, Jensen 4, Vyborny 11, Kampa 6.

WAUSA - Ga. Hegge 5, Rosberg 6, Kaiser 8, Munter 8, Gh. Hegge 11.

Randolph 44, Winside 40

Winside	11	5	18	6	-	40
Randolph	8	11	16	9	-	44

WINSIDE - Watters 11, Brogren 7, Jensen 7, Vyborny 9, Kampa 6.

RANDOLPH - A. Schnoor 11, Denn 8, Backhaus 3, Stubbs 2, L. Nordhues 18, Hixson 2.



(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions) Kelsey Boyer (21) and Allison Echtenkamp collapse on a Hartington Cedar Catholic player during the Blue Devils' 71-58 win over the Trojans Friday at Wayne High School.

Blue Devils continue their winning ways

The Blue Devils got off to a quick start Friday against Hartington Cedar Catholic and used a solid second half to keep the Trojans from getting back in the game on their way to a 71-58 home win.

Cedar Catholic scored first to hold their only lead of the game, as Wayne responded with a 10-0 run. Kelsey Boyer scored the first eight points of the rally, including a pair of 3-pointers, and Kylie Hammer closed the rally with a layup off a Boyer steal.

Cedar Catholic got within five points late in the period at 13-8, but another Wayne rally put the lead back to double digits. Baskets by Hammer, Frankie Klaussen and Morgan Keating made it 19-8, and the Blue Devils maintained a double-digit lead from that point forward.

Hammer led all scorers with 28 points and Boyer added 19 in the winning effort. Jamie Gamble and Allison Echtenkamp each had eight points, while Keating, Klaussen, Lindy Sandoz and Gabi Meyer each had two points.

On Monday, the Blue Devils made

up a weather-delayed matchup at O'Neill and defeated the Lady Eagles, 54-35.

The Blue Devils trailed early on, but O'Neill couldn't keep pace with Wayne's hot shooting from the outside. Boyer buried her first three trifectas and Frankie Klausen added a basket and a 3-pointer of her own to stake Wayne to a 14-5 lead late in the opening period, and Hammer sandwiched baskets around a second 3-pointer by Klausen to cap a 7-0 run that gave Wayne a 21-10 advantage in the second period. O'Neill never got closer than four points after that as the visiting Blue Devils went on to the 19-point win.

Hammer and Boyer combined for 34 points, scoring 18 and 16, respectively. Klausen finished with eight points, Meyer and Echtenkamp each had four and Sandoz and Gamble both had two. Echtenkamp led the defense with nine rebounds and Hammer dished out five assists.

The 13-4 Blue Devils play West Point-Beemer at home Thursday and make up their game with Crofton on

Saturday at Wayne High School.

Wayne 71, Hartington CC 58

Wayne	19	17	25	10	-	71
Hartington CC	9	14	17	18	-	58

WAYNE - K. Boyer 19, Echtenkamp 8, Keating 2, Sandoz 2, Gamble 8, Hammer 28, Meyer 2, Klaussen 2.

HARTINGTON CC - Cattau 6, Hochstein 9, Hamilton 8, ARena 5, Reifenrath 13, Wieseler 17.

Wayne 54, O'Neill 35

Wayne	14	13	14	13	-	54
O'Neill	7	14	4	10	-	35

WAYNE - K. Boyer 16, Echtenkamp 4, Sandoz 2, Gamble 2, Hammer 18, Meyer 4, Klausen 8.

O'NEILL - Eichelberger 3, Morrow 4, Becker 9, Scott 6, Pardun 7, Birkel 6.

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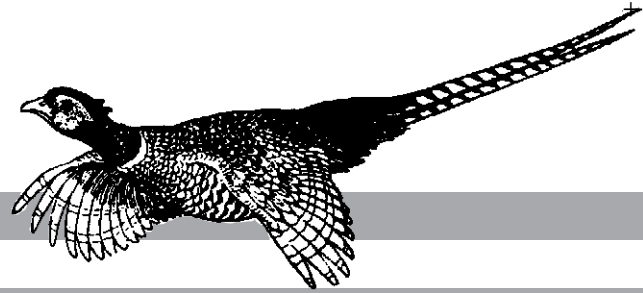
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February is Nebraska 4-H Month

The Mission of Nebraska 4-H is to empower youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults. Nebraska 4-H strives to help young people achieve their greatest potential by introducing high-quality youth development experiences into the lives of Nebraska youth and families. Engagement in 4-H results in youth who are making positive decisions related to their health and their future goals. Further, they are advocates and leaders determined to leave a lasting im-

act on Nebraska communities.

In Nebraska, 1 in 3 age-eligible youth across all 93 counties are enrolled in 4-H, for a total enrollment reaching approximately 140,000 youth. There are nearly 50,000 youth participate in school enrichment experiences and over 33,000 Nebraska youth were members of a 4-H Club. There are 11,000 youth and adults participate in 4-H camping programs and 12,000 volunteers share their time and resources with Nebraska 4-H.

Amy Topp

Extension Educator 4-H & Youth



By taking part in Nebraska 4-H, youth are preparing for a successful future by focusing on Science, Agricultural Literacy, Career Development and College Readiness, Community Engagement, and Healthy

Living.

Nebraska 4-H club membership is open to youth who are 5 years of age as of Dec. 31, 2016 and who had not yet turned 19 as of Dec. 31, 2016. To join one of the nine 4-H Clubs in Wayne County contact the Nebraska Extension Office in Wayne County at (402) 375-3310 or visit wayne.unl.edu.

Some of the things that youth in 4-H have the opportunity to do are develop friendships and work with their family on various projects and

activities. These youth also have access to project materials developed by Nebraska Extension that is based on the latest research. 4-Hers attend monthly 4-H meetings and have the opportunity to attend a variety of workshops.

February Calendar

February-Nebraska 4-H Month
Feb. 1: 4-H Enrollments DUE.
Feb. 1: Year-end Treasurer Reports DUE.
Feb. 4: Clover Kid Meeting, 9:10-10:15 a.m., Wayne County Court-

house.

Feb. 4: First Lego League Qualifying Tournament, South Sioux City.

Feb. 5: Teen Supremes.

Feb. 11-12: Sharp Shooters Shooting Sports Invitational, Carroll.

Feb. 13: 4-H Council.

Feb. 18: First Lego League Championship Tournament, Ashland.

Feb. 20: President's Day Observed—Office Closed.

Feb. 27: Clover Kid Meeting Registration DUE for March 4 meeting.

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School Lunches

ALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
(Jan. 30 — Feb. 3)

Monday: No School.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Egg patty & sausage patty. Lunch — Hot ham and cheese, peas, gelatin.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Cinnamon roll. Lunch — Chicken noodle soup, blueberry muffin, cheese stick.

Thursday: Breakfast — Yogurt. Lunch — Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, chocolate cupcake.

Friday: Breakfast — Pancakes & sausage. Lunch — Mandarin orange chicken, Oriental rice, broccoli with cheese sauce, tea roll.

Most breakfast meals include: Choice of cereal or oatmeal. All breakfast meals include: 8 oz. milk, fruit or

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

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
(Jan. 30 — Feb. 3)

Monday: Breakfast — Twist donut. Lunch — Fiestada.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Tornado. Lunch — Spaghetti.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday not provided.

Menus are the same for Elementary, Middle and High School and are subject to change.

Orange juice, skim milk, fruit, yogurt and salad bar are available daily. All breads and pasta are whole grain.

WAKEFIELD SCHOOLS
(Jan. 30 — Feb. 3)

Monday: Breakfast — Pancake on a stick, peaches. Lunch — Chicken nuggets, broccoli, homemade bun, pineapple.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Bagels, pineapple. Lunch — Ham and Swiss casserole, peas, wheat grain roll, peaches.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Dutch waffles, peaches. Lunch — Barbecue meatballs, macaroni & cheese, breadsticks, oranges.

Thursday: Breakfast — Fruodels, apples. Lunch — Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese, pears.

Friday: Breakfast — Cereal & yogurt, apples. Lunch — Deli sandwich, baked beans, juice.

Milk and juice are served every day with breakfast. Milk is served with lunch.

WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
(Jan. 30 — Feb. 3)

Monday: Breakfast — Whole grain waffle. Lunch — Calzones, Romaine lettuce, corn, orange.

Tuesday: Breakfast — French toast sticks. Lunch — Spaghetti, meat sauce, French bread, green beans, peaches.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Late Start - No breakfast. Lunch — Beef patty on a bun, potato wedges, cherry tomato, applesauce.

Thursday: Breakfast — Omelet. Lunch — Cream turkey on potatoes, dinner roll, baby carrots, apricots.

Friday: Breakfast — Breakfast pizza. Lunch — Barbecue rib on bun, baked beans, broccoli, pears.

Fruit and vegetable bar available for K-12 with every reimbursable meal at breakfast and lunch.

Chef salad is optional for K-12. Milk served with every meal.

WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
(Jan. 30 — Feb. 3)

Monday: Breakfast — Pancake. Lunch — Mini pizza pockets, green beans, pineapple.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Omelet. Lunch — Chicken patty on bun, seasoned fries, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday not provided.

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

Birthday



Phyllis Frahm

Phyllis Frahm of Wayne will observe her 90th birthday on Sunday, Jan. 29.

An open house is planned in her honor from 2 to 4 p.m. at Brookdale Senior Living, 1500 Vintage Hill Drive in Wayne.

Her family includes her children, Bonnie Hansen of Norfolk, Mark (Dani) Frahm of Ord. She has eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to the honoree at 1500 Vintage Hill Drive, Room 409, Wayne, Neb. 68787.

Anniversaries



Freverts

Merlin and Kathleen Frevert of Wayne will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, Jan. 27.

Their family has requested a card shower in honor of the occasion.

Merlin Frevert and Kathleen Echtenkamp were married Jan. 27, 1957 at Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne.

Their family includes Brian and Shelley Frevert of Wayne, Kelly Heithold of Phoenix, Ariz., Brett Frevert of Omaha, Kolette and Dan Delperdang of Spirit Lake, Iowa and Kristin and Travis Strake of Nebraska City. They have 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to the honorees at 58019 850th Road, Wayne, Neb. 68787.

Senior Center Calendar

(Week of Jan. 30 — Feb. 3)

Monday, Jan. 30: Snowball Dinner. Morning Walking; FROG exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Quilting; Pool; Hand and Foot; Pitch.

Tuesday, Jan. 31: Morning Walking; Quilting; Pitch; Afternoon Bridge Club; Coffee Time, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1: Morning Coffee Time. Walking; FROG exercises, 9:15 a.m.; Quilting; Carol Bauermeister, 11:30 a.m.; Hawaiian Birthday Party Day; Cake at noon; Hand & Foot; Pitch; Pool; Coffee Time, 2:30 p.m.

p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2: Groundhog Day; Morning Coffee Time; Morning Walking; Quilting; Herman Chiropractic Spinal Screening, 11 a.m. to noon; Pitch; Afternoon Bridge Club; Coffee Time, 2:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3: American Heart Association Wear Red Day. FROG Exercises 9:15 a.m.; Morning Coffee; Walking; Quilting; Pool; Bingo, 1 p.m.; Hand & Foot; Pitch; Coffee Time, 2:30 p.m.

Senior Center

Congregate Meal Menu

(Week of Jan. 30 — Feb. 3)

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: SnowBall Party. Creamed chicken over homemade biscuit, green bean casserole, winter squash bake, mandarin orange gelatin with fruit & juice, chocolate cherry cake.

Tuesday: Swedish meatballs with celery soup & dill, au gratin potatoes, peas, pear onions, peaches, whole wheat fresh bread, Promise.

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Wednesday: February birthday party. Country beef steak & mashed potatoes with country gravy, corn, pears, whole wheat fresh bread, Promise.

Thursday: Groundhog Day. Fried breaded pollock, five way mixed vegetables, pineapple, whole wheat fresh bread, Promise.

Friday: Wear Red Day. Barbecue chicken quarters, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, cantaloupe, whole wheat fresh bread, Promise.

Briefly Speaking

Leather and Lace holds January dance

AREA — Wayne's PEO Chapter AZ met in December at the home of Nana Peterson.

The annual silent auction was held to raise funds for the group's contributions for the PEO Projects which benefit project scholarships, loans and awards. Assisting hostesses were Kari Baldwin, Michelle Harder, Stephanie Liska, and Donna Liska. The silent auction committee were members Jill Walling and Melissa Urbanec.

The January business meeting was held Jan. 21 at Wayne State College prior to the annual Founder's Day gathering at Wayne State, hosted by Wayne's Chapter ID. Wakefield's chapter CZ presented an informative program representing PEO's seven founders.

Chapter AZ's next meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 7 in the home of Kim Bentjen.

Wayne Winside wrestling dual postponed

AREA — The Wayne High School wrestling dual against Winside scheduled Tuesday was postponed until Jan. 31st, along with Parent's Night.



Prestons

Sid and Shirley Preston of Wakefield will celebrate 70 years of marriage on Jan. 29.

The couple was united in marriage on Jan. 29, 1947 in North Bend.

They will celebrate their anniversary with a family dinner. They have five children: the late Mike Preston (Donna), Yankton, S.D.; Gary Preston (Barb), Wakefield; Mary Nelson (Scott), Omaha; Nancy Preston, Omaha; Tom Preston (Shannon Davis), Omaha. They have 10 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

A card shower is being held in their honor. Please send well wishes to 904 Main Street, Wakefield, Neb. 68784.

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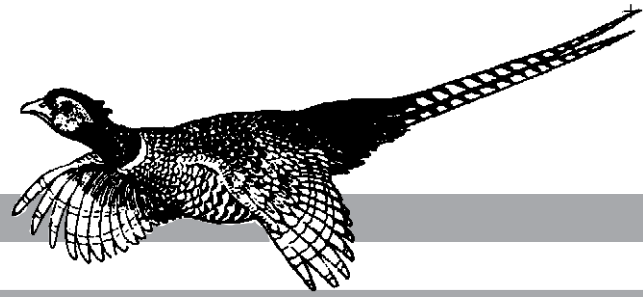
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5:30 p.m. Wednesday: Bell Choir Practice, 5:45 p.m.; Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Choir Practice, 6:45 p.m. Thursday: Bible Study & Communion, 9 a.m.; Faithful Fitness, 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

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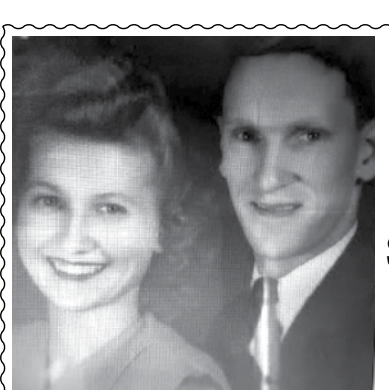
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A willing heart is a growing heart

By DEB HAMMER, CHAPLIN,
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The only tool a servant needs is A WILLING HEART and to say, "Yes Lord, I am willing! Here I am, send me!"

Isaiah 6:8 *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me."*

It is very encouraging to me that a willing heart does not have to be a perfect heart. Jesus addresses people with some serious problems. He doesn't give up, rather he follows his own heart to serve others. We are all people with problems. We are a people who need to grow, to change and to be transformed. Our world is ever changing - we hope and pray for the peace and love in the world. Yet, we turn to the news and seem to find more people tearing each other down rather than building each other up.

Jesus says, "Follow Me". We need to look at our hearts and be willing to serve our friends and neighbors in need. As Jesus describes his own ministry, Jesus said, "For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45.

What does being "willing" mean to you? Some people think they are willing but when it comes

down to doing it, they hesitate, draw back and fail to perform that which their spirit hungers for.

A willing heart involves more than just a mental consent. It must also be a commitment to do and perform what the will has proclaimed. A person may speak well and have good intentions, but if there is not a performance of the will, then the will is merely something spoken without follow through to complete the action.

Being a Jesus-style servant is not easy; and like many of you, I'd really like to be better at it! I'll be honest with you, I've volunteered on my share of committees and ministries over the years, but there's always some sort of reward or recognition that I get for this service. Having a servant's heart means to not only put other's needs ahead of our own, but to serve with the right motivation—and that is to put God's will first. Rewards, recognition or even gratitude cannot be the motivation to live out true servanthood the way Jesus did. I need to remember to take the focus off of my own needs and put others first.

Jesus' life was so full of beautiful examples of this: He healed the sick, washed the feet of his friends, took time out of his ministry to listen

and hold children—and then He died on a cross for the sins of the world.

One of the best ways we can open our hearts and show our love for God is by showing love for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We are called to be serving people of God. A servant helps where help is needed and this should be the reason we are willing to serve...willing to show others where there is love, hope and peace in this world.

Let the joy of serving the Lord be your strength this day and every day. When you put God's Word into your life on a daily basis, it will serve as constant reminder of all the wonderful things that God has done for you and the promises He has made. It will help change your attitude about serving the Lord and fill your own heart with peace.

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours," quote from St. Theresa of Avila.

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Minerva Club program has a focus on poetry

The Jan. 9 Minerva Club meeting was hosted by Marian Clark at the Wayne Senior Center. Eleven members were in attendance.

MaryAnn DeNaeyer opened the meeting by reading several readings that made members laugh and reminded them of the reality of life. Minutes from Nov. 28 and Dec. 12 meetings of 2016 were read and approved. Donna Hansen gave the treasurer's report.

Historian Hollis Frese read minutes from Jan. 5, 12, 19, 1897. During those meetings members were fined for not attending meetings or being tardy. Being a newly formed club, discussion was held concerning club motto and colors.

Much of the business meeting was the discussion and formulating of plans for the May Tea to celebrate the Club's 125 anniversary.

Marian Clark presented her program entitled "Portraits of Poetry". She noted that poetry played an important role in Minerva Club history. From 1896-1900 the group began studying America Poets with a biography of Longfellow and discussion of the poem "The Hanging of the Crane". That was followed by reading the "Children's Hour", "Evangeline", "Hiawatha" and his other works. Poems were often used as meeting openers or as themes in yearbooks. One year's theme was "Rivers" and quoted Henry Van Dyke's "It is with rivers as it is with people. The greatest are not always the most agreeable nor the best to live with". Popular writers through the years were Browning, Robert Frost, Joyce Kilmer, and Carl Sandburg. It was the custom to critique early programs.

Clark led the group in an activity of matching poems and authors studied by the group in the past and highlighted former member and poet Grace Welsh Lutgen.

The program continued with poetry reading. Members Joyce Mitchell and Nicki Tiedtke shared original poems while Clark read works of some modern poets, Ogden Nash, Jack Prelutsky, and Shel Silverstein, and then concluded the program with "Things Work Out" by Edgar A. Guest.

The next meeting was scheduled for Jan. 23 at the Wayne Senior Center with Phyllis Rahn as hostess. Each member was asked to bring an item of apparel or jewelry to enhance the program "Fashion Snapshots".

Central Community College announces Dean's list Wayne native earns spot on it

Central Community College has announced the names of full-time students who earned spots on the President's and Dean's honor lists for the 2016 fall semester.

Among those named to the Dean's Honor List was Danica Schaefer of Wayne.

The students were enrolled at one or more CCC locations, which include the Columbus, Grand Island and Hastings campuses; Holdrege, Kearney and Lexington centers; and learning centers in about 50 central Nebraska towns.

Students on the President's Honor List earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average while students on the Dean's Honor List earned a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week



(Contributed photo)

Students and staff at St. Mary's Catholic School pose for a photo following a recent school Mass. The school, as well as Catholic Schools across the country, will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week Jan. 29 - Feb. 3. A variety of activities have been planned to involve the students, the congregation and the community. St. Mary's School provides classes for pre-K through sixth grade.

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Sunday, Jan. 29 - 10 a.m. Kick Off Mass .

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Open House/Book Fair, 11:00-1:00 at St. Mary's School

Monday, Jan. 30 - Celebrating Our Vocations.

All School Read In and Checkers Tournament.

Tuesday, Jan. 31 - Celebrating Our Students. Students from area Catholic Schools will join together at St Mary's to celebrate Mass and listen to a performance by Sheltered Reality.

Wednesday, Feb. 1 - National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools.

Prayer Partner Mass @ 8:15 followed by coffee and rolls.

Thursday, Feb. 2 - Celebrating our Community.

Students will be making and delivering cookies to local fire and police personnel.

Friday, Feb. 3 - Celebrating our Families. Parent Appreciation Lunch in Holy Family Hall at 11:00 followed by a short presentation.

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Dixon, Dakota County 4-Hers recognized

Dixon County and Dakota County 4-H held a combined 4-H Achievement Day at Ponca State Park in Ponca on Jan. 22.

The 4-Hers were able to play table games and make a craft. They also went on a hayrack ride around the park. Hot chocolate and snacks were served after the hayrack ride. Awards were handed out to the 4-Hers who attended the event.



(Contributed photo)

Awards for Clover Kids went to Carlie Kvols, Laurel and Tristin Connell, Waterbury. County awards were handed out to Addy Stanwick, Jackson for Animal Science; Gunner Stanwick, Jackson for Healthy Lifestyles; and Keiziah Connell, Waterbury for Communication. Pop's Partners 4-H club won the Herdsmanship award from the 2016 county fair.

Others who did not attend the event who have awards coming to them are: Clover Kids: from Laurel — Blake Hansen, Taven Ocampo, Nathan Boysen, Taven Ocampo, Faith Galvin, and Jacob Lipp.

Also, Tyler Johnson, Wayne; Cade Johnson, Concord; Carmen Hoffman, Allen; Deanna Thomsen, West Point; Katelyn Walsh, Ruby Boeckenhauer, Wakefield; Cristopher Kneif, Logan Kneif, and William Hulit, Newcastle; Charlie Watkins, Kole Krusemark, and Abraham Krusemark, Jackson; Jocelyn Kastning, Kendall Solomon and Hailey Millard, Ponca and Emma Waldo, Allen.

The Diamond Clover Award winners for 2016 were Amethyst pin- Kolton Fischer, Wakefield; Isabella, Brandon, and Carin Mellick, Waterbury. Aquamarine pin- Kolton Fischer, Wakefield; Carin and Brandon Mellick, Waterbury. Ruby pin Mitchell Fischer, Wakefield and Carin Mellick, Waterbury. A sapphire pins winner

Dixon and Dakota County 4-Hers present at this year's Achievement Day included (front) Brooke Raymer, South Sioux City, Tristin Connell, Waterbury, and Carlie Kvols, Laurel. (back) Addy Stanwick, Jackson; Keiziah Connell, Waterbury; Gunner Stanwick, Jackson; Kailey Irwin, Wathill; and Nick Busker, Emerson.

was Carin Mellick.

Leader awards for 2016 was Five Years- Lindsay Tramp and Kenna Anderson, Allen. Ten Year pin — Amy Crosgrove, Jackson and 25 year pin to Yvonne Hansen, Laurel.

County awards went to Animal Science Se-

nior- Caleb Sameulson, Wakefield; Communication Senior-Brianna Samelson, Wakefield; Science & Technology Junior- Mitchell Fischer, Wakefield.

Most projects completed in the years in 4-H was awarded to Kayla Crosgrove, Jackson.

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LENRD honors many at awards banquet

Several awards doled out, including service awards and Educators of the Year



(Contributed photo)

Suzy Goedeken and Patrick Kratochvil, both instructors at Madison Public School, each received Educator of the Year Awards.

NORFOLK — The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) board honored outstanding conservationists at their annual awards banquet on Friday, Jan. 13th. The event was held at the Divots Conference Center in Norfolk and attracted over 60 people.

Outstanding Tree Planter Award

The Outstanding Tree Planter Award is presented to individuals within the district who have shown a strong commitment to the planting and care of trees. The Bill Osborn family of Tilden were honored as the recipients of the 2016 Outstanding Tree Planter Award.

The main windbreak that protects the log cabin was planted by the Lower Elkhorn NRD in the late 1990s and early 2000s. With planting around 300 new trees each year along with the trees that the NRD has planted, it is estimated that there are over 5,000 trees on his property that have been purchased through the Lower Elkhorn NRD's Conservation Tree Program, a grand total of 9,200 trees from both the NRD and other nurseries.

Outstanding Partnership

The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District works with various agencies and partners each year as we work to improve the quality of life for the citizens across Northeast Nebraska. At the banquet, the district recognized Susan Risinger Green for the outstanding partnership they have shared with her throughout the years.

Susan Risinger Green is a native of Brunswick and a graduate of Plainview High School. She attended Wayne State College and Northeast Community College.

Schultz said, "Susan has been an outstanding partner with the Lower Elkhorn NRD for the past 26+ years. She has been extensively involved with stories from water to wildlife. This award recognizes Susan for her past support & excellence in reporting on the wise use and conservation of Nebraska's natural resources. Susan, thank you for the partnership we have shared with you."

Educators of the Year Award

The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District partners with schools across the district and encourages students to become good stewards of our natural resources. At their recent awards banquet, the district recognized two teachers who have demonstrated excellence throughout their career.

Suzy Goedeken and Patrick Kratochvil are instructors at Madison Public School. Madison Public Schools implemented a Watershed Dynamics program into their summer curriculum in 2011. Suzy and Patrick are the co-instructors of the program which brings students together to learn more about our water through a diverse sampling program in the Taylor and Union Creek Watershed. Madison High School has received grants from the Lower Elkhorn NRD to continue the program thanks to the efforts of both Suzy and Patrick.

Vice-Chairman of the LENRD Board, Dennis Schultz, presented

Service Awards

Service awards were also presented by LENRD General Manager Mike Sousek.

Laurie Schold of Oakland, Logan East Rural Water System Financial Secretary, was awarded for 10 years of service.

Director awards were also presented to the following: Jarvis Otten of Norfolk for his service on the board since 2015; Dave Shelton of Wayne for his service on the board since 2014; Danny Kluthe of Dodge for his service on the board since 2010; and Tim Tighe for his 25 years of service to the district from 1991-2016.

Vice-Chairman Schultz added, "Congratulations to all of our winners tonight. We thank you for your hard work and continued efforts in protecting our natural resources."

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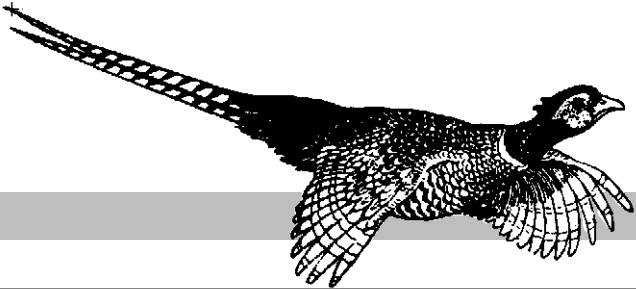
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History of hospital brings back memories



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

Anyway, this new building was such an improvement over the old one, there was just no comparison. The names of some of the folks involved brought back

memories. Dr. Walter Benthack, for instance. Since we went to a Norfolk physician, and of course, I was working in the Norfolk hospital, I had not met Dr. Benthack.

Until the morning that Jon tried riding a dairy cow at the fair grounds and fell off and broke his arm!

I got to the clinic in time to see the good doctor finishing the cast. Just to be safe, I took him to Dr. Henkel, the orthoped, the next day, who assured me that cast was just right.

It sounds like what really got the ball rolling was the involvement of the Benedictine Sisters.

And of course, I knew some of them, if they worked at Our Lady of Lourdes. Cal Ward, director of the Experiment Station at Concord, became a good friend when the Big Farmer went to work there, and we later ran some of his Gelbvieh cows and calves.

Virginia Chapin McCain is mentioned as a benefactor. I knew her because she lived in Winside; her nickname, I believe, was Tot! Her father was a Chapin of Chapin and Gore, and he had been at the theater the night President Lincoln was shot. How about that for history?

She was so interesting to talk to. She also endowed a chair at the Med Center for the research in osteoporosis. Much has been done in that area, especially by Dr. Heaney of Creighton. I participated in one study while living in the Farm House.

I count Louise Jenness as a long time friend; she and her husband, Miron, probably taught more folks CPR than any other two people in the country.

I know they were at the Winside Auditorium because I helped there, and I know all the faculty at area schools were trained in it. Today, when I read that the

compressions are all that are necessary, I think back to how carefully we measured, counted, breathed, and counted again, and how hard we had to work to get a perfect strip from the computerized Annie.

I see also that Hill Burton funds were used. They were used to build hospitals in small towns all over the country, and many have closed, or been converted to long term care.

But Providence has continued to add departments and space, and consulting physicians, so that the needs of the community and the college continue to be met.

I think they should be congratulated for that, and I believe Marcie Thomas and a forward thinking Board deserve a lot of credit.

I'll be looking forward to the subsequent articles about Providence Medical Center.

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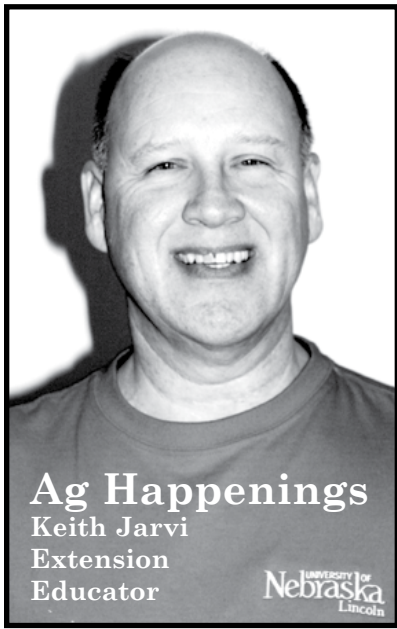
Farm financial help available

More than 77 percent of Nebraska producers are concerned that they may not be able to obtain operating capital in 2017, according to the 2016 Farm Financial Health Survey conducted by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Department of Agricultural Economics.

Nebraska Extension is increasing its efforts to help producers, who rely on annual operating notes to finance day-to-day needs such as seed, chemicals, fertilizer, feed and utilities.

Low commodity prices have resulted in the fourth consecutive year of declining net farm income, or the return that farmers and ranchers get for their input of labor, management and capital. The decline has forced producers to use cash reserves to service debt and to pay for non-farm expenses such as family living that now exceed earnings. This reduces the operation's ability to make debt payments, which makes it more difficult for banks to approve operating loans.

Nebraska Extension is ramping up efforts to support the state's producers through this process. In addition to its normal support team, more than 20 extension professionals



Ag Happenings
Keith Jarvi
Extension Educator
University of Nebraska Lincoln

across the state have been trained on financial literacy. These professionals are available to help producers on an on-demand basis or through workshops. Extension Educators in the Northeast Area that are available are Jim Jansen in Hartington (jjansen4@unl.edu) and Al Vyhnalek

in Columbus (avyhnalek@unl.edu).

The Quicken record-keeping workshop is designed to help producers use the commercial software for farms and ranches. The tool can be flexible for ag and non-ag business enterprises and separates family living expenses.

Additionally, financial health check workshops focus on financial documents. Extension educators will go through a balance sheet, cash flow and income statement and show producers what ratios a banker will be looking at on those documents.

For producers in need of immediate assistance, the State of Nebraska has a dedicated farm/ranch hotline. Producers can call 1-800-464-0258 to find financial, legal and counseling services and referrals.

For more information on how Nebraska Extension can help producers through farm loan renewal season, contact Jessica Groskopf at jgroskopf2@unl.edu or (308) 632-1247. Resources can also be found on the web at cropwatch.unl.edu and beef.unl.edu.

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The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) board honored outstanding conservationists at their annual awards banquet on Friday, January 13th. The event was held at the Divots Conference Center in Norfolk and attracted over 60 people.

The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District works with various agencies and partners each year as it works to improve the quality of life for the citizens across Northeast Nebraska. At the banquet, the district recognized Susan Risinger Green for the outstanding partnership they have shared with her throughout the years.

Susan Risinger Green is a native of Brunswick and a graduate of Plainview High School. She attended Wayne State College and Northeast Community College.

She began her journalistic career in 1981 at the Neligh News and Leader, and was named assistant news director at WJAG radio in Norfolk in September of 1989. She was with WJAG, Lite Rock 97.5 and 106KIX Radio in Norfolk for more than 26 years, where she served as assistant news director and farm director.

She has received numerous awards over the years for her agricultural reporting and programming, including the 2007 Oscar in Agriculture. Most recently, she received the award of merit for significant achievement in the advancement of agriculture at the AgCeptional Women's Conference, which the Lower Elkhorn NRD helps sponsor each year.

Schultz said, "Susan has been an outstanding partner with the Lower Elkhorn NRD for the past 26+ years. She has been extensively involved with stories from water to wildlife. This award recognizes Susan for her past support & excellence in reporting on the wise use and conservation of Nebraska's natural resources. Susan, thank you for the partnership we have shared with you."

Susan joined Northeast Community College in May of 2016 to serve as the campaign director for the proposed Ag and Water Center of Excellence.

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School Lunch Menu
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Wednesday, Feb 1: Breakfast — Cinnamon rolls. Lunch — Chicken noodle soup, blueberry muffin, cheese stick.
Thursday, Feb. 2: Breakfast — Yogurt. Lunch — Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, chocolate cupcake.
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Thursday, Feb. 2: Chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit.
Friday, Feb. 3: Eggs, sausage links, fruit & juice.

Birthdays, anniversaries
Friday, Jan. 27: Katie Ketelson, Lathan Kraft, Rhonda Reuter, Pam Wheeler.
Saturday, Jan. 28: Darryl Cripes, Mariah McCoy, Richard Peterson.
Sunday, Jan. 29: Atlee Anderson, Garrett Geiger, Lisa Jorgenson, Domnick Kennelly.
Monday, Jan. 30: Katie Olsen, Mick & Cheryl Boyle, Rodney & Candy Strivens.
Tuesday, Jan. 31: Tanisha Isom, John and Heather Claypool, Jason & Kristin Reuter.
Wednesday, Feb 1: Karen Anderson, Sheryl Boyle, Loren Carr, Tiffany Hergott Venassa Klug.
Thursday, Jan. 2: Elenor Jones, Ron Kneiff Kenny Kramer, Dawson Nice.

Friday, Feb. 3: Royce Perkins, Candy Strivens, Tyler Waldemar
Sports, Activities Calendar
Monday, Jan. 30: No school - teacher in service; VB Basketball - Lewis & Clark Tournament at Wynot, Allen vs Wynot, 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 31: Boys Basketball Early; VG Basketball, Consolation/Second Round Lewis & Clark Tournament, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 1: Boys Basketball Early.
Thursday, Feb. 2: VB Basketball, Consolation/Second Round Lewis & Clark Tournament, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 3: Pre-K - sixth grade - Service Appreciation Day, 8:30 a.m., Allen School; Wayne State Honor Choir at Wayne State 8:30 a.m. - Choir Concert 4 p.m.; Boys Basketball Early; VG Basketball, Semifinals Lewis & Clark Tournament, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 4: JH Girls Basketball, Clough Tourney at Homer, 9 a.m.; JH Boys Basketball - Wynot at Allen, 9 a.m.; Wrestling Wakefield Tournament, at Wakefield, 9 a.m.; VB Basketball - Semifinals Lewis & Clark Tournament, 6 p.m.
Quiz Bowl: Starting on Jan. 24, the team will be having quiz bowl practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the math room during lunch. Please bring your lunch with you.
Lifetouch Spring Pictures have been handed out. Please return the photo packet or picture money back to Stephanie by Friday, Jan. 27.
Happy Birthday: Jaykob Sanchez.

Peewee Sports
Saturday, Jan. 28: Girls Peewee basketball players will be playing in Crofton at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3: The girls will play at Homer at noon. Scores for the girls on Jan. 22 against Winnebago were 28-8 and against Homer 8-12.
On Jan. 22 the boys played Harrington and Ponca and won both games.

Community Calendar
Friday, Jan. 27: Blood Pressures, 8:30 a.m. at Senior Citizen Center; Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. at Senior Citizen Center.
Saturday, Jan. 28: St. Michael's Catholic Church in Coleridge, 6 p.m..
Sunday, Jan. 29: St. Mary's



The Allen Pee Wee Girls earned their first win against Ponca 14-7.

in Laurel, 8 a.m.; First Lutheran Church, 9 a.m. United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.; St. Anne's in Dixon, 10 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 30: No activities listed.
Tuesday, Jan. 31: FROG Class, 10 a.m. at Senior Citizen Center.
Wednesday, Feb 1: Dominoes at 8:30 a.m. at Senior Citizen Center.
Thursday, Feb. 2: Cards, 8:30 a.m. at Senior Citizen Center.
Friday, Feb. 3: Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. at Senior Citizen Center.
Allen Senior Citizen News
February 2017
By Director Kathy Meyer
Happy Valentine's Day To everyone: I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. First let me update everyone one of the times of Frog Classes, Dominoes and Cards. These will be held at 8:30 a.m. Frog is on Tuesdays, Dominoes is on Wednesdays, and cards are Thursdays.
The Winner of the December snowfall contest was Gloria Obert, Congratulations. Thank you for the donation of Hamburger. We are always thankful for donations. A Huge Thank you to Deputy Jones and Decker for coming to the center and updating everyone on the scams that are being pulled on the seniors. It was a very informative program.
I have tried to plan activities at the Center that meet the Center goals for funding from Norfolk. If you can attend any of the presentations or blood pressure checks, please do as we get a reimbursement for each person attending. Brookdale Wayne will be at the center on Friday, Feb. 24 at 8:30 a.m. for blood pressures.
Community Hours
Library: Wednesday — 4-6 p.m., Friday — 9 a.m. - noon; Monday — 9 to 11 a.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.-noon, 1 - 4 p.m.; Saturday — 8 - 11 a.m.
Senior Citizen Center: Monday - Thursday — 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.; Friday — 7 - 11 a.m.; Saturday — 7 a.m. - noon.



Nebraska Girl Scouts giving away a brand new car

To celebrate 100 years of Girl Scouts selling cookies, the Spirit of Nebraska council is giving away a 2017 Toyota RAV4 known as the Cookie Car. The prize was made possible through a donation by Baxter Toyota La Vista.
The contest is designed to help girls reach their Cookie Program sales goals. Although no purchase is required to register for a chance to win the car, a special code is needed to enter. The way people acquire the code is from a Girl Scout during the cookie sale.
To find a Cookie Booth near you, use the cookie locator at GirlScoutsNebraska.org or call the Cookie Hotline: (877) 636-4684.
Register to win and see complete Girl Scout Cookie Car contest rules at BaxterToyota.com/GirlScouts. The RAV4 will be awarded by random drawing at the conclusion of the Cookie Program.
Purchasing Girl Scout Cookies is an important investment in Nebraska girls. All of the proceeds stay in the state to benefit the local Girl Scout council and its 21,000 girl and adult members. Girls use their funds for their many troop activities, including community service projects.
Girl Scout Cookies go on sale Friday, Feb. 3 with Cookie Booths opening statewide on Feb. 10. Cookies will be sold through March 5.
The 2017 Girl Scout Cookie lineup: S'mores, Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Thanks-a-Lot, Lemonades (all still \$4 per box/package) and gluten-free Trios (\$5 per package).



(Contributed Photo) Presentation of plaque to Patti Flores to thank her for her 12 years of service to the Allen Consolidated Board of Education.

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