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Logan Valley Pheasants Forever chapter to host annual banquet

The public is being encouraged to take part in the Logan Creek Chapter of Pheasants Forever Annual Banquet on Friday, March 16.

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

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

Tickets for the banquet may be purchased from any Pheasants Forever member or at CopyWrite in Wayne. A limited number will also be available at the door the night of the event. There will be a \$5 increase in ticket price the day of the event.

Throughout its history, the Logan Creek Chapter of Pheasants Forever has been involved in many habitat projects, including tree planting at the Thomp-

son Barnes Wildlife Management Area northwest of Wayne.

One of the continuing goals of the group has been to implement a pollinator project to increase the number of bees and monarch butterflies in this area. The project continues to take place at the Thompson Barnes Wildlife Management Area. Students in Wayne Community Schools have taken part in the project and planted seeds to attract and support butterflies and bees, which are loosing populations rapidly.

Jim Modrell, an organizer for the event, stressed the importance of such projects, especially with pollinators in mind, because so much of the food supply depends on the healthy, thriving populations of pollinators.

In August of last year, the group once again worked with the Izaak Walton League to host a Family Fun

Day outdoors.

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

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

"We are always looking for volunteers to work with habitat and youth and those who want to make a difference. You don't have to be a hunter to be a part of our organization," Modrell said.

For nearly 20 years, the local Pheasants Forever chapter has sponsored a Youth-Mentor Hunter in early October at the Ike's Lake northwest of Wayne. Those youth who took part in the last hunt will be on hand at this year's banquet and one of them will be awarded a gun during the event.

Dues collected by Pheasants Forever go toward improving habitat and protecting wildlife on the national level. Dues are \$35 per person or \$15 for a youth membership.

"Money collected for dues goes to the national organization, but all money raised during our banquet stays with our chapter and will be used locally for projects, events and education in this area," Modrell said.

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

Modrell also encourages everyone to follow the chapter's activities on Facebook at Logan Creek Pheasants Forever Chapter #303.

Careage in Wayne earns exemplary 5-star rating from Medicare, Medicaid

The workplace atmosphere and employees have a lot to do with success in any facility in any industry and according to Careage Administrator JR Moss, Careage Campus of Care is no exception to that.

Recently, Careage was awarded a coveted 5-star rating by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. According to Moss, less than 20 percent of facilities achieve the 5-star rating.

The rating system runs from a 1-star rating to a 5-star rating and it can take quite some time to get rated 5 stars. To Moss' knowledge, this is the first time that Careage has attained the exemplary rating.

"The metrics to attain such a rating have become more stringent over the past few years with quality measures being the components that drive it," Moss said. "This is an area that encompasses such things as depression, UTIs, incontinence. This system is comparative, taking those items against a national percentile."

Facility's who are awarded a 5-star rating must rank in the top percentages for quality measures.

In addition to those quality measures, the ranking takes into consideration survey history.

"Our last survey came back very positive," Moss said. "We only had three tags, as they're called, when the average in this state is seven or eight. So we had an above average survey."

Also playing into the ranking is the staffing of the facility Moss said.

"It's looking at the quality of care provided based on the number of residents you have - that you have enough RNs, CNAs, CMAs and so forth. It's something we've been driving toward tremendously over the last year and it's taken a lot of blood, sweat and tears but we're very, very excited to be here."

A key factor, one he stressed to likely be more important than any other, was what some have considered to be a crisis in health care: staffing shortages.

"In many hospitals and nursing homes are on agency contract staffing, particularly in rural areas because there isn't enough licensed staff to go around. Recruitment and retention is a big part of what we have been working on along with improving our quality of care."

Moss said over the last year, Careage Campus of Care has backed away from agency-contract staffing, which was once a large portion of their staff, to having none.

"We have all of our own staff now, we don't have any contracted staff. So they get to know the residents. They know the policies and procedures here. They're part of our bigger culture."

The orientation process and on-boarding process and how the staff is celebrated, Moss said, has changed. With those changes came longevity from employees.

"In our larger organization with facilities in Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin, our facility had the greatest improvement in turnover out of all the facilities."

Careage has seen growth this year, particularly in short-term stays. Those individuals are generally post-surgical, needing therapy services daily for their recovery process.

Careage Campus of Care employs around 55 staff members, with roughly 30 of those individuals being nursing staff.

Moss highlighted how important the staff members are to the success of the fa-

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Council approves goals for coming years during brief meeting

Council President Jill Brodersen conducted the recent meeting of the Wayne City Council due to the absence of Mayor Ken Chamberlain.

During the brief meeting, several agenda items were discussed and voted upon by the council.

One such agenda item was a request by Steve Meyer to waive the requirement to obtain a certified engineer's statement before moving a garage.

According to City Inspector Joel Hanson, the structure being moved poses no more of a damage threat to the road than the semi trucks and trailers leaving Great Dane or the concrete trucks coming and going at Gerhold's.

The structure will be moved to ground already owned by Meyer, where a garage had previously sat until the tornado destroyed it.

Council member Matt Eischeid questioned Meyer on the need for a permit from the state. Meyer plans to look into the matter.

The request was granted by the council. The garage will be moved from a property on East 14th Street. Meyer told the council that he will work to make sure the move does not conflict with traffic and work schedules at Great Dane Trailers.

Also discussed was a parking issue in front of the Wayne Veterinary Clinic.

Dr. Lauri Zink came to the council meeting to discuss a problem that has arisen thanks to the virtual Pokemon game. According to Zink, the clinic is a 'Pokemon gym' and despite every effort to go through the company to remove it, nothing has changed.

Numerous cars have impeded parking at the clinic and made it dangerous and difficult to utilize the south-most drive onto the clinic's property. That drive is used by trucks with trailers full of livestock, especially now as calving season begins. It was also discussed that the trucks from Van Diest have had to work around the influx of cars parked along the road and kennel workers from the clinic have become frightened at night when strange cars pull up as they are walking dogs housed at the clinic overnight.

A motion was made to change the parking restrictions from the current no parking from midnight to 5 a.m. to no parking from the highway to 127 feet short of the corner. The motion passed its first reading and will be read again during the next meeting.

The council will next meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers.



(Contributed photo)

A touch of irony

It's doubtful that the driver of this semi sat back and enjoyed the ride into the ditch thanks to the poor road conditions and inclement weather this week. Numerous vehicles ended up stranded after visibility dropped with an incoming storm.

WSC professor honored nationally at 2018 Association of Teacher Educators

Dr. Christian Legler, assistant professor in the School of Education and Counseling, was recently honored at the 2018 Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) annual meeting in Las Vegas. He was one of eight teacher educators selected nationally to participate in the highly competitive 2018 ATE Emerging Scholars program.

As part of the program, Legler presented research that stemmed from his doctoral dissertation titled, "E-Mentoring Novice Teachers Through University-Sponsored Online Induction: Implications for Practice."

"I was honored to be selected as a 2018 ATE Emerging Scholar and represent Wayne State College at the 2018 ATE annual meeting," said Legler. "As a beginning professor, the mentoring support from the Emerging Scholars program will help me balance the demands of teaching, service, and research."

Legler was also selected to participate in the 2018 ATE Clinical Fellows program during the annual meeting. He was part of a select group of teacher educators who were invited nationally to participate in a special symposium. Legler collaborated with fellow teacher educators about issues centering on clinical practice facing educator preparation programs. He believes that "pre-service teachers need more authentic opportunities to apply course content to clinical practice. These experiences in local schools provide pre-service teachers with opportunities to hone their pedagogical and professional skills so that they are better prepared to teach diverse student populations in their own classrooms."

Legler looks forward to applying what he learned at the symposium to enhance clinical practice in the Educational Foundations and Leadership Department at Wayne State.

Before becoming a college professor, Legler worked in the non-profit sector for



(Contributed photo)

Dr. Christian Legler (left) is presented with an Association of Teacher Educators Clinical Fellows award at the 2018 ATE meeting in Las Vegas.

eight years. He then changed careers and became a high school science and social studies teacher in Jacksonville, Fla., teaching for eight years. In 2013, he began working on his doctoral degree at the University of Florida, specializing in curriculum, teaching, and teacher education because of his aspirations to prepare future teachers. After completing his doctorate, Legler began teaching at Wayne State in August 2017.

"The School of Education and Counseling at Wayne State College is committed to providing student-centered and field-focused educator preparation," said Legler. "This closely reflects my own teaching philosophy. I was excited about being part of a

team of faculty members who share similar beliefs about teaching and learning. The students who I have taught over the last six months are motivated and engaged learners. I look forward to seeing them progress through the program and become teacher leaders."

Dr. Nicholas Shudak, dean of the School of Education and Counseling at WSC, praised Legler's work as part of Wayne State's highly renowned education program.

"Dr. Legler's work and interests are valued and help continue the storied tradition at Wayne State College of preparing excellent teachers and leaders in schools and communities," said Shudak.



Wayne Volunteer Firefighters listen to instructions before entering the "burning building" during Saturday's training.

Firefighters take part in training over weekend

Approximately a dozen volunteer firefighters from Wayne and Wisner spent most of their Saturday fighting fires.

However, the fires were intentionally set as a training exercise for the firefighters.

Trainers from Customized Fire-fighter Training in Milford, Iowa were in Wayne to conduct the training.

The trainers have conducted similar trainings in a five-state region and will be conducting a training at the annual Fire School to be held in Grand Island in May.

Saturday's training involved techniques on interior attack of a fire. The training trailer was set on fire, using dry hay to start a blaze, numerous times to allow firefighters the opportunity to practice their skills.



Commissioners meet despite poor weather

Regardless of the weather, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners met to pay necessary bills and hold a brief discussion centered on the County Road Agreement.

Highway Superintendent Mark Casey presented the board with some concerns he had over the most recent version of the road haul agreement being hashed out with NextEra over the Sholes Wind Energy facility.

NextEra attorney David Levy sent County Attorney Mike Pieper a copy of the agreement with some changes, including a section about burying fiber optic cables.

Casey voiced concerns regarding the depth at which the cables will be set, whether these cables will run across the right-of-ways or run inside them and whether or not there would be overhead power crossings.

Levy will meet with the commissioners during the April 3 meeting to discuss the agreement.

In addition, a tower placement map hasn't been submitted to the county. There is no way to get road classifications changed and engineering complete until that map has been submitted.

Discussion on the fee schedule has been carried over to the next meeting.

In other news, a new representative from the Plum Creek wind energy project being constructed by Lincoln Clean Energy contacted Mark Casey for road haul information and was told to get on the agenda.

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held March 20.

Fernau earns scholarship

Austin Fernau, of Carroll, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship to Wayne State College by Pac-N-Save.

Austin, son of Jim and Mandi Fernau, is a senior at Wayne High School this year.

He is a member of FBLA, FFA, mock trial, student council, National Honor Society and golf.

He also is a member of W Club, Teammates, Unified Bowling, Spanish Club and 4-H.

He participates in the First United Methodist youth group, has acted as a manager for both basketball and football teams and was selected as a delegate at Boys State.



Austin Fernau

Celebrating Seuss



(Contributed photo)

Wayne State College student Molly Bossman of Crofton participated in a Service-Learning project on March 2 at Wakefield Public School. Students completed a number of activities with students for the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

Updated 2018 election filings list

Numerous individuals have thrown their names into various races around the county. Below is a complete list of filers for the upcoming 2018 elections:

County Assessor
Dawn Duffy - Dem. - Incumbent

County Attorney
Michael E. Pieper - Rep. - Incumbent
Amy K. Miller - Rep.

County Clerk
Debra Finn - Rep. - Incumbent

Clerk of District Court 1
Debra K. Allemann-Dannelly - Rep. - Incumbent

County Commissioner, District 1:
Terry Sievers - Rep.
Damon F. Henschke - Rep.
David M. Westerhold - Rep.
Louis E. Benschoter - Dem.

District 3:
James Rabe - Rep. - Incumbent

County Sheriff
Jason Dwinell - Rep. - Incumbent

County Surveyor
Terry L. Schulz - Dem. - Incumbent

County Treasurer
Tammy Paustian - Rep.
Brandon L. Hall - Rep.

School Board, Dist. 17, Wayne
Scott Meisenbach
Amanda Hawthorne
Sylvia Ruhl
Kelly Meyer
Justin A. Davis
Jodi Pulfer

School Board, Dist. 95R, Winside
Dana Bargstadt - Incumbent
Jonathan Jaeger - Incumbent
Tarrin Quinn
Kate Falk
Cory Russell

School Board, Dist. 560, Wakefield
Jeffrey A. Keagle - Filed in Dixon County
Bree A. Brown - Filed in Dixon County
Sherri Lundahl - Filed in Dixon County

Wayne City Mayor
Pat Melena
Jennifer M. Sievers - Incumbent - Wayne City Council
Cale Giese - Incumbent - Wayne City Council
Doug Sturm

Wayne City Council
Ward 1:
Rodney Greve - Incumbent - Wayne City

Council
Christopher A. Woehler

Ward 2:
Matthew Eischeid - Incumbent - Wayne City Council

Ward 3:
Jason Karsky - Incumbent - Wayne City Council

Ward 4:
Jill Brodersen - Incumbent - Wayne City Council
Jessi Hansen

Wayne Airport Authority
Scott A. Hammer - Incumbent - Wayne School Board

Noxious Weed Board - Urban 2
Bryan Reinhardt - Incumbent
Arthur Greve - Incumbent

Village of Carroll
Dalton Dunklau - Incumbent

Village of Hoskins
Richard L. Doffin, Jr. - Incumbent
Joshua Koepke - Incumbent
James A. Miller - Incumbent

Village of Winside
Duane E. Thies
Christine Shoff

Careage

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facility. "Looking at the big things with metrics, our staff, resident satisfaction and things like that - there are always improvements to be had and we want to know what we're doing well and what we're not but also in the smaller things such as staff attendance at our events, it's something to be proud of."

Moss discussed the celebrations that the staff will get to take part in because of the achievement.

"It's really an effort that is everyone's victory, so we're having a star party at our next all-staff meeting. We're passing out star badges, we're wearing star costumes. Every staff member in the facility helped make this happen."



Careage Campus of Care has obtained a 5-star rating from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid.

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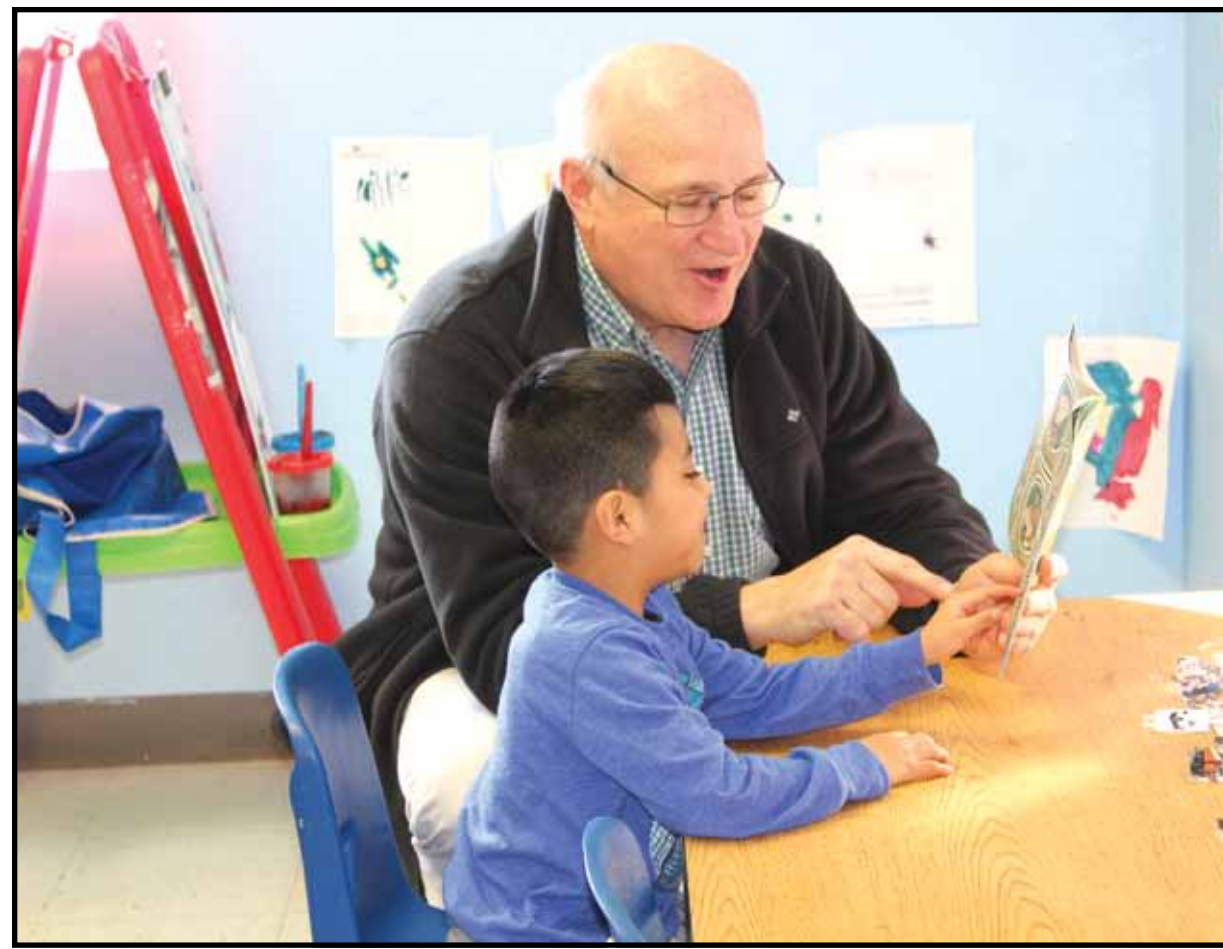
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Chamber Coffee



Duane Schroeder, a member of the Logan Creek Chapter of Pheasants Forever, demonstrated the art of snipe hunting during last week's Chamber Coffee. A snipe hunt will be a part of this year's annual banquet on Friday, March 16 at the Wayne City Auditorium.



Kiwanians read at Head Start

Bill Dickey (above) and Lauren Lofgren (below) were among the members of the Wayne Kiwanis Club who spent a recent morning reading to students at Goldenrod Hills Headstart. The Kiwanis Club purchased the books that the children were then able to take home.



CAMPUS EVENTS...

Guest Recital: The Award-Winning Lincoln Havranek will perform on saxophone, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Ley Theatre, located in Brandenburg Education Building. Havranek teaches at the Harris Academy of the Arts in Lincoln. He is working toward his Doctorate of Musical Arts at UNL, received his Masters of Music Degree at USD and obtained his Bachelors of Arts Degree at Wayne State College! Call 402-375-7359.

Self-Care on a Shoestring Budget, March 13 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Conn Library Room 16: The Yogic concept of Ahimsa, usually translated as "do no harm," begins with self-care....not selfish, it is essential for daily responsibilities and interactions with others. You do not need special equipment. Learn simple techniques and brainstorm ways to develop a daily care routine for yourself without cost. Sponsored by the President's Council for Diversity, and Multicultural and International Programs. Presenter: Charissa Loftis is Northeast Nebraska's only RYT500 advanced teacher of therapeutic yoga. For more information, 402-375-7749.

Schubertiade Voice Studio Recital, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Ley Theatre. In Vienna, fans of Franz Schubert hosted gatherings called Schubertiades. Wayne State College voice studio students will celebrate Schubert's extraordinary ability to unite voice with piano in their own Schubertiade on March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Ley Theatre, located in the Brandenburg Education Building. Schubertiade is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Farr at 402-375-7406.

Wayne State College

Planetarium (kids \$3 and adults \$5):
 · March 15-16: Music in the Planetarium, Black Box Trio: Under the Stars V, at 7:30 p.m. (Dr. Karl Kolbeck, Shelly Armstrong and Kathi Angeroth) Under the Stars V captivates with live music synced to a custom-designed planetarium show by Dr. Todd Young. Black Box Trio (WSC faculty Kathi Angeroth, violin; Dr. Karl Kolbeck, clarinet; Shelly Armstrong, piano.) Call 402-375-7359.
 · March 17: Space Opera at 2 p.m.
 · March 23: Cosmic Colors, at 7 p.m.
 · March 24: Cosmic Castaways, at 2 p.m.
 · March 30-31 (Easter Weekend): The Sistine Chapel
Sign up before March 30 for the Wellness Fair: Participate in the Wayne State College Health & Wellness Fair hosted by PED 310 Professional Leadership & Development Class, and Wayne State College Service Learning. April 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Kanter Student Center Frey Conference Suite. Please contact Instructor Paul McCawley by March 30 at 402-375-7110 or pamccaw1@wsc.edu for booth registration info or any questions.

For a full listing of all the events happening at Wayne State College, please visit www.wsc.edu/calendar. Some events are subject to changes in times and locations.



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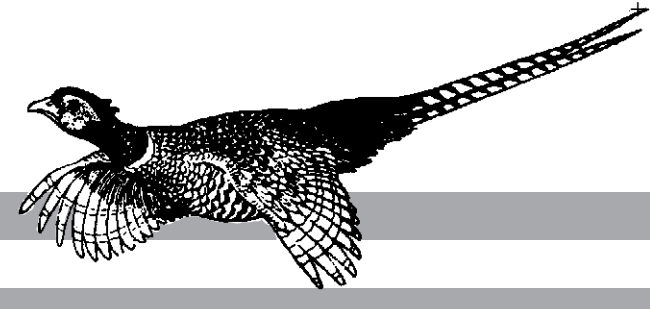
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Sports



Winners in the girls' division of the Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw Contest included (front) Madalyn Dolliver, Alexis Maxey, Izzy Hollatz, Delaney Kruse, Anastin Geisert, Annaelle Barlow and Caitlyn Heise. (back) Hailey Reifert, Chloe Hanel, Frantzie Barner, Alyssa Geisert and Addison Sporleder.

Youth take part in regional KC free throw contest

Youth from throughout the area took place in the Regional round of the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest on Feb. 25. This competition was held at Wayne High School. Each participant had gone through the local Council and District levels to get to the Regional. A total of 6 districts were in each age group for a total of 72 total possible participants. According to local organizer Ryan Hix, "We had about 70 boys and girls participate. The winners of the Regional event qualify for the State competition."

The state competition is scheduled to take place at Grand Island Central Catholic school on Saturday, April 7. Registration for that is from 10-10:30 a.m. and shooting starts at 10:30 a.m.

Below are listed the first and second place winners in each age category.

Girls

Age 9: Madalyn Doliver (first), Alexis Maxey (second).

Age 10: Izzy Hollatz (first), Annabelle Barlow (second).

Age 11: Anastin Geisert (first), Delaney Kruse (second).

Age 12: Frantzie Barner (first), Chloe Hanel (second).

Age 13: Addison Sporleder (first), Alyssa Geisert (second).

Age 14: Hailey Reifert (first), Caitlyn Heise (second).

Boys

Age 9: Logan Brabec (first), Jaxon Kneifl (second).

Age 10: Gage Hedstrom (first), Carter Hans (second).

Age 11: Colsen Nelsen (first), Taylor Nilson (second).

Age 12: Britton Sindelar (first), Aiden Beckman (second).

Age 13: Tristan Hoelsing (first), Andrew Brunken (second).

Age 14: Caleb Trimble (first), Preston Burbach (second).



Winners in the boys' division of the Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw Contest included (front) Logan Brabec, Jaxon Kneifl, Gage Hedstrom, Carter Hans, Taylor Nilson, colsen Nelsen and Trittin Sindelar. (back) Andrew Brunken, Triston Hoelsing, Preston Burbach, Caleb Trimble and Aiden Beckman.

Dendinger earns conference, regional awards recently

Wayne State senior Michaela Dendinger established herself as the top thrower among Div. II throwers in the midwest this winter, and was honored by both the Northern Sun Conference and the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Dendinger was voted by NSIC coaches as the league's Women's Indoor Field Athlete of the Year last week after her dominating efforts in the NSIC Indoor Championships.

Dendinger was the NSIC champion in the shot put and weight throw and ranked first nationally in the shot put and second in the weight throw entering this weekend's NCAA Div. II Indoor National Track and Field Championships in Pittsburg, Kan.

She recorded new school records in both events this year, unleashing a throw of 65 feet, 6 inches at the NSIC Indoor Championships to win



Michaela Dendinger

10 1/2 at the Sevigne Husker Invite in Lincoln on Feb. 2.

Dendinger was a three-time NSIC Women's Indoor Field Athlete of the Week this season and was voted before the season as the NSIC Women's Preseason Field Athlete of the Year.

This marks the fifth time since 2005 that a Wildcat athlete has won NSIC Women's Indoor Field Athlete of the Year honors. Other recipients include Carly Fehringer (2014), Paige Pollard (2012), Katie Wilson (2006) and Tanna Walford (2005).

Dendinger was also tabbed as the Central Region Women's Field Athlete of the Year by the USTFCCCA.

Dendinger is the third Wildcat thrower in the last six years to receive the USTFCCCA Central Region Women's Indoor Field Athlete of the Year, joining Fehringer in 2013 and Sara Wells in 2014.

After loss at Fort Hays, Cats start Florida trip 2-2

The Wayne State softball team stumbled in a road doubleheader at Fort Hays State, but went 2-2 to open their annual Florida spring break trip.

Last Wednesday, Fort Hays State avenged an earlier loss to Wayne State College by pounding out 27 hits in a 6-4, 10-6 sweep in Hays, Kan. at Tiger Stadium.

In the opener, Wayne State scored three runs in the second, highlighted by an RBI double from Abbie Hix and run-scoring singles from Jordyn Breitbarth and Katelyn Wobken.

After the Tigers countered with four runs in the bottom of the frame for a 4-3 lead, WSC knotted the score in the top of the third when Emily Chandler tripled and scored on an Alyx Hagen groundout.

But Fort Hays State snapped the tie with two runs in the bottom of the fourth to close out the scoring in a 6-4 win.

Fort Hays State held a 14-10 advantage in hits on the Wildcats. Breitbarth was 3-for-3 with an RBI and run scored while Chandler was 3-for-4 with a triple. Rachel Shumaker finished 2-for-4 with a run scored while Hix doubled.

Freshman relief pitcher Maddie Moser (0-2) suffered the pitching loss, allowing two runs over four innings on five hits with two walks. Hagen worked the first two innings and gave up four runs (two earned) on nine hits.

The second game saw the host Tigers produce four insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to complete the sweep with a 10-5 win over the Wildcats.

The Wildcats took a 2-0 lead in the first thanks to RBI doubles from Hagen and Shumaker.

FHSU answered with two in the bottom of the first to even the score at 2-2.

WSC then scored single runs in

the third and fourth innings for a 4-2 advantage. Hagen had another RBI double that brought home Wobken while Baylee Rial's triple in the fourth brought home Breitbarth.

The Tigers came right back with four runs in the bottom of the fourth to take the lead for good at 6-4. The Wildcats got within one in the fifth at 6-5 when Hagen doubled and scored on a Shumaker single, but Fort Hays State answered with four runs on three hits and two Wildcat errors in the sixth to finish off the victory.

Shumaker was 4-for-4 with a double and two RBI while Hagen finished 3-for-4 with three doubles, two RBI and two runs scored. Wobken ended 2-for-4 while Rial tripled.

Riley Vanderveen (0-1) worked all six innings and was charged with the loss, allowing 10 runs (six earned) on 13 hits with two walks and no strikeouts.

The Wildcats started their Florida trip with a bang, posting a big win over a top-10 team and splitting their first two games Sunday in Leesburg, Fla.

In the first game, the Wildcats used a key two-run single in the sixth inning from freshman Ashley Hernandez and a complete-game pitching performance from Vanderveen to open with a 4-2 victory over No. 6-ranked West Virginia Wesleyan.

West Virginia Wesleyan took a 1-0 lead in the second inning on a solo homer and the score stayed that way until the Wildcats struck for four runs in the top of the sixth inning. Shumaker started the rally with a run-scoring single that brought home Chandler to tie the score at. With two outs, Hernandez came through with a two-run single that scored Chandler and pinch-runner Sarah Hunter for a 3-1 Wildcat lead. Hernandez then scored when Annie Grammer reached on an error for a 4-1 WSC lead.

West Virginia Wesleyan made the game interesting in the bottom of the seventh, scoring one run while loading the bases, but Vanderveen got the final out on a pop up to first to end the game, giving Wayne State the upset victory.

Both teams had seven hits in the contest. Grammer finished 2-for-3 to lead the Wildcats. Hernandez had a two-run single while Shumaker chipped in with an RBI single. Vanderveen (1-1) fired a complete game win in the circle for the Wildcats, allowing just two runs, both earned, on seven hits with one walk and no strikeouts.

In the second game of the day, Ashland University snapped a 5-5 tie with a seven-run fifth inning to post a 13-8 win over the Wildcats.

The Wildcats built a 5-0 advantage after two innings, as Shumaker had an RBI single in the first while Chandler belted a three-run homer to highlight the big second inning.

Ashland came back, however, scoring three in the third, two more in the fourth and a seven-run fifth inning to take control of the game.

The Wildcats plated three runs in the bottom of the sixth, two coming on a Breitbarth home run and the other on an Ashland error. The Eagles added an insurance run in the seventh to finish off the win.

Ashland held a 12-8 advantage in hits on the Wildcats and also took advantage of five Wildcat errors. Only five of Ashland's runs were earned.

Breitbarth was 2-for-3 with a two-run homer and RBI double to pace the Wildcats at the plate. Shumaker added two hits while Chandler produced a three-run homer and Hernandez doubled.

Hagen suffered the pitching loss after starter Moser worked the first four innings. Hagen was charged with seven runs in one inning, allowing

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Dendinger, Sullivan to compete at Indoor Nationals March 9-10

Michaela Dendinger and Robert Sullivan of Wayne State College were announced late Tuesday afternoon as national qualifiers for the NCAA Div. II Indoor Track and Field Championships, set for March 9-10 in Pittsburg, Kan.

For the second straight year, Dendinger is a national qualifier in the women's shot put and weight throw while Sullivan is a repeat qualifier in the men's heptathlon.

Dendinger, a senior from

Coleridge, will compete in the weight throw on Friday, March 9 at 4:55 p.m. She posted a season-best mark of 65 feet, 6 inches, a new WSC school record, on Friday to win the NSIC weight throw and has the second-best throw in NCAA Div. II entering the national championships. Dendinger also qualified in the shot put on Saturday, March 10 at 5:05 p.m. and has the top mark in the country after recording a mark of 54-10 1/2, also a new WSC school record, at the

Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational on Feb. 2.

Sullivan, a junior from Bennington, will compete in the two-day heptathlon starting Friday, March 9 at 10 a.m. and Saturday, March 10 at 12 p.m.

He was a repeat champion in the NSIC heptathlon this season with a new school-record point total of 5,226 points, which ranks 10th in NCAA Div. II entering the national meet.

Baseball team splits weekend four-game series at Newman

The Wayne State baseball team split a four-game road series at Newman, trading wins with the Jets on Saturday and Sunday in Wichita, Kan.

On Saturday, Freshman Aaron Ras pitched four hit, two-run ball over five innings and sophomore designated hitter Bryce Bisenius went 4-for-4 with two RBI to lead Wayne State in a 12-2 win over Newman in the second game of the day, bouncing back from a 21-3 loss in the first game of the series.

Wayne State took a 3-0 lead in the second inning of the first game, but the host Jets used a six-run second and seven-run third inning and used 10 walks from Wildcat pitchers along with two hit batters and three errors to blow out the visitors.

The Wildcats scored two in the first on a Tanner Simons run-scoring single to bring home Jake Lorenzini, with Simons scoring on a Rob Ramsey single up the middle. Sophomore catcher Jake Lemar added a solo homer in the second to put the Wildcats in front 3-0.

The Jets took control of the game from then on. Newman connected for two homers and scored six runs in the second for a 6-3 lead, and put the game away with seven runs in the third on just two hits, taking advantage of four Wildcat walks, one hit batter and one error.

The second game saw the Wildcats use strong pitching from Ras and a 15-hit attack to post their first win of the season.

Miller belted a triple in the second that scored Kyle Thompson for a 1-0 lead, and the Wildcats scored two more in the third as Bisenius and Hanson both scored on a wild pitch to put Wayne State in front 3-0.

After going hitless in the first three innings, the Jets got to Ras in the fourth for two runs on three hits to trim the Wildcat lead to 3-2. But Wayne State gave Ras plenty of run support to follow, scoring four runs in the fifth and two more in the sixth to take commanding 9-2 advantage.

In the fifth, Thompson produced a two-run single while Bisenius had an RBI double with David Janes adding an RBI single. The sixth inning saw Bisenius produce an RBI single that scored Zitek, with Janes scoring on a

Newman fielding error. Wayne State added three insurance runs in the top of the seventh on a Tanner Simons three-run homer to finish off the win and gain the split.

The Wildcats had 15 hits in the second game while holding Newman to just five. Bisenius was 4-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored. Simons was 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBI while Thompson finished 2-for-2 with two RBI and two runs scored. Miller was 2-for-3 with a triple while Janes finished 2-for-4.

Ras (1-1) earned the pitching win, allowing just two runs on four hits in five innings of work with five strikeouts and two walks. Sophomore Isaac Rubendall worked the final two innings and gave up just one hit with two walks.

On Sunday, the Wildcats hit five home runs in the opener, but couldn't keep the big bats rolling as they settled for a split, winning the opener 16-6 before dropping the nightcap 11-5.

In the first game, the Wildcats crushed five home runs and pounded out 16 hits to blow out the Jets. Simons and Miller each homered twice to lead the Wildcat hit parade, which was highlighted by a nine-run third inning.

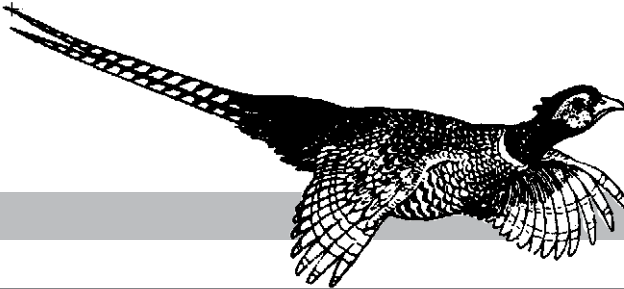
The Wildcats took a 1-0 lead in the second on Miller's lead off blast over the left field wall. After Newman took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the frame, Wayne State took control in the top of the third with a nine-run inning.

Simons led off the third with a homer. Four batters later, Miller connected for a three-run homer for his second long ball of the contest. Other big hits to highlight the inning included a two-run single from Janes and an RBI single from Bisenius, giving the Wildcats a 10-2 lead.

Newman got within 10-6 with a four-run fifth inning, but Wayne put the game out of reach with two runs in the sixth and four more in the seventh. Simons blasted a two-run shot for his second homer of the game in the sixth, while Peyton Barnes clubbed a grand slam homer in the seventh to close out the scoring.

Wayne State had 16 hits in the win. Simons was 3-for-4 with two homers and three RBI. Miller ended 2-for-3 with a pair of homers and four RBI. Janes was 3-for-5

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Opinion

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Capitol View

Legislative pay raise? Timing is everything.

By J.L. SCHMIDT
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The Nebraska Press Association

You get what you pay for. In the case of Nebraska's Legislature, several senators and some constituent groups say they don't think lawmakers are getting paid enough. It's hard to disagree since the last pay raise was 30 years ago when voters approved an increase from \$400 a month to \$1,000 a month. Arizona and Nebraska are the only two states to require voter approval.

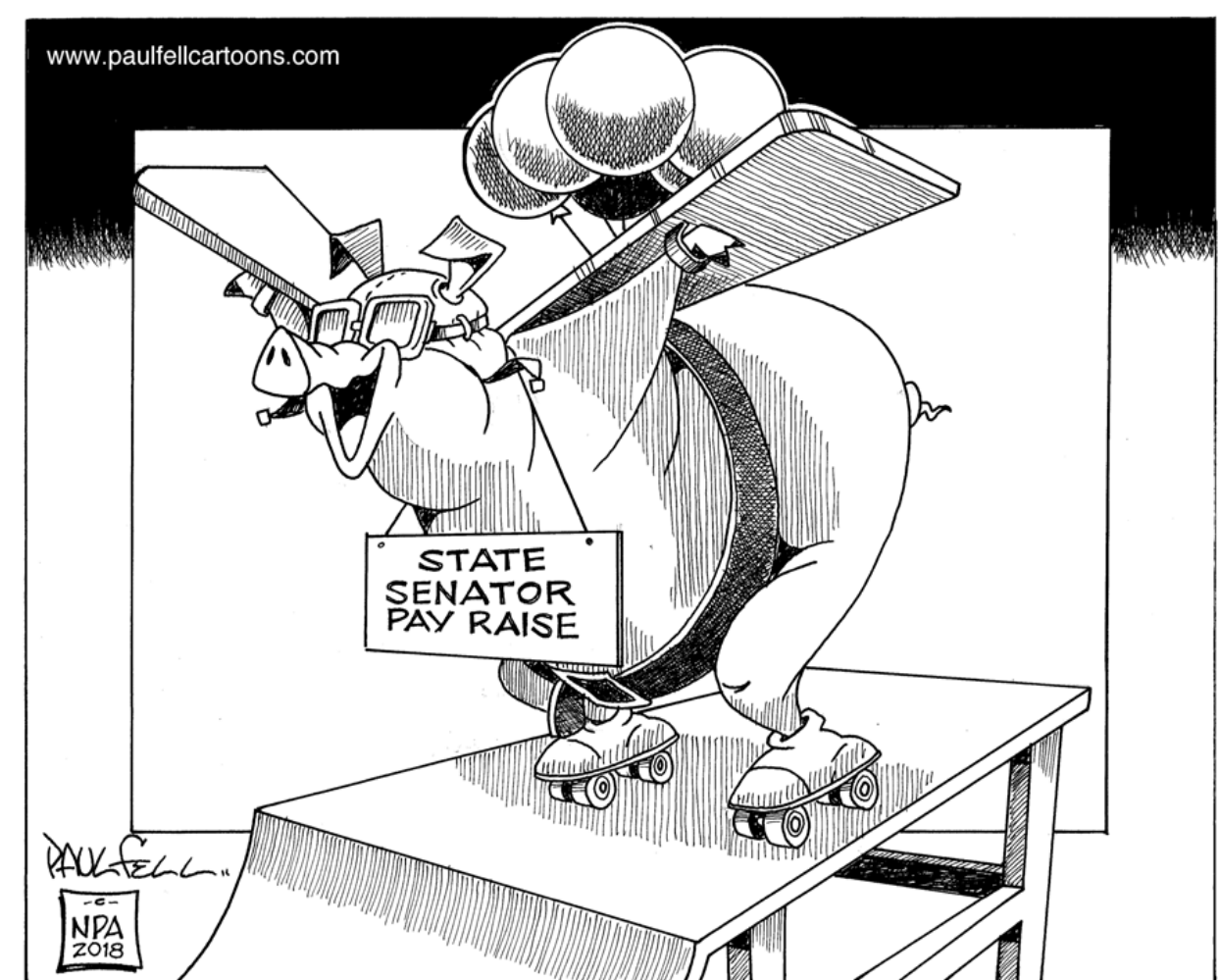
Omaha Senator Tony Vargas wants to change things by asking voters to approve an amendment to the Nebraska Constitution in the November election to raise state senators' pay to 50 percent of the Nebraska median household income. That works out to about \$28,000.

If Vargas' proposal (LR295CA) gets the approval of 30 senators it would be on the ballot where voters could approve that lawmakers' salary be adjusted every two years according to U.S. Bureau of the Census income data. The current \$12,000 annual salary was set in the state constitution and last increased in 1988. There has been no adjustment for inflation, which would place a \$12,000 salary in 1988 dollars at a more reasonable \$25,000 today.

Vargas told the Legislature's Executive Board that the current salary, which is augmented by a per diem or mileage when applicable, is significantly below that of states with similar costs of living. He noted that a 2017 National Conference of State Legislatures survey found that the average annual salary for a state lawmaker is approximately \$35,500, excluding per diems and expenses.

He argued that a salary more tailored to the responsibilities of the office would "allow a broader range of citizens" to consider a bid for a seat in the Legislature and thereby "recruit public servants" from all income levels. Vargas said the "citizen Legislature" is not really, since "so many of our fellow Nebraskans are essentially precluded from serving in office due to this financial barrier."

A survey by Ballotpedia said legislator's salaries range from \$104,118 in California (in addition



to per diem costs to cover lodging, meals and incidentals) to New Hampshire where senators are paid just \$200 per two-year-term without per diem. New Mexico is the only state that does not pay its legislators a salary, but lawmakers do still earn a \$164 per diem. Nebraska's per diem is \$142 for senators living more than 50 miles away from the Capitol and \$51 for those within the 50-mile radius.

Lawmakers in Colorado earn \$30,000 a year. In Iowa it's \$25,000 and Missouri \$35,915. Kansas state senators earn \$88 a day. In South Dakota it's \$6,000 with a \$142 per diem. Wyoming senators earn \$150 a day plus a \$109 per diem.

Only one person testified in support of Vargas' proposal. John Hansen of the Nebraska Farmers Union said serving in the Legislature involves a significant, year-round time commitment. Senator Dan Hughes

of Venango, who added his name as a sponsor of the measure, agrees. He said he is fortunate that he has family members who help run the farm.

Even Senator Mike Groene of North Platte, who admitted that he has voted against the past measures as a citizen, said he now supports the proposal. He said he has had to dip into his savings to afford the job of senator. Senator Lydia Brusch of Bancroft has a similar story. When she is term-limited out this year, she plans to return to the workforce because she can't afford to retire.

With the farm economy struggling and citizens clamoring for property tax relief, it's hard to say how a proposal to more than double lawmakers' salary will fare. The most recent proposed increase in 2012 would have boosted their salaries to \$22,500 a year, but voters overwhelmingly rejected it. Not one of Nebraska's 93 counties supported

a raise, and the proposal went down by more than a 3-to-1 ratio in many areas.

It will also be a hard sell to those who have had budgets cut — ask the folks at the University of Nebraska — and have otherwise felt the pain of difficult decisions made by lawmakers nearly every day. For many it will be a matter of conscience.

As one who has observed the legislative process for years, I do find hope in a pay increase attracting a quality and more diverse group of senators, maybe even some who can't be "bought" by the Executive Branch or partisan politics.

If not now, when?

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 19 years.

Heartfelt thanks from family

Dear Nebraska, George was the only one of the four of us Holm kids who didn't live in Nebraska as a child. It must have called him to return to his roots as he paused there on his bicycle trip from Alabama to Idaho when he was nineteen. Once he came "home" to Big Red country, he fell in love with everything about it. Of course, being smitten by our dear sweet Emerson sister, Karen Krueger Holm, who completely stole his heart, undoubtedly had something to do with it. Although later he did move his family to Alabama for about five years, when Nebraska called he answered.

We want to thank you, Nebraska, for embracing our brother and being his beloved home. He was in his element with you. George has always been passionate about meeting people and looking for good in all things, and you nurtured that gift and gave him a place to flourish and raise his beautiful family. We were so touched by the outpouring of love and support in the days we spent with you. In the midst of our profound grief and sadness, it was genuinely uplifting to be in George's "place." It is comforting to know that he left an imprint on O'Neill and Wakefield and Wayne (and anywhere within KBRX range) and that he will live on in what he did and in the folks he knew (so basically everybody!?!). But what we also saw, big-time, was the imprint you left on him, because it was clearly a two-way street. There is a reason Nebraska is called the Heartland.

Our father (and his father)

was born and raised in Nebraska, an avid Cornhusker for sure. As difficult as this is for him and our mother, there is solace in knowing that George remains in the cradle of his ancestral and adopted state, his true home in every way.

Thank you for adopting, embracing and loving our baby brother. We are not complete without him and will miss him terribly. We have no-eye deer what we'll do without him. By the way, we also sympathize with you. We, too, know the challenge of groaning through his goofy jokes and puns. If ever there were a king of good bad jokes, George would have owned that crown. You were also patient with George's repeated attempts to lure you into the icy Niobrara and to convert you from Big Red to Crimson (Roll Tide!).

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being there for George, in life and in death. We so appreciate the celebration of his life both in O'Neill and Wakefield, including the amazing Irish wake, the terrific meals you provided, and most of all the chance to meet and talk with you and hear stories we had never heard about our brother. The hospitality you showed our family was second to none.

Seeing George's legacy and his relationship with your wonderful community, we went home inspired to be better stewards of our own — and every day, to Enjoy The Day.

With heartfelt gratitude,
John Holm, Phyllis Wood,
and Susan Maynard

Legislative Update Bills on opioid use, remote sellers taxes discussed recently

With another four day weekend, I am ecstatic to spend more time back home in District 17. I am hoping to have some great conversations at fish fries across the district. I am always happy to talk to constituents and appreciate when those who see me say hi and ask questions.

On March 1st we celebrated Nebraska's 151st birthday! In 1867, after persevering through two presidential vetoes in statehood bids, President Andrew Johnson signed the statehood proclamation on March 1st making Nebraska the 37th state. I am proud that Nebraska has grown into the best state to live, work, and raise a family.

The first bill we heard at the Legislature on Monday was Senator Howard's priority, LB 931 Provide requirements for opiate and controlled substance prescriptions. This legislation creates a seven-day

duration cap on a prescription for an opioid issued to a person under the age of 18. Senator Howard lost her sister to an opioid overdose in 2009 after being prescribed pain pills, and law enforcement agencies in the state have opened investigations into prescribing practices recently. It is imperative that Nebraska continues to persevere avenues to combat opioid addiction, I believe this is a step in the right direction. I appreciate the courage of Senator Howard to tell the story of the struggles her family faced with the opioid epidemic and hope that we can continue taking steps to eliminate opioid overdose deaths.

With committee hearings completed, we began our first day of full debate on the floor Wednesday. Going forward, each legislative day will typically go until around 5:00 pm, allowing us more time to

continuously debate bills. A few bills coming up in the next week will be sure to bring a lively debate to the Unicameral.

Senator Watermeier's 2018 priority LB 44, Adopt the Remote Sellers Sales Tax Collection Act, would require remote sellers (online retailers without a physical presence in Nebraska) to collect and remit sales tax under certain conditions. Senator Watermeier introduced LB 44 last year in an effort to collect sales taxes from online retailers, such as Amazon, but the bill faced opposition for being unconstitutional - a claim that was confirmed in an opinion issued by the Attorney General's office. Senator Watermeier introduced an amendment, AM 1822, to address concerns, but I expect there will still be fierce debate on the floor. I did not support LB 44 last year, but with the new amendment

I plan on listening to floor debate and most likely supporting the bill.

LB 776, Senator McCollister's priority bill, is also expected to bring contentious debate. Last week we began debating the bill which ensure that local jails do not accept or receive revenue in excess of the reasonable operating costs for establishing and administering such telephone or video conferencing service systems that provides inmates with affordable methods for communicating by telephone or video conferencing with inmates' families and loved ones. This also includes contact with their attorneys without charge, and without monitoring or recording by the county jail or law enforcement. I do not support this bill in its original form, but am interested to hear discussion surrounding amendments that Senator McCollister will bring to the floor.

One of Business and Labor Committee's priority bills that I introduced, LB 953 Change provisions relating to lump-sum settlements under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act, will also be on the agenda in the next week. LB 953 requires the Workers' Compensation Court to approve a lump-sum settlement in cases in which the employee at the time of settlement is eligible for Medicare or has a reasonable expectation of becoming eligible for Medicare within 30 months. A lump-sum settlement may also be approved if medical expenses incurred for treatment of the injury will not be fully paid as part of the settlement, if the employee's attorney affirms that the settlement is in conformity with the compensation schedule and for the best interests of the employee or his or her dependents, under all the circum-

stances. This bill aims at expediting the process of Worker's Compensation Court cases, I am hopeful fellow senators will vote yes.

Live coverage of the full session of the Unicameral is also available at www.netnebraska.org/capitol

I want to encourage my constituents to reach out to me at 402-471-2716, email me at jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov or to write me at:

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I take into consideration every letter, email, and phone call my office receives when I consider legislation. I truly value your input and suggestions on the issues before the Legislature. It is of great importance that I hear from you in order to do my job. I look forward to hearing from you!

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Northeast faculty and staff recognized by US bank recently

NORFOLK - Five Northeast Community College faculty and staff members were recognized with awards from US Bank during the College's spring semester In-Service recently.

The US Bank Great Performer Awards annually honor employees who have been nominated for their outstanding contributions to the College. The bank, or its predecessor institutions, has presented the awards since 1993.

This year's honorees and their awards include: Dave Beaudette, US Bank Great Performer Award for Teaching Excellence - Full-time Faculty; Don Burke, US Bank Great Performer Award for Teaching Excellence - Part-time Faculty; Carissa Kollath, US Bank Great Performer Award - Professional Managerial; and Kirk Christian, US Bank Great Performer Award - Classified Staff. The US Bank Great Performer Administrative Award, a new category this year, was presented to Shelley Lammers.

Beaudette, an auto body technology instructor, was initially employed by Northeast as an adjunct instructor in 1998, and moved to a full-time position in 2009.

"Dave Beaudette represents one of those natural leaders who is genuinely well-liked and highly respected by not only those that have worked with him, but also students, parents, and industry leaders," Beaudette's nominator wrote. "Dave's demand for student excellence and determination to continually improve his teaching performance to ensure each student realizes success in the program and in the 21st century workforce has contributed to persistence rates of 79-percent over the past five years and graduate placement rates of 89-percent in the field."

Students and parents have also expressed their gratitude for Beaudette's willingness to provide advice and assistance.

Beaudette was also instrumental in introducing the auto body field to students through the Fridays @ Northeast program, which allows high school seniors to spend the final day of the school week on campus as college students, and promoting SkillsUSA opportunities to students, which assists them in preparing for careers beyond the classroom.

Burke has been an adjunct instructor in the building construction program

since 1999, where he has taught evening classes in advanced cabinetry and millwork, in addition to assisting in the management of laboratory activities for the building construction program.

One nominator wrote of Burke, "He always sheds a positive light on any situation and is always willing to give the students whatever assistance he can to ensure their success. It is not uncommon to witness Mr. Burke lending a student one of his personal specialty tools to help make the process go smoother, and maximizing students' time on the important tasks. One can often hear students discuss among themselves: 'If you need something, just ask Mr. Burke.'"

In addition to teaching at Northeast, Burke also works as a self-employed contractor in the Norfolk area.

His nominator concluded, "With his educational and work backgrounds, Don excels at showing students the importance of craftsmanship and customer service. Like many of our adjunct faculty, he represents the backbone of our institution."

Kollath has been employed in the student services division as the director of student activities since 2005.

"Carissa embodies the culture of Northeast and is the epitome of the College mission," her nominator wrote. "She does this through visible student activities and behind the scenes with Northeast staff. She provides students with exceptional activities throughout the year, topping out at over 100 events. Compared to similar colleges, she is producing over double the amount of events for students to get involved in."

Kollath and her students' Escape Room project has been recognized by the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) as the regional program of the year and will compete at the national level in February. Her student leaders have been recognized as Regional Student Programmers of the Year for the past three years and have won a number of other awards.

Christian is currently employed in the technology services division as the learning space technologist. He joined Northeast in 2009 as a computer support specialist, and prior to his current position, he was an instructional technology systems specialist.

His nominators praised Christian's technical guidance and support to faculty.

"Kirk is always willing to help and is diligent in following through with a matter until it is resolved. He is persistent and resourceful until he discovers a workable solution. Kirk offers his help and takes the time to share his knowledge with others when it will improve work processes and efficiencies. He not only has the knowledge to do his job well, but he is so willing to provide exceptional customer service."

Other nominators said Christian is particularly effective at explaining a technology problem in terms that anyone can understand.

"Kirk is a great role model to everyone, as he is calm with presented with computer crises, and his professionalism calms instructors as he solves problems. He takes on additional work when 'confronted' outside the office and will almost always take the time to help everyone. Kirk always reflects a courteous and professional manner along with a bit of humor to lighten the day."

Lammers is currently employed as the dean of student success in the student services division. She was originally employed as a part-time advisor/recruiter in 1999 and transferred to a full-time position in 2003.

"Shelley is a team player and consistently keeps the big picture in mind," one of her nominators wrote. "She doesn't let small hurdles become insurmountable obstacles. She is creative and an excellent communicator and can always manage to find her way through any challenge by focusing on doing what is right for the students."

Lammers's nominators also praised her leadership as part of the Strengthening Student Advising Team for the past three years, an undertaking that will result in both process and culture changes at Northeast.

"Shelley has not hesitated at all as she has worked through this plan. While this is a joint effort with Educational Services, there always has to be a 'driver,' and Shelley has taken that responsibility and has the initiative to keep this team moving in the right direction."

Troy Strom, president of US Bank, Norfolk, congratulated the recipients and wished the College much continued success.

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Awana students compete

Eleven students from the Concord Awana Clubs competed against two other teams at a Bible Quiz on March 3 at the Glad Tidings Bible Camp in Bloomfield. The purpose of the Quiz is to promote Bible memory and to give the clubbers a greater love for and working knowledge of the Bible. Quizzers who participated included: Third grade: Evie Fullerton, Faith Galvin, Eli Hansen, Naomi Lipp, Kinslee Metzler and Jude Ridenour. Fourth grade: Danica Gould, Kennedy Hall, Grace Junck, Hailey Noe and Holly Patefield. The team of Danica Gould, Grace Junck and Naomi Lipp took second place in the combined written and oral challenges. Naomi Lipp received a ribbon for her perfect score on the written quiz. Fifth graders Abigail Lipp and Olivia Hanson, as well as sixth grader Rebecka Lipp, also worked hard to quiz. However, no teams came forward to challenge them. Michelle Fullerton of Wayne, assisted by her husband, Dan, coached and organized the Concord Awana quizzers. Team members competing included (front) Jude Ridenour. (second row) Holly Patefield and Eli Hansen. (third row) Kinslee Metzler, Grace Junck and Naomi Lipp. (fourth row) Evie Fullerton, Faith Galvin, Hailey Noe and Danica Gould. (top) Kennedy Hall.

Coach Ron Brown to speak at WSC

Wayne State College CRU proudly presents former Nebraska football coach, speaker Ron Brown to WSC campus. Brown, a well-known decorated assistant coach, spent 24 years with the University of Nebraska coaching the best wide receivers, tight ends and running backs UNL had on the field. But on and off the field, Brown uses his platform as a coach to spread the good news of the Gospel. Brown will be speaking on Thursday, March 22 at 7.30 pm in Gardner Auditorium with doors opening approximately at 7 p.m. All are welcome for this free even. Don't miss this opportunity to hear stories about how Christ works in his life and



Ron Brown

how he spreads the message of Christ.

Future chefs



(Contributed photo)

Wayne High School students Skylar Cooper, a junior, and Breanna Kallhoff, a senior, work together during a sugar cookery lab to make divinity. They were most proud of their caramels that were deemed "bakeshop perfection" by instructor Karen Schardt.

Steven Ballard earns Forbes magazine honor

Steven R Ballard, CFP®, CRPC®, AWMA®, AAMS®, JD a Private Wealth Advisor with Ameriprise Financial in Wayne, NE, was named to the list of "Best-in-State Wealth Advisors" published by Forbes Magazine. The list recognizes financial advisors who have demonstrated high levels of ethical standards, professionalism and success in the business. The rankings are based on data provided by over 11,000 of the nation's most productive advisors. Ballard was chosen based on assets under management, industry experience, regulatory and compliance record and revenue produced over a three-year period. Ballard is part of Compass Wealth Partners, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. Ballard graduated from the University of South Dakota with a degree in law. As a private wealth advisory practice, Compass Wealth Partners provides financial advice that is anchored in a solid understanding of client needs and expectations, and provided in one-on-one relationships with their clients. Ballard has 20 years of experience with Ameriprise Financial. For more information, please contact 402-833-5285.

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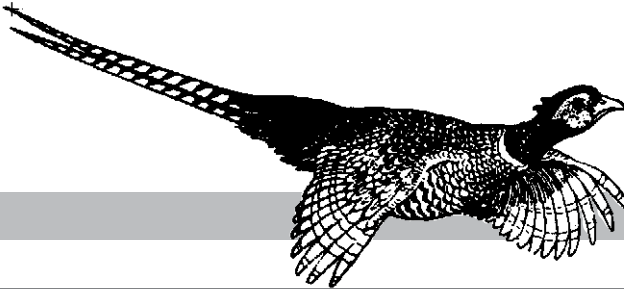
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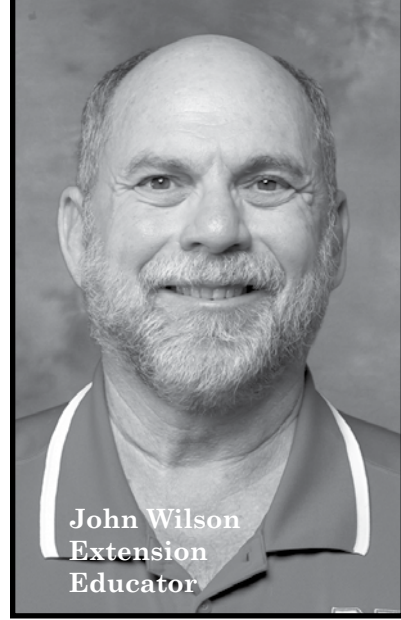
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Native plants in the landscape a positive trend

A popular trend in gardening is including native plants. When people hear the word native, they often picture a prairie-like landscape. One person may think of something beautiful and natural while another may see something resembling a weed patch.

Neither a prairie-like landscape or a weedy patch is necessarily the case. Native plants can be used in any type of garden or landscape design. It is up to the home owner to decide whether native plants are used in a neat and tidy flower garden or a more natural prairie-like design.



John Wilson
Extension Educator
States as ornamentals, like purple loosestrife and musk thistle, have

become noxious weeds.

Native plants help maintain local flora and fauna. They can be used to increase biodiversity. Look around at the gardens and landscapes in your neighborhood. Do you see a variety of plants or do you tend to see the same general types of trees, shrubs and flowers?

Overplanting similar plants is not a sustainable practice... just looked what happened when elm tree were overplanted years ago. More recently, similar problems developed on Scotch pine and now emerald ash borer is threatening our green ash trees.

Natives also add a local flair to landscapes; and they make for interesting conversation. Imagine pointing out plants to friends and saying; "That's my cowslobbers, otherwise known as spiderwort. It is believed pioneers spread the leaves in their sod houses to repel

spiders. Here, feel the sap, it has the slimy texture of slobber. Oh, and over here is my buffalo poppy, which we now know as purple poppy mallow. It is also known as cowboy rose. Did you know Lewis and Clark ate the taproots of this plant like we eat carrots?"

If you think this sounds interesting, but imagine having to go out to a local meadow or ditch to collect native plants, this is not the case. Collecting plants from the wild is discouraged. Leave native plants in their native setting. The roots hold soil in place and the plants provide habitat for some native insect, song bird or other wildlife. Many native plants have deep roots or taproots which makes transplanting them difficult.

Instead, turn to garden centers or mail order catalogs for native plants. Many plants already sold at garden centers are native and

the majority of them have been improved for the home garden. Some native species can be tough to keep in bounds in a home landscape. Improved cultivars tend to be better behaved and often have improved flowering.

If you are thinking about including native plants in your garden and landscape, a common question is how do you find out which ones are native to Nebraska and ornamentally worthwhile?"

Ask at local garden centers or check out the Nebraska Statewide

Arboretum website at <https://plant-nebraska.org/>, which has an extensive list of native perennials and woody plants

Or check out two University of Nebraska NebGuides, Wildflowers for the Home Landscape and Perennials in Water Wise Landscapes. While all of the plants listed are not native, the majority of them are.

Both NebGuides are available on-line at <http://extensionpubs.unl.edu/> or at your local Nebraska Extension office.

Private pesticide applicator training scheduled March 15

Private pesticide applicators whose licenses expire in 2018 and those seeking first-time certification can find information on pesticide safety education programs at their local University of Nebraska Extension offices.

Wayne County training sessions are scheduled as follows:
Thursday, March 15; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Wayne Fire Hall, 510 Tomar in Wayne.

Licensing as a private applicator allows farmers to purchase and use pesticides classified as restricted use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in their own farming operations.

Extension provides the educational program, while the agriculture department is responsible for licensing. The training fee is \$40.00. An applicator may also certify by self-study or online training for a \$60.00 training fee.

In 2001, the Nebraska Legislature created a state pesticide license fee of \$25.00 for private applicators. The fee covers a three-year license period.

For additional sites contact the Nebraska Extension Office in Wayne County at (402) 375-3310 or check online at <http://pested.unl.edu> where you will find the Private Training Schedule.

Story of cookbook, a memory for each one

Cook books! How did I accumulate so many? When we moved into the Town house, there was a nice cubicle with a desk off the kitchen with three shelves above it.. Monte immediately installed a computer keyboard under the desk, and the monitor and printer sit on it. And, there are various and sundry pieces of paper and notes strewn all over it!!

Tonight, I was looking for the Stahr-Staehr cook book. Some of the folks with my maiden name spell it with an E, others without. I ended up pulling them all down and dusting the shelf. And it needed the dusting, believe me!

I have at least a dozen cook books from churches; Immanuel, Louisville, St. Patrick's, Manley, Pella, Ascension in Florida, and St. Stephen's in Columbia, South Carolina.

Then, there are the Stanton county and Wayne county books, with just soft covers and spiral bindings. After that, the Winside and Hoskins Centennial books. I have to be careful when I use any of these, I get homesick!

My tattered copy of the Betty Crocker, purchased with green stamps when I knew I was really going to marry a farmer! And next to it, the Farm Journal's Country cook book, a soft cover that is also quite tattered. Well, there are leaves falling out of the Betty Crocker.

There are a couple published by the Nebraska Association of Bed and Breakfasts. An Angel cook book done by the folks in Schuyler when they were raising money for a chapel at the nursing home. It's thick! The Big Farmer ordered it for me for Christmas because I collected angels. And there is a beautiful one from the Germans from Russia folks here in the South Bottoms in Lincoln.



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

One very special one was done by a woman who had ALS and could only move her head, so she had a special computer on which she printed the recipes!

What kind of patience would that take?

And you know what? The one I use the most, and it never gets on the shelf, is one called I'm Writing my Own Cook Book, in which I've hand written all the best ones, through the years, from my Mom and from friends. Believe me, it's really tattered!

But you should see my lovely, clean, orderly shelves. For now!!

Nebraska Farm Bureau president comments on 'Trade War' tariffs

LINCOLN, NEB. – "President Trump's plans to place U.S. tariffs on imported steel and aluminum presents a real and viable threat to the future of U.S. agricultural trade and the prosperity of American agriculture.

History has shown us that these types of actions lead to retaliation from our trade partners that ultimately destabilize markets for agricultural commodities; markets that Nebraska's farmers and ranchers depend upon for their livelihoods."

"Today, more than 30 percent of U.S. gross farm income is derived from our ability to export agricultural commodities. Retaliatory actions will most certainly target U.S. agricultural commodities, many of which are produced here in Nebraska. Contrary to the president's assertions, trade wars are not good and they are not easy to win."

"Since the president's inauguration, we have been consistent in our message that trade is critical to agriculture and that any actions taken by this administration should 'do no harm' to the significant gains that have been made in agricultural trade. We urge the president to rethink this dangerous course of action that could have long-lasting negative impacts to an already struggling U.S. agricultural economy and the farm and ranch families that will feel the real consequences of lost markets."



The Nebraska Farm Bureau is a grassroots, state-wide organization dedicated to supporting farm and ranch families and working for the benefit of all Nebraskans through a wide variety of educational, service and advocacy efforts.

More than 61,000 families across Nebraska are Farm Bureau members, working together to achieve rural and urban prosperity as agriculture is a key fuel to Nebraska's economy. For more information about Nebraska Farm Bureau and agriculture, visit www.nesfb.org.

UNL Extension Board - Wayne County meeting planned

The Nebraska Extension Board in Wayne County will meet on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Wayne County Courthouse in Wayne. The 5:45 pm meeting is open to the public. An agenda is available at the Extension Office, 510 Pearl Street, Suite C, Wayne for public inspection during normal business hours.

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