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## Foote comes back to Wayne Community Schools as foundation director

By Sarah Lentz  
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The Wayne Community Schools Foundation has named a new executive director after the departure of Lindsay McLaughlin. Brandon Foote started his new position with the foundation on Monday, Aug. 27 and is ready to hit the ground running.

For the Foote family, Brandon, his wife Staci and their three children, moving to Wayne was a sort of homecoming. Both Brandon and Staci, maiden name Daum, are Wayne Community Schools alumni, graduating in 2006 and 2008, respectively.

Until July, the Foote family was living in South Sioux City. Brandon was working at Briar Cliff University as the sports information officer and Staci was teaching at the elementary school in South Sioux. After a big life event, the Footes began to look for ways to get closer to their old home town and family.

"This March we had twin boys, so that brought our total to three kids—all boys, the other one's a three year old and since she (Staci, who's now teaching kindergarten at Wayne Elementary) and I are both from Wayne, it was time to get a little closer to home and this was a great opportunity that

came open," Foote said.

Foote said he is excited to begin his role as executive director. A self-proclaimed "people-person," Foote is looking forward to networking with community members and working with local businesses to ensure students are getting a rich experience during their time in Wayne Community Schools.

"We really want to support the entire experience for the kids," Foote said. "We don't want to pigeonhole ourselves with just athletics or band or academics. We want to be able to say that we can help anybody and really give the kids the best experience they

can have while in the Wayne Community Schools system."



Brandon Foote

Foote also wants to highlight the foundation's best assets—the students.

"Another thing I really want to push is our presence on social media, get our aware-

ness up in the community and let people know what we're doing and what the kids in school are doing and to show that they contribute to the community," Foote said.

The Wayne Community Schools Foundation board of directors hired Foote, and Wayne superintendent, Mark Lenihan is happy with the hire.

"We're really excited," Lenihan said. "We think Brandon's going to do a great job and keep up the good work that Lindsay McLaughlin started."

Lenihan credits Foote's comfort in the community and his positivity with making him a good fit for the job and said he looks forward to continuing projects like the classroom grant program and fundraising for things like scholarships, with Foote at the helm of the foundation.

Foote's homecoming has him happy to delve into his new position.

"I'm excited to start digging in and seeing what we can build on," Foote said.

For more information about the Wayne Community Schools Foundation, visit [waynecommunityschoolsfoundation.com](http://waynecommunityschoolsfoundation.com) and follow the foundation's Facebook page.

## Taste of Victory cook-off scheduled for Wayne vs. Arlington football game

This year is the fifth time that the Wayne Area Economic Development (WAED) office is pairing up with "celebrity chefs" to raise money for the Wayne Community Schools Foundation for the Taste of Victory Tailgate. Friday, Sept. 7, from 5:45 until kickoff of the Wayne versus Arlington football game, the public can sample tailgate cuisine and vote for the best chef.

In previous years, people voted for their favorite local celebrity chef with their dollars, placing money in the bucket of the their vote for the best. This year, guests are asked to make a free will donation at

the gate. From there, hungry tailgaters will be given a ticket to place in the bucket of the best chef. All of the proceeds will go to the Wayne Community Schools Foundation and the winning chef will receive \$50 in Chamber Bucks.

This year's event will feature dishes prepared by local chefs Adam Endicott from Pac N Save, Karissa Hays, Corby Schweers from Elkhorn Valley Bank and Trust, Emilie Osten from F&M Bank, Molly Redden, Ameriprise Financial Rath, Walling & Associates, and Michelle Virgil representing WAED.

Last year, the Taste of Victory Tailgate brought in \$1,326.64 for the foundation. Abby Schademann, WAED marketing, events and tourism coordinator, is looking forward to raising money for Wayne schools again this year.

"We encourage people to come out and support the tailgate," Schademann said. "All the proceeds go to the Wayne Community Schools Foundation and it's a great way for us to partner with the schools and for people to show their support and to watch the game."

## Wayne to host Husker Hometown Tailgate

Nebraska Children's Home Society is celebrating 125 years of "Putting children first in everything we believe, say and do."

The agency offers adoption, foster care, family support and early childhood education services to those in need without asking for payment.



In observance of this anniversary, a Husker Hometown Tailgate event is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 22.

The event will take place at the Wayne City Auditorium and will begin one hour prior to the kick off of the Nebraska-Michigan football game. It will include food, a cash bar, silent and live auctions and raffles.

Community members are invited to purchase tickets and attend the event or get involved in other ways, such as becoming a sponsor at several levels, donating to the auctions or offer gift certificates or gift cards to local businesses.

A number of local families have used the

services of Nebraska Children's Home Society (NCHS). Two of those families have shared their stories, as well as how they continue to be involved with NCHS, in an effort to help create awareness of both NCHS and the upcoming fund-raiser.

### Mike and Tara Hassler

"From the day we were married, we knew we wanted our own family. That much was clear. What followed was a long and difficult journey. Over the course of seven years we saw multiple doctors and spent over \$70,000 to only find out that having children of our own was not meant to be.

"So what next? We knew we still wanted to have a family so we started to look into the avenue of adoption. There were numerous options. The only problem is they all wanted money from us to place a child into our home. On the low end, local agencies were seeking \$12,000 and up. The foreign route could cost us anywhere from \$30,000 to \$100,000 to adopt a child from overseas. We were immediately discouraged as we had pretty much spent our life savings on medical treatments to only come up empty handed. Our dream grew bleak.

"That is when we heard about the Nebraska Children's Home Society. We traveled to Omaha, sat in on an informational meeting, and realized there was still hope. Through them we could apply to adopt. The cost was

simply to pay our lawyer fees when it came time to finalize our adoption. Not only that, the services that NCHS provided educated us every step of the way, and prepared us for the journey that we would hopefully begin to undertake soon.

On Feb. 29, 2016 (Leap Day), we got our call. On March 2 we met with the birth mother under the guidance of the NCHS staff. On March 3 we were headed back to Wayne with our new daughter, Laura Hannah Marie Hassler.

"Without the Nebraska Children's Home Society our dream would never have become a reality. There are numerous adoption stories just like ours just in the community of Wayne, and even more across the greater state of Nebraska. For 125 years the Nebraska Children's Home Society has been the champion for kids in our state.

"Two and a half years later we couldn't imagine our life without our daughter Laura. Our road was meant to meet up with her, that we do not doubt. NCHS never asked a dime from us. What they did ask us to do is become advocates for them and donate our time and talents. Mike is an artist and has donated Nebraska Cornhusker artwork he has created to be auctioned off at NCHS events. Tara initiated a diaper/baby supply drive two years ago that brought in over \$1,000 in supplies to help out single mothers in need.

"That leads us up to now, and our most current venture. With the help of NCHS we will be hosting a "Husker Hometown Tailgate" fund-raiser at the Wayne City Auditorium. We will watch the Nebraska vs. Michigan game, enjoy good food from the 4th Jug, and have a silent and live auction as well as raffles to help celebrate 125 years of the Nebraska Children's Home Society. Through your generosity, we hope that funds raised from this event can help future couples in our shoes realize their dream."

### Dominic and Wendy Consoli

"We adopted Aidan 16 years ago. Our way of coming to Nebraska Children's Home Society was a little different. Our son's birth mom went through the physician's list of couples who were wanting to adopt.

"We were chosen and then we contacted Nebraska Children's Home to help with the process. They were very supportive, provided education, meetings between us and the birth mom, home visits, etc. We formed a great relationship with his birth mom for about six months prior to the birth. The adoption has always been an open adoption and our son and his birth mom have a very close relationship - she is part of our family.

"We have given back through donations to the Little Red Stocking fundraising which helps support and unite families through adoption. When our son was just an infant, his birth mother and I (Wendy) participated on a panel that answered questions to help develop a curriculum to provide information regarding choices and support for teen pregnancy.

"We are happy to help with this fundraiser and excited that it is being held in Wayne.

"The Nebraska Children's Home Society is a wonderful organization which helped answer our prayers of becoming parents."



(Photo by Sarah Lentz)

## 'Please touch'

A sight rarely seen in art exhibits, "please touch" signs are hanging near most of the pieces currently on display at the Nordstrand Visual Art Gallery at Wayne State College. Two college students are testing out one of the pieces of artist Jay Kreimer's "Listening Materials" collection. Kreimer has crafted unique musical instruments from discarded, everyday objects

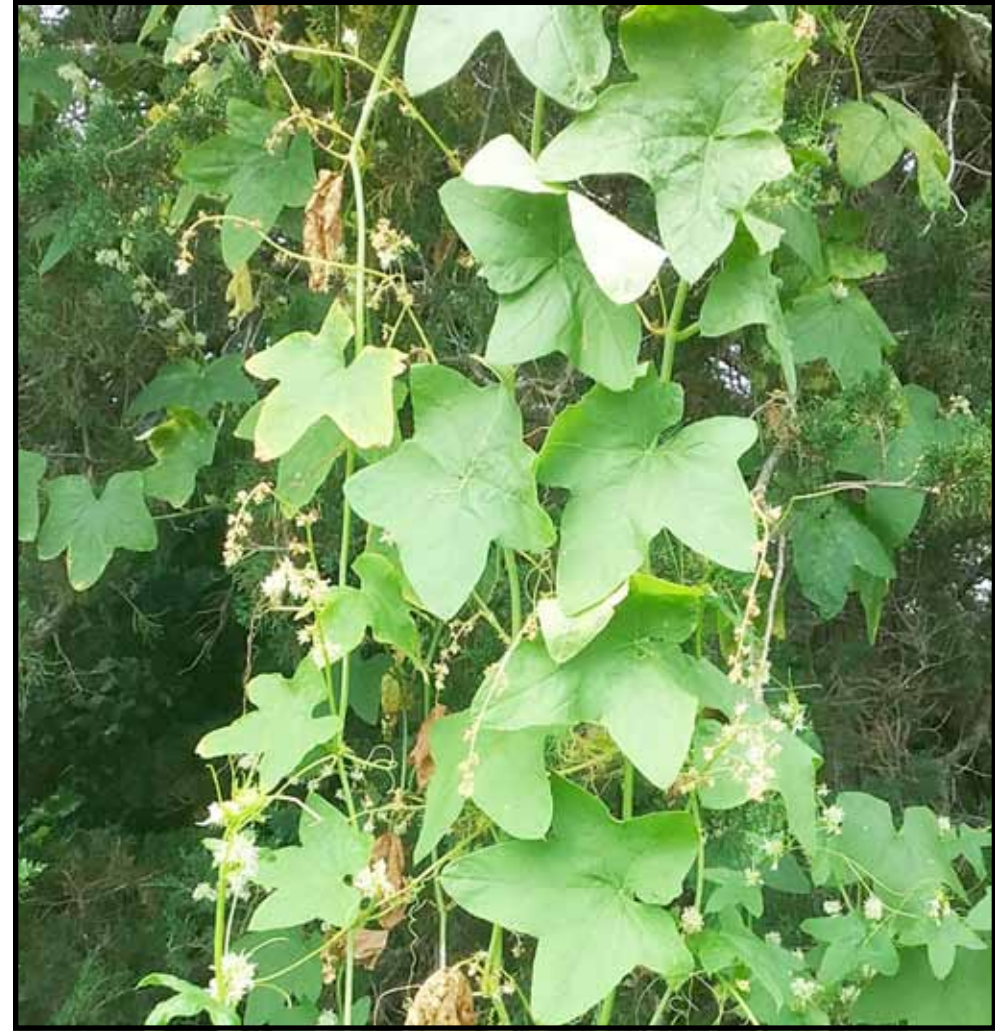
## Native cucumber vine growing 'Wild' in Nebraska

By Steve Rasmussen,  
Nebraska Forest Service  
District Forester

With all the moisture this year some of your trees and shrubs may be getting covered by a long vine with yellowgreenish-white flowers. It might seem like the vine overtakes the landscape or windbreak plants overnight.

It is wild cucumber, *Echinocystis lobata*, and it seems there is a bumper crop this year. It is an annual, native to most of North America, and grows best in moist low lying areas, woodlands, and areas with some shade. In our area, this includes along windbreaks.

The vines grow 25 to 30 feet long with tendrils that coil around anything they touch. During years like this with additional rains and moisture in June, this plant shows up growing "wild".



Wild cucumber sprouts from seed in early summer. It is a fast-growing annual and is often not noticed until it begins to engulf trees and shrubs. Once it blooms, as it has these past few weeks, it becomes even more obvious. The star-shaped leaves resemble a maple leaf and have 5 to 7 pointed lobes, alternately placed on the stem. The seed pods are oval and grow up to 2 inches long. They are covered with sharp spines that, when ripe, burst open to disperse four flat spindle-shaped brown or black seeds.

Although usually considered a weed, wild cucumber is sometimes used in the landscape. Because it grows so quickly, it is fast covering for a pergola, arbor, or along a fence or low structure. In addition, the flowers are prolific and quite fragrant. However, the owner needs to be ready for frequent and drastic pruning to control the growth of the vine and keep it from spreading to unwanted areas. When the pods are ripe, they burst open and expel the seeds as soon as they are dry, so they must be bagged or plucked off before they mature if you do not want this to spread.

If wild cucumber is a weed in your landscape, it is easy to control. Although not considered invasive, because it is native to Nebraska, it certainly is aggressive and will take over trees and bushes.

- If possible, pull or hoe the plants early - as soon as they are found. The seedlings look exactly like garden cucumbers. If they are more established, repeated mowing before they set seeds will keep them in check. If they have progressed to the point that they are growing up into trees and bushes, simply pull them out and discard them. They are shallow rooted and can be easily pulled out of the ground. Ideally, get them out BEFORE they go to seed. This will reduce the number of plants in the area over time.

- Chemical controls may be used when necessary. Glyphosate, the active ingredient in post-emergent herbicides such as Round-Up can be used if it is carefully applied to the vine and not allowed to get on green tissue of the desired tree/shrub. A 2 - 4 percent solution can carefully be used around trees as it will not be absorbed by the roots in the soil or brown bark. However, it also kills almost anything green and growing that it touches, so take care to keep it off desired plants. Always read and follow directions when using any chemical control.





# Tourism Commission visits Wayne, Cuming counties

Wayne and Cuming County economic development offices had the opportunity to host members of the Nebraska Tourism Commission Friday, Aug. 24. Executive director, John Ricks and members of his staff toured a variety of attractions throughout northeast Nebraska.

Recently, the State has been working to increase tourism in the Cornhusker State. Abby Schademmann, marketing, events and tourism coordinator for the Wayne Economic Development and Visitors Bureau, and Kelly Gentrup, executive director for Cuming County Economic Development, decided it

would be good to show the commission that northeast Nebraska has plenty of tourism appeal.

"We thought it'd be a good idea to get them (Ricks and staff) posted up here since we knew that John Ricks had never been up in this area before, so we extended an invitation," Shademmann said.

That invitation brought Ricks and staff to West Point to see the community theatre there, Bancroft to tour the John G. Neihardt State Historic Site, to Wisner to eat at Lantz's Steakhouse, and to Wayne to see the Beaumont Event and Concert Hall and Johnnie Byrd

Brewery. The group also heard from Lukas Rix with 1912 Emporium, Rustic Treasures and Thrift Warehouse and Yasuko Taoka with Wayne State College, about how tourism is benefiting the community.

According to Schademmann, the day spent between the two counties was a successful one.

"They were very impressed with what Wayne County has going on, as well as what's going on in Cuming County, so that's really nice to know that since it was their first time here," Schademmann said.



(Photo courtesy Haven House)

**Pictured are the Haven House Board Members with retired Judge Bob Ensz and his wife Debbie. Left back row: Jeff Wunder manager of Viaero, Chief Ed Mahon of South Sioux City police department, Debbie and Bob Ensz, Amy Munderloh Haven House executive director. Front row: Domenic Consoli Wayne police department, Laura Dendinger Haven House board chair and Wayne State College professor, Susie Koranda vice president of Security Bank of Laurel, Pat Browning adjunct professor at Wayne State College and Jean Sturm of State Nebraska Bank and Trust.**

## Haven House receives sizable donation from founding board member

Haven House Family Services Center received a donation from one of its founding board members, retired judge Robert Ensz.

Ensz was not only a founding Board member, but also helped develop the agency by serving on the board from 1979 to 1990, and from 1993 to 1994. Some 40 years later, Ensz is still supporting and helping the agency grow by giving a \$5,000 donation towards its new building fund.

Haven House moved to its new location 215 West 2nd Street on Aug. 1. The building was move-in ready,

which helped the agency have a seamless transition from the previous location on 409 Dearborn Street to the former Magnuson-Hopkins Eye Care Clinic building. The volunteers that helped move did a "phenomenal job, namely, Wayne State Football Team, Ameritas, First National Bank Card Center and various community members," according to Haven House executive director, Amy Munderloh.

The new location is going to help the agency expand services and increase the quality of those services by having specialized intake/case

management rooms for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Due to the generosity of area businesses and community members throughout the service area, Haven House is nearly halfway to its capital campaign goal of \$300,000.

Haven House is a non-profit agency that serves domestic violence and sexual assault survivors in Wayne, Dakota, Dixon, Thurston and Cedar counties. For more information about the agency, visit [havenhousefsc.org](http://havenhousefsc.org), e-mail [hh@havenhousefsc.org](mailto:hh@havenhousefsc.org) or call (402) 375-5433.



(Photo courtesy WAED office)

**Members of the Nebraska State Tourism Commission visited Wayne and Cuming counties. From left to right: Micheal Collins, tourism development consultant, Alex Duryea, tourism development consultant, Jenn Gjerde, marketing manager, Erin Lenz, public information officer, John Ricks, executive director, Erin Wirth, tourism development consultant.**

## 'Feed' for a good cause at Runza

Tuesday, Sept. 4, Runza Restaurants will conduct the inaugural Runza Feeds the Need fundraiser. Ten percent of sales from all locations all day will benefit hunger and food insecurity related efforts in each community. Locally, Runza Feeds the Need will benefit the Wayne Community Schools Foundation.

Runza decided to start this

wide-ranging fundraiser to help end food scarcity. According to a press release from the company, in Runza territory, 1 in 6 children may not know when or where their next meal will come from.

"Kids struggling to get enough to eat are more likely to have problems in school and other social situations and are at higher risk for health conditions like

anemia and asthma," Becky Perrett, Director of Marketing for Runza National said. "As a company in the food industry, we are very aware of the importance of food and basic nutrition in everyone's lives."

For more information about Wayne's Runza Feeds the Need event, contact Brandon Foote at (402) 375-3150.

## Dixon County Historical Society holds meeting

Sharon Boeckenhauer, President Pro-tem, presided over the Aug. 21 meeting of the Dixon County Historical Society. Eleven members were in attendance.

The treasurer's report was given and bills paid. The secretary's minutes were read and approved.

Jody Anderson of Dixon did some research on the site of the UME Church in Dixon before the meeting. Jody and her husband, Darrel, have purchased the building on this site and opened a shop called Paper Moon Primitives. She is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Craig Enster was scheduled to be

the Aug. 25 Saturday Night at the Museum. He was to talk about ferries on the Missouri River.

There will be one more Saturday Night at the Museum this summer. It is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. with speaker Eric Ruedberg telling about his visits to the sites of The Biggest Things in the World, such as the biggest ball of string, during his world travels with his job.

Gloria Oberg had five genealogy queries this month.

Randall Carlson received the Ak-Sar-Ben Century Farm Award at the Dixon County Fair for the Carlson Family Farm.

The Heritage Museum Network fall meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Creighton Historical Center in Creighton.

Dayna (Kimbell) MacDannald of Lafayette, Calif., daughter of Dale Kimbell, toured the museum and donated her father's football sweater and his class of 1935 photo album.

Sharon and Roger Boeckenhauer opened the museum for Merrill Tunnicliff of Clarinda, Iowa to do genealogical research. She found helpful information and especially appreciated the obituary file.

Following the meeting, coffee and conversation were enjoyed by attendees.

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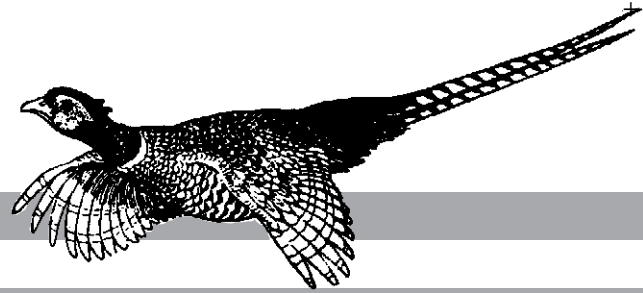
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# Sports

## Baldwin duo claim club championship honors

By Kevin Peterson  
Of the Herald

A rain soaked day didn't do much to dampen the play of Joey Baldwin during the annual club tournament at Wayne Country Club recently. Finding his way to the winners circle was also a familiar trek as he claimed his fifth straight club title after a 4-under par, 27-hole score of 104. It was Baldwin's eighth career championship in the 10 years he has played.



**Joey Baldwin-Men's club champion**

"It wasn't ideal playing conditions but I felt pretty good about being able to block it out and just grind it out," Baldwin said. He played exceptionally well on the front nine despite a 90-minute weather delay shortly after he began his round. "I had a par on the first hole and was on the green on the par five second hole in two when the horn sounded to halt play," Baldwin said. "After play resumed I made the eagle putt and then birdied holes three and four to go four-under heading to the fifth hole."

In fact he nearly had an unblemished front nine except for hole number nine which in his words he butchered. "I took a double bogey on that hole and there was really no reason for it," he added. "No penalty strokes but I hit a tree on my second shot and then managed a three-putt once I got on the green." He still finished the front side at two-under 34.

The back started with a birdie on 10 before a missed short putt on hole 11 which resulted in one of two bogeys on the backside. He birdied the par five, 13th hole and then birdied the long par four on number 14. He closed out the opening round with a bogey on hole 18 for a three-under 69.

The closest competitor was another familiar player that has taken many trips to the winners circle, Doug Rose. However, this time Doug was six strokes back in what looked to be a daunting task, running a golfer with the talent of Joey Baldwin down from six strokes back with just nine holes to play. Over the final nine holes the closest anyone got to Baldwin was five strokes after Rose birdied the first hole. The final margin was seven strokes with Rose finishing runner-up at 111, three over par. Mike Varley finished third in the championship with a 114 and Andi Diediker placed fourth at 115 in his first Wayne Club Championship appearance.

There were six other flight winners with Ryan Dahl winning the first flight with a 75 followed by Ryan Hix with 81 and Brad Hansen, 82. Matt Eischeid placed fourth with 83. The second flight was won by Kelly Hansen with an 80 with Doug Carroll taking the tie-breaker for runner-up honors with an 83. Randy Gamble and Adam Diediker also carded 83's but finished third and fourth, respectively.

Dave Diediker captured the third flight with an 83 while Mike Powicki garnered runner-up honors after an 84. Rich Rethwisch was third at 87 taking the tie-breaker from Chuck Parker. Ron Carnes was the fourth flight winner with a 91 while Darin Jensen finished second at 93. Dave Peitz won a tie-breaker with Kevin Peterson for third place honors.

Adam Endicott fired an 85 to claim the fifth flight with Curtis Hansen placing second with a 90 and Rob Burrows, third at 91. Bill Sharpe finished fourth after carding a 93. The final flight was won by Don Koeber with a net score of 68.6. He grossed a 102 but the final flight was netted because of a large gap in handicaps. Casey Schroeder was runner-up with a net score of 69.4 and gross score of 95 while Dick Hitchcock finished third with a net of 71.5 and gross of 100. Fourth place honors went to Bill Kinney with a net of 72.3 and gross score of 98.

In women's play Kari Baldwin returned to the winners circle to compete for bragging rights in the Baldwin household, edging Jesse Jensen for the women's club title in a playoff. Both carded 87's but Baldwin parred the first hole in the playoff while Jensen took bogey which settled the matter. The win was the seventh club championship in her name. Nancy Endicott and Ann Kinney also competed in the first flight.



**Kari Baldwin-Women's club champion**

The second flight was won by Sue Denton with a 98 while Natalie Endicott finished runner-up and Karen Kwapnioski garnered third. In the 9-hole division it was Michele Nelson claiming top honors with Bailey Munter placing second.



(Photo courtesy Kevin Petersen)

Ann Kinney rolls in a put on hole 6 at the annual Club Championships.

### Flight winners



**Ryan Dahl-  
First flight winner**



**Kelly Hansen-  
Second flight winner**



**Dave Diediker-  
Third flight winner**



**Ron Carnes-  
Fourth flight winner**



**Adam Endicott-  
Fifth flight winner**



**Don Koeber-  
Sixth flight winner**



**Sue Denton-  
Flight winner**



(Photo courtesy Kevin Petersen)

Keri Baldwin hitting her shot on hole 6 to the green. Both Baldwin and her husband Joey claimed the championship spots.



(Photo courtesy Kevin Petersen)

Mike Varley, who placed third in the annual Club Championship teeing off on hole 4 at the Wayne Country Club.



(Photo courtesy Kevin Petersen)

Joey Baldwin tees off on hole number 8 during the championship round of the annual club tournament.



(Photo courtesy Kevin Petersen)

Doug Rose battled to a runner-up finish in the club tournament.



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### Friday night selfies

A group of neon-clad Wayne High School students gather behind Emma Walling for a selfie in the stands during Friday's season-opening football clash between Wayne and Wahoo. While a good time was had by all in the student section, such was not the case for the Blue Devil football team as they dropped a 16-0 decision to the third-ranked Warriors.

## Blue Devils win pool at LPS Classic

The Wayne Blue Devils should maintain their Class C No. 1 ranking after a 3-0 day in their pool at the Lincoln Public Schools Classic at Doris Bair Park.

The Blue Devils opened with a 9-3 win over Lincoln Pius, who finished third in Class A last year, then dominated Columbus 12-2 before finishing with a 5-2 win over North Platte to improve to 8-0 on the season.

In the opener, Sidney Biggerstaff followed Tori Kniesche's double

run single that scored Claussen and Masyn Dorey. Tori Kniesche added a two-run double to score Schulz and Annie Kniesche, Biggerstaff doubled home Nicole Fertig and Ankeny ended the game with an infield single that scored Biggerstaff.

Biggerstaff, Ankeny and Tori Kniesche each had two hits and Ankeny, Fleming, Tori Kniesche and Annie Kniesche each had two RBIs to lead a nine-hit attack. Biggerstaff, Ankeny and Fleming each scored two runs. Kendall Dorey

on. Kniesche experienced some back pain and was replaced after three innings with freshman Kendall Dorey, while Breiner followed in the fifth inning after being hit in the arm by a line drive.

It was in the fifth when both teams did all the scoring, with O'Neill breaking the ice on a bloop double by Chloe Scott that brought home the first run of the game.

Wayne sent 12 batters to the plate in the bottom of the inning and put



(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions)

Allison Claussen lines a double off the wall during Wayne's 9-1 win over O'Neill on Tuesday. The Blue Devils are 8-0 and ranked first in the state.

with a two-run homer to center field to give the Blue Devils the early lead, then made it 5-0 in the second when Josie Thompson walked and scored on a Kendall Dorey ground-out and Annie Kniesche followed with a double to score Masyn Dorey.

Pius got to within 5-3 after five innings, but Wayne put it away in the sixth with four runs. Kayla Fleming scored Aliah Schulz on a fielder's choice, Allison Claussen followed with a two-run double that plated Abby Ankeny and Fleming, and Masyn Dorey singled Claussen home to give Wayne the win.

Masyn Dorey and Tori Kniesche each had two hits and Biggerstaff and Claussen each drove in two runs to highlight a 10-hit effort. Kniesche struck out 11 and walked five while scattering five hits.

Against Columbus, Wayne used two big innings to take care of the Discoverers, starting with a four-run second inning. Ankeny doubled home Tori Kniesche, Fleming followed with a two-run single to plate Biggerstaff and Ankeny, and Thompson grounded out to score Fleming.

Columbus got two in the third to keep it close, but Wayne erupted for eight runs in the fourth to end the game on the 10-run rule.

The scoring started when Ankeny and Fleming both scored on errors, followed by Annie Kniesche's two-

throw a two-hitter, striking out four and walking four.

In the win over North Platte, Wayne took advantage of a Bulldog error to score in the first inning, then made it 2-0 in the second when Kendall Dorey sent Thompson home with a single.

North Platte got a run in the top of the fourth, but Wayne came right back with three in the bottom of the inning. Tori Kniesche singled home Virginia Kniesche, and Biggerstaff followed with a triple that scored Fertig and Annie Kniesche. North Platte got a run in the sixth, but it wasn't enough as Wayne finished the day as the only undefeated team in their four-team pool.

Tori Kniesche had three hits and Fleming added two as Wayne out-hit North Platte 9-4. Biggerstaff and Kendall Dorey each had two RBIs. Kniesche struck out 13 in 4 2/3 innings of work before turning pitching duties over to Kendall Dorey, who picked up her first career save.

In a game that saw both teams' starting pitchers leave early due to injury, the Blue Devils defeated O'Neill 9-1 in a five-inning match-up Tuesday at the Summer Sports Complex.

It was a good pitching matchup between Tori Kniesche and O'Neill's Morgan Breiner, as both were able to silence the opposing offense early

up nine runs to end the game on the eight-run rule. A two-run single by Annie Kniesche scored Claussen and Schulz, who was pinch-running for relief pitcher Kendall Dorey, to give Wayne the lead for good. An RBI double by Biggerstaff, two passed balls and a Fleming single that scored Josie Thompson highlighted the big inning. Fleming came home on a fielder's choice to end the game.

Biggerstaff and Fleming each had two hits and Biggerstaff and Claussen both had doubles for the 5-0 Blue Devils. Annie Kniesche drove in two runs and Fleming scored twice.

Dorey got the win in relief of Kniesche, pitching two innings and striking out four while walking two and allowing two hits. Kniesche struck out five and gave up no hits in three innings to start the game.

In JV action, Wayne beat O'Neill 15-0 in three innings. Schulz scored three runs and Fertig, Amara Hurlbert and Taytum Sweetland each scored twice. Kendall Dorey struck out nine in three innings.

Wayne was on the Tuesday with a triangular at Wahoo Neumann, facing the Cavaliers and Highway 91. They play at Columbus Lakeview on Tuesday before returning home for a Sept. 6 matchup against Tekamah-Herman.

*5th Annual  
Taste of Victory Tailgate*

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18	29.5	43	29.5
4	29	30	29
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5	26	28	26.5
2	25.5	46	26.5
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*Wildcat hoops headed to Pinnacle Bank Arena*

The Lincoln Journal Star reported early Wednesday that the Wayne State men's basketball team will face the University of Nebraska in an exhibition game at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

The UNL website indicates an exhibition game with Wayne State on Thursday, Nov. 1 at Pinnacle Bank Arena. A start time has not been announced by the UNL athletic department.

This is the second time a Wayne State basketball team has played Nebraska in an exhibition in recent years. The women's team played Nebraska during the 2014-15 season. It is also the second exhibition the Wayne State men have played against an in-state Div. I opponent. They played Creighton in an exhibition last year.

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# Blue Devils debut with 16-0 loss to Wahoo

By MICHAEL CARNES  
For The Herald

Wayne's defense shut down third-ranked Wahoo offense, so the Warriors turned to its defense to save the day.

Miscues by a young Blue Devil offense were utilized by the visiting Warriors' defense, who set up one touchdown, recorded another and forced a safety to help them come away with a 16-0 win in a rematch of last year's Class C-1 state quarterfinal matchup Friday at Wayne State College's Memorial Stadium.

Wayne's defense was solid from start to finish, limiting the Warriors to just 143 yards in total offense.

"Definitely, the defense played great and I was proud of the effort the kids played with," coach Russ Plager said after the game. "We're playing at top-notch team that could be in the championship at the end of the season. I know we have a lot of young kids playing on offense and we're only going to keep getting better every week, but if we get that kind of defensive effort I can't wait to see what we're like (at the end of the season)."

The Warriors got the short field early in the game after an errant snap on a punt put them in great field position inside the Wayne 20-yard line. Zane Bennett hit paydirt a few plays later, cutting back to the right and scoring from 15 yards out to give Wahoo a 7-0 advantage.

Wayne's offense struggled throughout the night, and Wahoo had numerous chances to blow out the Blue Devils, spending most of the first half on Wayne's side of the field.

Wayne's defense stepped up, however, and after the Warriors missed two field goals and three fourth-down conversions, the score remained 7-0 at intermission.

Midway through the third quarter, Wahoo's defense rose to the occasion as Grant Kolterman stepped in front of a Tyrus Eischeid pass

and ran it back for a short touchdown to make it 14-0. The Warriors' defense put points on the board again early in the fourth, as a shotgun snap sailed over Eischeid's head and rolled out of the end zone for a safety.

fense held to preserve the shutout.

Blake Bartos was a highlight for the Blue Devil offense, stepping in for the injured Juan Vergara and finishing with 46 yards on 16 carries.

"We lost Juan, who was a

carry. Marcus Fertig was the leading receiver with 39 yards on four catches, while Anderson had 24 on two receptions and Bartos added 19 on two catches.

Defensively, Cade Janke led the team with 10 total tackles, includ-



(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions)

Blake Bartos races up field for Wayne during Friday's 16-0 loss to Wahoo in the season opener for both teams at Memorial Stadium.

"Offensively, we need to clean up some schemes, and you can't turn the ball over and have missed snaps," Plager said. "We shot ourselves in the foot all night, but once again when it comes down to it we played hard."

While Wayne's offense could manage only 131 yards in total offense on the night, it did show signs of life late in the fourth quarter. Eischeid was knocked out of the game after a hard tackle by a Wahoo defender, and Tyler Gilliland was able to get Wayne as close as the Wahoo 10-yard line before the Warrior de-

1,000-yard rusher for us last year, and Blake really ran tough," Plager said. "He's a good little back and has good vision, and if we can clean up some things up some things up front and get him released a little quicker, that would be great. But that was a good defense up front that we saw tonight."

Eischeid finished the game 4-of-9 for 53 yards, while Gilliland was 4-of-7 for 29 yards. Bartos led the ground attack with 46 yards on 16 carries, with Casey Koenig adding 18 yards on seven tries and Kaleb Anderson recording 12 yards on one

ing four solos. K. Hardenbrook had seven tackles, three of them solos, Victor Kniesche had two solos and eight assists and Reid Korth had two solo tackles and seven assists.

The Blue Devils, 0-1, will travel to O'Neill for a 7 p.m. game on Friday, and Plager hopes to clean up some of the offensive miscues and get the Wayne team back on the winning track.

"Our defense has improved dramatically, so we just have to go in and clean some things up," he said. "We'll prepare like we do every single week, no matter who's on the schedule and whether they're 0-9 or 9-0. We'll strap it up and play hard."

Wahoo 16,	Wayne 0	
Wayne 0	0	0
0	—	0
Wahoo 7	0	7
2	—	16

Scoring Summary  
WAHOO — Zane Bennett 14 run (Jesus Zaragoza kick)

WAHOO — Grant Kolterman interception return (Zaragoza kick)

WAHOO — Team safety.



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Reid Korth (on turf) hangs on to Wahoo quarterback Cooper Hancock's leg for dear life as teammates rush in to help, including Casey Koenig (30), Drew Buck (66) and Cade Janke (58). The Wayne defense played very well, but the Blue Devils couldn't stop the preseason-ranked Warriors from leaving town with a 16-0 win Friday.



## WSC volleyball back in top 25 after 4-0 weekend

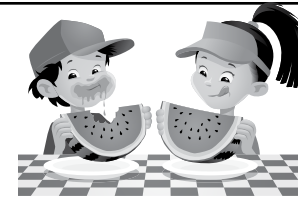
After not being in the rankings for the preseason for the first time since 2009, the Wayne State volleyball team is ranked 20th in the first regular-season American Volleyball Coaches Association Division II Top 25 Coaches' Poll. While not in the preseason rankings, the Wildcats have been ranked in every regular season national coaches poll dating back to Sept. 28, 2009.

Wayne State opened the season over the weekend going 4-0 at the Embry-Riddle Tournament in Florida, posting 3-0 wins over Westminster (Utah), Lynn (Fla.), Valdosta State (Ga.) and host Embry-Riddle.

Wayne State is one of six Northern Sun Conference schools in this week's top 25. Other NSIC teams include No. 1 Minnesota Duluth, No. 2 Concordia-St. Paul, No. 7 Northern State, No. 8 Southwest Minnesota State and No. 22 Augustana. Other Central Region teams in the top 25 include No. 5 Nebraska-Kearney, No. 14 Central Missouri, No. 19 Central Oklahoma and No. 21 Missouri Western.

The Wildcats travel to Durant, Okla., this weekend for the Southeastern Oklahoma State Tourna-

ment on Friday and Saturday, facing Southern Nazarene and East Central (Okla.) Friday and Southeastern Oklahoma State and No. 19 Central Oklahoma Saturday.



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## Soil health and manure events held in South Dakota

By **Leslie Johnson**, Haskell Ag Lab

I had the opportunity to attend the North American Manure Expo and an adjacent meeting of the Soil Health Nexus in Brookings, S.D. on Aug. 14-16.

The Manure Expo draws people from all over the United States and Canada that work with manure, including extension educators, professional manure applicators, livestock producers, and government agencies such as NRCS. The Soil Health Nexus is a group of educators from 12 states in the north central part of the United States. This group consists primarily of extension professionals, but also includes some others.

At the Soil Health Nexus meeting, I got acquainted with other people in the region who are working in the areas of manure and soil health, including some from Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, and Missouri.

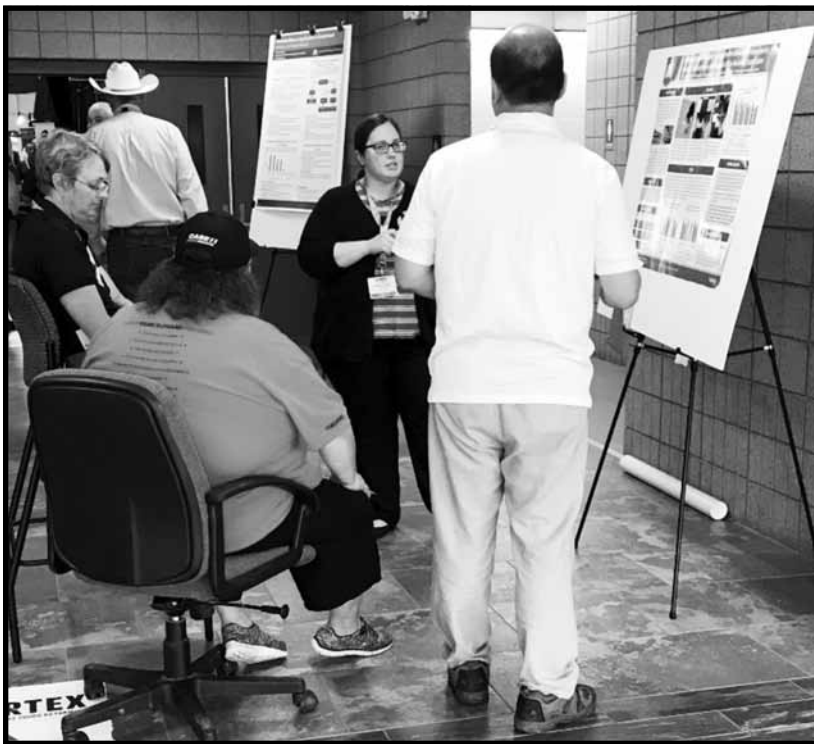
During that meeting, Jacob Ness spoke about the Soil Health Partnership, an initiative of the National Corn Growers Association, and the data they are collecting in cooperation with crop farmers doing on-farm research. Their network of farmers is growing each year, so annually they are gathering more data on how certain practices affect the various aspects of soil health. They are just getting started analyzing their data, so look for more information from them in the future. The Soil Health Nexus team hopes to share findings when they become available in the future.

Their website to obtain more information is: <http://soilhealthnexus.org>.

onstrations using tools that I already have and I gained a few more tools while I was there; I plan to

North Dakota. An estimated 1,200 people were in attendance, and the Expo featured many educational opportunities for those interested in manure handling and storage, including tours of area farms, educational presentations, demonstrations of compost turners, manure storage agitation equipment and both liquid and dry manure spreaders.

In helping plan the Expo, I led the effort to hold a student poster competition. The purpose of the poster competition was for students to share research they are doing directly with those who will benefit from it, including professional manure applicators, livestock producers and crop farmers. It was a unique opportunity for that reason because students usually only have the chance to share their research with other researchers or students. While the first student poster competition at the Expo was small, it was very well received by those in attendance and students were pleased with the discussions they had while competing and I look forward to continue in the future. Digital copies of the students' posters are available at: <http://articles.extension.org/58813>.



(Contributed photo) The North American Manure Expo was held recently in Brookings, S.D. and drew people from across the U.S.

Also during the Soil Health Nexus meeting, there were several fantastic demonstrations showing how to teach about water infiltration and runoff, soil erosion by water and wind, as well as soil aggregation comparing soils with different practices implemented. I learned many tips for teaching these dem-

use them for programs in the near future.

The North American Manure Expo is held annually and hosted by a different state or group of states each year. This year South Dakota hosted in Brookings with the help of surrounding states including Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and

I had a great time meeting other professionals with similar interests as myself. I look forward to the next North American Manure Expo, which will be held in Fair Oaks, Ind. on July 31 and Aug. 1, 2019. If you have to or choose to deal with manure and want to learn more, visit <http://manureexpo.org> regularly for updates or contact me as I plan to attend.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

**Champion pitch players**

Winners in the 2018 Stan Nelsen Partner Pitch Tournament at the Wayne County Fair were **Colin Brokaw (left)** and **Matt Topp (right)**. They are pictured with Stan's son, **Andy**.

## Hunting on state recreation areas begins Sept. 4

Hunters are reminded that state recreation areas (SRA) are closed to hunting until Sept. 4.

Several hunting seasons will be open during the Labor Day weekend. Archery deer, teal, dove, grouse and other small game seasons will be open Sept. 1. SRA regulations prohibit any hunting until the Tuesday following Labor Day. This year that date is Sept. 4.

Regulations state the portions of some SRAs are open to hunting from the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the end of the spring turkey hunting season, unless restricted. A park entry permit is required for vehicles entering the SRAs. Hunting is prohibited within

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The LENRD board voted, at their August meeting, to allow up to 2,500 acres of new groundwater irrigation development in the Hydrologically Connected or 10/50 Area, and to allow up to 2,500 acres of new ground-



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LENRD Assistant General Manager **Brian Bruckner** said, "The board voted to allow for the approval of standard variances district-wide, from areas that fall within the top five Potential for Development categories as provided on the Classification 4 Map provided by Flatwater Group."

Bruckner added, "The board suggested an annual limit on the amount of groundwater withdrawal from wells associated with approved variances, determined by board policy, which is subject to future modification if conditions warrant. In addition, a minimum soil score of 90 must be met for any standard variance to be considered for approval."

The board established a sign-up period to receive applications for Standard Variances. The district will receive applications for standard variances between Sept. 4 and Oct. 3, 2018.

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