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Commissioners hear roads, restoration project reports

For the second time in their new meeting space in the Wayne County courtroom, the Wayne County commissioners met on Tuesday, Oct. 16. During the meeting the commissioners heard from the county roads department and approved a series of requests from the Wayne County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Mark Casey, highway superintendent, spoke before the commissioners about multiple topics during the meeting. First of which was an update on Federal Aid Bridge Project no. BRO-7090(20), otherwise known as the Temme bridge. A bid was submitted by Herbst Construction for \$880,093.15. The commissioners approved the bid.

Casey also gave an update on the roads in regard to the Sholes energy project. Casey expressed to the commissioners his concern that NextEra has not been as forthcoming with their road work plans as the roads department would like. He told the commissioners that there has been road work done over weekends without notice, creating potential problems, especially with harvest in full swing.

"No matter what you do, the very first thing you have to think about is safety and everyone's safety," Casey said.

Casey presented correspondence he'd like to send NextEra in regards to the situation. Commissioner Randy Larson asked that Casey have Wayne County Attorney Michael Pieper look it over before sending.

Casey reported on the FEMA recovery meeting that he and commissioners Dean Burbach and Jim Rabe attended. The meeting was to handle June's flooding issues. There will be six different grant applications available.

The commissioners discussed the

Courthouse Exterior Restoration Project bid. There was no set insurance requirement on the project. There was some talk of requiring contractors to have catastrophic coverage. The commissioners, following the recommendation of project architects Berggren Architect, decided to only require the amount that the company had seen on other similar projects. This should keep bids lower and make contractors more likely to bid.

Lodging tax grant applications from the Wayne County Convention & Visitors Bureau were approved for the following:

- \$650 for Bressler-Fest
- \$1,000 for Our Savior Senior Ministry for Christmas with the Isaacs
- \$500 for Carroll Fire Department for the Fall Comedian Fundraiser
- \$1,000 to Wayne Area Economic Development (WAED) for Christmas on Main
- \$500 for Hoskins Woodland Park Rescue for the Omelet-Pancake Feed
- \$500 for Winside Public Schools Foundation for Craft Show and Tour of Homes
- \$1,000 for advertising in Nebraska Traveler for WAED
- \$250 for Northeast Housing Initiative for Taste of Home Show
- \$250 for Wayne Bark Park for Halloween Hounds Pet Parade
- \$500 for Christmas-N-Carroll Craft Show sponsored by the Carroll Fire Department
- \$1,500 for Wayne Blue Devils Booster Club for Holiday Basketball Tournament

The next Wayne County Commissioners meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 9 a.m. in the Wayne County courtroom.



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Blue Devils do it again

The Wayne High softball team comes together after beating Bishop Neumann 3-2 to claim the state title and finish off only the second undefeated season in state tournament history. The only other team to do it was the 2004 Wayne High championship team.

Council approves three ordinances, offers land for sale at meeting

By Clara Osten
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Several ordinances were approved and added to the city code during Tuesday's regular meeting of the Wayne City Council.

Third and final reading was held on Ordinance 2018-26, which will rezone an area of land known as Southview III Addition from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-2 (Residential).

Second reading approval was given and third reading was waved on Ordinance

2018-27 which amends the city code in regard to parks and campground rules.

Ordinance 2018-28 was approved and the three readings waived during the meeting. This ordinance deals with parking on terraces. Police Chief Marlen Chinn spoke on several changes he would like to see made in the ordinance to make it enforceable.

Two agenda items at the meeting involved the use of Main Street for the annual Christmas on Main/Parade of Lights on Thursday, Nov. 15.

A resolution was passed allowing the use of the street for the parade. In addition, the Wayne Area Economic Development Office asked to prohibit parking in the 200 Block of Main Street from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to allow parade viewers the opportunity to watch the parade.

In other action, the council gave its approval to Lukas Rix, dba Rustic Treasures, to spray paint a path from the back of the business to the side door of the Mineshaft Mall.

Rustic Treasures will be expanding to the Mineshaft Mall after the building is renovated and furniture and other items will be sold from that location.

First reading approval was given to an ordinance regarding the responsibility of business owners to remove snow from the paver portion of sidewalks along Main Street.

A pay order to OCC Builders, LLC in the amount of \$53,762.00 was approved for the Wayne Golf & Country Club Clubhouse

renovation project.

Council members went into executive session to discuss the sale price for a piece of city-owned railroad right-of-way property. The land being offered for sale is 11.37 acres per County Assessor.

Following the executive session discussion, council voted to set the asking price at \$15,000 for the property.

The Wayne City Council will next meet in regular session on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers.



(Photos by Clara Osten)

Sunday's cold and snow did not deter 14 youth and a number of volunteers from taking part in the annual Youth Mentor Hunt. (left) The youth and their mentors took turns shooting arrows at the archery portion of the hunt. (above) With help from several hunting dogs, the youth and their mentors hunted the area, hoping to bag a pheasant.

Youth take part in Logan Creek Mentor Hunt

The Logan Creek Chapter of Pheasants Forever held its annual Youth Mentor Hunt on Oct. 14 at Izaak Walton Lake and Thompson/Barnes Wildlife Management Area northwest of Wayne. Fourteen youth from Northeast Nebraska ranging in age from 11 to 15 participated in this year's hunt.

The day began with check in, followed by a hot dog lunch. During the check-in process the youth had to show their Hunter Safety Card which they obtained by taking a 10 hour course provided free of charge by Nebraska Game and Parks.

After that the youth picked up their hunting vest which is theirs to keep, provided courtesy of Nebraska State Council Pheasants Forever and Nebraska Game and Parks. They were also given blaze

orange hats provided by the Logan Creek Chapter.

The youth were then split into four groups and each was paired up with an adult volunteer "Mentor" and took turns throughout the afternoon at six educational stations.

"For some of these kids it was the first time they had shot a shotgun. So the most important order of business for the day was the safe handling and use of the gun," said Tim Reinhardt, one of the organizers of the event.

Following the gun safety message from Jim Modrell, who is a local firearm safety instructor, the youth were given the opportunity to shoot a few rounds of trap followed by a live pheasant hunt which was led by several volunteers from the Wayne

area and their trusty pointing dogs.

Dr. Melissa Heithold gave the attendees some information before the hunt got started on how to best care for the type of dog that they would be hunting with.

Jason Thiele, a wildlife biologist, and Jeff Jones, a conservation officer, both with Nebraska Game and Parks provided some useful information on hunting laws, and the different types of pheasant habitat to look for at different times of the day.

Duane Schroeder taught the youth about the importance of asking landowners permission to hunt their land, and then did a role play activity for the kids to experience all different types of responses to their asking.

Darin Gruenke, who is the leader of

the 4-H Sharp Shooters Club, had an air rifle range set up for the youth to try their skills at shooting targets from different ranges.

The final event of the day was an archery target shoot which was taught by Ed and Lee Brogie, along with Bill Boese.

The day finished up with bird cleaning demonstrated by Lonnie Matthes. Those in attendance then enjoyed some refreshments provided by Kory Leseberg and Helena Agri-Enterprises.

The chapter would like to thank State Nebraska Bank and Trust, Elkhorn Valley Bank, BankFirst, F&M Bank, and Pac-N-Save for helping provide the meals for the youth; the Izaak Walton League for the use of the facility, and also Clara Osten with the Wayne Herald

for her continued support and coverage of this event.

Also, we would like to thank Michael Foods for providing safety glasses and hearing protection. We would especially like to thank all of the adult volunteers who make this event such a great success. This event would not be possible without the support of our generous donors, chapter members, adult volunteers, and the parents of the hunt participants for getting their kids out there to enjoy the great outdoors," Reinhardt said.

Check out the chapter Facebook page Logan Creek Pheasants Forever Chapter #303 to view some pictures of the event. If anyone is interested in getting signed up for next year's hunt contact Tim Reinhardt at (402) 518-0597 for information.

Haskell Ag Lab has Brazilian connection

Dr. Tom Hunt, UNL Haskell Ag Lab Entomologist, recently returned from a trip to Brazil where he was co-author on several scientific presentations at the joint XXVII Brazilian Congress and X Latin American Congress of Entomology in the mountain town of Gramado.

do Sul. He also visited the University of Brasilia in Brasilia, the country's capital located in the south-central part of Brazil in the Federal District.

While at the Entomology Congress, Tom met with his collaborator, Edson Baldin, University of Sao Paulo Entomology profes-

scientist, hosted by Tom and Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss in the early 2000s. They collaborated on a project addressing host plant resistance in soybean, and are currently collaborating on projects addressing corn and soybean pest behavior. Thiago spent the summer of 2017 living in Wayne, Neb.

Ag Lab. Tom also recruited a new PhD student of Edson's, Sabrina Ongarato, to spend the summer of 2019 at the Haskell Ag Lab continuing research on soybean caterpillars.

After the Entomology Congress, Hunt visited Dr. Cristina Bastos at the University of Brasilia. Dr. Bastos was a visiting scholar at the UNL Entomology Department in 2000. Cristina gave Hunt a tour of her University and laboratory in Brasilia, and the nearby research station, Fazenda Água Limpa, where she conducts field research on cotton pests.

Hunt regularly hosts PhD and Masters graduate students in "sandwich" programs at the UNL Haskell Ag Lab. A sandwich program is one where a student who is in a graduate program in another country, like Brazil, spends from six months to a year during his program in another country, like the U.S. In Tom's case, his sandwich students spend 6 to 9 months doing research at the Haskell Ag Lab and on Lincoln campus. Tom says, "Sandwich students are very motivated and get a lot of quality work completed in a short period of time". Sabrina will be Tom's eighth sandwich student from Brazil.



(Contributed photo)

Some of Tom Hunt's past, current, and future students meet at the XXVII Brazilian Congress, Gramado, Brazil. Tom is in the center, his collaborator Edson Baldin is to the right, and they are surrounded by graduate students.

Gramado is located in Brazil's southernmost state, Rio Grande Fanela. Edson was a visiting bean caterpillars at the Haskell



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Fire Prevention Week

Wayne Fire Chief Phil Monahan spoke during last week's Chamber Coffee. The event was hosted by the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department in observance of Fire Prevention Week. Monahan spoke of the work of the department, especially the training fire personnel take part in throughout the year.

Suspect in Emerson murder ruled competent

On Wednesday, Oct. 10, Andres Surber, of Wakefield, was ruled mentally competent to stand trial for the 2016 murder of Kraig Kubik, of rural Emerson.

In 2017, 6th District Court judge, Paul Vaughan, ruled that Surber was not able to assist in his defense, therefore was incompetent to stand trial for allegedly shooting Kubik and dismembering his body on Nov. 1, 2016.

After his incompetency ruling, Surber underwent treatment at the Lincoln Regional Center. While there, he refused to take

anti-psychotic medication, forcing Vaughan to rule that he could be administered the drugs against his will.

A hearing in Surber's case is scheduled in the Dakota County District Court on Dec. 12. No trial date is scheduled at this time.

Another Wakefield man, Brayan Galvan-Hernandez, was sentenced to 50-60 years in prison in 2017, after pleading guilty to accessory to a felony and no contest to attempted second-degree murder in connection with the case.

Security Bank named to the the Institute for Extraordinary Banking™ Hall of Fame

Security Bank was recognized as the 2018 inductee into the Institute for Extraordinary Banking Hall of Fame, presented at the 2018 Extraordinary Banking™ Awards on Sept. 11 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Security Bank was recognized with the Institute's highest and most exclusive honor, induction into the Hall of Fame, for their exemplary commitment to com-

munity banking. Security Bank is truly one of The Best Banks in America™.

As the recipient last year of the 2017 Extraordinary Bank of the Year Award, Security Bank re-

ceived a brand-new car, which has been seen all over the area.

To honor Security Bank's commitment to community and education as the 2017 Extraordinary Bank of the Year Award winner, The Institute for Extraordinary Banking donated \$10,000 to the Unstoppable Foundation to fund the construction of a new school in Africa.

Security Bank was also recognized with the Institute's Above-and-beyond Customer Service Bank™ Award and Thought Leader Bank™ Award.

"We are honored to receive these awards and it continues to be a tribute to our customers, our staff and the five communities that we have the honor to serve," said Keith Knudsen, Security Bank President and CEO.

The Extraordinary Banking Awards exist to highlight the vital, yet often overlooked, role that local, community banks play in our economy. Consumers use the Grammys to guide their music purchases, the Emmys lead them to the best of television, and the Tonys highlight outstanding live theater.

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This year, the Bankys recognized the top one percent, just 49 of the 4900 community banks in America.



(Contributed photo)

Roxanne Emmerich representing the Institute of Extraordinary Banking presents Security Bank with the Hall of Fame award, along with a Banky Award for both "Thought Leadership" and "Above and Beyond Customer Service". Those in attendance at the awards ceremony in Minneapolis in September representing Security Bank included (left) Justin Orr - Loan Officer; Jennifer Brummels - Customer Service Rep; Brent Hogan - Information Systems Engineer; Susie Koranda - Executive Vice President; Roxanne Emmerich - Institute for Extraordinary Banking Founder and Chair; Keith Knudsen - President & CEO; Brandon Baller - Chief Credit Officer; Kyla Spahr - Controller; Megan Pippitt - Operations Assistant; and Evan Rose - Customer Service Rep.



Wayne Chicken Show theme for 2019 announced

The 2019 Wayne Chicken Show theme will be "Chickens Around the World". The theme will focus on the different kinds and uses of chickens around the world.

The Chicken Show Committee chose "Chickens Around the World" to showcase the growing brood of diversity roosting in our coop. The committee felt this would be an egg-celent opportunity to educate the public about other cultures.

The Wayne Chicken Show will be held July 12-14, 2019 in Wayne. The Chicken Show is in its 39th year and was first held in 1980.

The Chicken Show was founded by the Wayne Regional Arts Council and is held annually on the second weekend in July.

If anyone is interested in planning the 2019 Wayne Chicken Show, would like to be added to the contact list, or has questions, contact Abby Schademann at aschademann@waynetworks.org or at 402-375-2240.

The Chicken Show Committee meets the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the South Meeting Room of the Wayne City Auditorium.

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Wayne Area Economic Development invites public to meet candidates on Oct. 22

Wayne Area Economic Development (WAED) is providing an opportunity for voters to meet candidates ahead of the Nov. 6 general election.

High School will be the site of an introduction of candidates on Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Though the large number of candidates has meant the regular candidate forum had to change, Virgil said it's a good problem to have.

Wayne Community Schools Foundation thanks Vets

To show appreciation for veterans, the Wayne Community Schools Foundation will be giving free admission to anyone who presents a Legion, VFW or military ID at the gate of the Wayne High versus Wahoo Bishop Neumann football game on Friday, Oct. 19.

"It's just something that we wanted to do as a simple thank you to our military, just to show them how much we really do appreciate everything they do," Brandon Foote, Wayne Community Schools Foundation executive director said. "People don't know all the things they do behind the scenes so we want to show them some support."

The football game begins at 7 p.m. at Bob Cunningham field on the campus of Wayne State College.

WAED usually sponsors some sort of candidate forum before elections, however Monday's event will be different.

"We had to do this event a little different than May's event because there's so many candidates, we have limited time," Luke Virgil, WAED executive director said.

Seventeen local candidates are running in contested races in the upcoming election. The event will be moderated by Bill Dickey and each candidate will have time to introduce themselves and briefly discuss their campaign platform. Virgil is hoping after the event, there will be time for more informal meeting.

"We are encouraging all of the candidates to stick around and meet the electorate, Virgil said.

"It means that people care about the offices in the community and that they care about the community in general. It's very encouraging to see that people care about local government," Virgil said. "It does take a lot of time and courage to stand up and run for office, so we applaud people willing to do that."

Candidates for Wayne County Commissioner, District 1; Wayne District 17 School Board; Lower Elkhorn NRD, Director at Large; City of Wayne Mayor; Wayne City Council, Ward 1 and Wayne City Council, Ward 4 candidates will be on hand.

For early voting and voter registration information, visit wayneweeknews.com.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Pride of the Blue Devils

The Wayne High School Marching Band traveled to Ashland for the Oxbow Marching Competition on Oct. 14. The band received a Division I, Superior, rating for their efforts. The band will travel to Kearney on Oct. 20 for the Nebraska State Bandmasters' Association competition. The band is pictured here just before their performance in Ashland.

Kids can attend annual Wayne Area Ducks Unlimited banquet for free

The Wayne area chapter of Ducks Unlimited (DU) is looking to the next generation of wildlife conservationist and hunters. Greenwings, DU young members 16 years old and younger, can attend the 2018 banquet for free when accompanied by an adult DU member.

Chairman Kent Bearnes of Laurel said that the Wayne Area Chapter has been given a sponsor gift from area committee members to support the Greenwings in the local area.

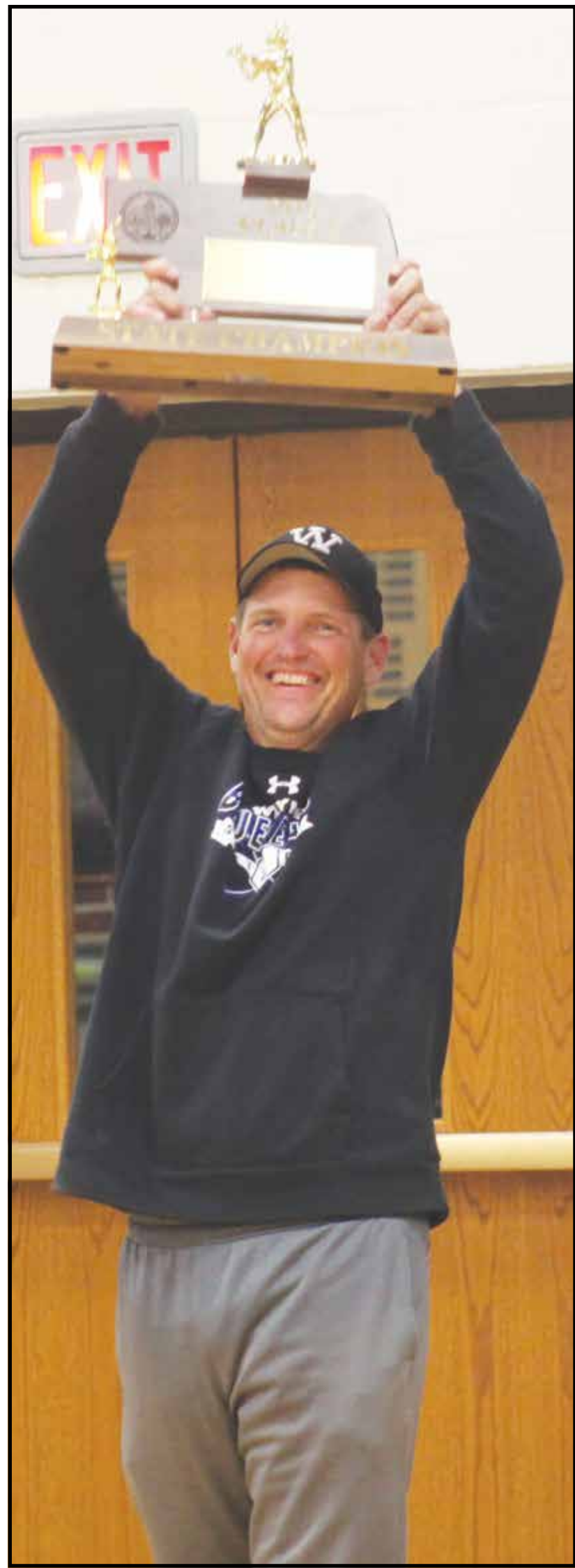
The chapter will pay for the "Greenwing" youth membership in DU and a meal for the first 50 to register.

The banquet will be held Friday Nov. 2, 2018 at the Beaumont Event & Concert Hall (2611 N Hwy 15, Wayne, Ne). A social will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a dinner and auction at 7 p.m. Bearnes said that the new generation of hunters will be the leaders of conservation in the future. Focus on the Greenwings in the area is important to future pro-

gramming and events. Committee members Greg Urwiler and Steve Smith of Laurel, said in addition to membership and a meal, all Greenwings will be entered into a drawing of youth items.

Tickets are available at the door or from any committee member. A single is \$40 with couples at \$60, greenwings at \$15 and National Bronze level sponsorship at \$265, price includes dinner and membership in Ducks Unlimited. This year's banquet will include an auction of both collectible DU

art and memorabilia and other useful items for the hunter and collector. Other committee members for tickets and information call: Ryan Jensen, Mitch Lanser, Steve Smith, Greg Urwiler, Chad Johnson, Justin Martin, Chantelle Christensen, Hayden Robb, Keaton Slaughter, Tim Bearnes, Rob Bose, Seth Parsley and Kent Bearnes. For additional information call Kent Bearnes at (402) 360-5005 or visit <http://NE.ducks.org> to buy tickets online.



(Photo by Dawn Nelson)

Hardware

Wayne High softball coach Rob Sweetland makes a triumphant return to Wayne High after his team took the Nebraska state softball championship and played a perfect season. Saturday evening, community members welcomed the team home.

The Lower Elkhorn NRD will host an Open House at their new location Oct. 26

The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) moved to their new location this summer and will host an Open House on Friday, Oct. 26. The public is invited to visit their new offices from 1 to 4 p.m.

The LENRD board members voted last December to purchase the former Sterling Computer building at 1508 Square Turn Boulevard in Norfolk. The LENRD moved out of the Lifelong Learning Center (LLC) on the campus of Northeast Community

College on May 25, where they had been since the center was constructed 20 years ago.

"Our new location offers several advantages that were important to our board members. They saw the need to provide a more efficient layout and smoother work flow, while allowing for a future increase of staff to effectively manage the ever-increasing workload. The new space has ample storage as well as a building for vehicles and equipment on-site," LENRD General Manager, Mike

Sousek, said. "The LLC was a great location for us to grow and expand our programs, and we hope our move provides new opportunities for the college in creating available space at the learning center for other potential partners."

Sousek said the staff made a smooth transition to the new facility and are providing the same high-level of public service to the citizens of the district at their new location.

"If you haven't made it over to see the new place yet, stop by and see us on Oct. 26," Sousek said.

The LENRD is protecting lives, protecting property, and protecting the future of this area

through a wide-range of stewardship, management and education programs - from flood control to groundwater monitoring, from irrigation management to outdoor recreation and much more. Projects and programs of the LENRD are reviewed and approved by a locally elected Board of Directors.

The LENRD is one of 23 Natural Resources Districts across the state. Nebraska is unique in the nation as the only state to have NRDs. The LENRD serves all or parts of 15-counties in northeast Nebraska.

To learn more, visit the LENRD website to sign up for monthly emails, like them on Facebook, and follow them on Twitter.

Wayne Senior Center looks to 'Pack the House'

The Wayne Senior Center is looking to "Pack the House" for their State of Nebraska Evaluation.

The public is always invited to dine with seniors at the center, but the Senior Center is looking to increase their diners on Oct. 24. That day, State officials will be visiting to evaluate the Wayne Senior Center.

"We're pushing this so we can show Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging how great of a cen-

ter we are," Diane Bertrand, Senior Center coordinator said.

One of the things the State and Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging will be evaluating is the nutritional value of the regular meals served there. Bertrand said not only is the Wayne Senior Center's menus checked by a dietitian to ensure they're nutritional, since switching to cooking meals in-house, the senior center's attendance has increased. In the last year, the Wayne Senior Center has served about 2,000 more meals than before and average about 45 diners a day, according to Bertrand.

"I think we've seen an increase because everything is made from scratch," Bertrand said. "It's all home-cooked by great cooks."

The Senior Center will be serving sliced pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, Bavarian sauerkraut, green beans with almonds, hidden pear salad and homemade rye bread. Deb Dickey will be providing music and Providence Medical Center volunteers will be on hand to help serve.

Those who would like joining the Wayne Senior Center should make a reservation by calling (402) 375-1460.

On Friday, Oct. 19, there will be no noon meal at the senior center, but there will be a special evening meal with the Burt Heithold Band entertaining diners.

Bertrand also mentioned that the Wayne Senior Center will offer State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) assistance with Medicare part D enrollment on Tuesday, Oct. 23 for those in need of assistance.

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Wayne State College CAMPUS EVENTS...

Oct. 26 - Haunted Trail, 8 to 11 p.m. \$5 per person or \$3 per person for groups of eight or more. Create a perfect ambience for Halloween, come lurk along the Haunted Trail on Friday, Oct. 26, Saturday, Oct. 27, and Halloween night, Oct. 31, at Wayne State College. The Haunted Trail begins and ends near the Mamie McCorkindale School Museum, Lindahl Drive, on campus. Though appropriate for all ages, adults without children may have a more spine-tingling adventure. Dress for cool autumn weather. Remember, spooks come out even in rain. Proceeds benefit students in theatre activities. The WSC Drama Club fosters theatrical expression and nurtures the appreciation of theatre throughout Northeast Nebraska.

Event sponsored by the WSC Drama Club. For more information, contact Brian Begley, assistant professor of theatre, at brbegle1@wsc.edu.

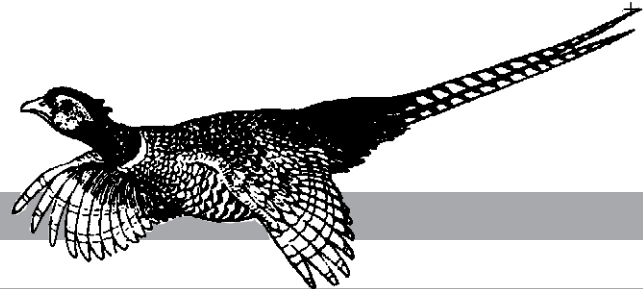
Oct. 27 – Planetarium Show: Fractal City, 2 p.m. Celebrate math!

Nov. 1 – Geography Bowl, 4 to 5:30 p.m., The Geography Bowl consists of eight teams with two contestants each answering geography-related questions in single-elimination format. First place team awarded prizes, and lucky audience members may win door prizes! Teams will dress in theme costumes or apparel. Everyone welcome to come watch the game show. The event is sponsored by Gamma Theta Upsilon. For information: Dr. Lesli Rawlings at lerawl1@wsc.edu or 402-375-7299

For a full listing of events happening at Wayne State College, please visit www.wsc.edu/calendar. Some events are subject to changes. Please contact College Relations with questions at 402-375-7324

Sports

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A perfect ending to a perfect season



(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions)

Allison Claussen (7) and Tori Kniesche get the celebration started after Wayne claimed the Class C Nebraska State Softball Championships title with a 3-2 win over Bishop Neumann Saturday in Hastings.

Wayne caps 35-0 campaign with 3-2 win to claim third state title

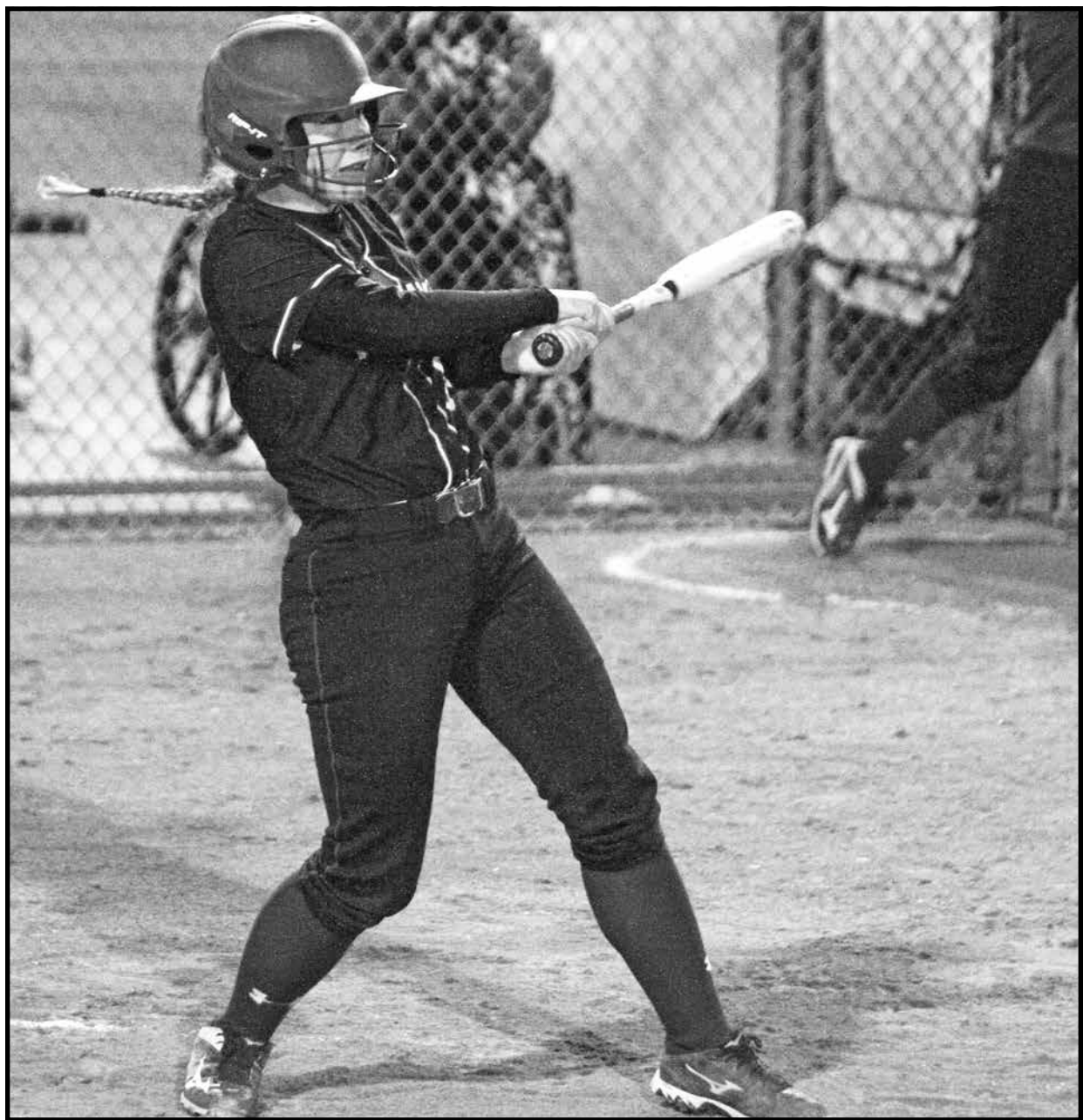
By MICHAEL CARNES
For The Herald

HASTINGS — As the ball popped into the middle of Sidney Biggerstaff's glove and the Bishop Neumann batter swung in desperation, the celebration began. Thirty-five wins. Zero losses. One state championship. The Wayne High players leaped into the air and screamed almost in unison, softball gloves flying skyward into a chilly October southern breeze, as the Blue Devils celebrated the school's third state

softball championship in an exciting 3-2 win over the defending champion Bishop Neumann Lady Cavs to claim the Class C title in the Nebraska State Softball Championships Saturday afternoon at the Smith Softball Complex. In a tournament that was twice delayed by rain and, as a result, had to finish on a Saturday morning for the first time in the tournament's 26-year history, it was probably the only imperfection in what was the Blue Devils' second unblemished run to a state title, matching the 2004 championship squad's effort. And, like that 2004 team led

by pitching legend Molly Hill, this year's team had the perfect combination of an overpowering pitcher and a senior-led offense and defense that was rarely challenged and dominated from first pitch to final out. "It's been a long time coming and I'm so proud of the kids," a beaming coach Rob Sweetland said after he handed out medals and hugs to his championship team. "Obviously we had great pitching to get it done, but with a big senior class with that experience you need those experienced kids. Nothing rattles these

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(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions)

Sidney Biggerstaff hits a solo home run for Wayne during their opening-round 6-1 win over Cozad.

How to describe Wayne softball in one word — perfect

As the members of the Wayne High softball team were celebrating their 3-2 win over Bishop Neumann to finish off a perfect 35-0 season, I snuck a glance to the field north of Wayne's celebration where Papillion-LaVista was trying to finish a similar undefeated campaign.

had led a 4-1 lead get away in a 7-5 loss to Lincoln Southwest that ended their 49-game winning streak (which bettered Wayne's old mark of 41 in a row and puts this year's team as the current ongoing leader and third all time), a second celebration made its way from the field where Wayne capped its run to perfection to the only unused field of the four where winning and losing players, coaches and families gathered for "unofficial" team, individual and group photos.

That's right, folks — Wayne is the epitome of perfection in high school softball. What a way to cap an amazing season of softball in Wayne, America — by further cementing this school's status as the epicenter of high school softball in Nebraska.

Now, of course, Papillion-LaVista has a LOT more titles (14) than Wayne (3). But this weekend showed what happens when you combine a lethal pitcher with a solid defense and an offense that can score from literally anywhere in the lineup, and that group of kids plays together as a unit and develops the kind of chemistry this team showcased over the course of

the past two months. Wayne has been to state 16 times in the school's 17-year involvement in the sport at the high school level. There have been six trips to the championship game that have included that world-beating 2004 squad that gave up six runs the ENTIRE season (and none in the last 17 games), the 2007 team that lost a heart-breaking 12-inning battle (which, for some of the old-timers who have been around the program all these years, STILL sticks out as the lowest moment in the program's history, losing to those dreaded "river rats" from Tekamah, as the old-timers will tell you), and the first title team in 2003 that lost their opening-round game and then won six in a row to take the title (a feat that Gretna matched in Class B three years ago and Lincoln Southwest pulled off this past weekend in Class A).

I wasn't around for the first two title teams and the 2007 heart-break, but I've had the pleasure of following this community's passion for softball, which starts at

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Wayne junior pitcher Tori Kniesche was dominating in the Blue Devils' championship run. She struck out 67 batters in four tournament games, including a record 20 in the championship game on Saturday.

From The Bleachers

Michael Carnes



Only once, in the 26 years the sport has been sanctioned by the Nebraska School Activities Association, has a team run the table and finished the season unbeaten. Of the 63 teams in three classes that have claimed state championships, the 2004 Wayne High team was the only one to finish their championship season undefeated.

As word circulated among the Blue Devil faithful that the Monarchs

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the youth level with the Wayne Dirt Devils program that serves as a feeder for the Wayne High program. And to be honest — and with all due respect to all those teams that came before this one — this was the first time I went from first pitch to final out in Hastings without feeling a sense of doubt among the players

the Fehringer sisters (Carly and Caitlin, now a Blue Devil assistant) and so many others (my apologies to past Blue Devils not mentioned here — there are so many and so little space for this column). And, of course, it all began with the class led by pitching legend Molly Hill, whose name is all over



(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions) Wayne High coach Rob Sweetland hugs his daughter, Taytum, after giving her a championship medal following the Blue Devils' 3-2 win over Bishop Neumann. It is the third championship for the Blue Devil coach, who has been the only coach in the program's 17-year history.

that this team was going to get it done. Wayne has been wonderfully blessed with some amazing talent over the years, from the arms of players like Cassie Miller, Hannah Belt, Shannon Jarvi, and the Gibson sisters (McKenna and Ashten) to the fielding and hitting efforts of athletes like Abbie Hix, Jalyn Zeiss, Kennedy Maly, Jamie Gamble,

the state's record book for her pitching prowess. She was in the stands watching her alma mater write its own spot in the history books, cheering them and her dad, pitching coach Dr. Kevin Hill, on to perfection. The mad genius behind this program's success is Rob Sweetland, the only head coach in the program's 17-year history. He had a

great group of talent returning from last year and plugged in the perfect combination of players to keep this softball machine humming all year long. A lot of people will point to the arm of Tori Kniesche as the reason Wayne went 35-0 this year, and while her pitching was a key element, it was not the ONLY one. Wayne had solid hitting up and down the lineup throughout the year. Maysn Dorey proved a very capable leadoff hitter with her quickness and ability to find a hole in the defense. Kayla Fleming proved a surprise with her ability to hit for power as well as average, which made the sister duo of Annie and Tori Kniesche and veteran catcher Sidney Biggerstaff a lethal 1-2-3 combination in the heart of the lineup. Abby Ankeny was a strong leader batting in the sixth spot, which opened the door for the lone freshman in the starting lineup, Kendall Dorey. Even the last two hitters in the starting lineup, seniors Allison Claussen and Josie Thompson, proved to be dangerous offensive weapons. Claussen's bat caught fire toward the end of the season as she hit four homers and had what proved to be the game-winning at bat in the top of the seventh Saturday. Thompson was a great situational batter who moved runners around and could get around the bases quickly on her own as well.

This lineup averaged more than nine runs per game this season on offense and gave up less than a run on the defensive side. Quite frankly — you aren't going to lose very often, if at all, with that talent and those numbers working in your favor. And, of course, there was the lightning-fast arm of Tori Kniesche, who put together the kind of season almost nobody in the state could match this season. She struck out 374 while walking 31 (along with five hit batters) and finished with an ERA of 0.28, which ranks among the 25 best single-season earned-run averages in state history.

(NOTE — With Kniesche's ERA, Wayne now has four of the top 10 single-season ERA's in Class C history, including Hill's all-time best 0.00 in 2004 and a 0.21 effort the year before, and Miller's 0.47 effort in 2008). While the older players were making history, the younger players in the dugout all made contributions in one way or another. Some, like Aliah Schulz and Virginia Kniesche, pinch-ran in certain situations. Virginia actually played outfield for an inning during state when Ankeny was injured in a collision at second base on a stolen base attempt. Others, like Hope O'Reilly

Cardinals pull away in second half for 23-6 win over Wayne

ALBION — The Wayne High football team couldn't keep up with Boone Central/Newman Grove in the second half, as the Cardinals came away with a 23-6 win in Wayne's final district matchup of the 2018 season Friday. The Blue Devils got on the board in the first quarter when Casey Koenig dove in from a yard out for a 6-0 lead. The Cardinals' defense sparked the comeback, starting with a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown that made it 7-6 at the half. In the third quarter, the Cardinals used a pair of short touchdown passes to build their advantage,

and Nicole Fertig, saw some action early in the season, while the other younger players filled in and worked with the veterans in practice to help make everybody better by season's end. The six seniors in this lineup — Biggerstaff, Thompson, Ankeny, Claussen, Annie Kniesche and Maysn Dorey — will most certainly be missed when this team works to defend the title next year. The younger girls on the team, including Brianna Nissen, Kortney Aschoff, Taytum Sweetland and their classmates, will need to work hard in the offseason, both in the weight room and on the practice field, to fill

the shoes being left behind by this group of seniors. And if history has proven anything in these parts, it is that this team will be back in contention again in 2019. They will have the bullet-flinging arm of Tori Kniesche back, along with talent like Fleming and Kendall Dorey, to lean on for experience, and I look forward to seeing what this team does on the diamond a year from now. It's a tough legacy for the younger kids to live up to — but when your team is the only ever to have achieved perfection in the sports, it's one you look forward to perfecting. yards on three attempts and Koenig rushed seven times for 14 yards and a touchdown. Defensively, Tristan Landanger had 12 tackles, Koenig add 11 and Reid Korth and Mike Leatherdale each had five. The Blue Devils close out the season Friday with a non-district matchup against Neumann. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at Wayne State College. Boone Cent./N. Grove 23, Wayne 6

Wayne	6	0	0
BC/NG	0	6	16
	0	7	23

Scoring Summary
WAYNE — Casey Koenig 1 run (PAT failed)
BC/NG — 60 interception return (kick good)
BC/NG — 13 pass (kick good)
BC/NG — 20 pass(kick good)
BC/NG — Safety



(Photo courtesy WSC Sports Information)

Wildcat sophomore running back Maliki Wilson breaks loose for a big run against MSU Moorhead during action Saturday at Wayne State College. Wildcats loses overtime heartbreaker at home

MSU Moorhead's Jake Richter caught an 18-yard pass from Jakub Sinani in overtime to lead the Dragons in a 28-22 win over Wayne State Saturday at Bob Cunningham Field in Wayne. The Dragons opened the scoring in the first quarter, scoring on their first series with a 33-yard Joe Tjosvold field goal for a 3-0 lead. After Wayne State punted on their first two possessions, the Wildcats recorded points on their next three series. Nate Rogers made a leaping grab in the end zone for a 14-yard scoring pass from Brady Brandsfield, giving Wayne State a 6-3 lead after a missed PAT kick. The Wildcats scored again on a Maliki Wilson 17-yard run, capping an eight-play, 83-yard drive that put the Wildcats in front 12-3 with 11:45 remaining in the second quarter following a missed two-point pass conversion. Junior placekicker Ethan Knudson booted a 41-yard field goal on the third straight series resulting in points, taking a 15-3 lead with 5:59 to

intercepted by MSU Moorhead's Alec Goffard to end the drive. Moorhead got the ball in overtime and won the game when Sinani tossed an 18-yard pass to Jake Richter in the right corner of the end zone. Wayne State gained 475 yards in the contest (108 rushing and 367 passing) while Moorhead produced 473 yards of offense with 181 on the ground and 292 through the air. Maliki Wilson led WSC in rushing with 87 yards on 18 carries and one score. Throwing the ball, Brandsfield completed 11-of-18 passes for 198 yards and one score while Thrumer was 14-of-27 for 169 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Rogers made eight catches for 123 yards and had two touchdowns, followed by tight end Conner Paxton with six receptions for 82 yards. Defensively, linebacker Tyler Thomsen had 12 tackles followed by Kevin Ransom with eight. Wayne State (1-6) will be on the road Saturday for a 1 p.m. NSIC contest at Minot State.

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Area teams finish season at districts

Winside and Laurel-Concord-Coleridge cross country runners completed their fall seasons Thursday in the D-3 district meet at Skyview Lake in Norfolk. None of the area runners finished among the top 15 to qualify for the

state meet. The LCC and Winside boys teams finished 11th and 12th, respectively, in the team race. The Bears were led by Dillon Olson, who finished 32nd in a time of 19:24.01. Ryan Bathke followed in 46th place, with Landen Boysen

(66th), Trevin Boysen (87th) and Trace Naeve (99th) rounding out the team effort. For Winside, Toby Heinemann was the first runner home, finishing 34th in 19:25.02. Alex Carlson was four spots behind in 38th, followed by Tyler Carlson in 83rd and Ed Olander in 94th. Three area girls ran in Thursday's race. Kayli Naeve and Vanessa Vance finished 53rd and 54th, respectively, for LCC. Winside's Lucy Larson finished in 61st place. D-3 District at Norfolk Girls Team Standings (Top 3 to state)

- Ainsworth 18, Bloomfield 30, West Holt 59, Plainview 68, Norfolk Catholic 88, Crofton 97, Battle Creek 110, Boyd County 128, Battle Creek, CWC, Creighton, Elkhorn Valley, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Lutheran High Northeast, Neligh-Oakdale, Niobrara/Verdigre, North Central, Osmond, Ponca, Randolph, Stuart, Valentine, Winnebago and Winside did not field full teams.

Trojans take care of Pirates in three sets

The Wakefield/Allen volleyball team took care of business in their only matchup last week, defeating Emerson-Hubbard in straight sets, 25-15, 25-18, 25-17. Devaney Brown led a balanced Trojan net attack with eight kills. Courtney Bokemper added five kills, Abby Heimann had two and Hayden Ekberg, Rachel Borg and Haley Stapleton each had one. Breanna Chase had six assists, Cassidy Thomas added four and Maddie Mogus had two. Wakefield/Allen had 15 aces serves in the match. Brown led with six, Chase had four, Thomas

and Stapleton each had two and Carly Dickens added one. On defense, Brown had two blocks and Chase added one. In the digs department, Thomas had 14, Stapleton added four, Bokemper and Jamie Dolph each had three, Dickens, Heimann, Brown, Jordyn Carr and Chelly Dominguez each had two and Borg and Aishaa Valenzuela both had one. Wakefield plays in a triangular at Homer on Thursday before Lewis & Clark Conference play begins on Saturday.

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Individual Results
LCC — 53. Kayli Naeve, 27:30.86; 54. Vanessa Vance, 27:57.55.
WINSIDE — 61. Lucy Larson, 31:28.43
Boys Team Standings (Top 3 to state)
Ainsworth 39, Norfolk Catholic 44, West Holt 51, Crofton 58, Osmond 81, Boyd County 93, Neligh-Oakdale 129, Valentine 153, Elkhorn Valley 171, Ponca 195, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 200, Winside 211, Winnebago 227, North Central 229, Battle Creek, Bloomfield, CWC, Creighton, Lutheran High Northeast, Niobrara/Verdigre, Plainview, Randolph and Stuart did not field full teams.

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Lady Bears go 2-2, take runner-up at Hartington-Newcastle

The LCC Lady Bears volleyball team stayed just above the .500 mark after a busy week that saw them split two varsity matchups and take second place in the Hartington-Newcastle Invitational. On Tuesday, the Lady Bears ran into a tough cross-county matchup as they dropped a three-set match at home to Hartington Cedar Catholic, 25-21, 25-21, 25-12. On Thursday, the Lady Bears rebounded on the road with an easy win at Winnebago, winning 25-22, 25-17, 25-10. On Saturday, the Lady Bears traveled to Hartington and came away with runner-up honors in the Hartington-Newcastle Invite. LCC needed three sets to take care of Emerson-Hubbard, winning 18-25, 25-14, 25-11. In the championship, they lost to the host Wildcats, 25-13, 26-24. Statistics from last week's games were not available at press time. The 11-10 Lady Bears played at Ponca on Tuesday and will be in the Lewis & Clark Conference tournament that begins Saturday and runs through Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Lewis & Clark Conference tournament set

The Lewis & Clark Conference volleyball tournament will be contested with a new scheduling format, with action beginning on Saturday in Winside, Creighton and Plainview. A three-team round robin will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Winside, with a four-team round robin scheduled in Creighton and Plainview. All Saturday matches will be best-of-three, and winners will advance to the eight-team bracket that will be held Monday in Plainview and Ponca. The top five seeds in the tournament will join the three pool survivors for quarterfinal and semifinal play, with the third-place and championship games held in Laurel on Tuesday. For a full schedule from the Lewis & Clark Conference tournament, visit our website, mywaynews.com.

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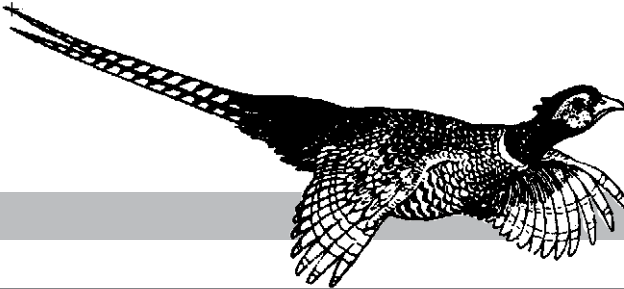
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Yearning for the way it was

Snow! Can you believe it?? and it's wet, and weighing branches down, and making things slick. A good thing we went to church last night.

The Big Farmer is watching the Chiefs and the Patriots battle it out on the football field. I can hardly keep up with sports these days! Softball, volleyball, cross country, soccer, football, and baseball playoffs in the Pros.. Plus, media days for basketball!

Congratulations to the Wayne softball team on a perfect season ending with a state championship, again! Coach Sweetland seems to have the secret to molding softball players.

And sympathies to our Huskers, both on the football field and the volleyball court. Saturday was kind of a long day here. I had choir practice both in the AM and the PM, before church, and there was a football game



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

in between, and the volleyball game

after! A fraternity brother showed up at half time, so we had chili and pumpkin bread pudding, left over from the Friday night supper.

On Thursday eve, I attended a Mental Health week special event, presented by Byran Health and several community organizations. The speaker was Jennifer Holliday, who performed eight times a week on Broadway in the original production of Dream Girls. I have seen this movie, so was interested in hearing her; especially because she has dealt with clinical depression.

She is now 58 years old, and certainly doesn't look it. She's a passing speaker, saying "you know" a little too often for me, and she has a powerful voice! And I salute her for sharing her trials and her successes with us. But, the songs she sang left me cold! They seemed to be an exercise

in vocal gymnastics! A terrific range, but no melody, just a lot of sound! Even her face and her mouth were twisted in grimaces as she "sang".

People tell me to stop living in the past, and I try to, but the music was so much better then! It had a melody and could be harmonized, and you could understand the words!

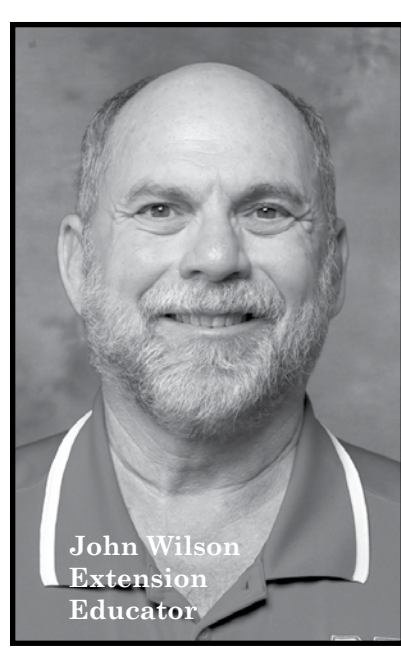
She was nicely dressed, as opposed to the current trend for worn out jeans or strange combinations of boots and shorts and tops. One young lady who sang on the Today show wore a men's suit jacket that was way too big for her. Why do they want to look homeless, or like pimps? I know, I'm showing my age, but meanwhile, I will dig out my CDs of Bette Midler, John Denver, and the Carpenters! Or work on our choir numbers, in preparation for a Christmas cantata. Much more satisfying to this old lady.

It feels like winter is here... YUCK!

Six months ago it felt like we went from winter to summer with only about one week of spring. Now it feels like we're doing just the opposite. I like fall, I want fall, fall is one of my favorite times of the year. However frost advisories make me think of winter rather than beautiful, sunny fall days.

However, a dose of reality sank in when I look at our average first frost dates. In northeast Nebraska, the average first frost date is October 1-10, depending on your location, so I shouldn't be too disappointed about it. Frost has a different effect on a lot of plants, so today I thought I'd summarize those.

Field Crops: Frost will have little effect on crops, corn and soybeans, as almost all of these crops had already reached maturity. In fact, it may actually be a benefit to some farmers if they still had green weeds in their field. Frost killing those weeds will make harvest easier IF it ever quits raining long enough for those farmers to get in the fields without getting stuck, leaving deep wheel tracks, or causing compaction.



John Wilson
Extension Educator

may contain mycotoxins and pose a risk to handlers. Fungal spores from ear rots contribute to a condition called "Farmer's Lung" which can be a debilitating disease.

Farm workers exposed to grain dusts should wear respiratory protection during those exposures. They may not need it in the combine, but possibly during loading and unloading grain or if they have to go in a bin where grain with ear rots is stored. The inexpensive white dust masks do not offer adequate protection. Farm workers in these situations should wear a respirator with a NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) rating of N95 or N99 which means they filter out 95 to 99 percent of very small particles.

Forages: Frost affects various forages differently. Plants like forage sorghum, sudangrass, shattercane and milo can become highly toxic for several days after a frost. The frost causes the plants to form prussic acid

which is highly toxic and can be fatal to livestock grazing these forages. Fortunately, the prussic acid soon forms a gas and escapes from the plant and safe grazing can resume. Wait at least five days after a frost before grazing any sorghum like forage crops or crop stubble in fields infested with shattercane.

Alfalfa is somewhat tolerant to frost, but if a frost is hard enough to cause the plant to wilt, nitrate levels in the plant may increase, but usually not to hazardous levels. A greater risk with alfalfa is it is more likely to cause bloat for a few days after a frost. Alfalfa will be less likely to cause bloat after a few days when the plants either wilt or start to grow again. So wait to graze alfalfa for about a week after a hard freeze.

Garden Produce: Frost will affect different fruits and vegetables differently. Some vegetables are highly susceptible to a light frost while others tolerate frost and may actually improve in flavor after a frost. Freezing temperatures cause the water in and between cells to freeze into ice crystals and punctures the cell walls. This is what causes the wilting. A light frost may cause this damage in leaves, but not the fruit or vegetables itself. However, if the leaves are wilt-

ing, there is no advantage to leaving it in the garden and you should go ahead and harvest the produce and bring it inside to finish ripening if it isn't ripe already.

There are a couple plants that require special attention after a frost. Even though yams may be protected by soil and didn't freeze, if sweet potatoes were frosted, it is important to cut off the vines right away... like first thing the next morning! Decay can start in the dead vines and move down to the roots and cause spoilage in the yams. Even if you cut off the vines, you should dig the sweet potatoes in a few days.

My "favorite" frost question deals with rhubarb. Every year I get calls wondering if rhubarb is poisonous after a frost. This "garden legend" is spawned by the fact that rhubarb leaves contain a toxic compound. However, this compound does NOT move back into the stalks after a frost. So as long as it didn't freeze so hard that the stalks are mushy and the quality is compromised, it is fine to use rhubarb after a frost.

For more information on frost considerations, and I'm not talking about the Cornhusker football team, contact your local Nebraska Extension office.

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Fall Legume Management

The days are getting shorter, the nights are getting longer, and there is no doubt that fall is upon us. That chill in the air does more than confirm that it's almost playoff time for high school football and harvest is in full swing. It also confirms that it is the end of a growing season. But even though the 2018 growing season is behind us, it doesn't mean that we get to take a break when it comes to agronomy. We still have an opportunity to manage some activities and applications that can make 2019 easier, and more successful.

Every single year in March we have great intentions for our new Soybean fields. We are going to get a pre-emergence herbicide on them to get better weed control for the growing season and help manage our herbicide program costs. Then the reality of Mother Nature and April arrive. Wet spells, the desire to plant early, and a half dozen other factors take the plans we worked on and tears that plant into tiny little pieces. My question for you is why not a fall weed control program?

Fall herbicides can not only be a great fit for weed control on no-till acres but are perhaps the best way to get a jump on marestail and winter annuals. When marestail is a problem like it is for most of us, then using a program that includes dicamba for fall control works well. You can also add 2,4-D to aid in the control. Timing generally goes from now until the ground is frozen, as long as we do it during daylight hours. The good news is that this type of program gives us the flexibility to still rotate to corn or beans next spring, and with today's genetics in corn and soybeans, we have very few concerns.

Our alfalfa acres also provide us with a few management choices to consider. First of all, when is it too late to take another cutting? Harvesting in October is tricky because we might need the tons, but we don't want to kill our stand. Research suggests cutting later in the fall is safer than cutting earlier. This is because as October progresses, the plant is storing carbs and proteins in the taproot. Cutting the alfalfa while regrowth is still possible reduces the plants ability to complete this chore. Harvesting it late in the month hedges against those conditions.

While this cutting is usually high quality, it is almost always low volume. That low volume means it is more expensive. At the same time, cutting late has three major drawbacks in my book. First of all, it almost always reduces first cutting yield, even though it seldom reduces stand. Second, the growth that we remove isn't there to stop snow. That snow is an essential piece in next year's success, whether on irrigated or dryland acres. Finally, that late cutting means our soils change temps more rapidly. That is fine if we get one thaw and then it is spring. But around here, we often get one or two "fake" warmups, and those late cutting acres are more prone to breaking dormancy early.

Finally, on alfalfa, fall is for my money the best time to kill alfalfa. If the forecast is above 50 for a few days, it's a good time to kill alfalfa. We have to have growth on alfalfa to kill it, and in the spring waiting for that growth often delays the planting date. Also, that green alfalfa in the spring may be a good host for some bugs that can hurt an emerging corn crop, vs. having it killed off in the fall and never providing it as a host for bugs. Finally, and perhaps the biggest reason why the fall killing of alfalfa is the superior program is Nitrogen management. We know that the decomposition of residue requires Nitrogen to feed the microbes that eat the carbon. Starting the process earlier means less tie up of Nitrogen late in the spring as we are establishing yield on the 2019 crop.

So, pick up the phone and send your trusted advisor a text or even give them a call and ask about what we should be doing in October and even into November to manage our acres that have alfalfa on them now, or are going into soybeans. Some smart management right now can not only save us big money in herbicide and tillage for the next crop, but can also set us up for better profits that come from improved weed control, faster growth, and healthier crops next season.

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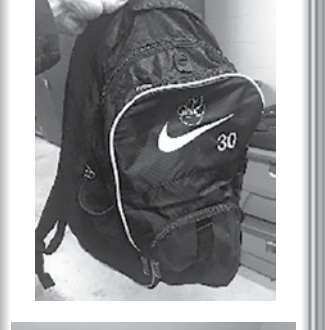
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The envelope containing the bid shall be marked as follows:
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(s) Jared Jaeger
 Personal Representative/Petitioner
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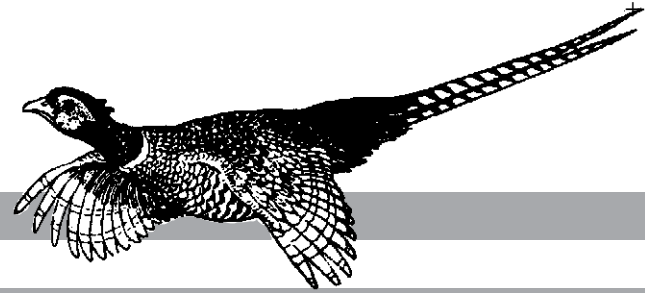
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 The City of Wayne will be accepting sealed bids for the razing of a structure, commonly known as "Riley's," located at 113 S. Main Street, Wayne, Nebraska. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018, and awarded on November 6, 2018, at the Wayne City Council meeting. Bids may be mailed to the City of Wayne, Attn: Betty McGuire, City Clerk, PO Box 8, Wayne NE 68787, or submitted in person at the city offices located at 306 Pearl Street.
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Opinion

Ins and outs of living in South Korea, according to Wayne-native

Hey there. I'm Bren Vander Weil, Wayne High class of 2007 and WSC class of 2013, and I recently completed 2 years (Sept. 25, 2016-Sept. 25, 2018) as a guest English teacher in South Korea.

Sometimes, oftentimes, when catching up with folks from home I'll be asked, "What's the biggest difference between Asia and America?" or "the east and west?" or "Us and Them?"

This question, and all of its variants, was something I too was curious about. After two years experience, a few missteps, countless conversations, and a touch of hindsight, I've found the best answer to be...there isn't.

People are people. If you're looking for differences, look no further than the person next to you, or one better, look at those idiots across the Missouri! Something we all know is THEY don't know how to drive, am I right? Jokes aside, if one chooses differences as the lens to view the world, it can be very "othering," taking away the opportunity to learn, to be curious, to accept, and to include.

Those chances to explore another way of thinking can be washed away as soon as it becomes an "us" and "them" conversation. Differences are unavoidable, but how you see them is up to you. Instead of listing off differences, here are a few bite sized observations I've made. Feel free to make your own inferences.

Five things I missed while living in South Korea (in no particular order).

1. Friends and family: This one is a no-brainer. It's never the place, it's the people you're with.

2. Food: Yes, Korea does have food, but it's not the same variety. Korea certainly doesn't have Fiesta Brava, Udder Delights, Godfather's pizza, or RUNZA!

3. Forks: To no surprise, Koreans usually use chopsticks. Forks are available if you ask (sometimes the restaurant staff sees you're definitely NOT Korean and will provide one without asking). I just look forward to using one regularly and feeling competent in my cutlery dexterity once again.

4. Driving and wide open spaces: The public transportation system in Korea is phenomenal, but nothing compares to the autonomy of your own ride and the open road. South Korea is roughly 2/3 the size of Nebraska and has 50 million more people. Finding a country backroad

is a little more than challenging.

5. Shopping for clothes: This isn't much of a hurdle for other expats in Korea, but at 6 foot 220 lbs., I've been told more than once, I'm not "Korean sized." Not to mention I could FEEL the eye rolls when someone would see I had the seat ticket next to them on the bus.

Honorable mentions: Thunderstorms, American holidays, waving, local banking, beer varieties, Amazon, Husker football

Five things I didn't miss while living in South Korea (in no particular order).

1. Family and friends: WHAT! That's right. Now you gotta love them all, but sometimes it's nice not to be at the family gathering and being asked by that one aunt, uncle or sibling "when are you going to get married?" or "are you saving any money?" GIVE IT A REST AUNT KAREN!

2. The American news cycle: Ignorance is bliss (but only in doses—stay informed, folks).

3. Tipping: Tipping is seen as such a strange concept that if you were to try, Korean's would think you overpaid and give it back.

4. The remoteness of North America: You know those two big ponds? The Pacific and Atlantic? Yeah, they're not exactly conducive to international travel. Using Korea as a home base I've been able to see a great bit of the world including Japan, China, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, and Indonesia. In fact, I wrote this from a McDonald's in Moscow.

5. Road construction: is Highway 15 done yet?

Honorable mentions: TV commercials, flat topography, crime rates

Five things I'll miss about South Korea (in no particular order).

1. Korean food: Full of flavor and rarely processed, it was a definite highlight. Pigs feet, Korean bbq, kimbab, bibimbap, etc. It's not just the food I'll miss, but the way a group meal is enjoyed. It's very communal. Without having your own plate, everyone pulls from the same dish at the center and don't even think about pouring your own drink! That's what your friends are for, just make sure to reciprocate (and use two hands).

2. Public transportation: Clean, safe, and timely. Although I miss driving, getting on public transportation rarely brought me down. I lived three hours south of Seoul but didn't mind the ride to and fro.

Hop on with a good book, podcast, or tunes and the world is yours . . . for three hours.

3. Accessibly to trails: 1 of 3 Koreans go hiking more than once a month. It's not just a hobby; it's a national pastime. I happily assimilated to that.

4. New friends, coworkers and the students: Again, it's not where you go it's who you meet. I've been fortunate to make lifelong friends from all over the world including Canada, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, South Korea (duh), and Wales.

5. Poorly spelled/wrongly translated/questionable English on clothing: No shortage of these and I have no explanation. Here are a few of my favorites verbatim: "west racific cost highway, I'll meat you there," "Butter English Academy," "apple of my face," and once I had a student wear a hat to school that read, "pervert."

Honorable mentions: K-pop, Internet speeds, Taekwondo, getting bowed to by students, karaoke rooms, Korean baseball games, soju, Buddhist temples

Things I won't miss about living in Korea? Nah. No top five here. Even the things I may not have cared for, I imagine I will miss as I look back on what was an overall wonderful and life-changing experience. Speaking of experiences, if you're curious to know more about mine or have an interesting one to share yourself, there are few ways we can connect. Since finishing my teaching contract Sept. 25, I am traveling around Europe (Russia, Germany, Netherlands, Ireland, the United Kingdom, and possibly Hungary, Austria, Czech Republic) for five to seven weeks. You can follow my global antics on Instagram or Facebook. If you're more of a face-to-face person, I will be back in Wayne America mid-November. You can find me at the WSC multicultural center (shout out to Mary Carstens for the opportunity), substitute teaching or when ordering



(Contributed photo)

Bren Vander Weil stands in front of St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow during his travels.

a pizza. You read that correctly. Order a pizza. As I will be between what Aunt Karen would call "real jobs," I'll be joining the pizza pie-piled high team at Godfather's (big thanks to Phil Anderson and Cale Giese).

Long story short (quite literally in this case), it's hard to condense two years of experience into one article.

Hometown pride knows no bounds or borders because no matter how far you go, you are where

you are from and, for me and many of you, that's Wayne. Like it or not, your world is Wayne's World, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

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Letter to the editor

Pro-life extends past birth

Dear Editor:
The recent column by Senator Albrecht (September 27, 2018) in opposition to Medicaid expansion illustrates a typical contradiction by those who would call themselves pro-life. While Senator Albrecht has compassion for those who have suffered a miscarriage and is against legal abortions, her compassion seems to end after birth. The fact is that Medicaid expansion will improve the health of Nebraskans and save lives, and that is the essence of being truly pro-life. Currently, many hard-working Nebraskans, through no fault of their own, do not have health care coverage and need access to Medicaid. For me, the best pro-life policies are ones that help Nebraskans, including pregnant women and children, receive access to health care, which is why I support Medicaid expansion.

Further, not only is Medicaid expansion pro-life and compassionate, it also benefits all Nebraskans. One has to realize that our society is better off when more of our neighbors and friends have health care. The people who will directly benefit are the working poor. These hard-working Nebraskans are taking individual responsibility for their well-being, but the cost of health care is too high, so they can't afford it. In fact, not expanding Medicaid might create an incentive to work less, so one can be eligible. This does not seem to reflect the values of individual responsibility and hard work that I once thought were at the core of the Republican party.

Simply put, Medicaid expansion keeps people working, and that is good for all of Nebraska. Second, we all benefit because our hospitals and doctors are subsidized by Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. Without these government programs, there would be fewer pharmacies, fewer clinics, and fewer hospitals even for those not on these programs. Finally, with the federal government providing most of the money, the program brings more dollars to Nebraska, which employs more Nebraskans.

While the above are practical reasons to be for Medicaid expansion, I am saddened by the lack of compassion our senator shows for those without good access to health care. She, of course, knows that as more girls and women are forced to carry unwanted pregnancies to birth, more children will need Medicaid. There may be a better solution to the expanded Medicaid program, but the senator offered no ideas about alternative ways to increase health care access to the working poor, to pregnant women, and children.

Charles Shapiro

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Legislative Update

Potential cost of Initiative 427

Initiative 427 will appear on your ballot as the latest attempt to expand Medicaid coverage under Obamacare. Medicaid expansion has unsuccessfully come before the Unicameral numerous times, and the pros and cons your Nebraska senators have considered in previous years are relevant to Initiative 427. Like most issues, Medicaid expansion is not black and white. As your representatives in the Nebraska Unicameral, we feel obligated to share our concerns and urge you to consider the consequences Medicaid expansion would have on our state.

Expanding Medicaid through Initiative 427 would hurt our most vulnerable Nebraskans by removing the focus of Medicaid benefits from people with disabilities, children and pregnant women, and placing the focus on working-age adults without disabilities or children. The costs of expansion would make property tax relief nearly impossible, leave the state's reserve funds at a dangerously low level, and put funding at risk for K-12 education, the University of Nebraska, roads and current Medicaid recipients.

Obamacare (the Affordable Care Act) requires the federal government to reimburse states for only a portion of Medicaid expansion costs. Initiative 427 would require the state to fund the remaining expansion expenses—a price tag projected to cost Nebraska taxpayers \$33 million in 2019-20 and up to \$768 million over the next decade,

according to Nebraska's Legislative Fiscal Office and Department of Health and Human Services. Actual costs have far exceeded projections in nearly every state that has opted to expand Medicaid under Obamacare. For example, in the first year Iowa expanded Medicaid, actual costs totaled nearly \$150 million more than expected.

In a study published this month, Nebraska was ranked number one nationally for financial wellbeing. We have accomplished this by using taxpayer dollars cautiously and keeping unpredictable financial obligations out of our state budget. Unlike Washington, we balance our state budget each year and remain debt free. Medicaid expansion would create an unpredictable financial obligation on Nebraska, as seen in other states, which could throw our balanced budget into jeopardy. If Initiative 427 passes, Nebraskans could be forced to choose between increasing taxes or cutting funds to existing programs, such as K-12 education, roads, or current Medicaid benefits. Tax increases would create an overwhelming financial hardship for most Nebraskans, and cutting funds to existing programs is an equally unappealing option.

As Nebraskans, we have always prided ourselves in looking out for our friends and neighbors who are in need. Our current Medicaid program provides health care benefits to people with disabilities, children, and pregnant women. We are one



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State Senator, District 17

of the few states to offer all federally optional Medicaid services (such as prescription drugs, mental health services, and care for the developmentally disabled) in addition to federally required services. Although the federal government would fund a limited portion of Medicaid expansion, none of these funds can be used to support benefits for current Medicaid recipients. As a result, some states have been forced to cut optional Medicaid services to their most vulnerable citizens—a reality Nebraska would also likely face.

Current Nebraska Medicaid recipients are at risk of losing benefits for dental services, prescription drugs, treatment for specific diseases (such as breast and cervical cancer), vision care, mental health, speech and occupational therapy, and many more. Initiative 427 would put the needs of working-age adults without disabilities over the needs of our friends and neighbors with disabilities, children, and pregnant women who truly cannot afford to lose these essential services Nebraska provides.

Medicaid expansion would place a significant burden on Nebraska taxpayers that could hurt Nebraska's most vulnerable citizens. Before you cast your vote on Initiative 427, we urge you to consider the impacts Medicaid expansion would have on your neighbors, your family, your business, and your budget.

Senator Joni Albrecht; District 17 – Chair, Business & Labor Committee; Senator Lydia Brasch; District 16 – Chair, Agriculture Committee; Senator Curt Friesen; District 34 – Chair, Transportation & Telecommunications Committee; Speaker Jim Scheer; District 19 – Speaker of the Legislature; Senator Bruce Bostelman; District 23; Senator Tom Brewer; District 43; Senator Rob Clements; District 2; Senator Steve Erdman; District 47; Senator Steve Halloran; District 33; Senator Lou Ann Linehan; District 39; Senator John Lowe; District 37.

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