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Shopko Pharmacy closes on short notice, U-Save takes on new customers

By Sarah Lentz
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A sign on the door served as the only notice that Wayne is now a one-pharmacy town. Shopko's pharmacy officially closed as of Sunday, Jan. 13. All prescription records were moved to U-Save Pharmacy in Wayne.

Shopko's corporate branch announced in December that both Kroger and Hy-Vee acquired over 60 Shopko pharmacies, combined. Shopko also announced last month that the company planned to liquidate 39 stores across 19 states, including Nebraska.

Wayne's Shopko posted a notice on the front door of the business explaining to customers that U-Save Pharmacy now had prescription information.

"When a pharmacy closes, that pharmacy doesn't have the option to send some prescriptions here and some another place

and some another place," said U-Save Pharmacy owner and pharmacist Mark Patefield. "The options are basically that it can go to one place or they (all of the pharmacy's prescriptions) can just disappear and not be available. Obviously, this is going to be the most convenient place for their prescriptions to be."

Patefield said U-Save only found out for certain that the transfer was happening, at the last minute.

"I did not know for sure until 3 o'clock on Friday (Jan. 11)," Patefield said. "We (members of Shopko's corporate team and Patefield) had talked the previous week about possibly doing it the previous Friday (Jan. 4), but then as of last Wednesday we weren't going to do anything but then Thursday started talking again."

The short notice was slightly overwhelming for U-Save. The turn-around didn't give Patefield time to build up inventory or hire extra staff, but he said he and his team were willing to rise to the

challenge.

Patefield is asking new patients and old to bear with his staff while his software absorbs the patient information.

"Most of the time you have time to get the information and download it into your pharmacy system so things run smoothly and you have it at your finger tips to fill prescriptions for people, but with the short notice, that wasn't able to happen," Patefield said.

On Monday, U-Save staff had to manually search through a spreadsheet for new customer information. Patefield said he is currently working with his software company to expedite the transfer process, with the goal of cutting wait-times down to the pre-Shopko Pharmacy closure of five to 10 minutes.

For those former Shopko customers who would be having automatic refills coming up soon, Patefield said the best thing to do is call the pharmacy at (402) 375-2922, a few days before the prescription is out.

Because of patient confidentiality, U-Save doesn't have all of the information that Shopko stored so customers should also bring in medication bottles and insurance cards if they're filling for the first time with U-Save.

Much like Shopko, U-Save does offer

synchronized prescriptions so customers only need to make one trip for all of their medications. U-Save also has a drive-thru and offers prescription delivery.

We reached out to Shopko's corporate headquarters and the company was unable to be reached by press time.



(Photo by Sarah Lentz)

Shopko's pharmacy at the Wayne location closed effective Jan. 13. U-Save in Wayne received prescription information from Shopko near the end of the day on Friday, Jan. 11.

New members sworn in, after school program discussed

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Following the swearing in of three new members and the annual organizational activities, the Wayne Community Schools Board of Education listened to information on what an After School Program would look like for Wayne Community Schools.

Wayne Elementary Principal Russ Plager presented information to the board on who would be involved and how the needs of the students could be met by the program.

Plager has been in contact with Albion Public Schools, which as a program similar to what he envisions a program in Wayne looks like.

He also talked about collaboration within the community, including with Wayne State College, and funding for the program.

"There are grants out there, especially for the second year of operation and due to the fact that our elementary school has gone over the threshold for students eligible for free/reduced lunches," Plager said.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

From left to right, Justin Davis, Sylvia Ruhl and Jodie Pulfer were sworn in as newly elected members of the Wayne Community Schools Board of Education

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Wayne County Commissioners elect new chairmen, vote on courthouse restoration agreement

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The Wayne County Commissioners and Wayne County Board of Equalization met Tuesday morning at the Wayne County Courthouse. During the meeting chairmen and vice-chairmen were voted on for the new year and the commissioners heard from Wayne County Attorney, Amy Miller, about the restoration agreement with Kingery Construction.

The commissioners began the meeting by voting on chair and vice-chair for both the Board of Commissioners and Board of

Equalization. Jim Rabe was re-elected as chairmen of the commissioners while Dean Burbach remained chair of equalization. Terry Sievers, who attended his first meeting as a commissioner was named vice-chair for both.

Once again, the Wayne County Courthouse Restoration project needed to be discussed. Kingery Construction, who had the low bid on the project, sent over an agreement in December, but the commissioners voted to approve pending the Wayne County Attorney's approval. Because then-county attorney Michael Pieper declined to go over the agreement, the commissioners

needed to wait for Amy Miller to be sworn in.

Miller told the commissioners that she could not, in good conscience, tell them to approve the project. Miller said the agreement contained references to material she was not provided and she didn't have the background of the project to give her approval. She did tell the commissioners that if they planned to approval there were several changes they should add to the existing agreement.

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Public hearing, lagoon update on council agenda

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A public hearing regarding the final plat for property in the southeast portion of the city of Wayne and the status of the sludge

in the former city lagoon were among the topics on the Wayne City Council agenda on Tuesday.

Brent Pick came before the council regarding the final plat for Logan Valley Industrial Park Third Addition. The proper-

ty is located east of Centennial Road and south of Highway 35.

Joel Hansen, City Planner, told the council that the Planning Commission had approved the request, with the exception of a change in the size of the easement. Pick told the council that while he would prefer to have the language remain as it was originally, he was "okay with the change."

Following the public hearing, council members approved the resolution in regard to the final plat.

City Administrator Wes Blecke gave an update on the sludge remaining in the city's lagoon.

Blecke said testing has been done on the volatility of the sludge to determine how best to deal with it. He noted that if the sludge tests come back favorably for the city, the sludge could be spread without having to be incorporated into the soil. This would be less costly.

Additional information on the sludge, as well as cost estimates for removal, will be presented as they become available.

Police Chief Marlen Chinn presented information to the council on an application to the Crime Commission for grant funds to help pay for digital citation equipment for



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Brent Pick spoke to the council on the Logan Valley Industrial Park Third Addition.

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Welcome to... The City of Wayne



Cale Giese-Wayne mayor

After six years on Wayne's City Council, last year, Cale Giese decided to run for mayor. After a contested campaign, the citizens of Wayne elected Giese in November and he officially took office last month.

With a change of office, Giese has had to adjust his role within the City of Wayne.

"Before, I could be as extreme as it took to get a point across and now I have to play the middle of the road," Giese said. "My concern now is that all views are represented."

Wayne's new mayor tries to talk to someone whenever he's out and about, to learn about those views that need to be represented.

"It's important to be open and accessible because usually the concerns of one person are the concerns of many who just don't say anything, so I'm trying to be an ear for people to talk to," Giese said.

Giese also hopes to tackle some of the City's long-standing projects like Riley's, the old swimming pool and the lagoon, which is seeing some progress.

"We're really hopeful that we'll at least start cleaning it up if not complete the whole thing," Giese said of the lagoon project. "My goal would be to complete the whole thing and have

it be bare dirt by the end of the year."

As well as working on old and new projects, Giese said he is looking forward to leading discussions about issues that will impact Wayne in the long run.

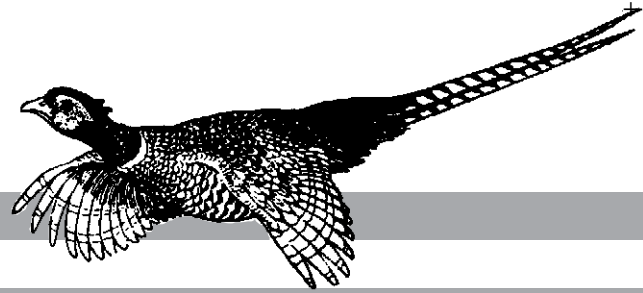
"Wayne is one of those communities that's viable, so we need to posture ourselves to suck up some of the population (from dwindling towns in Northeast Nebraska) and keep some of the communities around us as strong," Giese said.

The mayor said he's also trying to find some creative solutions to work more closely with Wayne State College and their students.

"We get first crack at these kids and if you get a graduate to stay for three months, a lot changes," Giese said. "Getting them to stay for that first three months, first six months, first year and trying to get them a place where they belong and a job—that's the goal."

For questions or concerns, citizens can contact mayor Giese by email at cgiese@cityofwayne.org or by phone at (402) 375-1733.

The Wayne Herald will continue to bring our readers an introduction to recently installed Wayne County, City of Wayne and Wayne Community Schools Board of Education officials.



Record

Honor rolls released for quarter, semester at Winside Public Schools

The second quarter and first semester honor rolls for the 2018-2019 school year have been released by Winside Public Schools.

Named to the Winside Public Elementary School Second Quarter Honor Roll were:

A Honor Roll
Third grade — Baker Behmer.
Second grade — Bryce Lurz.
A & B Honor Roll
Sixth grade — Dane Behmer and Emily Jaeger.
Fifth grade — Jerzi Carlson, Landon Carlson, Myles Ferry, Lucas Petersen and Aubrey Russell.
Fourth grade — Raylyn Behmer, Aleah Bilstein, Mason Edwards, Katelyn Jaeger, Carter Krause, Brayden Lurz, Adrianna Miller, Braxton Rastede, Ellie Topp and Dacayla Wagner.
Third grade — Lillian Bargstadt, Peyton Ellis, Bridget Marotz, Riley Petersen, Shawn Thompson and Payton Wylie.
Second grade — Aayree Ablar, Trystyn Cook, Austin Frederick, Elizabeth Jeffery and Bailey Lurz.
Winside Public High School 7-12 Grade Second Quarter Honor Roll
Principal's List
Eleventh grade — Andrea Bargstadt and Alex Carlson.
Ninth grade — Tyler Carlson.
Seventh grade — Cooper Behmer, Nevaeh Rastede and Reagan

Strong.

Honor Roll

Twelfth grade — Haylee Cummins and Kellie Kampa.
Eleventh grade — Brody Meis and Jaelyn Petersen.
Tenth grade — Kylie Cautrell, Hope Cummins, Jacqueline Escalante, Jayden Fuchs, Toby Heinemann and Kati Topp.
Ninth grade — Aubrie Edwards, Gabriel Escalante, Trey Falk, Jacob Paulsen and McKenna Russell.
Eighth grade — Jacob Bargstadt and Daxton Behmer.
Seventh grade — Camrynn Marx and Austin Nelson.
Honorable Mention
Twelfth grade — Erin Clocker, Michael Jensen, Lucille Larsen, Layton Petersen and Hunter VanHouten
Eleventh grade — Shaelinn Heimdale and Edward Olander.
Tenth grade — Brooklyn Behmer, Ashton Ferris and Cody North.
Ninth grade — Carsan Brogren, Arturo Escalante and Madeline McManigal.
Eighth grade — Hannah Gubbels and Micah Stenwall.
Seventh grade — Megan Gnirk, Elayna Hoskinson and Myles Kam-pa
Winside Public High School 7-12 Grade First Semester Honor Roll
Principal's List

Eleventh grade — Andrea Bargstadt and Alex Carlson.
Tenth grade — Kylie Cautrell.
Ninth grade — Tyler Carlson
Seventh grade — Nevaeh Rastede and Reagan Strong.
Honor Roll
Twelfth grade — Erin Clocker, Haylee Cummins, Kellie Kampa and Lucille Larsen.
Eleventh grade — Shaelinn Heimdale, Brody Meis, Edward Olander and Jaelyn Petersen.
Tenth grade — Hope Cummins, Jacqueline Escalante, Jayden Fuchs, Toby Heinemann and Kati Topp.
Ninth grade — Carsan Brogren, Aubrie Edwards, Gabriel Escalante, Trey Falk, Madeline McManigal, Jacob Paulsen and McKenna Russell.
Eighth grade — Jacob Bargstadt and Daxton Behmer.
Seventh grade — Cooper Behmer, Camrynn Marx and Austin Nelson.
Honorable Mention
Twelfth grade — Michael Jensen, Layton Petersen and Hunter VanHouten
Eleventh grade — Corbyn Crosier and Matthew Frederick.
Tenth grade — Brooklyn Behmer, Ashton Ferris and Cody North.
Ninth grade — Cayden Ellis.
Eighth grade — Hannah Gubbels and Micah Stenwall.
Seventh grade — Megan Gnirk and Myles Kampa.



Members of the Winside High School Youth Leadership Council (YLC) pose for a picture following a successful food drive.

Winside Public School Food Drive brings in over 2,000 items

Winside Public School hosted their annual Food Drive during the first two weeks in December. The Food Drive is sponsored by the high school Youth Leadership Council (YLC) and the Elementary Student Council. The elementary school (PreK - sixth grades) set their goal at 1,150 items, while junior high and high school's (seventh - 12th grades) goal was 700 items. Both buildings were excited to learn they surpassed their goals with a total collection of over 2,000 items. Collected items were distributed to the Wayne County Food

Pantry, the Winside Backpack Program, and Wayne's Haven House. All students earned a 10 a.m. late start as they returned from the holidays on Jan. 3. Additionally, elementary students earned a movie. The seventh grade class collected the most items in the junior high and high school and also earned a movie. Winside Elementary Student Council members are as follows: fourth graders - Raylyn Behmer, Katelyn Jaeger, Brayden Lurz, and Ellie Topp; fifth graders - Landon Carlson; advisors Brittany

Footo and Paige Klabenes. High School YLC members are as follows: tenth graders - Kati Topp, Harlie Wylie, Kylie Cautrell, Brooklyn Behmer, Toby Heinemann, Hope Cummins and Jacqueline Escalante; eleventh graders - Alex Carlson, Shaelinn Heimdale, Jasmine Nelson, Loretta Reed and Andrea Bargstadt; twelfth grader - Haylee Cummins; and advisor School Counselor Andrea Hinrichs. The Winside Backpack Program has extended a special thank you to the families who supported the program by donating to the food drive.

Looking Ahead in Wayne

By Wes Blecke,
City Administrator
City Council meetings
Regular Wayne City Council meetings are at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in City Hall at Third and Pearl Streets. We would be honored to have you join us!
Engineer chosen for Nebraska Street project
JEO was chosen at the most recent Council meeting to engineer the Nebraska Street project. This project will replace paving and upgrade storm sewers from Seventh Street to Second Street. This project is being partially funded by a \$475,000 from the State of Nebraska. Design for the project will begin immediately with hopes that it can be awarded to a contractor late spring with construction yet this fall.

Snow removal update
At its first meeting in January,

the City Council updated the City Code addressing streets, alleys, sidewalks or any public space being kept clean (Sec. 78-237). The following language is effective immediately:
"It shall be unlawful for any person to place, throw or put upon any street, alley, sidewalk or any public place any snow, ice, dirt, rubbish, refuse, or material of any kind or nature unless otherwise permitted by the city. For the purpose of snow removal, any snow lying within the public right-of-way may remain in the right-of-way from which it came. It shall be unlawful to place the snow in the right-of-way across the paved street or adjacent to another private property. Any snow piled adjacent to a public alley or within the sight triangle for all streets shall not exceed 30" in height."
City Council Retreat
The City Council and Mayor will hold its annual retreat at the

Wayne Fire Hall on Friday, Jan. 18 starting at 5 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 19 starting at 8 a.m.
This gives the Council and Mayor a chance to discuss at length multiple topics facing the City. It also gives them a chance to think about long term planning and how the City will look in the years to come. Some items that will likely be discussed include growing the City through annexation and funding for capital projects.
As always the public is invited to this open meeting. If you would like a topic to be considered for discussion by the Council and Mayor, please let me know as soon as possible.
Questions, comments, concerns?
Contact Wes Blecke, City Administrator at 375-1733 or wblecke@cityofwayne.org

Property Transfers

December Property Transfers
Dec. 14: Ivan R. Creighton to Wayne Community Housing Development Corp. Lot 3 and part of Lot 2, Block 1, Crawford & Browns Addition of Wayne. \$225,00.
Dec. 14: Gary D. Brown and Janice K. Brown to Charles Robert Wilcox and Rebecca Nicole Wilcox. Part of Lot 25 and 26, McPherrans Addition of Wayne. \$279,00.
Dec. 17: Terry L. Roberts and Laurie L. Roberts to Terry L. Roberts and Laurie L. Roberts. The SE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 27, Range 2, Exempt.
Dec. 17: Gary L. Miller and Juanita A. Miller to Pearl Street LLC.

Lot 1, Block 1, GL2 First Subdivision - replat in College Hill Addition of Wayne. Exempt.
Dec. 17: Gary L. Miller and Juanita A. Miller to Pearl Street LLC. Lot 2, Block 1, GL 2 First Subdivision - replat in College Hill Addition of Wayne. Exempt.
Dec. 17: Gary L. Miller and Juanita A. Miller to Pearl Street LLC. Lot 3, Block 1, GL 2 First Subdivision - replat in College Hill Addition of Wayne. Exempt.
Dec. 17: Gary L. Miller and Juanita A. Miller to Pearl Street LLC. Lot 4, Block 1, GL 2 First Subdivision - replat in College Hill Addition of Wayne. Exempt.

Dec. 17: City of Wayne to Jack D. Beeson and Beverly A. Beeson. Part of the NE 1/4 and part of the SE 1/4 (part of Tax Lot 7) of Section 4, Township 26, Range 4 and part of the SW 1/4 (part of Tax Lot 8) of Section 4, Township 26, Range 4. Exempt.
Dec. 17: Mary E. Kramer to John M. Schwarte and Amber R. Schwarte. Lot 19, Benscoter Addition Planned Unit Development replat 2 of Wayne. \$326,25.
Dec. 19: Marie C. Pfeiffer to Marie C. Pfeiffer Revocable Living Trust, Robert D. Pfeiffer Trustee and Carolyn M. Beiermann Trustee. Part of Lot 26, Taylor & Wachobs Addition of Wayne. Exempt.

A Quick Look

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Date	High	Low	Precip	Snow
Jan. 10	27	17	—	—
Jan. 11	37	17	—	—
Jan. 12	35	21	—	—
Jan. 13	26	21	—	—
Jan. 14	36	25	—	—
Jan. 15	42	24	—	—
Jan. 16	44	21	—	—

Recorded 7 a.m. for previous 24 hour period
Precip./mo. — 0" / Monthly snow — 0"
Yr./Date — 0" / Seasonal snow — 12"

Chamber Coffee

WAYNE — This week's Chamber Coffee will be held Friday, Jan. 18 at Press Box at Cunningham Field on the Wayne State College campus. The coffee on Friday, Jan. 25 will be held at St. Mary's Catholic School in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week. The coffee begins at 10 a.m. and announcements at 10:15 a.m.

Food Truck

AREA — The next Wayne Food Truck food distribution for those in financial need is Saturday, Jan. 26 at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Food distribution is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Doors open at 8 a.m. People receiving food should bring containers to carry the food home. Volunteers are always welcome.

Paper Drive

AREA — The Wayne Boy Scouts will be conducting the monthly paper drive on Saturday, Jan. 19. Paper and aluminum beverage cans should be placed in paper grocery bags or boxes and set at the curb by 8 a.m. No plastic, no cardboard, no items with a spiral binding (plastic or metal) can be mixed with the paper. Recyclables may also be dropped off at the Scout trailer at the Transfer Station Monday, Friday or Saturday mornings.

Library events

AREA — The following is a list of activities scheduled at Wayne Public Library in the coming week: Thursday, Jan. 17: Needle Night, 6-8 p.m. - Informal gathering of those who enjoy needle arts including knitting, crochet, embroidery, weaving and more; Saturday, Jan 19 - Winter Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Every Saturday morning through March; Wednesday, Jan 23 - Toddler Time, 10 a.m. Caregivers, babies and toddlers are encouraged to come join in the fun. Enjoy stories, songs and sensory oriented play. Stop-in to pick up a copy of "Gone Girl," by Gillian Flynn. Suspenseful, intriguing - "Marriage can be a real killer". Discussion for this book will be held the last Tuesday of the month. The book Club meets the last Tuesday of every month.



10 years ago (2009)

The City of Wayne opened the Wayne Community Activity Center with the help of the Northeast Nebraska American Red Cross in Wayne on the afternoon/evening of Jan. 12. The Activity Center staff worked to keep the center open the entire night to assist stranded motorists and students who were unable to make it home that night during this winter storm. The shelter was also available for residents of Northeast Nebraska that are without power and motorists who had been involved in car accidents who were treated and released from the hospital, but either had no vehicle to trav-

el in or couldn't travel due to the storm conditions.

At 6 p.m., about 38 people were being assisted. Lori Carollo, Executive Director of the Northeast Nebraska Red Cross chapter in Wayne, indicated cots and blankets were in place and local businesses helped provide evening snacks for the shelter guests and the Wayne Community Schools helped provide the evening meal.

25 years ago (1994)

Wayne's Pat Riesberg bowled a perfect 300 game last Thursday night in Crofton. Riesberg, a native of Crofton, went back to sub in the Thursday Night Men's League at Centennial Lanes—a four-lane house. It was the first ever 300 game for Riesberg and it turned out to be the first ever accredited 300 game in Crofton. Riesberg bowled the gem in the second of a three-game series. His first game ended with a 158 followed by the 300 and a 202.

Looking back...

Riesberg said all 12 balls hit right in the pocket but his 11th one was dropped. "I actually threw a much better ball on the 12th one than I did on the 11th," Riesberg said.

50 years ago (1969)

Wayne Police Chief Vern D. Fairchild received word Friday morning that he had been selected as a member of the Inaugural Detail, to work with the Criminal Inaugural Ceremonies, Jan. 18, 19 and 20 in Washington D.C. Fairchild is to report to the Criminal Investigation Division of the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington on Jan. 18. His assignment covers the Inaugural Ceremonies for President-elect Richard M. Nixon, in Washington on Jan. 20. Chief Fairchild said he plans to fly to Washington from Lincoln. **75 years ago (1944)** 'A few lines after a hard day's work and a brief pause for this holy evening,' writes S. Sgt.

Robert Merchant to the Earl Merchants Christmas eve from New Britain to which island he was recently transferred from New Guinea. "This Christmas is much different, no snow, hotter than our July 4 days and an evening which seems as though it will never cool off. There are no pipeorgans, no orchestras or choirs singing Christmas hymns, but an accordion far off in the distance, which some soldier is playing, gives a few Christmas hymns and a little spirit.' In the letter Dec. 28 S. Sgt. Merchant says that 'Christmas day is just another day with plenty of beef stew or corned beef, but we didn't mind at all. We did have our hearts set on a good turkey dinner but this sudden move sort of stopped everything.' The Wayne young man mentions that some Christmas packages and mail reached him in New Guinea but much mail has been delayed by the move.

Commissioners

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The commissioners were hesitant to approve the agreement without an attorney's approval.

"We've come a long way through the process," commissioner Dean Burbach said. "I think anytime we make a big decision we need someone to back us up, but I think we have too much time and money involved in it to just give it up."

The agreement was approved by a vote of 2-1. Sievers voted against approval.

Wayne County Emergency Manager, Nic Kemnitz updated the commissioners about his office. In the prior meeting, Kemnitz reported that he was working on repairing a damaged coax cable on one of the County's radio towers.

Tuesday morning he reported that the repair process was under-

way. He also announced Emergency Management would have several training events coming up. On Jan. 23 and Jan. 25 the State of Nebraska will be holding a video conference to train on new incident software. The demonstrations will revolve around a bus crash and suspected epidemic outbreak, respectively. On March 8, Wayne State College will play host to an Economic Recovery Workshop.

Highway superintendent Mark Casey was next in front of the commissioners. Casey asked the commissioners to approve an agreement with JEO Consulting for supplemental engineering on the on-going Temme bridge project.

Wayne city administrator Wes Blecke and Wayne mayor Cale Giese came before the commissioners to discuss the importance

of having one of the three commissioners on the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA). Both Blecke and Giese said they wanted to continue the working relationship with Wayne County and the City of Wayne, a sentiment shared by the commissioners.

"We've got to work together. That's the important thing, it's just common sense to me," commissioner Jim Rabe said.

Several tax issues were heard by the Board of Equalization, and Terry Sievers was named to the vacant Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services, Inc., Wayne Area Business & Industry Committee and CRA seats.

The next Wayne County Commissioners meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 9 a.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse.

First Lego League teams take part in qualifier event

Two of the three First Lego League (FLL) teams from Wayne competed on Jan. 12 in the Columbus FLL Qualifier event.

During the competition, the teams presented their innovative solutions to how astronauts endure a physical or social problem during a long duration in space. They also presented information on the EV3 Mindstorms robot that they designed and programmed.

In the Core Values session, they demonstrated how they work as a team while completing a new challenge given to them that day.

The afternoon was spent with the teams and the robots competing in three rounds of completing as many missions as possible on the Lego Space Board in 2 1/2 minutes.

Both of the teams that participated on Saturday will be moving on to compete in the Nebraska First Lego League State Competition at the SAC Museum on Saturday, Feb. 16.

The Legion of Legos team was awarded the Global Innovation Award as the judges felt their project was "extraordinarily innovative." They will compete at state for the Nebraska Global Innovation Award.

Both teams will compete in all four areas of the competition like they did this past Saturday.

"Thank you to all of the parents and coaches who assisted the team members throughout the season. Thank you to Wayne State College for being a sponsor. Our third



(Contributed photo)

Two Wayne First Lego League alumni team members and a coach served as volunteers during the First Lego League Qualifier in Columbus on Saturday. The volunteers helped during the robot games. The volunteer alumni from Team Twisters were Mikenzie Schafer and Sarah Tompkins. Sonya Tompkins was a volunteer scorekeeper.

Wayne FLL team, S.N.A.C.K.S., will compete in the Bellevue qualifier on Saturday, Feb. 2," said Sonya Tompkins, who serves as advisors for the First Lego League team.



(Contributed photo)

Members of the Legion of Legos team include (front) Caleb Carroll and Aiden Bohnert. (back) Colby Raulston, Maddox Ziska and Boden Dobbins. Coaches are Leslie Ziska and Dan Carroll.



(Contributed photo)

Member of the Space Force team include (front) Izzy Helenthal, Ethan Bohnert, Chase Adams and Braden Adams. (back) Maiah Davis, Ashton Brandow, Harrison Collier, Liam Wachter, Jace Piper and Sarina Whittaker. Coaches are Sandi Wachter and Jay Collier.

Two Wakefield residents arrested on child abuse charges

The Dixon County Sheriff's Office executed an arrest warrant Wednesday morning, Jan. 9 for Patrick Henderson and Angel



Angel Henderson

Henderson, both of Wakefield.

Both were arrested for two charges each of intentional child abuse, which is a Class IIIA Felony. It carries a maximum punishment of three years imprisonment and 18 months of post release supervision, a \$10,000 fine or both. Minimum punishment is no imprisonment and nine months of post release supervision if imprisonment is imposed.



Patrick Henderson

Patrick Henderson was arrested and booked into the Dixon County Jail in Ponca. Angel Henderson was arrested and then transported to the Dakota County Jail in Dakota City.

Both will be held while awaiting prosecution through the Nebraska Attorney General's Office in conjunction with the Dixon County Attorney's Office.

Reckless driving pursuit leads to short school lockdown in Wayne

According to a press release from the Wayne Police Department, the City of Wayne's 911 Center received a report of a white SUV traveling at high rates of speed at approximately 3:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9. The vehicle had forced several other vehicles off Highway 35 between Wakefield and Wayne.

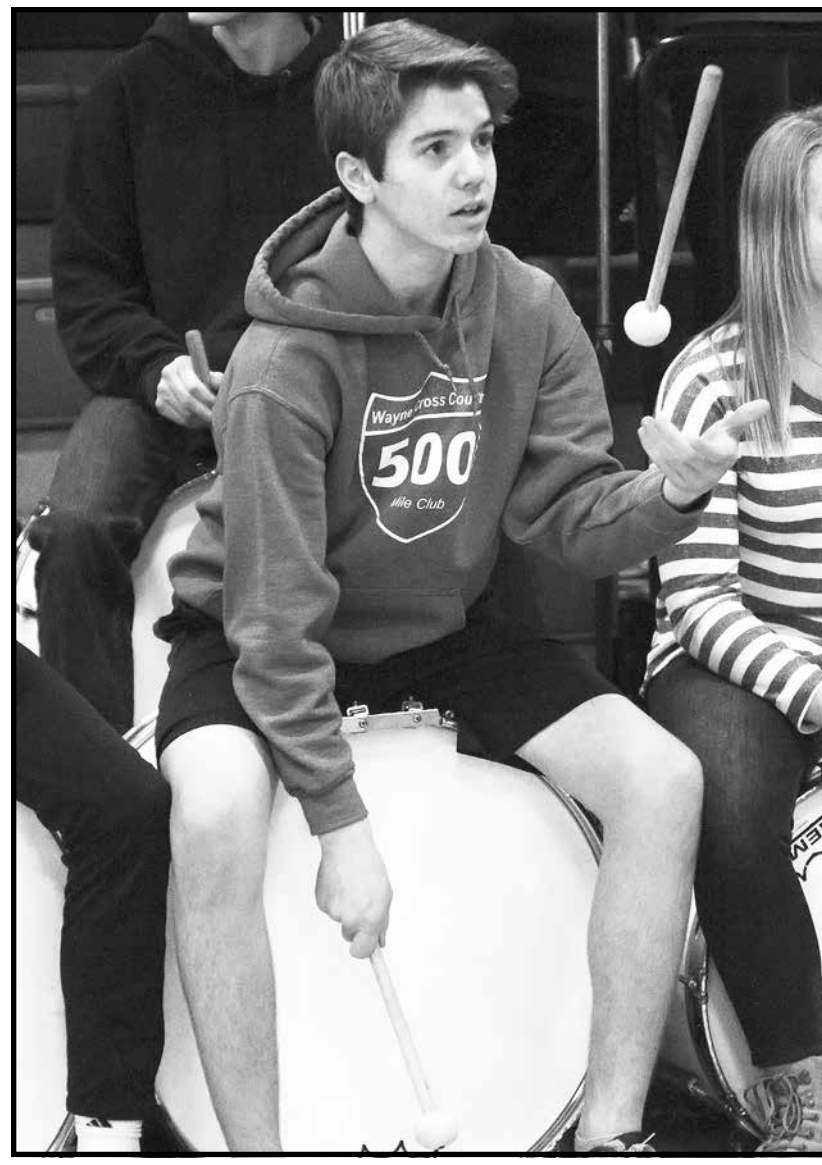
A Wayne police officer sighted the SUV in Wayne, westbound on Highway 35. The vehicle was still traveling at a high rate of speed and passed another vehicle in the center lane as the officer tried to catch up. A pursuit ensued with the SUV entering into a residential area of Wayne. The driver of the vehicle stopped and ran from the scene.

Because the residential area was close to Wayne Community Schools and because the chase happened near the time of school dismissal, the Wayne Police Department notified the school and requested the buildings go into lock down as a precautionary measure.

Only a few short minutes later, additional officers located the suspect in the 400 block of West 10th Street. The suspect, 26 year old Juan Pena Tamayo of Wakefield, was apprehended without incident. The school then lifted lockout and students were dismissed at 3:30 p.m.

"We place a high priority on the safety of our students and staff and we take that responsibility very seriously. We will always take appropriate measures to that end. We thank the Wayne PD for their immediate communication to us in this matter," a message sent to Wayne parents from the school district said.

Tamayo was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, willful reckless driving, flight to avoid arrest, driving during suspension/revocation, and other numerous traffic infractions.



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Drummer boy

Christopher Woerdemann, a drummer in Wayne High's band, shows off his skills during last Friday's home basketball game. Find game coverage on page 1B.

January is National Mentoring Month

TeamMates is celebrating mentors during National Mentoring Month

TeamMates coordinators and staff are saying thank you to mentors for simply being there for students in the Wayne community.

Jan. 1 marked the start of National Mentoring Month. Nationwide, programs are honoring mentors for their service and the impact they're making on youth.

Several activities are being planned in coming weeks for the mentors and mentees in the Wayne TeamMates program.

"We are grateful for every TeamMates mentor," TeamMates Executive Director Sarah Waldman said. "Every TeamMates mentor I speak with talks about how mentoring has been an incredibly positive experience for them. I hope more caring adults will join us so they, too, can experience the positive impact of mentoring."

The mission of the TeamMates Mentoring Program is to impact the world by inspiring youth to reach their full potential. TeamMates serves more than 8,500 youth in 160+ communities across Nebraska, Wyoming, Kansas, South Dakota, and Iowa. Mentors meet with their mentees one-on-one in school, once a week, during the academic year.

Mentees can be nominated one of three ways. They can be nominated by a parent, a school staff member, or self-nomination. Mentors are not tutors, counselors, nor are they there to "fix" anything—they're there to be friends. Mentors are matched with mentees based on interests and life experiences.

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Wayne State College named a top-ranked school for Human Development and Family Studies programs

Wayne State College performed well in a recent ranking of human development and family studies (HDFS) programs. College Factual ranks programs offered by four-year colleges and universities and has recently updated its rankings. WSC's programs in this category have been ranked number one in Nebraska and in the top one percent nationwide for 2019.

"We've made small changes and really just kept things current," Carol Erwin, assistant professor

said. "We have a strong program and our students are coming out of the program feeling prepared."

Ranking methodology included graduation rates, education quality, accreditation, and several other relevant factors. Erwin said she keeps track of her students' post-grad moves and the results are impressive.

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 Based on the bestselling novel by Angie Thomas, "The Hate U Give" is also available for purchase at the WSC campus bookstore.
 For more information, please contact the Wayne State College Multicultural Center at 402-375-7779.

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



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New year, new business

Ekeko Blends, the juice and coffee shop on Main Street in Wayne, hosted Chamber Coffee and celebrated their official ribbon cutting on Jan. 11. Owner Mytzy Kufner (center) welcomed the public and thanked them and her family for the support she received.

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Wayne Schools

From Page 1A
 Following discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve on first reading, the creation of an After School Program for the district. Board members also approved the 2019-2020 School Calendar.

Superintendent Mark Lenihan told the board there were no changes in the calendar since it was first presented to the board at the December meeting. He also noted the district has more than enough instructional time built into the schedule.

Lenihan gave preliminary summary of the AdvancED External visit to the school in early December. Lenihan told the board the goal is school improvement because "we always want to get better."

The Wayne Community Schools Board of Education will next meet in regular session on Monday, Feb. 11 at the elementary school. The meeting will be preceded by a tour of the building by board members.

Council

Chief Chinn told the council that it is now being required that all citations be handled digitally, although the department has been granted an extension to continue to use paper citations through the end of the year.

Chief Chinn is planning to submit a grant application to allow for five digital units for the department at a cost of approximately \$23,000. The city would be responsible for some of the costs associated with installing the equipment.

City council members also approved a resolution appointing JEO Consulting as the Special Engineer to be used for the design and reconstruction of the Nebraska Street from Second Street to Seventh Street Project. This project is in conjunction with the Community Development Block Grant Community Development Grant that the city was awarded earlier.

It is anticipated that the project could be bid out and started yet this year.

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

Past Wayne City Council packets and agendas can be found on the City's website at cityofwayne.org.

WSC

"Of the Family Consumer Science-teaching students in the five years, every single one of them has gotten a teaching job," Erwin said.

Human development and family studies looks to understand how people develop and relationships form in society. It studies the cognitive, emotional, social, and physical development of people throughout different stages. Majors and minors at Wayne State incorporating these subjects include family and consumer sciences, early childhood, and family life studies.

"It's a nice recognition," Erwin said. "We've always been here, we've always been doing this and we've been recognized because we're doing a good job."

College Factual, is a leading source of college data analytics and insights, with a strong focus on student outcomes and provides coverage for more than 2,500 colleges and universities and 350 college majors for students in more than 160 countries.

Wildcats

From Page 1B
Wayne State put the Wildcats in a comfortable 50-30 advantage going into the break.

Kylie Hammer joined in on the high-scoring affair in the third, scoring eight straight points for the Wildcats, including back-to-back treys, to give Wayne State a 61-39 edge. Wayne State put up 27 points in the third, tied for their third-best performance in a quarter of a season and providing a 77-55 lead going to the final period, where they finished with the 25-point victory for their highest margin of victory this season.

Busse led a quintet of Wildcats in double-figures, ending the night on 18 points and four assists. Norling (five assists) and Hammer (four assists) finished with 17 points apiece, while Halley Vesey scored 14 points. Bongartz joined with 11 points of her own, her 12th straight game scoring in double digits. Upper Iowa's Savannah Domeyer led all scorers with 20 points.

The Wildcats are on the road this weekend, playing at MSU Moorhead Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Northern State on Saturday at 4 p.m.



(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions/Mary Vanderbeek)
Maggie Lowe makes a pass for the Wildcats during Friday's 59-58 win over Winona State Friday in NSIC action at Rice Auditorium.

Wayne State men finish off season sweeps of Winona, Upper Iowa

The Wayne State men finished off a season sweep of Winona State and Upper Iowa to continue their solid play and improve to 13-3 overall and 8-2 in NSIC play.

In Friday's matchup, senior Vance Janssen led five Wildcats in double figures with 21 points and freshman Nick Ferrarini added a career-high 18 to lead the Wildcats to a season sweep with a 92-79 win over Winona State.

The first half started out as a game of runs. Wayne State opened with a 12-6 lead, but Winona State went on a 11-0 run over the next 4:13 to take a 17-12 lead. The Warriors pushed the lead to six several times with the final one coming at 27-21 with 7:34 to go in the half.

Wayne State rallied and took the lead for good on a pair of Jordan Janssen free throws for a 31-30 lead at the 4:46 mark of the first half. Winona State got as close as two at 36-34 with 3:00 remaining in the half, but Wayne State closed the half on a 13-3 run to lead 49-37 at the break.

The Wildcats maintained a double-digit advantage for most of the second half, leading by as many as 15 at 77-62 with 6:43 to go until the Warriors made a run late and got as close as five in the final minute. Winona State closed within five at 84-79 with :48 left, before Wayne State went 8-of-8 at the free throw line to close out the win.

Vance Janssen paced Wayne State in scoring with 21 points on 8-of-14 shooting from the field. Kendall Jacks followed with 19 points while Ferrarini poured in a career-best 18 points on 6-of-8 shooting that included 4-of-4 behind the arc. Jordan Janssen (13) and Trevin Joseph (11) also reached double digits.

Wayne State had one more rebound than Winona State, 32-31. Jacks had eight rebounds for

with Jordan Janssen adding seven. Jordan Janssen had five of Wayne State's 15 assists while Ferrarini was credited with three steals.

In Saturday's matchup, Wayne State won a back-and-forth battle

with Upper Iowa, hanging on for an 85-81 win and a season sweep of the Peacocks.

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(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions/Mary Vanderbeek)
Ben Dentlinger blocks a Winona State shot during the Wildcats' 92-79 win Friday at Rice Auditorium.



(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions)
Justin Erb drives by Ponca's Cole Richards during last Tuesday's matchup of top 10-ranked teams at Wakefield High School.

Trojans bounce back after first loss

The Wakefield boys basketball team suffered its first loss of the season last week, but bounced back from the defeat to get back on the winning track.

The Trojans took on two-time defending Class C-2 champion Ponca at home Tuesday, coming up on the short end of a 56-43 decision. They came back two days later to get back on the winning side, earning a 57-43 win over Lawton-Bronson.

In Tuesday's game, the Indians and Trojans battled through a spirited first half. Solomon Peitz scored 13 of his team-high 20 points to keep Wakefield in contention, trailing 29-23 at the half.

Justin Erb joined Peitz in the scoring parade in the third quarter, as the two combined for 19 of

Wakefield's 20 second-half points, but it wasn't enough to offset the Indians as Wakefield suffered their first loss of the season.

Peitz had 20 and Erb added 12 to lead the Trojans. Blake Brown put in five points, Esgar Godinez had four and Dylon Harder scored two.

Two nights later, the Trojans built a 12-point halftime lead and maintained that advantage to get back on the winning side at 10-1.

Erb scored a game-high 21 points to lead Wakefield, with Solomon Peitz adding 20 and Gabe Peitz tossing in 11. Brown added three points and Godinez had two.

Wakefield faced another top ten matchup at home with Bancroft-Rosalie/Lyons-Decatur on Tuesday. They travel to Emerson-Hub-

bard on Friday.

Ponca	56	Wakefield	43
Wakefield	13	10	43
Ponca	15	14	56
Wakefield	17	10	57
Wakefield	17	17	57
Law.-Bron.	11	11	43
Wakefield	57	Lawton-Bronson	43

Wakefield	17	17	57
Law.-Bron.	11	11	43
Wakefield	17	17	57
Law.-Bron.	11	11	43
Wakefield	17	17	57
Law.-Bron.	11	11	43

LCC hoops teams take care of Creighton

The Laurel-Concord-Coleridge basketball teams went to Creighton and came away victorious in action Friday evening.

In the girls' matchup, the Lady Bears came from behind to post a 50-47 win over the Lady Bulldogs, overcoming a seven-point halftime deficit.

Lorna Maxon led a balanced attack with 14 points while Kinsey Hall added 12. Makayla Forsberg put in seven points, Bethany Kardell had six, Madysyn Hall scored five and Erica Wolfram and Delaney Ehlers each had three.

Forsberg led the team with seven rebounds while Maxon, Kinsey Hall and Madysyn Hall each had six. Wolfram and Ehlers had five rebounds apiece and Maxon had three steals.

In the boys game, the Bears used a 32-12 second-quarter surge to take control of the game and pull away for an 87-47 blowout of the Creighton boys.

Izac Reifenrath led four Bears in double figures with a game-high 27 points while Noah Schutte had a double-double with 25 points and 16 rebounds. Cael Hartung added 11 points and Ty Erwin put in 10.

Also scoring were Austin Hall with six, Even Haisch with four, Lucas Rasmussen with three and Cody Bably with one. Reifenrath led the team with six assists and three steals and also had eight rebounds. Hartung grabbed seven boards, Hall had six, Ty Erwin had five assists

and Schutte had four. The Bears hosted Hartington-Newcastle on Tuesday and have home matchups with Battle Creek on Thursday and Osmond on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Girls Result	
LCC 50, Creighton	47
LCC 6	16 1 3
15	50
Creighton	16 1 3
8	10

LCC - Forsberg 7, Kardell 6, K. Hall 12, Wolfram 3, Maxon 14, Ehlers

3, M. Hall 5.

CREIGHTON - Scoring not available.

Boys Results	
LCC 87, Creighton	47
LCC 17	32 1 8
20	87
Creighton	19 1 2
9	7

LCC - Hartung 11, Babil 1, Reifenrath 27, Schutte 25, Haisch 4, Erwin 10, Rasmussen 3, Hall 6.

CREIGHTON - Scoring not available.

Allen boys pick up pair of wins

The Allen boys basketball team picked up a pair of wins at home this past week.

On Thursday, the Eagles put 11 players in the scorebook as they came away with a 70-46 win over Santee.

Allen used a 24-11 second-quarter run to take control of the game and outscored the Warriors 34-24 in the final 16 minutes for the easy win.

Steven Cooks led a balanced attack with 13 points, with Noah Carr adding 12 and Kyle Smith putting in 10 points.

Also scoring were Brogan Jones with seven, Reed Hingst and Josh Grone with four apiece, Kobe Kumm with three, Lukas Oswald and Josh Olesen with two each and Steve Sullivan with a free throw.

Smith led the team in rebounds

with seven while Cooks and Jones each had five. Kumm and Jones both had four assists. Carr led the team in steals with five, while Jones had four and Grone had three.

On Friday, Allen defeated Whiting (Iowa) in a 67-26 blowout win. Statistics were not available at press time.

Allen hosted Wynot on Tuesday. They play at Wausau on Thursday and are at Walthill on Monday.

Allen 70, Santee	46
Allen	12 2 4
17	70
Santee	11 1 1
11	46

ALLEN - Hingst 4, Sullivan 1, N. Oswald 12, Kumm 3, Jones 7, L. Oswald 2, Olesen 2, Carr 12, Cooks 13, Smith 10, Grone 4.

SANTEE - Archambeau 14, White 24, Becerra 3, Thomas 5.

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One Office	10	2
Vet's Club	9.5	2.5
Bryan's Plumbing	8	4
Grossenburt Impl.	7	5
Wildcat Cubs	7	5
4th Jug	7	5
Wildcat Lanes	6	6
Wayne Country Club	5	7
Tom's Body Shop	4.5	7.5
Half-Ton Club	4	8
Klein Electric	2	10
The Odd Balls	2	10

High Games and Series: Dusty Baker, 237; Wayne Country Club, 806; Dusty Baker, 673; Michael Denklau, 673; Doug Rose, 662; Jessi Jensen, 609; Rich Rethwisch, 602; Darin Bargholz, 600; Kayleen Roberts, 516.

High Scores: Kyle Kempf, 231; Jessi Jensen, 230; Michael Denklau, 227; Dusty Baker, 227; Doug Rose, 224; Noah Braun, 223; Dallas Hansen, 222; Jim Johnson, 221; Darin Bargholz, 216; Dustin Bargholz, 214; Kent Roberts, 213; Brad Jones, 213; Rich

Rethwisch, 207; Chris Bird, 207; Mike Grosz, 206; Bryan Denklau, 205; Ronnie Forney, 204; Kayleen Roberts, 202; Steve Mahoney, 201.

Splits: Jessi Jensen, 6-7, 3-10; Dusty Baker, 3-10; Dallas Hansen, 3-10; Kent Roberts, 4-7-10; Trent Patefield, 2-10.

Hits N Misses
Week #19 01/09/19

JS Enterprises	9	3
Wildcat Lanes	8	4
Gary's Food Town	7	5
Ruwe Farms	6	6
White Dog Pub	6	6
Kathol & Associates	6	6
State Nebraska Bank	4	8
Deerfield Ghost	2	10

High Games and Series: Lisa Lindsay, 196; Ardie Sommerfeld, 191; Kathy Bird, 183; Lisa Lindsay, 556; Angie Rath, 505.

Splits: Dawn Navrkal, 5-7; Kathy Bird, 5-7; Angie Rath, 4-7-10; Ardie Sommerfeld, 6-10; Diane Roeber, 5-6-10.



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Jackie Escalante fires up a shot for the Winside girls during home action last week against Walthill.

Winside girls' offense sputters in recent matchups

The Winside girls basketball team lost matchups to Walthill and Elgin/Pope John in action last week.

On Tuesday, the Lady Wildcats dropped a 65-22 decision to Walthill.

Four players scored four points apiece in the losing effort, including McKenna Russell, Kallie Kampa, Ashelyn Abler and Loretta Reed. Scoring two points each were Kati Topp, Andi Bargstadt and Jackie Escalante.

Topp led the team with six rebounds, Escalante added five and Bargstadt had four.

On Saturday, the Lady Wildcats fell at Elgin/Pope John 61-11 as

the host teams limited Winside to three points in the first half.

Winside was at Randolph Tuesday and plays host to Wausa on Friday.

Walthill 65, Winside 22

Winside	10	1
Walthill	7	—
Walthill	10	9
Winside	29	17

WINSIDE — Topp 2, Russell 4, Bargstadt 2, Kampa 4, Escalante 2,

Abler 4, Reed 4.

WALTHILL — Scoring not available.

Reb — Topp 6, Escalante 5, A. Bargstadt 4

Elgin/Pope John	61	Winside	11
Winside	2	Winside	1
Winside	4	—	11
Elgin/PJ	18	2	4
Winside	4	—	61

WINSIDE — Russell 3, Bargstadt 2, Escalante 2, Abler 2, Reed 2.

ELGIN/POPE JOHN — Scoring not available.

Reb - Topp 7, Escalante 5, Kampa 4

Wildcat indoor track and field teams return to action

Cade Kalkowski scored a first-place finish in the weight throw to lead the Wayne State men's indoor track and field team Saturday at the Ward Haylett Invitational, hosted by Doane University in Crete.

Kalkowski recorded a top mark of 62 feet, 3 1/4 inches to win the weight throw, with teammate

Dylan Kaup taking fourth (57-5 3/4) and Cole Christoffersen ninth at 49-0 3/4.

Other top field event performances saw Ben Allen place fifth in the shot put (50-8) and Mikhail Sands came in eighth place in the long jump at 21-6 1/4.

Brock Hegarty had the top finish in running events, taking third in

the mile run with a time of 4:33.90.

Nathan Hiemer was eighth in the 1,000-meter run (2:52.18) while three Wildcats placed in the 3,000-meter run as Jack Doughty was eighth (9:28.29), Dylan Kessler ninth (9:28.31) and Bailey Peckham 10th (9:33.40). The Wildcat 3,200-meter relay team placed second at 8:21.70.

In women's action, Jadin Wagner (shot put) and freshman Molli Vasa (600-meter run) both posted third-place finishes to lead the Wayne State women.

Wagner placed third in the shot put with a top throw of 45-4 1/2 while Vasa took third in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:43.50.

In field events, Tia Jones took seventh in the shot put (44-5 1/4). Freshman Nicole Heeren was fourth in the weight throw (53-7) followed by Brooklynn Chipps in seventh (52-9 1/2), Wagner eighth at 52-2 and McKenzie Scheil 10th at 49-8 1/4.

Joan Jelimo was fourth in the mile run (5:44.86), Kim Lowman took sixth in the mile run at 5:49.05 and Wayne native Andrea Torres was eighth in the 3,000-meter run at 12:08.66. Hana Lazure and Morgan Shearer each tied for 10th in the high jump, clearing 4-11 3/4.

Wayne State will continue the 2019 indoor track season Friday at the South Dakota State Open in Brookings, S.D.

Junior High boys basketball teams open play

The Wayne Junior High boys basketball teams opened their season with games last week.

The seventh graders opened with a 41-21 win over Battle Creek and beat Pierce 30-29 on a wild finish.

In the Battle Creek game, Drue Davis led the team with 11 points, Caiden Backer had nine, Devin Anderson scored six, Caden Wiese had four, Kaleb Moormeier scored three and Kaden Hunt, Parker Kesting, Sam Junck and Ryan Karsky each had two.

In the Pierce game, Wayne let a 27-18 third-quarter lead get away as Pierce scored on a layup with two seconds left to go up 29-28. Anderson heaved a half-court shot at the buzzer that found the hole to give Wayne the miracle win.

Anderson scored nine to lead

the way, with Wiese adding six. Also scoring were Backer with five, Moormeier with four, Jace Dean with three and Hung, Davis, Karsky and Junck with two each.

In eighth-grade action, Wayne beat Battle Creek 39-28 and lost to Pierce 44-38.

In the Battle Creek game, Brooks Kneifl led the way with 10 points, Daniel Judd added eight, followed by Alex Phelps with six, Andrew Jones with five, Sedjro Agoumba with four, Carter Junck with three, Hunter Schultz with two and Easton Blecke with one.

In the Pierce game, Kneifl scored nine to lead the way with Judd and Phelps adding six apiece. Braydn McCorkindale had three, Trace Jackson had two and Agoumba had one.

Wildcats

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Upper Iowa took an early 10-5 lead, but Wayne State rallied with a 11-2 run and built a 16-12 lead on a Jordan Janssen jumper at the 13:19 mark.

With the score tied at 30-30, Wayne State went on a 10-4 run and closed the half on a Joseph 3-pointer to lead 40-34 at intermission.

Early in the second half, Wayne State used back-to-back baskets from Jordan Janssen to take their biggest lead of the game at 53-45 with 15:02 to play, but the Peacocks came back and capped a 9-0 run to take a 64-62

lead with 8:38 to go.

Wayne State regained the lead and led by as many as seven after a pair of Jordan Janssen free throws with 3:53 to go, but the Peacocks scored seven straight of their own to tie the game at 81-81 with 2:10 left in regulation.

Neither team could find the basket in the final two minutes, but Wayne State got four free throws from Joseph, the final two with 4.6 seconds left, to come away with the win.

Joseph led Wayne State in scoring with 28 points with Jacks, Vance Janssen and Jordan Janssen each adding 16. Jacks moved into ninth

place on the all-time scoring list at Wayne State with 1,377 points after his 16-point effort Saturday. Upper Iowa had the game's top scorer in Munachiso Okonkwo, who scored 31 points.

Wayne State won the rebounding battle 36-29 thanks to six boards each from Ferrarini and Jordan Janssen. Vance Janssen handed out six assists while Jordan Janssen had three steals.

The Wildcats are on the road Friday and Saturday, playing at MSU Moorhead Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Northern State on Saturday at 6 p.m.

After dual loss, Wayne takes seventh at Schuyler

The Wayne High wrestlers came up on the short end of a dual loss Thursday, but bounced back with six medals and a seventh-place finish in an always-tough Schuyler Invitational on Saturday.

The Bleu Devils didn't match up well with Battle Creek in a dual at Wayne High School, as the Braves won seven of nine contested matches to post a 62-16 dual win.

Wayne's only wins came from seniors Cameron Muhs and Juan Vergara. Muhs posted a 14-4 major decision at 126 pounds, while Vergara closed out the dual with a first-period pin.

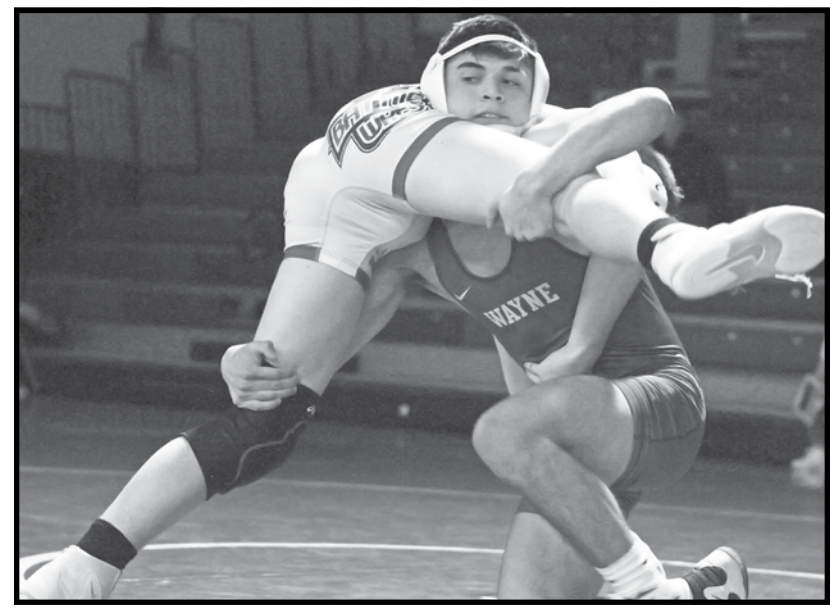
On Saturday, the Blue Devils had one champion among its six medalists at Schuyler, as Vergara continued his undefeated season with a major decision to win the 138-pound title.

Reece Jaqua and Mike Leatherdale both came up with runner-up finishes at 120 and 285 pounds, respectively. Muhs (126) and Reid Korth (160) both earned fourth-place finishes, while Cooper Zara placed fifth at 152 pounds.

The Blue Devils are back in action Saturday at the Neligh-Oakdale Invitational. They are home for a dual against Winside on Tuesday.

Battle Creek 62, Wayne 16
145: Damien Kersten, BC, tech. fall Edwin Espino, 16-0. 152: Kobe Thompson, BC, pinned Cooper Zara, 1:58. 160: Ty Heimes, BC, pinned Reid Korth, 4:47. 170: Traven Croghan, BC, pinned Harley Wheeler, 3:05. 182: Kase Thompson, BC, pinned Angel Sanchez, 1:14. 195: Wayne open. 220: Wayne open.

285: BC open. 106: Wayne open. 113: Wayne open. 120: Cayce McCracken, BC, dec. Reece Jaqua, 3-1.



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Juan Vergara controls Kaden Warneke of Battle Creek during a dual Thursday at Wayne High School. Vergara earned a first-period pin, but Battle Creek won the dual 62-16.

126: Cameron Muhs, Wayne, maj. dec. Carter King, 14-4. 132: Owen Lade, BC, pinned James Dorcy, 3:30. 138: Juan Vergara, Wayne, pinned Kaden Warneke, 1:12.

Schuyler Invitational
Team Standings
Columbus Lakeview 205, Aquinas 176, Lexington 172, Schuyler 163.5, Gretna 142, Scottsbluff 109, Wayne 106.5, Malcolm 105, Shelby-Rising City 60, Tekamah-Herman 46, Madison 27, B-R/L-D 15.

Wayne Medalists
120: 1. Ryan Zoucha, Malcolm, pinned Reece Jaqua, Wayne, :32. 126: 3. Kenneth Castro, Schuyler, dec. Cameron Muhs, Wayne, 3-1. 138: 1. Juan Vergara, Wayne, maj. dec. Joel Lemburg, Lakeview, 11-1. 152: 5. Cooper Zara, Wayne, def. Mychiaia Moss, Scottsbluff, medical forfeit. 160: 3. Adam Stewart, Malcolm, dec. Reid Korth, Wayne, 4-2. 285: 1. Jade Wurth, Lexington, pinned Mike Leatherdale, Wayne, 1:39.

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Trojans split triangular, medal five at Battle Creek

The Wakefield/Allen wrestlers picked up four medals at Battle Creek after a triangular split earlier in the week at Ponca.

In Tuesday's triangular, the Trojans won all three matches against Ponca, but six forfeits allowed the hosts to win the dual 36-24.

Gabe Lamprecht (126), Charlie Lopez (132) and Isaac Verzani (160) all won their matches for the Trojans and picked up two Ponca forfeits, but it wasn't enough to offset the six open weights that Ponca scored on with forfeits to win the dual.

The Trojans picked up a 36-18 win over Madison in a dual that had just one contested match, with Lamprecht winning on a second-period pin.

On Saturday, the Trojans finished 12th out of 18 teams in the Battle Creek Invitational and finished the day with four medalists.

Verzani led the Trojan effort with a third-place finish in a tough 152-pound bracket. Teammates Lopez and Wyatt Verzani finished fourth at 132 and 138 pounds, respectively, while Lamprecht was sixth at 126 pounds.

The Trojans face back-to-back tournaments this week, competing in the Lewis & Clark Conference meet on Thursday and the Madison Invitational on Friday.

Ponca Triangular
Ponca 36, Wakefield/Allen 24
106: Both open. 113: W/A open. 120: W/A open. 126: Gabe Lamprecht, W/A, dec. Aiden Cook, 13-7. 132: Charlie Lopez, W/A, dec. Dalton Anderson, 6-1. 138: Ponca open. 145: Ponca open.

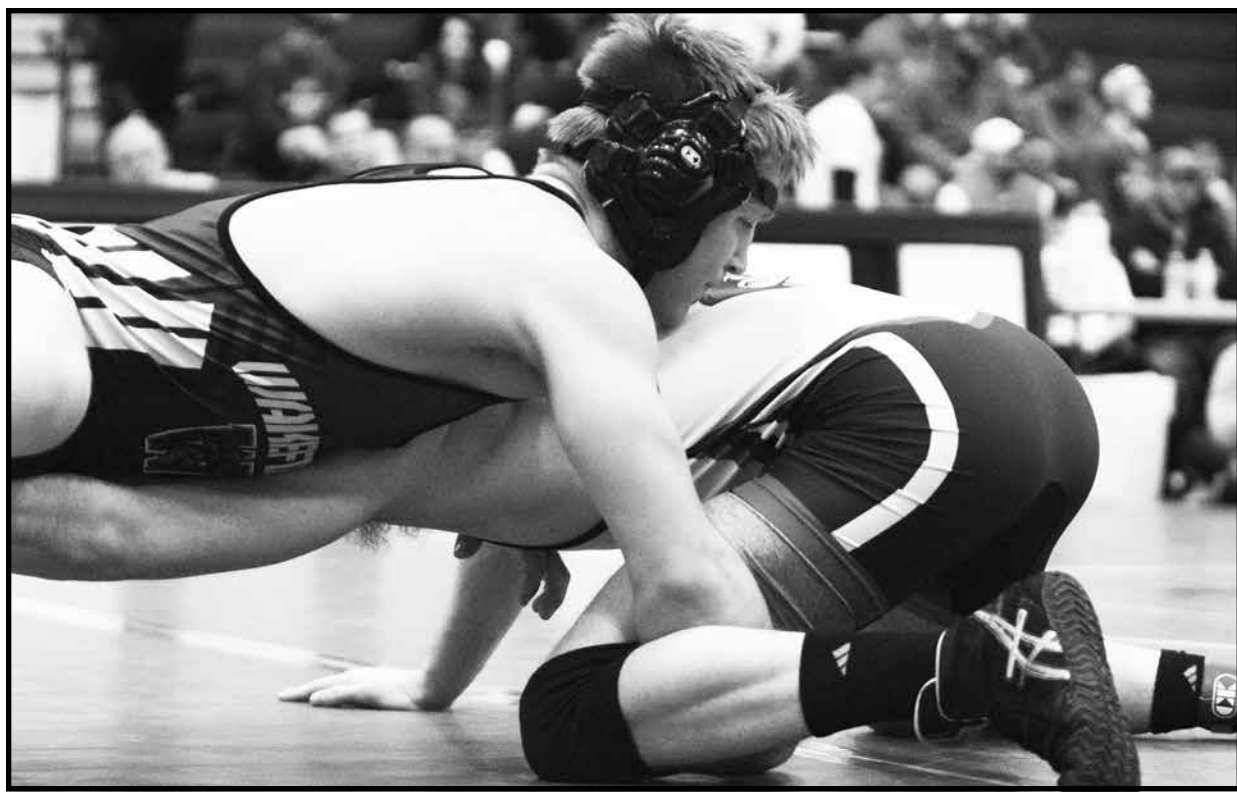
152: Both open. 160: Isaac Verzani, W/A, pinned Hunter Bennett, 2:42. 170: Both open. 182: W/A open. 195: W/A open. 220: W/A open. 285: W/A open.

Wakefield/Allen 36, Madison 18
106: Both open. 113: W/A open. 120: Both open. 126: Gabe Lamprecht, W/A, pinned Kevin Rodriguez, 2:41. 132: Madison open. 138: Madison open. 145: Madison open.

152: Madison open. 160: Madison open. 170: Both open. 182: Both open. 195: Both open. 220: W/A open. 285: W/A open.

Battle Creek Invitational Team Standings
Battle Creek 214, Pierce 184.5, Elkhorn Valley 146, Oakland-Craig 141, Howells-Dodge 107, Creighton 101, Stanton 91, Randolph 68, Crofton/Bloomfield 64, Hartington CC 60.5, Ponca 58, Wakefield/Allen 50, Battle Creek JV 44, Scribner-Snyder 26, Osmond 18, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 17, Niobrara/Verdigre 15, Lutheran High Northeast 2.

Wakefield/Allen Medalists
126: 5. Dylan Ahlman, BCJV, pinned Gabe Lamprecht, W/A, 2:16. 132: 3. Cody Hanvey, Creighton, maj. dec. Charlie Lopez, W/A, 8-0. 138: 3. Michael Kruntorad, Pierce, pinned Wyatt Verzani, W/A, 3:23. 152: 3. Isaac Verzani, W/A, pinned Bode Wortman, Creighton, :41.



(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions) Isaac Verzani bounced back from this semifinal loss to Brandon Bloomquist of Randolph to finish third at 152 pounds in the Battle Creek invitational.

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Sanz and Hunstad help Hawks roll past North Platte

Northeast Community College

It was a complete game effort on Monday night as the Northeast Community College women's basketball team stomped North Platte Community College 89-45 at the Cox Activities Center in Norfolk.

The first 12 points of the game belonged to the Hawks (9-7), before the Knights eventually hit two free throws with five minutes to play in the first quarter. Northeast allowed only five more points to close out the quarter as the Hawks went on to secure 20.

Sophomore Lauren Hunstad made her presence known in the second quarter, hitting back-to-back layups to spark an offensive attack from the Hawks. Later in the quarter, Hunstad hit another layup, followed by a Blake Mann jumper and a 3-pointer from Irene Sanz to give the Hawks a 38-14 lead at halftime.

Sanz went right to work out of the gate in the third quarter, hitting a contested 3-pointer. Jade Blackburn followed suit with a 3-pointer of her own to push the Hawks lead to 26 points. Mann did most of her damage in the third quarter, hitting back-to-

back 3-pointers. She went on to record 12 points on 5-of-8 shooting from the field.

The Hawks managed to put up 30 points in the fourth quarter, thanks to four-straight points from freshman Caitlin Orton (Mills, Neb.) early in the quarter. With 1:53 to play, the Hawks secured their largest lead of the game by 48 points after a pair of 3-pointers by Teagan Pompa (Elgin, Ill.) and Macey Kulhanek (Howells, Neb.).

Northeast shot 48 percent from

the field, compared to 23 percent by North Platte. The Hawks also out-rebounded the Knights 45-34.

Sanz finished with 20 points and seven rebounds, while shooting 8-of-14 from the field for 15 points and five boards.

The Hawks are back in action at 6 p.m. tomorrow night, taking on Concordia University JV in Norfolk.

Each member of the Hawks squad scored a point or more in the win.

Wakefield/Allen girls drop two matchups

The Wakefield/Allen girls basketball team dropped a pair of games at home last week, losing to Ponca (59-30) and Lawton-Bronson (60-52).

In the Ponca game, the visitors' pressure made things difficult for the Trojans offense, allowing the guests to build an early 17-2 lead and take a 21-point lead into the locker room.

Carly Dickens paced the Trojans in the losing effort with six points while Jessica Borg and Jordyn Carr each had five points. Seven players finished with two points, including Rachel Borg, Maddie Mogus, Haley Stapleton, Cassidy Brudigam, Jamie Dolph, Aishah Valenzuela and Anna Lundahl.

Jessica Borg had five rebounds while Dickens and Ally Twohit each had three. Carr and Valenzuela each had five steals.

On Thursday, it was a close battle throughout, but the visitors came away with the win over the Trojans.

Carr led the Wakefield/Allen girls with 10 points, Brudigam had eight, Valenzuela, Dolph and Jessica Borg each had seven. Mogus scored five and Lundahl and Dickens each had four.

Borg had 11 rebounds while Carr and Mogus both had seven and Lundahl had five. Carr had three assists

and six steals. The Trojans hosted B-R/L-D on Tuesday and will be at Emerson-Hubbard on Friday.

Ponca 59, Wakefield/Allen 30		
Wake/Allen	2	12
10	6	30
Ponca 17	18	13
11	—	59

WAKE/ALLEN — Dickens 6, J. Borg 5, Carr 5, R. Borg 2, Mogus 2, Stapleton 2, Brudigam 2, Dolph 2, Valenzuela 2, Lundahl 2.

PONCA — Cros Grove 10, McGill 2, Day 18, Salmen 3, B. Gill 4, Hughes 4, Fethkenher 3, Nelson 2, Lamprecht 11, L. Gill 2.

Lawton-Bronson 60, Wakefield/Allen 52

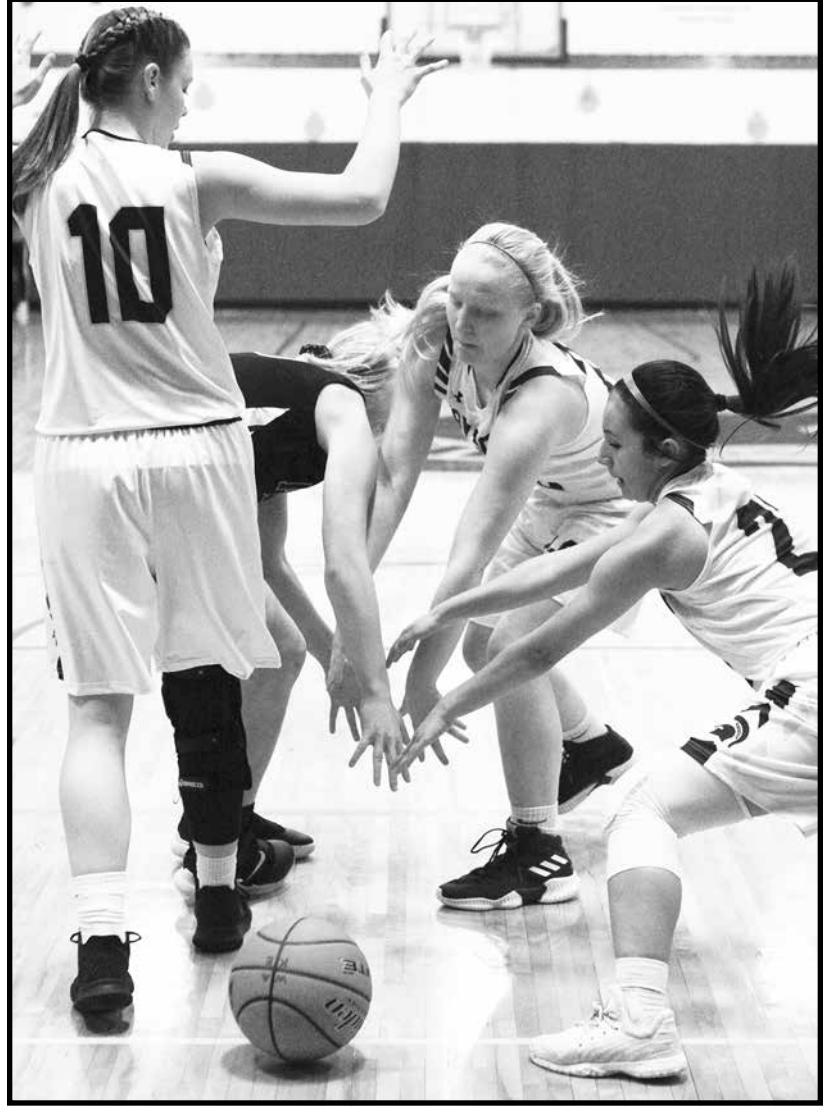
Wake/Allen	12	14
11	15	52
Law.-Bron.	12	13
18	17	60

WAKE/ALLEN — Carr 10, Brudigam 8, J. Borg 7, Valenzuela 7, Dolph 7, Mogus 5, Lundahl 4, Dickens 4.

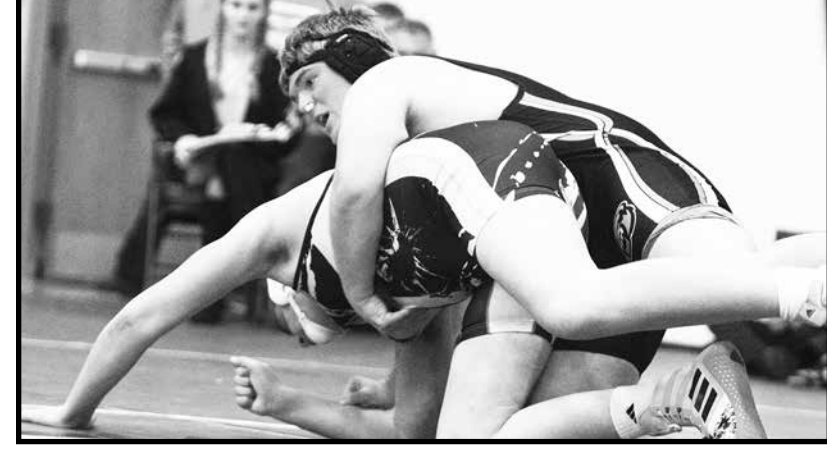
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Reb - J. Borg 11, Carr/Mogus 7, Lundahl 5

Ass - Carr 3
Sts - Carr 6



(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions) Maddie Mogus (25) and Aishah Valenzuela battle for a loose ball as teammate Jessica Borg looks back during Wakefield's 59-30 loss to Ponca.



(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions) Ethan Williams posted a fourth-place finish for the LCC wrestlers at Saturday's Battle Creek Invitational.

Bears pick up one medal at Battle Creek

LCC 220-pounder Ethan Williams was the lone Bear on the medal stand at Saturday's Battle Creek Invitational.

Williams reached the semifinals after winning his three-man pool, but lost on a pin to Carter Throener of Elkhorn Valley in the semifinals to drop to the consolation finals. He and Jared Janssen of Crofton/Bloomfield wrestled a spirited consolation match, with Janssen coming out on top with a 12-7 win as Williams finished fourth.

The Bears will be in Randolph for Thursday's Lewis & Clark Conference meet, then compete at the Oak-

land-Craig Invitational on Saturday.

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LCC Results
220: 3. Jared Janssen, C/B, dec. Ethan Williams, LCC, 12-7.

Winside boys drop pair of matchups

The Winside boys basketball team dropped a pair of games last week. On Tuesday, the Wildcats fell at home to Walthill, 90-29, as the visitors raced to a 53-16 halftime advantage.

Layton Petersen paced the Wildcats with 14 points while Brody Meis added eight points in the losing effort. Ashton Ferris scored four points and Jacob Paulsen put in three.

On Saturday, the Wildcats lost at Elgin Public/Pope John, 52-16.

Petersen led the Wildcats with four points while Meis and Hunter Van Houten had three apiece. Ferris and Cody North both had two points.

Winside played at Randolph on Tuesday and will host Wausa on Friday.

Walthill 90, Winside 29		
Winside	7	9
3	10	29
Walthill 29	24	28
9	—	90

WINSIDE — Petersen 14, Meis 8, Ferris 4, Paulsen 3.

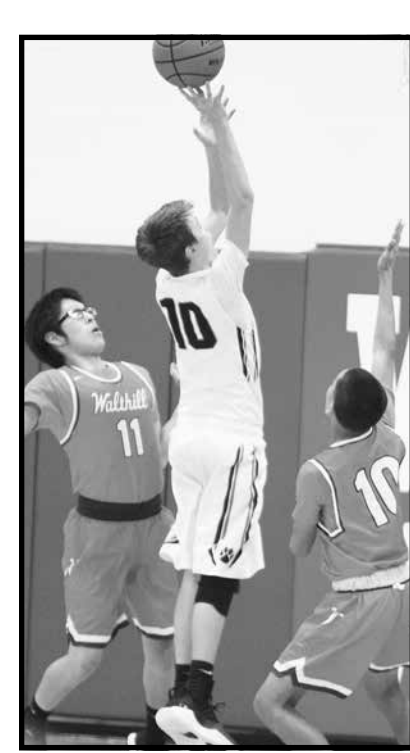
WALTHILL — Porter 11, White Eyes 18, Mennick 14, Grant 3, Lovejoy 27, Reemold 2, Cline 4, LaMotte 2, Miller 2, Phillips 7.

Elgin/Pope John 52, Winside 16

Winside	5	0
5	6	16
Elgin/PJ	16	12
18	6	52

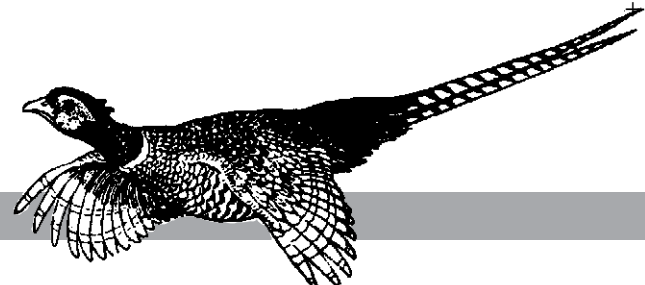
WINSIDE — VanHouten 3, Petersen 4, Meis 3, Olander 2, Ferris 2, North 2.

ELGIN/POPE JOHN — Bullock 3, Ramold 2, Schumacher 15, Lierman 10, Wright 11, Graham 4, Dreger 7.



(Photo copyright Mikey C Productions/Mary Vanderbeek) Carsan Brogren goes up for a shot during Winside's 90-29 loss to Walthill on Tuesday.

Lifestyle



When it is best to throw out food

Do you ever throw out food? Are the dates and other terminology on packages sometimes confusing?

If you answer "yes" to either question, you are not alone. About one out of every three pounds of food is wasted. Dairy foods are thrown out more often than any other food. Often, the foods are still safe to eat, but consumers are confused by the dates on the packages.

Throwing away food is like dropping money in the trash. In fact, the average person wastes at least 1.1 pounds


of food daily. For a family of four, that adds up to 1,606 pounds of food ending up in the landfill every year.

According to a 2014 survey with 1,010 respondents from throughout the U.S., 42 percent had heard about food waste and 24 percent said they were very knowledgeable about food waste. The respondents cited saving money, setting an example for their children and managing their household efficiently as motivators to avoid tossing food. They also were motivated to curtail food waste when they thought about people with not enough food. Most reported they felt guilty

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about wasting food.

So What Do Food Product Dates Mean?

Food dates are included on most foods, but except for infant formula, food dates are not required by federal regulations. In fact, confusion about food product dates probably is responsible for a lot of foods being tossed while they still are safe to eat. Stored properly, food often is safe to use for several days or longer beyond the date.

You might see "Use by," "Sell by" or "Best if used by" on packages. These are "quality" dates, not "expiration" dates. With the exception of baby formula, food product dates are not about food safety. The "sell by" date is

the last date the store can display the item in the refrigerated case. As long as the food is stored and handled properly, foods can be used safely at home beyond the date.

Try these tips to trim food waste in your home:

- Develop a meal plan. Use leftovers as other meals, such as breakfast or lunch.

- Shop your refrigerator. Plan to make a meal with what you have and pick up added ingredients.

- Try to keep on hand a well-rounded selection of food and food ingredients, such as pasta, flour, sugar, bread, canned vegetables, vegetable oils, eggs, spices and other canned goods.

- Create grocery lists. Shop sales and write down everything you need.

- Re-purpose food. Try making a dish into something else: Use leftover meat as a pizza topping or make a breakfast omelet with leftover veggies.

- Freeze the excess.

- Consider frozen vs. fresh. If you are not using fresh produce before it spoils, try frozen instead.

- Organize cabinets with the first-in, first-out system so you use the oldest items first.

School Lunches

ALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
(Jan. 21 — 25)

Monday: Breakfast — Sausage & biscuit. Lunch — Chicken paty on a bun, broccoli with cheese sauce, Oreo fluff.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Glazed donut. Lunch — Biscuit & gravy, corn, cheese stick.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Cinnamon roll. Lunch — Barbecue pork on a bun, baked beans, Doritos.

Thursday: Breakfast — Un-crustable. Lunch — Chili, crackers, cinnamon roll.

Friday: Breakfast — Omelet. Lunch — Chicken fajita on flat-bread, carrots.

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

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
(Jan. 21 — 25)

Monday: Breakfast — Omelet. Lunch — Breaded beef sticks.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Combo bar. Lunch — Chicken teriyaki.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Dutch waffle. Lunch — Goulash.

Thursday: Breakfast — Breakfast cookie. Lunch — Breaded chicken sandwich.

Friday: Breakfast — Pancake wrap. Lunch — Walking tacos.

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

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

WAKEFIELD SCHOOLS
(Jan. 21 — 25)

Monday: Breakfast — Waffles, peaches. Lunch — Chicken noodle soup, peanut butter & jell sandwich, grapes.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Scones, applesauce. Lunch — Mini corn dogs, baked beans, whole grain bun, strawberries.

Wednesday: Breakfast —

Breakfast bites, halos. Lunch — Rib sandwich, broccoli, melon.

Thursday: Breakfast — French toast tornadoes, halos. Lunch — Oriental chicken, rice, carrots, pineapple

Friday: Breakfast — Cereal, crispy rice bar, pears. Lunch — Tacos, corn, juice

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

WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
(Jan. 21 — 25)

Monday: Breakfast — Mini pancakes. Lunch — Spaghetti, meat sauce, French bread, broccoli, mixed fruit.

Tuesday: Breakfast — French toast sticks. Lunch — Chicken paty, hamburger bun, sweet potato cuts, cauliflower, strawberries.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Pancake on a stick. Lunch — Chili soup, cinnamon roll, baby carrots, applesauce.

Thursday: Breakfast — Breakfast sandwich. Lunch — Cheese & chicken quesadilla, refried beans, lettuce, orange.

Friday: Breakfast — Breakfast pizza. Lunch — Barbecue rib, hamburger bun, green beans, tomatoes, pears.

Fruit and vegetable bar available for K-12 with every reimbursable meal at breakfast and lunch. Chef salad is optional for K-12. Milk served with every meal. Menus subject to change.

WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
(Jan. 21 — 25)

Monday: Breakfast — Cereal. Lunch — Breakfast for lunch - omelet, sausage links, cherry tomatoes, pineapple, muffin.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Waffle. Lunch — Sweet & sour chicken, rice, Oriental vegetables, tropical fruit, roll.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Egg taco Lunch — Barbecue rib on a bun, baked beans, peaches.

Thursday: Breakfast — Cereal. Lunch — Spaghetti, lettuce, pears, cheesy breadstick.

Friday: Breakfast — Donut. Lunch — Cheese calzone, green beans, applesauce. Chef salad, fruit and vegetable bar daily. Milk served with all meals.

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ACME Club gathers for January meeting

ACME Club members met in the Senior Center Meeting Room following a noon lunch with the Senior Center members.

The Jan. 7 meeting was a no-host meeting brought to order by President Bonnadell Koch, followed by the "Thought for the Day" presented by Betty Witting in honor of the life of Delores Utecht, who passed away last weekend. These words help to reflect her life and her philosophy and are stated as follows: "Let somebody know you care by something nice you do. You'll make someone happier and you'll be happier, too." All agreed that these words are a fitting tribute to her

memory.

Following the roll call and penny collection, where the members stated their thoughts on New Year's resolutions for 2019, Virginia Backstrom reported the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report was filed for audit.

All members discussed a possible book to be presented to the Wayne City Library in honor of the life of Delores Utecht that might reflect her interests. Bonnadell Koch will talk with the library on a book to be placed in her memory.

The meeting was adjourned and the group proceeded with a re-gifting day.

Wheeler signs with Army National Guard

Harley Wheeler, 18, of Carroll enlisted into the Nebraska Army National Guard on Jan. 4. Wheeler is the son of Ryan and Rebecca Wheeler of Carroll.

Wheeler is currently a senior at Wayne High School and will attend basic training and advanced individual

training in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., starting in late May.

Wheeler enlisted into the 189th Transportation Company in Norfolk, Neb. as an 88M, Motor Transport Operator. Upon completion of his training, he plans to attend Chadron State College.



(Contributed photo)

Harley Wheeler of Carroll recently signed with the Army National Guard. Wheeler (left) is pictured with Sgt. Keith Jorgensen.

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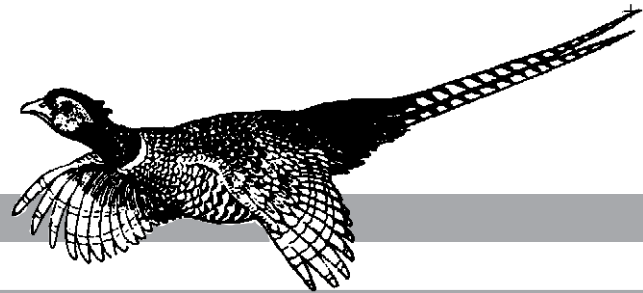
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Saturday: English Class, 9 a.m. Sunday: Second Sunday after Epiphany. Human Relations Day. Worship Service, 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study, 10:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7 p.m. Monday: Newsletter deadline. Faithful Fitness, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday: Faithful Fitness, 5:30 p.m.; Bound Together Book Club, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Bell Choir Practice, 5:45 p.m.; Vocal Choir Practice, 6:45 p.m. Thursday: Bible Study and Communion, 9 a.m.; United Methodist Women at Careage, 4 p.m.; Men's Group, 4:30 p.m.; Faithful Fitness, 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study and Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Friday: WIC and Immunization Clinic, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday: Food Truck at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN
Missouri Synod
904 Logan
grace@gracewayne.com
(Stephen Ministry cong.)
(Pastor Michael Buchhorn)
Sunday: The Lutheran Hour on KTCH, 7:30 a.m.; Worship, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Bible Class, 9:15 a.m. Monday: Choir, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Bell Choir, 5:30 p.m.; Midweek School, 6:30 p.m.

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www.journeychristianonline.org.
375-4743
(Troy Reynolds, minister)
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Brown Bag Bible Study, 11 a.m. to noon; Boy Scouts, 7 p.m. Wednesday: TOPS, 5:30 p.m.; Junior High Youth Ministry, 7 p.m.; Senior High Youth Ministry, 7 p.m.

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421 Pearl St. • 375-2899
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(Rev. Kristen E. Van Stee, associate pastor)
Thursday: OWL's Bible Study, 10 a.m. Saturday: Worship, 5:30 p.m. Sunday: GIFT Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.; Information Meeting, 11 a.m. Monday: Sleeping Mat Ministry, 9 a.m.; Staff meeting, 2 p.m.; Senior Ministry Team Meeting, 5 p.m.; Worship & Music Ministry Team Meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Bible Study at Tacos & More, 6:45 a.m. Wednesday: Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.; Joyful Noise, 6:30 p.m. Thursday: Bible Study, 10 a.m. Friday: Great Bible Stories at Careage, 10 a.m. Saturday: Worship, 5:30 p.m.

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375-3430
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Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: "No Limits Youth Ministry," 7 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC
412 East 8th St.
(Fr. Jeff Mollner, pastor)
375-2000; fax: 375-5782;
E-mail: parish@stmaryswayne.com.
Friday: Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Adoration, 8:45 a.m. Saturday: Mass, 6 p.m. Sunday: Mass, 8 and 10 a.m.; 4-H Group, 1:30 p.m.; Book Study, 7:15 p.m.; Mass, 9 p.m. Monday: No School. Mass at 8:15 a.m.; Bible Study Group, 1 p.m.; Prayer Group at PMC Chapel, 3:15 p.m.; ESL Classes, 6 p.m. Tuesday: Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Parish Council, 6 p.m.; RCIA, rectory, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Careage Social, 2 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Seventh and eighth grade Religious Education, 6:45 p.m.; Religious Education for first through sixth grade, 6:50 p.m.; WINGS Youth Group, 7 p.m. Thursday: That Man is You, 5:45 a.m.; Newman Thursday Noon Together, 11:30 a.m.; Rosary at Brookdale, 1 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Hispanic Prayer group and rosary, 6 p.m.; Holy Hour with Confessions, 8 p.m.; Mass, 9 p.m. Friday: Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Adoration, 8:45 a.m. Saturday: Mass, 6 p.m.

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Saturday: Mass at St. Anne's in Dixon, 6 p.m. Sunday: Mass at St. Michael's in Coleridge, 8 a.m.; Mass at St. Mary's in Laurel, 10 a.m.

PEACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
(Pastor Clark Jenkinson)
Sunday: Sunday School and Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship with Communion, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.; Youth Group, 6 p.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

TRINITY EVANG LUTHERAN
(Rodney Rixe, pastor)
Sunday: Trinity Bible Hour, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
3rd & Johnson, P.O. Box 550
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Contact - Melvin (Butch) Mortenson, (402) 369-1681
Pastor Kobey Mortenson
Sunday: Christian Hour, KTCH, 8:45 a.m.; Prayer Warriors, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

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Study (Sensible Shoes by Sharon Garlough Brown), 7 p.m. - led by Carol Jean Stapleton. Wednesday: Kids 4 God, After School program until 5 p.m. for kindergarten through sixth grade students.

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(Pastor Harrison Goodman)
Sunday: Worship with Communion, 8 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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EVANGELICAL FREE
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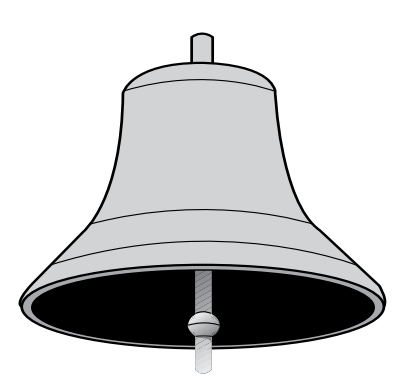
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Sunday: Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday: Catechism class, 4 p.m.

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(Patti Meyer, Pastor)
Thursday: Scouts Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Saturday: Worship, 5:30 p.m. Sunday: Choir Practice, 8 a.m.; Learning Hour, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wakefield Health Care Center Worship, 1:15 p.m. Monday: Scouts Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday: Evening Quilt Day, 4 p.m. Wednesday: Confirmation class, 4:30 p.m. Thursday: Scouts, 6:30 p.m. Saturday: Ladies Brunch, 10:30 a.m. Worship, 5:30 p.m.

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Sunday: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Divine Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN
(Parish Minister, Glenn Kietzmann)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Regular Service, 10:30 a.m.; Annual meeting, 10:30 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST
207 Jones Street
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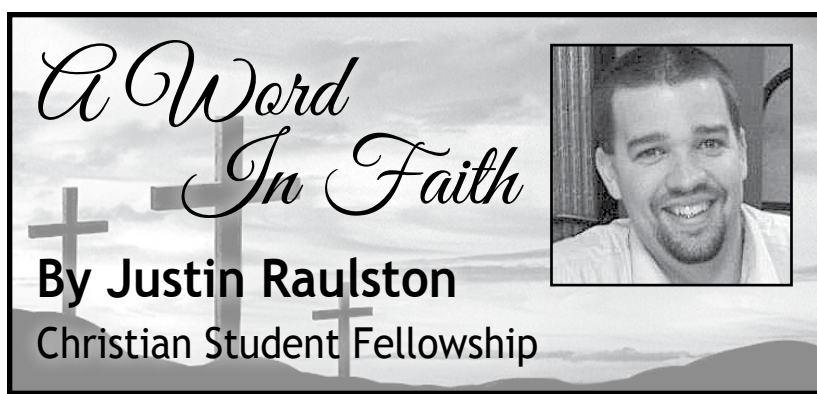
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Accepting the gift of Jesus

We bought my oldest son a compound bow for Christmas. He asked for one over a year ago, and we kept waiting to make sure it was something he really wanted, and he kept asking, and this year we finally got it for him.

His excitement on Christmas Eve morning when he opened it was pretty great. He's unwrapped it, taken it out of the box, and he's checked every nook and cranny of it, but there's one thing he hasn't been able to do with it yet. He hasn't been able to use it. He hasn't actually shot any arrows with it yet. He hasn't personally taken the gift and used it.

We gave him the gift, and he's excited about the gift, and he has accepted and opened the gift, but the gift has not been used yet (mainly because of weather, but also because we haven't bought targets yet, and we are worried about what



By Justin Raulston
Christian Student Fellowship

other things might be targets if we don't have some store bought ones for him).

The reality is that while this gift has brought him a lot of joy, the greatest joy he will experience is when he takes the gift outside and uses it. When the gift becomes not just something he's seen or heard, but something that he's personally used.

We just got finished with the Christmas season, where we celebrate the greatest gift that has ever been given. The birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We celebrate the Son of God who came down from heaven and was born in a manger, to bring us eternal life. Jesus the greatest gift ever given.

Accepting the gift of Jesus brings the greatest joy we can ever experi-

ence. Jesus is the gift that came for all people, and accepting that gift, accepting His grace and mercy and salvation is the greatest gift you and I can ever open. The gift of Jesus, the Christmas story is great to hear ever year, and to see as we go to Christmas Eve services, but it's a gift that is not meant to just be seen once a year or heard once a year. There is more to this gift.

See Jesus, was a gift that was meant to be accepted personally, it was meant to be a gift that is a part of our life everyday, and it is a gift that is meant to be shared as well. We must leave the house, go outside, and give the gift away to others as well. We are meant to experience the joy of sharing the gift of Jesus with others.

"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done." Psalm 105:1

Our Savior's Joy Circle meets

Eight women gathered for the meeting of Our Savior Lutheran Church's Joy Circle on Jan. 9.

Vice President Lynette Lentz welcomed the group and shared a few announcements.

Margaret Hansen shared devotions with the group based on "Missions". She asked the group, "Do we have a worldwide mission to fulfill?" And "What is the Biblical basis for Christian mission?" If Christians were asked for Bible passages having to do with missions, no doubt the first missionary scripture to be mentioned would be the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20.

We find that the missions enterprise does not merely find a basis in the Bible, but from beginning to end, the Bible is an intensely missionary book. Global connections help us see the world's challenges in a new way and examine our own problems and

joys through new eyes. These connections also strengthen God's mission in the world.

Margaret Hansen also presented the program, reviewing the relationship of Our Savior Lutheran Church with the Kotela Parish in Tanzania over the past 20 years. That relationship began in early 1999 when Pastor Martin Russell of Our Savior visited Kotela Parish in Tanzania and Pastor Kiwelu from Kotela spent time with Our Savior members. That relationship has been maintained to this day.

Sixteen members from Our Savior have traveled to Tanzania during these past 20 years, with several making the trip twice. Over the 20 years the congregation has participated in the Pastor Exchange Program, Companion Congregations, Houses for Health, the Nursing Scholarship Program and presently

supports Textbooks for Tanzania, thus helping to make a difference in the lives of many Tanzanians.

Our Savior Women of the ELCA have supported Textbooks for Tanzania since 2011. The goal of the Textbooks for Tanzania project is to purchase textbooks for the Lutheran High Schools in Northern Tanzania. The average cost of a textbook in Tanzania is \$10. These textbooks are what the government requires in the Tanzania schools and are purchased at the Christian Bookstore in Moshi, Tanzania. The ratio of textbooks to students is one book for every ten students. Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world and books have become scarce and unaffordable due to poverty.

The Textbooks for Tanzania project was started in Nebraska in 2008. Tom and Linda Gapp of Sheridan

Lutheran Church in Lincoln were instrumental in getting the project started and travel to Tanzania to deliver the books to the schools. In 2018, Our Savior WELCA Circle groups, donations from Our Savior members and monies from Fund 1001 at Rustic Treasures totaling \$1,570.40 was sent to the Nebraska Synod, ELCA for the project. Since 2011, when Our Savior WELCA started giving to the project, a total of \$7,279.87 has been contributed.

Nancy Jo Powers was the hostess for the afternoon and served light refreshments at the close of the program.

Joy Circle will meet again on Wednesday, Feb. 13 when Dorothy Wert will give devotions and the group will make cards for the Visitation Ministry Group to sign and send to Our Savior Members during the year.

Allen News

Callie Anderson
canderson@allenschools.org

ALLEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL NEWS

Eagles at practice speech meet
Katie Bathke and Ashley Kraemer attended the Wisner Practice Speech meet on Jan. 12. Bathke earned first in Persuasive Speaking and Kraemer third in Humorous Prose.



(Contributed photo)

Ashley Kraemer and Katie Bathke earn honors at practice speech meet.

Weekly Activities
Friday 1/18
-AIMS Web Testing
-Varsity Wrestling - Madison Tourney - @ Madison - 10 a.m.
-JV/Varsity Girls Basketball - Emerson-Hubbard - @ Emerson - 4 p.m.
Saturday 1/19
-Lewis & Clark Conference Band - WSC
-JH Girls/Boys (A/B) Basketball - L-C-C @ Wakefield - 9 a.m.
Sunday 1/20
-Aladdin: The Musical - Orpheum

er - @ Allen - 6:15 p.m.
-Music Booster Meeting - Multi-Purpose Room - 7 p.m.
Tuesday 1/22
-HS MAPs Testing
ALLEN COMMUNITY CENTER Community Center to host two Fun-Day events
Community Fun Day - Jan. 20, at the Allen Community Center from 1-3 p.m. The public is invited to come in and enjoy games, puzzles, snacks and more. There will be \$1 activity fee to attend. The event will end at 3 p.m.

sharp.

After School Fun Day - Jan. 31 at the Allen Community Center for grades K-12 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. There will be games, puzzles and a light snack available. There will be a \$1 activity fee to attend. The event will end at 5:30 sharp.

Weekly Activities
Friday 1/18- Kindergarten Class Visit 8:30 a.m.
Sunday 1/20- 1-3 p.m., Family Fun Day

Tuesday 1/22- FROGS 8:30 a.m.

Weekly Menu
Friday 1/18- Egg Casserole, Pears, Hash Browns, Juice, Bread, and Milk
Monday 1/21- Chicken Skewers, Potato Wedges, Diced Tomatoes, Peaches, Bread, and Milk

Tuesday 1/22- Tavern on a Bun, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Pineapple, and Milk

Wednesday 1/23- Chicken & Rice Casserole, Mandarin Oranges, Apple Juice, Bread, and Milk

ALLEN COMMUNITY CHURCHES

First Lutheran Church
First Annual Ministry Celebration

First Lutheran will be hosting their Annual Ministry Celebration meeting on Sunday, Jan. 27. Worship will begin at regular time, with the meeting to follow. Please make a note to be present to help lead the church in the 2019 year.

VBS Planning Meeting
There will be a 2019 VBS Planning meeting at the United Methodist Church on Wednesday, Jan. 23 for members wanting to help plan, organize, and contribute to Allen's Community VBS. The meeting will begin

at 5:30 and run approximately an hour.

Birthdays:
1/20- Seth Martinson
Allen United Methodist Church Book Study

A book study has begun at the Allen United Methodist Church meeting on the first and third Sunday nights at 7 p.m. at the church. The book is "Sensible Shoes" by Sharon Garlough Brown and it is the story of four women on a spiritual journey at a retreat center. Readers can be lead into a new understanding of key spiritual practices. The church has extra books so all are invited to come and join the study. For more information contact Pastor Cathy Cole or Carol Jean Stapleton.

After School Program
Kids for God meet every Wednesday after school until 5 p.m. Lexi Oswald is the leader and they hear Bible stories, play games and have a snack. Kids grades K - 6 are encouraged to be a part of the group.

Youth Group
All Allen youth (grades 7-12) are invited to youth group at the United Methodist church every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Haley Stapleton or Carly Dickens.

Pastor's Assistant Needed
Allen United Methodist church is seeking a pastor's assistant to do general office work. This is a paid position and hours are flexible. Please contact Pastor Cathy Cole or leave a message on the church answering machine.

Monthly Mission Project
The mission project for this month is the warming shelter in Sioux City and we are collecting socks to be put under our church mission tree.

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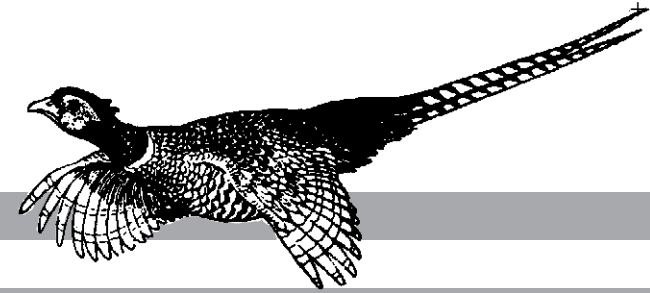
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Who you know

By MIKE RENNING
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It's not what you know
Before the holiday, I went to Winnebago to cover a basketball game.

Not sure I have let all of you know but I cover a lot of high school sports for the Norfolk Daily News and I also spend some time at the Wakefield Republican.

Well, before Christmas I spent some time at Winnebago.

I have a friend of mine who travels to most of the games I attend.

We have been going to games together for the past 28...for a while.

This year alone, we have gone to Falls City, Burwell, Hartington, Wynot, oh, we've gone a ways.

We got to Winnebago and I dropped Erv off at the front door and realized the pickup I was driving sounded "funny".

Well, funny, wasn't funny at all as I discovered I had a flat tire and I was to cover the game starting when we first arrived.

I live next door, and I mean right next door, to three Thurston County Deputy Sheriffs.

They keep my home safe all the time and keep me safe when I'm out and about.

In fact, one of them takes care of the Darling Wife's dogs when we are out of town.

I texted the dog-sitter and told him my predicament.

He told me not to worry, he was not working and on his way to Sioux City and would stop by to assist in changing the tire.

You know how a simple problem is never simple? Well this one wasn't.

The pickup I was driving had a full fledge, aired-up spare under the pickup.

After 20 minutes of figuring out how to get the spare from under the pickup...it wouldn't come down from the box of the pickup.

By this time, one of the other deputies, one on duty, came to check out our progress.

I went back into the game for the second half of the girls' contest, then went back out to discover the tire was still flat and unchanged.

Turns out, we could get the spare down a few inches, but then it would stop.

I mentally started going through my internal "who do I know" cards and I struck out in Winnebago.

Thirteen miles away was the



guy who sold me every vehicle I've owned since the turn of the century.

You need to realize, sports-guys always want to say, "turn of the century", "first time this century", "first time ever", or "first time in history".

Well, Harold, (not making this up, I'll say Harold because he is a great friend) answered the phone and asked what vehicle I had after explaining I had a flat tire.

His first words were; "You can't get the spare tire down, can you?"

To make a long story fit in this space.

Harold came to Winnebago with an entirely different tire.

He and the two neighbors changed the tire while I covered the boys' game.

Trying not to feel like Tom Sawyer while getting people to do my work, I came out to find the pickup ready to roll.

Now, I'm somewhere north of 42 and my neighbors are somewhere south of 30 - I'm much more north of 42 than they are south of 30.

But I thought as we were traveling back to my house - I don't know many people who could have made three phone calls and had seven people there changing a tire that I already knew how to change.

It hurts to be north of 42, but I cannot complain about the company I keep.

Letters

New year, new session

Dear Editor:

As the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign chair in Wayne, we wish to thank the hundreds of friends and supporters who have given donations and time to The Salvation Army. We also thank the businesses Pac N Save, Quality Foods and Shopko Hometown for hosting the kettles this season. The Christmas Kettle Campaign is The Salvation Army's most vital, accounting for nearly 75 percent of its annual fundraising totals. It is vital because we depend on this support to fund year-round programs. We are pleased to report that in Wayne, we raised \$2,755.65, of which 90 percent stays in Wayne. It is only with generous support from the community during this

time that The Salvation Army is able to continue to offer visitation to the lonely, coats for less fortunate, summer camping experiences for those who may not be able to afford one, holiday food baskets, back-to-school supplies, and temporary emergency assistance to those in need. The Salvation Army strives for excellence in our ability to assist others.

Again, from volunteering to contributions, we appreciate the kindness, compassion and generosity that our community has and continues to show. Your support has helped us make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

May God bless you!

Christmas Kettle Campaign Committee

Capitol View

Leadership in place, topics lining up, let the legislative wrangling begin

By J.L. SCHMIDT

Statehouse Correspondent

The Nebraska Press Association

Thirty of the state's 49 senators have served two years or less in the Legislature. That's why leadership is so important and why the selection of a new Speaker of the Legislature and committee heads is so important. That's what term limits gets you.

The youngest senator is 22. The oldest is 81-year-old Ernie Chambers of Omaha, the only Independent in the place. He served his four-year term limit hiatus and is now in year six of the eight he can serve before being term-limited again. Fellow Omahan Steve Lathrop, 61, is coming back with eight years of experience after his four-year term limit time out. The other 17 "veterans" are working on fewer than eight years of experience compared to the 30 who have two years or less.

So, newly re-elected Speaker Jim Scheer has his work cut out for him, as do the chairs of the 14 standing committees from Agriculture to Urban Affairs.

Of course, there's also the Governor. He has invested financially in a number of senators' campaigns, in some cases using his personal contributions to help challengers defeat incumbents who didn't vote his way. Yes, that's a blatant conflict of interest. No, it's not illegal. He can use his own money however he sees fit. But, is it ethical? Well, he seems to be getting away with it. Strings attached and all.

Aside from that disgusting meddling by the Executive Branch, there's the broken record of property tax relief, school aid funding and demands for more cuts to government spending. Expect the Governor to offer some proposals for property tax relief, perhaps in concert with the newly elected chair of the Revenue Committee. The resultant compromise may or may not materialize, although there will be five new members on the com-

Legislative Update

New year, new session

The 106th Legislature, First Session began on January 9, 2019. I am looking forward to heading back to Lincoln with my colleagues to work together and address the important issues facing Nebraskans. My priorities will continue to be addressing the property tax burden, ensuring good business and labor practices, K-12 education, and agriculture.

Senators are allowed one priority bill per each legislative session. A priority designation greatly increases a bill's chance of passing through committee and being debated by the entire Legislature. In 2017 and 2018, both of my personal priority bills passed successfully. For the past two years I have also had the pleasure of serving as the Chair of the Business and Labor Committee. Legislative committees are granted two priority bill designations each session. All four bills the committee prioritized under my leadership were enacted as law.

In the 2017 legislative session, I designated LB 506, Adopt the Compassion and Care for Medically Challenging Pregnancies Act and provide duties for the State Child and Maternal Death Review Team, as my personal priority bill. LB 506 directed the Department of Health and Human Services to provide



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mittee.

If things stall, as they did last year, look for a new ballot initiative to give voters the option of imposing a modest statewide sales tax increase to fund property tax relief. Given the Governor's deep pockets, such a move could face opposition from the guy who paid for most of a ballot measure that reinstated the death penalty after lawmakers overrode his veto of a repeal they passed.

While two Lincoln senators are proposing measures to legalize medical marijuana, that issue might also head for a future ballot. Sens. Adam Morfeld and Anna Wishart have registered a campaign committee to that end for a 2020 vote as a hedge against anticipated inaction or veto of a measure that might pass muster. Wishart introduced a medical cannabis law two years ago

that never made it to a vote.

One can expect similar slow play on the voter-mandated expansion of Medicaid coverage for as many as 90,000 of the state's working poor who have fallen through the cracks. Lawmakers must now devise an implementation plan. The Governor - a staunch opponent of the measure despite the obvious will of the people - has said he will fund the state's cost of the expansion out of the current budget. That means cuts to other programs and services.

A special legislative committee has recommended that funds from the U.S. Supreme Court's recently approved collection of internet sales taxes be used to replenish the state's cash reserve fund, which has been depleted by almost 50 percent during the past four years. The Governor wants to divert the funds - estimated at \$30 million

to \$40 million a year - to property tax relief.

Notice that we haven't even mentioned prison overcrowding, staffing shortages, lack of programming to prepare incarcerated people for a return to society and on-going issues with a lack of transparency in the corrections system. With Lathrop at the helm of the Judiciary Committee, expect an

emphasis again on oversight, which just might succeed this time if the Governor and the Attorney General stop trying to cover things up.

There's more than one reason they call this the long (90 days) session. Let the games begin.

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 20 years.



Legislative Update
By Joni Albrecht
State Senator, District 17

for individuals who leave work voluntarily. LB 518, (Williams) Adopt the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act and transfer funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, created the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act. The Act provides grants to certain nonprofit development organizations to assist and promote the development of workforce housing in communities

with shortages. Wayne Community Housing Development Corporation was awarded over \$600,000 in 2018 to help build affordable housing in the Wayne and Wakefield communities - I look forward to seeing the progress they will make with this additional funding.

The Business and Labor Committee prioritized LB 791 and LB 953 in the 2018 legislative session. LB 791, (Ebke) Change Nebraska State Patrol employees' bargaining rights, paves the way for more transparency and accountability in law enforcement by ensuring that the certification authority, potential law enforcement employers, and internal investigators have access to records of specific acts of misconduct by the officer. LB 953, (Albrecht) Change provisions relating to lump-sum settlements under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act, expedites the process of Worker's Compensation Court cases by requiring the Workers' Compensation Court to approve certain lump-sum settlements in specific cases.

It is of great importance that I hear from my constituents to effectively do my job as your voice in the Legislature. I encourage my constituents to reach out to me and I look forward to hearing from you.

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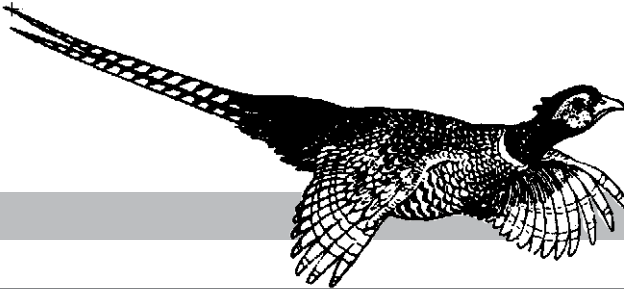
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Glad to have grown up in the fifties

I've read several books lately that high lighted the status of women in the Fifties.. and I see the movie, The Wife, earned a Golden Globe for Glen Close, who got all weepy as she spoke of her mother, who "subjugated herself to her husband"... Hmmm.

There is a group of young mothers who write columns in the World Herald for something they call momaha.com.. I think it's kind of a support group. One day last week, the writer bemoaned how exhausting parenting can be.. She has two.. and yesterday's contained a bunch of couples writing about what they argue about.

The first said it was about the color of a blanket and of dishes that were on their gift register even before they were married. The others mentioned things like whether you sort clothes to be washed or just



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

throw everything in together, how long you can leave clothes in the

dryer, disagreements about cooking, and on, and on.

You know what? I decided I was glad I grew up in the Fifties! The Big Farmer and I had division of tasks and we never argued about things like that. He has never done a load of laundry in his life! Of course, we didn't register for wedding gifts, we took what we got, even though candle lit carafes were all the rage in 1960.

He does not cook, or shop for blankets; actually, not even for his clothes. When he tried to tell me how to remodel our kitchen on the farm, I pointed to the new cement silos and asked if I had told him how to do those. He got the point, and went back to chores.

He also did not subjugate me! Those of you who know me know how hard that would be! I did my thing, and he did his. And when

those young women talk about how exhausting it is to be a parent, I just laugh!

I think they should try it on a farm, with hired men coming in for dinner, (the noon meal) expecting meat and potatoes and pie; with overalls to put in the wash, smelling like manure, with corn to put in the freezer, and chickens to butcher, and strawberries to pick! And pigs getting out and rutting in the garden, and cows getting out and knocking over the swing set.

Which, incidentally, the kids used when they wanted to, not when they had "play dates". They could also play in the mud, or chase the cats, or generally entertain themselves, after which, of course, they wanted cookies and milk. I don't think I could raise them today; I don't have what it takes, thank goodness!

2019 Nebraska Cover Crop, Soil Health Conference planned

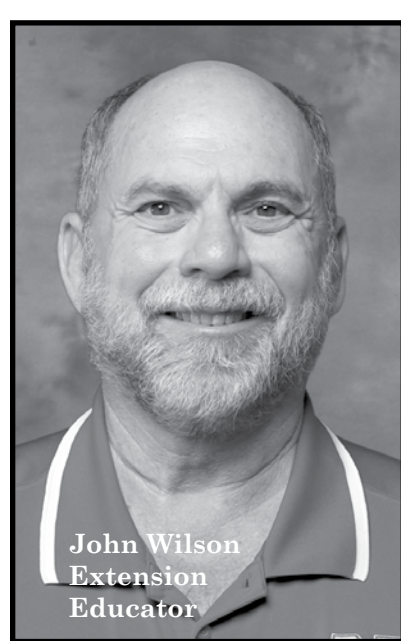
Anyone currently using cover crops, or thinking about incorporating them into their cropping system, will want to attend the Nebraska Cover Crop and Soil Health Conference at the Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center, formerly the ARDC, near Mead on Thursday, Feb. 14.

The 2019 Nebraska Cover Crop and Soil Health Conference features innovative speakers who have worked with cover crops extensively and will share what they have learned. This is your opportunity to get your questions answered.

- How can you get started with cover crops in your corn/soybean rotation?
- Already using cover crops - could you be doing it better?

There are many benefits to utilizing cover crops, such as improved soil health and reduced erosion. It's the details of how and what to do that can present challenges. The focus of the conference is to provide information to growers who are in a corn/soybean rotation and to assist them in understanding the value of cover crops. CCA credits are applied for and pending approval.

Speakers that have extensive experience with cover crops will address



John Wilson
Extension Educator

a.m. and the program will go from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is no fee for this conference, but you must pre-register by Friday, Feb. 8. A complimentary lunch will be included. If you've ever thought about using cover crops or if you currently are using them, but would like information on how to fine tune your system, this conference is for you.

For more information or to register for the 2019 Nebraska Cover Crop and Soil Health Conference, visit the event website at <https://go.unl.edu/covercropconference> or contact your local Nebraska Extension office.

Market Facilitation Program (MFP) Update - Part 2

This is actually an update on the update I wrote about last week. The Market Facilitation Program, or MFP, provides payments to producers of certain agricultural commodities... including corn, soybeans, wheat, sorghum, hogs and dairy...to help offset the negative impact of tariffs on commodity prices. Originally a producer had to sign up for the program no later than Jan. 15, 2019.

I just read a news release that indicated the deadline to sign up will be extended for a couple of

weeks, although no specific length of time was specified, after the government shutdown has ended. So if you haven't signed up for the program yet, be sure to get to your local USDA Farm Service Agency or FSA office as soon as the shutdown has been resolved.

Crop Production Clinic Reminder

I wanted to remind farmers and agronomic professionals about the Crop Production Clinic meetings that will be held in Norfolk on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 23 and 24. These meetings are packed full of useful information on crop production and related topics such as managing resistant weeds and new insect pests as they prepare for the 2019 cropping season.

In addition to great information, commercial pesticide applicators in specific categories, private pesticide applicators can be certified or recertified, and Certified Crop Advisors can receive up to six continuing education units or ceus. More information and online registration can be found at <https://agronomy.unl.edu/cpc>. By registering online, you also save \$15 from the registration fee at the door the day of the event.

NDA announces new app for electronic livestock health certificates

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) recently initiated an easier, more convenient way for livestock health certificates to be completed.

NDA's Animal Disease Traceability program recently launched a new application designed for Nebraska veterinarians to issue livestock health certificates electronically as an alternative to paper health certificates. Nebraska veterinarians issue thousands of livestock health certificates a year.

"NDA processed more than 84,000 health certificates for 2018, a number that represents millions of head of cattle and other livestock required by law to have official identification," said NDA Director Steve Wellman. "This new app will help veterinarians issue livestock health certificates anytime and anywhere with their computers, smartphones and tablets."

The application and service are free, and the technology encourages veterinarians to use electronic health certificates as opposed to paper ones that cost more to process.

"When veterinarians use paper health certificates, NDA staff have to individually enter that information into a database, which is time consuming, costly and has a potential for error," Wellman said. "Receiving information electronically, has proven to be easier and quicker to compile."

Health certificates are required by law when producers move cattle and other livestock out of Nebraska. This gives officials the ability to trace an animal's location and origin should a disease outbreak occur and makes the disease traceability process faster and more accurate.

Veterinarians can download the electronic health certificate application by visiting NDA's website at: nda.nebraska.gov. The link, under "hot topics," is called "Free Smartphone CVI with Instructions for Nebraska Veterinarians." The new application supports the following devices and platforms: iPad, iPhone, Android and Windows 10.

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Learn about Nebraska fisheries management at public informational meetings

LINCOLN, Neb. - Anglers can learn about the status of Nebraska fisheries by attending one of seven public informational meetings this winter.

Attendees will hear a presentation by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission on current and future projects, aquatic invasive species, regulations, and a fishing forecast. Staff then will answer fisheries-related questions.

All meetings will be held from 7-9 p.m. The meeting schedule is:

- Jan. 21 - Norfolk, Northeast Community College Lifelong Learning Center, 801 E. Benjamin Ave.
- Feb. 11 - Omaha, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (NRD), 8901 S. 154th St.
- Feb. 12 - Lincoln, Nebraska Game and Parks Outdoor Education Center, 4703 N. 44th St.
- Feb. 25 - Valentine, Niobrara Lodge, 803 Hwy. 20
- Feb. 26 - Lexington, Central Community College meeting room, 1501 Plum Creek Parkway No. 1
- March 4 - Sidney, South Platte NRD, 551 Parkland Drive
- March 5 - Ogallala, Lake McCaughy Visitor Center, 1475 Hwy. 61 N.

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Filling Your Days with Learning

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But what is Precision Planting winter conference you might ask? Well, first of all, I can tell you what it is not. It is not just a day where a Manufacturer talks about their products and widgets, and why you should buy them. Instead, it is a day of learning, focusing on Agronomics, research, and perhaps most importantly, challenging those of us in the field to think about how we are growing crops from a different perspective.

And perhaps one of the most important aspects of this day is how you will be receiving information. This isn't just a day of salesmen leading you through long PowerPoint demonstrations. It's a day where you get to hear things straight from the mouth of the Precision Planting engineers, Lead Research Agronomists, and more. And they will be presenting live in front of working demonstrations a lot of the time. We aren't afraid of planting in January during this event.

This year winter conference is a full day, with welcoming remarks starting at 8:00 AM. Before lunch we will be "Closing" in on Emergence, Rethinking Fertility, and Managing the Furrow at the Field. After lunch, it is a continuing discussion about "Smart" ways to manage variability in the field, and finally, going over 200 acres of plot results from the Planter Technology Institute this last year. During all of this, you will have chances from your seat in Lincoln or Ames to ask questions live. All of this, and we should still have you out by 3:00 PM so you can be back in time for your family activities that night.

The final piece of good news about all of this is that it is totally free for you to go to. To register for this event click here: winterconference.precisionplanting.com Choose the location and day you want to go, and you are set.

I have challenged you in the past to "Always Be Learning," and this is a premium opportunity for you. In my entire career as an Agronomist, I don't believe I have met a total of three people that are entirely happy with their planter. Even if you have no intentions of spending a dime on your planter this year, I know that you will get something useful and actionable out of the day for your operation. And for those of you that are still considering investing in your planter this year, this is a great way to learn some key lessons before we go to the field, because spring planting is just over three months away. Who knows, you might even be the first to see some new technology that could help your operation.

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Potential future president is first baby born in 2018 at PMC

A presidential little boy entered the world Tuesday at Providence Medical Center, claiming the 1st baby of 2018 title. Harrison Russ Allen was born Jan. 2 at 4:36 p.m. weighing in at just over 8 pounds and measuring 20 inches long. Harrison joins two older brothers, both just as presidential as him. Carter, 4.5 years old, and

Lincoln, 2.5 years, were ready to welcome Harrison into the family. Parents Reed and Heidi Allen of Wayne have used the last names of former presidents for their boys and continued the tradition with Harrison. His middle name is a nod to his grandfather Russ Allen of Pender. Dr. Melissa Dobbins delivered Harrison. This is the fourth year

in a row that a baby delivered by Dobbins has been the first of the year. According to Reed, Carter is a fan of Harrison but Lincoln isn't so sure yet. What both boys were sure of was how fun it was going to be to open all of the gifts that will be coming home with them for their baby brother. From a diaper bag to a boppy pillow, toys to blankets and stuffed animals to diapers, the new addition is sure to have fun with all the gifts the community members and businesses have donated.



The Allens welcomed Harrison Russ into their family on Tuesday. Harrison joins older brothers Carter (right) and Lincoln (left). Reed and Heidi and their family are Wayne residents.

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The couple thanked the community members and businesses that donated gifts, stating that they certainly didn't expect this amount and that the community support was a great thing to be a part of. "Even with the third one, it's helpful," Reed said. "We want to thank everyone for the gifts."

How parents can protect their babies' oral health

The period when babies are teething can be tough on children and their parents. While parents who have dealt with teething infants in the past might be able to recognize when their new babies' teeth are coming in, first-time parents may wonder why their baby suddenly seems so uncomfortable and irritable. In a 2016 study published in the journal Pediatrics, researchers who analyzed studies from eight different countries determined that teething can make babies feel miserable. Thankfully, the researchers also found that teething usually does not make babies sick. An examination of 10 major studies found that the most frequent symptoms of teething in infants and toddlers were gum irritation, irritability and drooling. Because teething can be so uncomfortable for babies, parents

must be patient as their children's teeth slowly come in. As babies begin to exhibit signs of teething, parents also can take steps to protect their babies' oral health. Discuss fluoride with your child's pediatrician. A naturally occurring mineral that's found in many foods, fluoride can benefit babies' teeth in various ways. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, fluoride can strengthen tooth enamel and make it more resistant to acid attacks that contribute to tooth decay. Fluoride also makes it more difficult for plaque bacteria to produce acid. Parents of infants can discuss fluoride with

their children's pediatricians, who may recommend prescription drops of chewable tablets as babies' teeth begin to grow in. Inspect and clean babies' teeth. Babies can't brush their own teeth, so parents must perform this task for them. The AAP notes that healthy teeth should be all one color. Any spots or stains should be brought to the attention of a dentist. Once a baby gets his or her first tooth, parents can use a smear of fluoride toothpaste that's roughly the size of a grain of rice to clean the teeth at least twice daily. The AAP recommends cleaning teeth right after breakfast and before bedtime.

Feed babies healthy diets. Another way parents can protect their babies' teeth is to feed their children healthy diets. The AAP recommends foods and drinks that do not contain a lot of sugar, such as fruits and vegetables. When feeding babies fruit, be mindful of dried fruits, such as raisins, which can stick to babies' teeth and may contribute to cavities if not thoroughly cleaned off the teeth. Do not put babies to bed with bottles. The AAP advises against parents putting babies to bed or down to nap with a bottle. Milk, formula and juice contain sugar, and babies who suck on bottles with liquids that have sugar in them before going to sleep may suffer from tooth decay. When babies begin teething, parents can take various steps that can safeguard their children's oral health for years to come.



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Common conditions in newborns explained

Parents of newborns tend to do everything within their power to make their babies as comfortable as possible. But even babies with the most vigilant parents can become ill.

According to the Seattle Children's® Healthcare System, newborns are at higher risk for infections, which may be present at any time during the first month of a child's life. Watching for signs of illness is crucial, especially during a child's first seven days of life.



Mild jaundice is harmless, but pediatricians may still want to check babies' bilirubin levels because very high levels that are not detected or treated can cause damage to the brain or nervous system. The AAP notes that jaundice is more common in newborns who are breast-feeding, particularly those who are not nursing well. Nursing between eight and 12 times per day can keep bilirubin levels low. Jaundice first appears on the face followed by the chest and abdomen. Healthy babies discharged from the hospital before they are 72 hours old should be seen by a pediatrician within two days of being discharged so their bilirubin levels can be checked. More information about jaundice is available at www.aap.org.

The American Academy of Pediatrics notes that certain conditions are especially common during a child's first few weeks after birth. If spotted, the following conditions should be brought to the attention of a pediatrician immediately.

Abdominal distension
Babies' bellies stick out, especially after they've been fed. But bellies should feel soft between feedings, so swollen, hard bellies should be discussed with a pediatrician. Parents also should call their children's pediatricians if their babies are vomiting or have not had a bowel movement for more than one or two days. Such symptoms may be a byproduct of gas or constipation, but pediatricians should be contacted to rule out potentially serious intestinal issues.

Blue baby
Mildly blue hands and feet are not necessarily a problem. Newborns' hands and feet may turn blue when they're cold, returning to pink once they are warm again. In addition, newborns' faces, tongues and lips may turn blue after they cry, returning to normal once babies calm down. But persistent blue coloring may indicate that the heart and lungs are not working properly, especially if the blueness is accompanied by difficulty breathing and feeding.

Immediate medical attention is essential in such instances, as babies exhibiting such symptoms may not be getting enough oxygen in their blood.

Coughing
Some coughing is normal among newborns, who may cough when they drink too fast (as babies adjust to feeding, these coughs should vanish). But persistent coughs or gagging during feedings may indicate problems with the lungs or digestive tract.

Jaundice
A yellowish tinge to the skin known as jaundice is not uncommon among healthy newborns. The result of a buildup of bilirubin in the child's blood, jaundice often occurs when the baby's immature liver is not yet efficiently removing bilirubin from the bloodstream.

Respiratory distress
Babies may need a few hours after birth to develop normal patterns of breathing. But those who need more time may be suffering from respiratory distress. Blockage of the nasal passages, which can be remedied with saline nasal drops and a bulb syringe that hospitals may provide to new parents, may be to blame. However, pediatricians should be notified immediately if babies exhibit fast breathing (more than 60 breaths in a minute), retractions (sucking in the muscles between the ribs with each breath), flaring of the nose, grunting while breathing, or persistent blue skin coloring.

Newborns are susceptible to various conditions in their first hours and days of life. Parents who suspect anything out of the ordinary should contact their babies' pediatricians immediately.

Kids need their sleep

Adequate sleep is important for children's health, states the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Quality sleep is just as important as well visits and protective immunizations. Babies and young children may sleep between 10 and 18 hours per day, but by the time a child reaches school-age, he or she may be well-rested after getting between 9 and 11 hours. Sleep is vital for the body to recover and rebuild and for the brain to process new information.

The Center for Pediatric Sleep Disorders at Boston Children's Hospital says that children who are not getting enough sleep may experience difficulty learning new tasks. Parents who want to foster good sleeping habits in their children can try the following strategies.

- Set a smart bedtime and nap schedule.
- Do not allow the use of electronics approximately one hour prior to bedtime.
- Create a regular bedtime routine that includes winding down and cues that rest is coming.
- Stick to the same schedule every day of the week — including weekends.
- Make sure kids get daily exercise, which can make it easier for them to grow tired around bedtime.
- Create a cool, comfortable and dark sleeping environment.



New child passenger safety law in effect

Car seats and booster seats protect your kids in the car.

Starting Jan. 1, 2019, Nebraska's child passenger safety law changes to help keep children safer as they travel. According to the new law:

Children must ride rear-facing up to age two or until they reach the upper weight or height limit allowed by the car seat manufacturer.

Children up to age eight must ride in a correctly installed car seat or booster seat.

Children up to age eight must ride in the back seat, as long as there is a back seat equipped with a seat belt and is not already occupied by other children under 8 years old.

Children 8 to 18 years old must ride secured in a seat belt or child safety seat/booster.

"Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children in Nebraska," said Judy Martin, Deputy Director of Public Health for the Ne-

braska Department of Health and Human Services. "As children get older, their risk increases because they're moved from a safety seat to a seat belt only too soon or they're allowed to ride in the front seat where an airbag could cause injury. That is why it's so important to choose the right seat and know the law to help keep your child safe at every age and every stage."

Search #GetSeated on Facebook or Twitter or visit <https://drivesmartne.org/get-seated/> for more details about safe transportation of children and the new car seat law.

To make sure you're using a car seat or booster correctly, have it checked by a certified child passenger safety technician. There are over 400 across the state who help their communities by checking seats at fitting stations and check events. To find a technician or event in your area, visit <http://www.safekidsnebraska.org/carseats>.

Tips offered to help new fathers bond with their babies

The birth of a child is a momentous occasion in the lives of parents. First-time parents may be especially moved upon seeing the birth of their child, having never before witnessed something so profound.

When the time comes for parents to leave the hospital and take their newborns home, new moms and dads take on different roles. Moms who are nursing or handling the bulk of the bottle-feeding while spending a few months on maternity leave may appear to have more opportunities than fathers to bond with their new babies. But there are many ways for new dads to bond with newborns as well.

Hold your baby as often as possible. Pediatrician David Hill, author of the book "Between Us Dads: A Father's Guide to Child Health," says bonding between father and newborn has as much to do with contact as involvement. Many first-time parents are understandably nervous about holding their newborns, who seem so fragile. But newborns benefit from being held, and Hill notes that a bond will develop between father and baby if there is physical contact.

Find ways to spend time together. Fathers might not be able



to pitch in at feeding time if mothers are nursing. Because newborns spend so much time being nursed and sleeping, fathers may feel as though they don't have much time to spend with their babies each day. But any time spent with a newborn can be a time for fathers to develop bonds with their children. Time spent changing diapers can prove to be a great time for fathers to bond with their newborns. Make eye contact with babies while changing their diapers, as Psych Central, an independent mental health social network run by mental health professionals, notes that babies have a preference for eye contact.

Spend alone time with your newborn. Fathers of newborns who are being nursed may feel like their

is no ideal time to spend alone with their children. But mothers, especially those who work and intend to keep breastfeeding after their maternity leave ends, can learn to use a breast milk pump so dads can bottle-feed. Learning to eat from a bottle will help babies in the long run, and dads can get some quality alone time with their newborns while bottle feeding. Fathers of babies who are bottle-fed can spend more time alone with their children, and give moms a much-needed break, without the fear of having nothing to feed them should they get hungry while mom is away.

Help your baby fall back asleep. Nursing mothers may feel inclined to wake up with their newborns in the middle of the night and let dad keep sleeping. But babies are not necessarily waking up in the middle of the night due to hunger. Some might simply need to be comforted, and dads can comfort their children just like moms can, all the while strengthening their developing bond.

New fathers can strengthen the bonds they have with their newborns in various ways.

Most - and least - popular baby names for 2018

While thinking of names for your little one, chances are you'll take the most popular names into consideration—either because you're looking for inspiration or you're hoping to avoid any frequently-used moniker.

Well, now the most up-to-date info on baby naming trends is here, thanks to BabyCenter's "Most popular baby names of 2018" report.

To create the list, the site uses data from more than 742,000 parents who shared their baby's name with BabyCenter in 2018. They also note that in order to cover all the ground, they include names that sound the same but have multiple spellings (like Sophia and Sofia, or

Jackson and Jaxon).

For baby girls born over the past 12 months, Sophia was the favorite once again, as it made the top of the list for the ninth consecutive year. And for little boys, Jackson—which has been the most popular baby name for boys for six years now—won yet again.

The site notes that Oliver and Layla gained ground, jumping into the top 10 and bumping Logan and Zoe down below that key marker. And the names that grew in popularity in 2018 are Everly, Isla, Leo, and Carson.

The report also found that lifestyle/earth/"zen"-inspired names are on the rise, i.e. the baby name

Peace is up 66 percent for little girls and the baby boy name Ocean is up 31 percent

As for the least popular? Emerson (listed for girls but considered a unisex option) and Weston (for boys) hit the bottom of the list.

Here's the rundown on the top/bottom 10 baby girl names and top/bottom 10 baby boy names from BabyCenter:

Most Popular Girl Names 2018

Sophia, Olivia, Emma, Ava, Isabella, Aria, Riley, Amelia, Mia and Layla.

Most Popular Boy Names 2018

Jackson, Liam, Noah, Aiden, Caden, Grayson, Lucas, Mason, Oliver and Elijah.



Mabel Marilyn Severson
January 10, 2018
Wayne, NE
Parents:
Lanie & Adam Severson.
Grandparents:
Barry & Marilyn Gossenburg of Winner, SD; Bob Severson of Sioux Falls, SD.



Ashton Owens
February 18, 2018
Beemer, NE
Parents:
Logan & Kirsten Owens.
Grandparents: Randy & Lori Owens, John & Alice Klitz.




Morgan Leigh Loberg
February 27, 2018
Norfolk, NE
Parents: David & Jessica Loberg. Grandparents: Jim & Janet Bartels of Creighton, Kris Loberg of Carroll. Great-Grandmother: Marilyn Anderson of Wayne. Siblings: Ryan, 6 & Hallie, 3.



Andrew & Cameron Foote
March 19, 2018
Wayne, NE
Parents: Brandon & Staci Foote. Grandparents: Kurt & Deb Daum, Brian & Tammy Foote



Axelynn Rae McKenzie
July 11, 2018
Norfolk, NE
Parents:
Brittini & Ross McKenzie.
Grandparents:
VerNeal & Carmie Marotz, John McKenzie.



Jax Theodore Warnke
July 11, 2018
Lincoln, NE
Parents:
Jason & Kara Warnke.
Grandparents:
Mick & Sheri Kemp, Todd & Pam Hoeman, Don & Deb Warnke.



Emma Lesa Dunn
July 16, 2018
Thurston, NE
Parents: Travis & Jamie Dunn.
Grandparents:
Perry & the late Lesa Backstrom, Wes & Charlene Dunn. Brother: Braxton.



Taylor Kay-Russel Knight
July 22, 2018
Norfolk, NE
Parents: Rochelle Biggerstaff and Eric Knight.
Grandparents:
Jeff & Jennie Sukup, Dietra & Darin Hoelsing



Hunter Scott Sweeney
August 8, 2018
Edmond, Okla.
Parents: Robert & Shannon Sweeney. Grandparents: Scott & Robin Johnson, Wayne; Richard & Beth Sweeney, Wayne.



Fayth Mary June Hansen
September 14, 2018
Wisner, NE
Parents: Dale & Brooke Hansen. Brothers: Esdon, Chase, Aiker. Grandparents: Tim & Mary Hansen, Brad Jones, Kim & Gerald Haglund. Great-Grandparents: Bob & Karen Jones



Evan Hansen
September 19, 2018
Wayne, NE
Parents:
Tom & Sandra Hansen.
Grandparents: Tim & Mary Hansen, Ron & Joyce Bernt, William & Linda Schultz. Siblings: Anthony (15), Nash (5), Sophie (3).



Charlette Ourara Watkins
November 5, 2018
Wakefield, NE
Parents: Jessica & Matt Watkins. Brothers: Weston & Silas. Grandparents: Cindy & Keith Claussen, Donelle & Jim Watkins. Great-Grandmothers: Lynnette Granfield, Doris Claussen



Dawsyn Kay Beckenhauer
November 23, 2018
Norfolk, NE
Parents: Joe & Crystal Beckenhauer. Grandparents: Burt & Linda Beckenhauer, Dean & Kathy Jensen. Great-Grandfather: Willie Holdorf.