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Wayne County Commissioners learn about 911 backup service

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The Wayne County Commissioners met in the district courtroom for the first of their December meetings on Tuesday. There, they heard wind project updates, emergency management updates and from the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN).

Sue Krogman, from NRIN updated the commissioners about the statewide 911 system. Work has been done to connect the entire state to one broadband system, with northeast Nebraska one of the last regions to come online. Brian Kesting is a regional NRIN board member and answered several questions the commissioners had, along with Wayne Police Chief Marlen Chinn, who talked about how important the system will be. NRIN's system will serve as Wayne's backup 911 system in the case that the current one goes down, something Chinn told the commissioners happens from time to time.

There was some discussion about whether the City or Wayne County would be responsible for upkeep and insuring NRIN equipment. Most 911 systems in the state are operated by counties, however, the City of Wayne operates the system for the entire county. Kesting and the commissioners agreed that the City should insure the equipment.

Highway Superintendent Mark Casey was joined by representatives from Orsted Energy, Bradley Construction and Blattner Energy to update the commissioners about wind projects in the area. Orsted was required to have all driveways at their tower sites to be certified, there were a few that might require hillcuts. Casey told the commissioners the companies have been working with Mainelli Wagner to ensure every-

thing is done to the county's specifications. Casey also said the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality approved his request for a tire collection event. Wayne County will receive over \$50,000 for the event.

Emergency Manager Nic Kemnitz had a few items for the commissioners. He told them that the Governor's office has again allowed for public meetings to be held over Zoom. The commissioners decided that they will meet in the Public Safety Annex and broadcast the meeting over Zoom. Members of the public may view online or attend the meeting, but only 10 people will be allowed in the room.

He also told the commissioners that the Governor's office has clarified their stance on county courthouses that have mask mandates. Previously, Gov. Ricketts said counties require masks in government buildings would have CARES Act relief funds withheld. The new stance is that only those counties that required masks prior to May would have CARES funds withheld.

Kemnitz also provided the commissioners with the State's vaccination plan and answered questions about that. There will be a drill with workers at the Plum Creek wind farm and Winside and Hoskins emergency services to simulate an accident there. Additionally, he said he and other Emergency Managers have been doing some crisis planning in the event that there would be another spike in cases. He told the commissioners their biggest issue is staffing.

"You can add more beds (to hospitals) but you have to have the staff to care for them," Kemnitz said.

The next Wayne County Commissioners meeting will be held at the Public Safety Annex and over Zoom on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 9 a.m.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Wayne City Attorney Amy Miller swears in new council members Nick Muir and Yasuko Taoka during Wayne's City Council meeting Tuesday night. Muir and Taoka will be replacing longtime council members Jon Haase and Jennifer Sievers.

Council approves mask mandate for city of Wayne

By Clara Osten
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Whether or not to require citizens to wear a mask was debated during Tuesday's meeting of the Wayne City Council.

Medical professionals, representatives of the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department, council members and the public provided input on the issue during a lengthy discussion.

Dr. Melissa Dobbins, a member of the city's Board of Health and Julie Rother with the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department spoke to the council on the benefits of wearing masks, in conjunction with other safety precautions, in

keeping the public safe.

Both women suggested having the mandate in effect until a vaccine is readily available.

Council members spoke on the feedback they had received from the people they represent. Several changes in wording of the emergency ordinance were discussed and the sunset date of the ordinance was set at Feb. 2.

Several members of the public, both those in attendance at the meeting in person and those who were taking part via Zoom, expressed their thoughts on the mandate. These comments ranged from how the ordinance would be enforced to the fact that the mandate would take away

citizens' freedoms to conducting more research on how many people are already wearing masks.

Council member Dwaine Spieker said the comments he had received were "10 to 1 in favor of the mandate."

Following the discussion, the council voted unanimously to amend the city code to require all those over the age of five years to wear face coverings when in public. Due to the emergency nature of the issue, the ordinance will go into effect on Friday, Dec. 4.

The sunset date will be reviewed prior to the Feb. 2 date and could be extended.

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(Photo by Sarah Lentz)

Representatives from Glattner Energy, Bradley Construction and Orsted joined Wayne County Highway Superintendent Mark Casey (second from right) to discuss wind project updates during the Wayne County Commissioners meeting.

PMC's Remembrance Service to be virtual this year

Providence Medical Center is not letting the COVID-19 pandemic get in the way of a nearly 25-year tradition, the annual Tree Lighting Remembrance Service. While the program is a little different this year, PMC chaplain Reverend Anna Speiser said it was important to carry on the event.

"We know it's meaningful to our community and it's meaningful to our staff," Speiser said. "They care about the people they cared for and the families they cared for, so we're looking forward to having this service, even though it will be a virtual service."

The program will be held in the chapel at Providence Medical Center, then available online at providencemedical.com and on the PMC Facebook page from Sunday, Dec. 6 through Thursday, Dec. 31.

The Remembrance Service has endured because it honors those who have passed not only from PMC and their patients, but from the wider community.

"I think (the ceremony continues) because of the importance of remembering the people we love, at special times, like Christmas time," she said. "I think for some people Christmas, which is typically a very joyful time, can feel

very sad also, because they're missing someone they wish were there. It's important to have a place and a time where we acknowledge that complexity of those feelings and to say their names out loud and say 'they're not here in physical form but they're here in spirit and they're remembered and they matter.'"

During the service, candles will be lit and names of those who have passed in the last year will be read off. There will also be a special ornament on the tree for each of those names.

"I think it has been a very meaningful service through the years and we hope this year it can still be even though it's virtual. It's still a way to connect," Speiser said.

Similar to years past, members of PMC staff from various departments will be involved in the service and will help read passages, light candles and light the tree.

The Remembrance Service at Providence Medical Center can be a poignant and comforting service during a difficult holiday season, and this year, can be viewed during a large window of time.

Visit providencemedical.com or find Providence Medical Center on Facebook to view the service.



(Photo by Sarah Lentz)

Scooter's Coffee, located at the old 527 Brewhouse site, is set to open early next week. Nate Lindley, the owner of Wayne's Scooter's location said the town was a natural fit for the franchise.

Caffeine fiends rejoice — Scooter's Coffee to open next week

Scooter's Coffee will be open and ready to serve customers early next week, according to Wayne's Scooter's owner Nate Lindley.

This week, Lindley said his employees have been training to be ready for opening day.

"We'll have a soft open on Dec. 7 and that means we'll be ready to go and I don't think there's going to be much soft about just because it's a small town and the buzz is out so we'll be ready to rock," Lindley said.

Wayne's Scooter's will employ 20 baristas, and Lindley said the hiring process went very well.

"We had over 75 applications so we filled our team rather quickly and have some on the reserve as well," he said.

Lindley, a banker by trade, said he first

decided Wayne would be a good place for a Scooter's last year.

"We were up at a wedding here last summer and we walked to the old coffee shop there and I was thinking to myself 'wow, this would be a good spot for a Scooter's,'" Lindley said. "Then this year rolled around and I talked to their (Scooter's) corporate team and I got a hold of the people who owned the previous place."

Lindley said Wayne will be his first Scooter's franchise and said he saw the shop fitting into a small town perfectly.

"I think a lot of Scooter's core values—humility, integrity, love—those all fit the small town core value of many people, so all-in-all, it's a good fit. I felt like Wayne was the place to be," Lindley said.

Wayne's Scooter's will have the full franchise menu available, so those who have a go-to Scooter's order won't have to travel to get their fix. Along with hot, iced and blended drinks, Scooter's also offers various types of food, from breakfast burritos to cake pops.

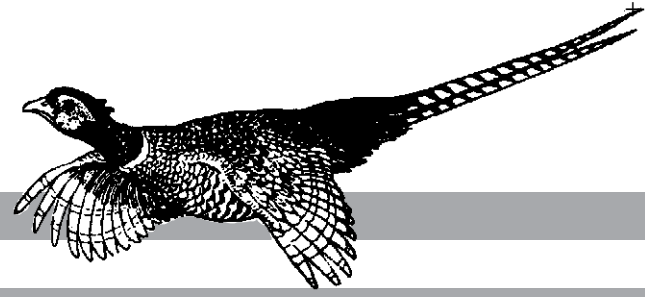
"Our expectations are to deliver amazing drinks amazingly fast," Lindley said. "We know people are on the go, and so we want them to get through the line as quick as possible but still have that quality drink and/or food."

Scooter's hours will be 5:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Saturdays and 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Sundays.

"We're excited to be part of the community," Lindley said.

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Obituaries

Gilbert Gramberg

Gilbert Gramberg, 91, of Livermore, Colorado, formerly of O'Neill, died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020 at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Christ Lutheran Church in O'Neill with burial to follow in the O'Neill Cemetery. The Rev. John Nelson officiated.

Memorials may be directed to the family for future designation.

Biglin's Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Gilbert (Gil) Gerhardt Gramberg was born near Wayne on Sept. 2, 1929 to Ludwig Heinrich and Lucy Ann (Kester) Gramberg. Gil was raised on a farm outside of Wayne. He and his family worked hard doing every aspect of farming and ranching during a time when they farmed with teams of horses and raised, or grew, almost everything they needed. They had an outhouse and a hand pump well and a wood burning kitchen stove for heat. For years he went to a country school and graduated from Wayne High School in 1947.

Gil fell in love with, and married, his wife of 69 years, Bernice (Pingel) in Wayne. They made life-long friends every place they lived. Early in their marriage they were youth leaders and very involved with the Lutheran Church. Gil served in the National Guard for eight years. Soon after high school, Gil began working for Safeway. He worked for Safeway in many different departments before becoming Manager. He successfully managed the Safeway store in O'Neill for many years before retiring after 35 years. After retiring from Safeway, he worked as a financial planner for two years then went to work for Country General and served in many capacities. Gil retired from Country General as manager of the O'Neill store. He was awarded Manager of the Year before retiring.

Gilbert and Bernice were members of Christ Lutheran Church in O'Neill. Gilbert volunteered for many church ministries and held various positions within the Church. Some of those being Church Council, usher, radio ministry, grounds maintenance, facility construction and maintenance, men's ministry, fundraising, visitation, financial planning, vacation Bible school, and pre-school development. Gil also volunteered for many community projects and activities. He also worked on the development of a shooting range for the area.

Gil was close with his sons, Gary and Curt. He was a leader in Boy Scouts and helped them both become Eagle Scouts. He was involved with their sports and taught them many things, including hunting, fishing, woodwork, construction, gardening, business, faithfulness, mechanics, and so much more. He supported them and their families in everything throughout his life. He was a fun, loving grandparent and great-grandparent. He loved to laugh and was always ready with a good joke.

Gil's hobbies included hunting, fishing, re-loading ammunition, trap shooting, marksmanship, rifle building, playing cards, woodworking, construction, and gardening. He loved to design and make things that solved problems or made processes more efficient. He enjoyed coming up with ideas to solve problems.

Survivors include his brother, Merlyn (Karleen) Gramberg of Chadron, and sister, Joy West of Brennan, Texas; his two sons, Gary (Christine) Gramberg of Loveland, Colorado, and Curt (Sherry) Gramberg of Livermore, Colorado; five granddaughters, Jaime (Shawn) Yunker, Lisa Gramberg, Erin (Josh) Fousek, Jessica (Cameron) Gramberg and Stephanie (Eric) Gramberg; three grandsons, Jacob Gramberg, Jack Gramberg, and Mark Gramberg; two step-granddaughters, Stephanie Cooke and Jessica (Harrison) Keatinge; step-grandson Paul (Ashley) Cooke; twelve great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Regan, Ellianna, Kason, Jade, Myla, Oliver, Maverick, Nolan, Ava, Oriana, and Reginald; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ludwig and Lucy Gramberg; his wife, Bernice; two brothers, Dale and Kenneth Gramberg; and sister, Rodella Wacker.

Patricia 'Pat' Johnson-Roberts

Patricia J. "Pat" Johnson - Roberts, 97, of Carroll, died Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 in North Platte.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are with Hasemann Funeral Home of Wayne.

Patricia Joy Roberts was born Nov. 9, 1923 at Charleston to Joy and Ethel (Hubbell) Tucker. In 1924 her family moved to a farm west of Carroll. She graduated from Carroll High School in 1941 and attended Wayne State College. Pat was a teacher for three years at District #70 and three terms at the Carroll Grade School, before she began substitute teaching. Pat married Robert E. Johnson on Jan. 28, 1945 in Carroll while he was on medical furlough from European Theatre of Operation. To this union two children were born, Mark and Marsha. Robert passed away in 1978. Pat married Lynn Roberts on Nov. 11, 1983 in Carroll. She was a member of Carroll United Methodist Church where she was a Sunday school teacher for 25 years. She belonged to United Methodist Women, having held many offices, Carroll Women's Club, American Legion Auxiliary #65 since 1946, Carroll Senior Citizens and the GLT Card Club. She enjoyed reading, playing softball, attending sports and watching children and grandchildren's games, playing cards, and traveling to Europe and India. Pat liked to entertain and visit with her family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Mark (Pramila) Johnson of Orlando, Florida and Marsha (Mike) Creighton of North Platte; 16 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; brother, Rush (Paula) Tucker of Mesa, Arizona; stepsons, Terry (Laurie) Roberts of Carroll and Brad (Lena) Roberts of Wayne; step-daughter, Shauna (Dan) Reckmeyer of Trophy Club, Texas; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert Johnson, in 1978; husband, Lynn Roberts, in 1997; brother, Richard Tucker; and sister, Melba French.

Looking Ahead in Wayne

By Wes Blecke,
City Administrator

Regular 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, or at a published alternate site during this pandemic!

Name one thing you'd rather do on a Tuesday night than come see your City government at work!

Welcomes and Thanks You

At its most recent meeting, the Wayne City Council welcomed two newly elected council members. Yasuko Taoka replaces Jennifer Sievers in Ward 2, while Nick Muir replaces Jon Haase in Ward 4. We truly thank Jennifer and Jon for their years of service to the City of Wayne!

Facial Coverings Required in the City of Wayne

After much deliberation, the City Council unanimously approved an emergency ordinance to require facial coverings in public.

The full ordinance can be found on the City's website and social media platforms.

While there are exceptions to the rule, in a nutshell, everyone in Wayne must wear a face covering properly over their nose and mouth while indoors in a public place when they cannot maintain six feet of separation. Businesses are required to post the requirement. The ordinance sunsets on Feb. 2, 2021 unless it is reduced or increased by the Council. Feel free to contact the City if you have questions regarding this law.

Pine Heights Project to Start in April

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Property Transfers

November Property Transfers

Nov. 2: Joseph W. Claybaugh Testamentary Trust, State Nebraska Bank Trustee to Rustin L. and Kelley Anne Anderson Revocable Trust, Rustin L. Anderson Trustee and Kelley Anne Anderson Trustee. Part of the NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 26, Range 3. \$2,837.25.

Nov. 2: William J. Claybaugh, Living Trust, William J. Claybaugh Trustee to Rustin L. and Kelley Anne Anderson Revocable Trust, Rustin L. Anderson Trustee and Kelley Anne Anderson Trustee. Part of the NE 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 26, Range 3. \$474.75.

Nov. 2: Julie A. Claybaugh Living Trust, Julie A. Claybaugh Trustee to Rustin L. and Kelley Anne Anderson Revocable Trust, Rustin L. Anderson Trustee and Kelley Anne Anderson Trustee. Part of the NE 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 26, Range 3. \$474.75.

Eugene 'Gene' Erb

Eugene "Gene" Walter Erb, 89, of Wakefield died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020 at Providence Medical Center in Wayne.

Private family graveside services will be held in the Wakefield Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements are under the direction of Bressler-Munderloh-Smith Funeral Home in Wakefield.

Eugene "Gene" Walter Erb was born on Dec. 31, 1930 to Menno and Mary (Grieser) Erb in Beemer. He attended and graduated from Wakefield High School in 1948. In Gene's younger years he worked as a cobbler and repaired shoes and worked with his dad in a tractor repair shop in Wakefield. After high school, Gene served in the US Army during the Korean War where he was a Drill Sergeant and trained troops in heavy artillery.

Upon his return to Nebraska, Gene married Mary Lou Gensler on Sept. 9, 1954 in Norfolk. He started the Wakefield Auto Salvage and worked as a mechanic until he retired in 1990. Gene also enjoyed going up to the Erb Car Wash every day and taking care of it. He opened it in the early 70's which makes it one of the oldest family-owned businesses still operating on Main Street Wakefield today. He also served on the City Council for years and Gene was very active with the Wakefield American Legion Post 81, proudly attending many funerals with the color guard and participating in Memorial Day services.

Gene enjoyed fly fishing, hunting, golfing and bowling along with camping with his family and friends. In his later years, he enjoyed turning wrenches and spending time with his friends having "coffee" at the Big Shed. He loved spending time with his family and grandkids and rarely missed a sporting event at Wakefield.

Survivors include his son, Jason (Denise) Erb of Wakefield; daughters, Joni (Jono) Kline of Omaha and Lana (Doug) Otto of Lincoln; grandchildren, Derek (Brady) Erb-Woods, Ben (Jordan) Kline, Corey Kline, Drake Otto, Cole Otto, Justin Erb; and great-grandchild, Kennedy Kline.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Lou; sisters, Helen Erb and Gladys "Pat" Niemeier.

Susan Ganseboom

Susan Ganseboom, 92, of Carroll, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 at the home of her daughter in Carroll. Services are currently pending with Hasemann Funeral Home of Wayne.

Donald Draghu

Donald D. Draghu, 88, of Wayne, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2002 at CHI St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island.

A private family service will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Wayne. The Rev. Jim Splitt and the Rev. Deb Valentine will officiate. Public visitation, with masks required, will be held Friday, Dec. 4 from noon to 2 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Wayne. Burial with military rites will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.

Arrangements are with Hasemann Funeral Home in Wayne.

Donald Duane Draghu was born Jan. 2, 1932 on a farm near Carroll to Michael and Ella (Dorman) Draghu. He was baptized in April of 1932 and confirmed in April of 1946 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wayne. He attended grade school at District #61 northwest of Wayne and graduated from Wayne High School in 1949. He farmed with his Dad until serving in the United States Army from Jan. 9, 1953 - Jan. 7, 1955. He was an Intermediate Speed Radio Operator at Fort McClennan, Alabama. Don married Marcille Sampson on Nov. 17, 1957. They farmed northwest of Wayne from 1957 until retiring. Don was secretary for School District #61 for a number of years and was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church. He enjoyed gardening, flowers, and mowing to keep their place looking nice.

Survivors his wife, Marcille; son, David Draghu of Omaha; daughter, Jodie (Tim) Granfield of Aurora, Nebraska; granddaughter, Kellie Granfield - Barber and husband, John, of Central City; sister, Arlene Watteyne of Aurora, Colorado; sister-in-law, Elaine Draghu of Wayne; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Marvin; and in-laws, Glenn and Margaret Sampson.

Pallbearers will be Brian Bowers, Ron Sebade, Roger Fuoss, Randy Dunklau, Joel Hansen and Kurt Malchow.

A Quick Look



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Date	High	Low	Precip	Snow
Nov. 26	33	26	—	—
Nov. 27	40	24	—	—
Nov. 28	51	24	—	—
Nov. 29	59	28	—	—
Nov. 30	37	10	—	—
Dec. 1	43	10	—	—
Dec. 2	46	17	—	—

Recorded 7 a.m. for previous 24 hour period
Precip./mo. — 1.54" / Monthly snow — 5"
Yr./Date — 18.89" / Seasonal snow — 9"

Chamber Coffee

WAYNE — This week's #chamberperks will be held Friday, Dec. 4 with Arnie's Ford. It will be available on the Wayne, NE facebook page at 10:15 a.m. Staff from the WAED office will also present announcements at that time.

Gifts for Kids

AREA — The Gifts For Kids Christmas gift tags are available to choose from at the Wayne Bomgaars location. Gifts will be due back to Bomgaars by Sunday, Dec. 20. Anyone with questions is asked to contact Kathy Berry at (402) 375-3066.

Residential Decorating Contest

AREA — Wayne Area Economic Development is sponsoring an Outdoor Residential Holiday Decorating Contest. Anyone with a Wayne mailing address is eligible. Prizes, awarded by Bomgaars, Wayne Ace Hardware and Home and Total Graphics, will be given to the first and second place winners. Judging will be conducted from Dec. 21-23 and the People's Choice will be open until Dec. 31. Winners will be announced on Jan. 4, 2021. There is no cost to enter this event and the deadline to sign up is Friday, Dec. 18. Residents are welcome to nominate someone else's home.

Food Pantry

AREA — The Wayne Food Pantry, located at First Presbyterian Church in Wayne, continues to be available to those in need in Wayne County. Anyone desiring to check on availability is asked to call the church office (402) 375-2669 or email fpcwayne@gmail.com. All inquiries are confidential. Among the items needed on a regular basis at the Food Pantry are cereal, canned corn, canned green beans, canned soup, canned fruit and canned chicken. Donations are also being accepted for use by the Backpack Program. Those wishing to make a donation are asked to contact the church via phone or email.



Food Pantry donation

Pictured above are the members of the Wayne High School bowling teams and the food items that were collected for the Wayne Food Pantry. Those attending the Wayne High bowling scrimmage on Friday were asked to donate items as an "admission" to the event.

Governor's weekly column: staying healthy for the holidays

There is an old saying, "it's always darkest before the dawn." It has two meanings. The first is that, despite difficulties, there is hope on the horizon. The second meaning is that circumstances can be at their very worst right before things get better. As we enter December, there are reasons to hope an effective vaccine will become available soon—on a limited basis even this month. At the same time, we may be entering the toughest stretch of the pandemic this winter as people head indoors. It's time for all of us to put our trademark Nebraska grit and determination to work as we buckle up for the coming months of the pandemic.

On May 15, 2020 the Trump Administration announced Operation Warp Speed to rapidly develop a coronavirus vaccine. The program appears to be making remarkable progress. Two vaccines, one from Pfizer and one from Moderna, have proven to be highly effective in clin-

ical trials. Both of the vaccines are being reviewed by regulatory agencies. It's likely each of them will be authorized for emergency use by mid-December. Manufacturers have already produced millions of doses. Perhaps as many as 40 million doses will be available this month.

Initially, vaccinations will be limited to priority groups, such as healthcare workers at hospitals and long-term care facilities. As manufacturing ramps up in 2021, availability will expand to more groups. Vaccines are expected to be widely available to the public by late spring. The State of Nebraska has posted its vaccination plan on the Department of Health and Human services website at dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/COVID-19-Vaccination-Plan.pdf.

While the vaccine development offers hope, it's not time to relax our guard. The coronavirus is still spreading throughout our communities. In fact, December could be



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a very challenging month. As the weather gets colder, Nebraskans will be spending more time indoors. Typically, viruses spread more easily this time of year as people stay inside. Over the next several weeks, it will be extremely important to

avoid the "Three Cs". This means avoiding crowded places, close contacts, and confined spaces.

Christmas season is usually a time to shop for gifts, host parties, and travel to be with family. Churches and synagogues have special services. Friends go ice skating or caroling together. Folks go to the movies to see newly released blockbusters.

We'll need to adjust our holiday traditions in 2020 in light of the pandemic. Consider postponing holiday parties at work or inviting over fewer friends. Be thoughtful about family get-togethers to protect at-risk family members.

As Nebraskans shop Main Street to support local retailers during the holiday season, it will be especially important to use tools to slow the spread of the virus. When you go out, wear a mask. Shop alone instead of taking the kids with you. Follow the six-foot rule when shopping. When possible, shop online.

This isn't the year to fight through a cold or cough while keeping with your usual routine. Stay home when sick. Quarantine immediately if you've been exposed to someone who has tested positive or shown symptoms of the coronavirus. Take advantage of the opportunity for free testing. Test Nebraska will be in operation during the holiday season. Go to TestNebraska.com to fill out a short health assessment and schedule a time to get tested. In November, Test Nebraska delivered results 24-48 hours after the initial swab.

Nebraska's coronavirus hospitalizations have stabilized over the past week, but our hospitals continue to care for high numbers of patients. It's important that we all take responsibility for slowing the spread of the virus to protect our healthcare system and support our healthcare workers. As I've announced, if Nebraska reaches 25 percent of staffed hospital beds with coronavirus patients in them, we'll move into the "red" phase of our pandemic response plan. If this happens, additional restrictions will take effect to help protect our hospital capacity. These restrictions in-

clude, but are not limited to...

- Returning to the 10-person rule for indoor gatherings and wedding/funeral receptions.

- Limiting outdoor gatherings to 25 people.

- Bars moving to carry-out, delivery, and drive-thru only.

- Only licensed restaurants offering dine-in services with restricted hours.

Nebraskans should prepare for the possibility of these restrictions taking effect before the end of the year if hospitalizations grow.

If you have questions about Nebraska's coronavirus phases or vaccination plan, please email pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call (402) 471-2244. Progress on the vaccines is reason to hope, but I want to remind everyone that it will still be several months before widespread vaccination can take place. Until then, it's critically important for all of us to stay focused on doing what's right to protect ourselves, our families, and our communities.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

The giving season

It is the season of giving and there are plenty of opportunities to donate gifts or items for those in need around the community. One way to give this holiday season is by dropping off new toys to Arnie's Ford in Wayne. Toys will be collected in the run up to Christmas and then dispersed to children who might otherwise not receive gifts this year. Along with Arnies, there are several other gift drives and going on around the community.

Winside's Finn receives white coat

College of Saint Mary (CSM) celebrated its 5th annual Physician Assistant White Coat Ceremony on Oct. 30. The event recognized physician assistant (PA) students who have earned entry into clinical patient care by presenting them with their white coats. Among those receiving the white coat was Callie Finn, of Winside.

"This evening marks the beginning of your vocation as healers," said Dr. Maryanne Stevens, RSM, president of College of Saint Mary. "The faculty and staff believe you will become women and men who are called to assist with the healing of patients. Being one who heals is a vocation, a calling. A very important and necessary calling in our society. Thank you for embracing this calling."

Clare Kennedy, MPAS, director of the physician assistant studies program at CSM, presided over the ceremony. Taylor Buckminster '22 led the invocation, and Dr. Kimberly Allen, vice president of academic affairs, delivered the keynote speech. After being presented with their white coats, the PA students recited the Physician Assistant Student Oath.

The White Coat Ceremony is a rite of passage into the profession for PA students beginning their careers in healthcare. The White Coat symbolizes professionalism, ethical behavior, compassionate care, and service to others.

This event marks the fifth group of students to receive their white coats since the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program was launched at CSM in 2016. Some of the students are part of CSM's accelerated PA program, enabling students to take pre-PA classes as undergraduates and become practicing physician assistants in just five years.

Upon receiving their white coats, students will complete their didactic year of education in the classroom and then enter their final 12 months of clinical rotations with hands-on practice in varied medical settings. Created during a rising demand for PA careers, CSM's Master of Science Degree in Physician Assistant Studies program is one of CSM's newest academic additions and is one of more than 35 graduate and undergraduate programs offered by the University.

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company to pay out nearly \$5 million to their customers

About 4,500 current customers and 1,900 former customers will receive a capital credits payout in December, which will total \$4.9 million across the Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company's member

base.

This year's payout amount will reflect the amount paid in by customers in the 2009 and 2019 calendar years.

This is good news for the custom-

ers of NNTC because it means most member customers will receive some sort of payout in December. As the company continues to grow, its customers benefit, according to a press release from NNTC.

Some customers are often surprised by the money showing up in their mailboxes, but if they're members during a financially profitable year, the profits belong to the members.

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company is one of just seven telecommunications providers in Nebraska to operate as a cooperative. Telecommunication co-ops have the ability, with board approval, to pay their customers back as the company's financial situation allows. Since money was made by NNTC, that money stays in northeast Nebraska, giving the area an economic boost.

According to Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company's Board President David Armstrong, the company pays out when they can. "We pay our owners [customers] their capital credits as quickly as possible while maintaining the ultimate goal of reinvesting in the finest fiber lines in northeast Nebraska," President Armstrong says.

NNTC was founded in 1955. 1990 was the first year NNTC paid back its co-op members in the form of capital credits. Since 1990, and including payout in 2020, NNTC has paid its members more than \$59 million.

Ponca State Park's Christmas in the Woods, Snow Creation Building Contest announced

Ponca State Park invites the public to celebrate the holiday season at the park, where guests can enjoy a multitude of wintertime activities, including Christmas in the Woods.

Christmas in the Woods is an opportunity for families to spend quality time together. There is a Christmas Tree Hunt where visitors search Ponca State Park for 16 decorated trees. One tree has just a red bow. Park staff left this one for visitors to decorate with some bird-friendly garland.

There is also a Holiday Coloring Contest where guests can color or sketch a picture on an 8.5 by 11 inch sheet of paper under the theme of "My Favorite Ponca Winter Memory." Participants can then enter their artwork by email to ngpc.ponca@nebraska.gov or drop in the mailbox located at the entrance to the Resource and Education Center before Saturday, Jan. 2. Include full name, age, full address, and phone or email.

Prizes will be mailed and art work will be featured on the park's Facebook page, Ponca State Park NE.

Park staff have set up the Old Oak Trail for a learning experience via a self-guided hike. Hikers can hike along Old Oak Trail and learn about the plants, park history and restoration work along this easy-to-moderate 1.2 mile loop trail.

The hiking fun doesn't stop there. Explore the Tristate Overlook Trail, where the winter gnomes have moved in. Ten of these mystical beings are lodging along the trail. Search high and low as these friendly guests know how to hide. While on the adventures guests should keep an eye out for Sasquatch., park officials say he has really gotten into the holiday spirit.

For a full list of all the Christmas in the Woods activities follow Ponca State Park NE on Facebook Christmas in the Woods activities take

place all December.

The Annual Snow Creation Building Contest is going on now through Friday, March 19, which is the last day of winter. Guests are encouraged to build a snow creation near the mini lodges or Resource & Education Center. When the snow creation is completed, send a photo to lynn.mellick@nebraska.gov.

Photos will be displayed throughout the winter season in the center's lobby and on the Ponca State Park's Facebook page. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. First place is a free night's stay in a Ponca State Park mini lodge.

For additional information on the Annual Snow Creation Building Contest, Christmas in the Woods, and/or discount lodging packages call Ponca State Park at (402) 755-2284 or email ngpc.ponca@nebraska.gov.

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Wayne City Council

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"We (city government) are not happy being put in this position. I don't like government telling me what to do, but we don't want this virus consuming our thoughts. We are not experts, but the experts are telling us this is in our best interest," Mayor Cale Giese said.

The complete ordinance has been posted on the city's website. The city council meeting began with the swearing in of two new members and recognizing two outgoing members.

Jon Haase has served for 12 years on the council, representing Ward 4 and Jennifer Sievers has completed two, four-year terms representing Ward 2. Both were presented with plaques and thanked for their years of service. Nick Muir will replace Haase as a Ward 4 representative and Yasuko Taoka will be the new representative for Ward 2.

Dwaine Spieker retained his position as the Ward 3 representative.

Council members also selected Jill Brodersen to once again serve

as council president.

In other action, the council awarded a contract for the Pine Heights Road & Utility Improvements Project to Myers Construction.

Jon Mooberry with JEO Consulting was present to address a number of concerns council had voiced at the last meeting. He said he had checked into the company's references and said Myers Construction was aware of their need to meet the requirements for the project.

Gary Boehle with the Elkhorn Agency was present at Tuesday's meeting to discuss the city's group health insurance policy. He told the council that the coming year's premium will include a two percent decrease, but will have an increased deductible.

Council members waived the three readings on an ordinance that will amend the city code in regard to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). City Administrator Wes Blecke told the council the change was necessary to comply with state regulations and will result in members of the CRA serving five year

terms. The mayor will make several more appointments to the group in the near future.

Council members set Tuesday, Dec. 15 following the regular meeting as the date for a mini retreat.

The Wayne City Council will next meet in regular session on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne Community Activity Center.

(Photos by Clara Osten)
Jennifer Sievers and Jon Haase received plaques commemorating their service as Wayne City Council members from Mayor Cale Giese.



Food pantries continue to see increase in need

Food insecurity continues to be a reality for many in the community and several organizations are working to help people find the food they need.

Both Food Bank for the Heartland and the Wayne Food Pantry has seen increases in the number of people needing to supplement their food sources in recent months.

The Food Bank for the Heartland mobile truck comes to Wayne once a month, generally on the fourth Saturday of the month. However, due to the holidays, the December delivery date is Saturday, Dec. 19.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been a drive thru event at Journey Christian Church on East Seventh Street.

The truck brings pre-boxed, non-perishable items, bags of apples, oranges, potatoes and onions, as well as loaves of bread.

Those wishing to obtain food need to line up in their cars in the church parking lot.

"There is no paperwork involved in receiving food. We operate on the honor system and those getting food are able to obtain food for up to two families," said George Burcum, a member of the Wayne Association of Congregations and Ministers (WACAM) and First United Methodist Church, who coordinate each month's food distribution.

"In October, we had enough food for 120 families; however, we had to turn away 24 families. In November, we asked for more food, but again received food for 120 families. We had to turn away 50 families," Burcum said.

The Food Bank for the Heartland is limited in the amount of food they can send to the Wayne distribution event. Organizers will again ask for additional boxes of food for the December event.

In addition to the food that comes on the truck from Omaha, local organizers work to provide additional protein items to be distributed.

"We have been spending nearly \$1,000 a month to purchase canned meat, frozen sausage and peanut butter to be given out. We make these purchases at the local grocery stores. We are grateful to Michael Foods, anonymous donors and many churches for providing the funds to purchase these items," Burcum said. "There are very generous people in the community who help support us in purchasing the protein items."

He said that families come from Wayne and surrounding areas.

"Last month, I got here at 7 a.m. and there were already cars lined up in the parking lot. Distribution begins at 9:30 a.m. and by that time, we had already checked in 120 families."

Burcum says he believes it will be six months or longer before there is a downturn in the number of people needing to seek assistance from the

food truck.

"People of all ages, from senior citizens to young children, come through to receive food. A lot of these people are working, but need to supplement their food source," he said.

Having the monthly event at Journey Christian Church has worked well. Approximately 10-12 volunteers are able to help distribute the boxes of food in a short amount of time and the "parking lot at Journey works wonderfully for distribution," Burcum said.

The Wayne Food Pantry, located at the First Presbyterian Church in Wayne, is available to those living in Wayne County.

Jenny Hammer, coordinator for the Food Pantry, said that in October of 2019, the Food Pantry assisted 17 households. In October of 2020, that number rose to 30 families. November statistics have not yet been completed, but an increase in the number of people

using the pantry is expected.

"The Food Pantry is designed to help people during the rough spots. Those receiving assistance can visit the pantry up to three times per year," Hammer said.

In addition to providing a variety of non-perishable food items, those using the Food Pantry will receive a voucher to be used at either of the grocery stores in Wayne. These allow for the purchase of perishable foods such as meat, fresh fruit and vegetables and milk.

Food Pantry volunteers visited other food pantries in the area to see how they handled the distribution of food and found they were all very similar in the procedures.

"The donations this fall are amazing. We had a number of businesses and organizations, as well as groups like the Wayne High bowling team, conduct food drives for us," Hammer

said.

Among those bringing in donated items this week were staff members from Herman Chiropractic and Magnuson-Hopkins Eyecare.

The two businesses conducted a "Battle of Highway 35" event with nearly 800 items donated in a month-long contest to see which business could collect more donations.

Donations of non-perishable items are accepted at the Food Pantry Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Items always needed include pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned fruits and vegetables and canned meat.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Food Pantry is open by appointment only and those wishing to learn more about the availability of food are asked to call (402) 375-2669 or email fpcwayne@gmail.com. All inquiries are confidential.



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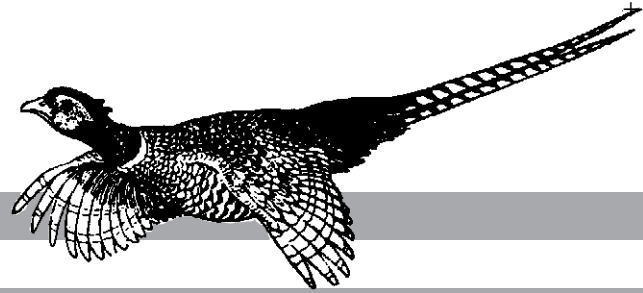
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Sports



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The Laurel-Concord-Coleridge boys basketball team made it all the way to Lincoln last year and will begin their season as the reigning D-1 champions.

Plenty of holes to fill in Blue Devil lineup

After losing four starters from last year's 21-7 team, Wayne High boys basketball coach Rob Sweetland will have his work cut out for him this season.

"We have to replace six seniors and four starters from last year," he said. "We have a nice mix of underclassmen that will have to contribute right away, and we have four seniors that have some experience and will need to help set the tone."

Junior guard Tanner Walling is the lone starter back from last season. The 5-foot-11 junior averaged

8.5 points and four rebounds per game and will be looked on for his leadership this season.

Four seniors will provide some good experience in the lineup this season. Centers Treyton Blecker and Nolan Hunke will give Wayne some good size in the post, and forwards Jacob Kneif and Colton Vovos will be solid contributors this season as well.

Also expected to make contributions this year are junior guard Brandon Bartos and sophomores Alex Phelps and Daniel Judd.

Three letterwinners lead new TCNE wrestling team

A healthy roster makes up the first Tri County Northeast wrestling team as it gets set to hit the mats.

Three wrestlers with experience as part of the old co-op between Wakefield and Allen leads what should be a competitive new program.

"We are looking at having potentially 15 kids on our roster, which is a great number for the first year," coach Josh Batenhorst said. "We will have a blended room, with three returning varsity starters and a mixture of youth. We will look to our seniors for early season success and leadership."

Wyatt Verzani, who won 36 matches and just missed making it to state last year, leads a group of three returning wrestlers. The 145-pound senior is joined by juniors Cole Verzani (152) and Gabe

Reinert (138).

Leading the newcomers is senior heavyweight Zach Shanks, who will provide some talented muscle at the upper weights.

"Wyatt is looking to have a strong senior campaign, and Zach is an athletic and physical kid with the skill set to have a successful season," Batenhorst said.

The Tri County Northeast team debuts at the Creighton Invitational on Saturday, and Batenhorst hopes to get the team off to a good start.

"We feel that we have a solid mixture of both leadership and talent, coupled with a challenging schedule that will help prepare us for postseason wrestling. We are anxious to get started and look forward to building the foundation of this wrestling program," he said.

Bears return several from state title team

After winning a state title a year ago, what do you do for an encore?

For the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge boys basketball team, the answer is simple — go out and defend the title.

The Bears lost some key elements to last year's 26-5 Class D-1 championship season, but have several players back who should help make the team tough

to beat this coming season.

"With three returning starters, we have experience, and plan on playing our pressure defense and up tempo offense," coach Todd Erwin said of this year's lineup, which includes two seniors and four juniors among the returning contributors.

Leading the way will be seniors Cael Hartung and Austin Hall. Both will do their damage on the

inside. Erwin said Hartung has worked hard in the weight room to bulk up, and Hall's long wing span as a 6-foot-6 center will make him a force on the inside.

Also back are four juniors, including Evan Haisch, Evan Schmitt, Daegan Puppe and Wilton Roberts.

Haisch can score from anywhere and will be called upon to do more and be a more consistent

player this season, Erwin said. Schmitt will be the lead defender on the Bears' defensive pressure and looks to be a key ball-handler on the offensive end of the floor.

Puppe and Roberts will do their damage on the inside and outside. Puppe is a slashing forward who has improved his quickness, and Roberts gives LCC some length at the guard slot with his defensive skills.

Wildcat grapplers look to contend in Class D

The Winside wrestling team have a great group of returning wrestlers back in the room this season and look to be a contender for Class D honors this season.

Three state qualifiers lead a group of eight returning starters that give the Wildcats some good depth heading into the season.

"We're the number three team in returning points, and with 10 wrestlers in the lineup we should be very tough in Class D and

hope to finish in the top three



in Omaha," coach Jesse Thiese said. "Cayden, Art and Gabe will all be looking for 100 career wins this year and should probably get that mark this year."

State runner-up Gabe Escalante (152) leads the Winside lineup and will look to be one of the title contenders at that weight class.

Other state medalists from last year include Caden Ellis, who will wrestle at 120 this

season; and Art Escalante, who will come in at 132 pounds.

Also back in the lineup are senior Tanner Board (220), juniors Jacoby Mann (126), Maddox Magwire (138) and Tyler Carlson (145) and sophomore Mason Topp (170). Freshmen who should step in right away include Cooper Behmer (113) and Zach Bilstein (285).



(File photo)

Experienced players, like Kendall Dorey, above, will be leading the Lady Blue Devils basketball team this year.

Experience returning to Wayne girls hoops lineup

Coach Rocky Ruhl is looking for a competitive team this year for the

Wayne High girls basketball squad.

Seven players with starting experience are back from a team that went 5-18 a year ago, and Ruhl feels this year's team will be a competitive bunch this winter.

"We have a lot of experience returning so we are looking to be very competitive. The girls started practice with a great work ethic and they have been enthusiastic and positive," he said.

Emily Longe is the lone senior starter back from last year. The 5-foot-8 forward averaged 6.3 points and 4.4 rebounds last year and will be looked upon for leadership this season.

Junior Kendall Dorey is back in the lineup after her season was cut short by a knee injury last year. The 5-foot-7 guard averaged 5.4 points, 3.9 rebounds and two assists a year ago and will be one of the players to watch this season.

Also back are juniors Mikaela McManigal (3.5 points, 2.7 rebounds) and Rubie Klausen (7.4 points, 5.3 rebounds, 3.0 assists), along with sophomore center Brooklyn Kruse, who was the team's leading scorer and rebounds with 11.8 points and 5.5 rebounds a year ago.

Juniors Kiara Krusemark and Mia Nelsen also saw time as starters last year, and both will be key players on the perimeter this season.

Ruhl is also looking for contributions from senior Peyton French, junior Mady Sievers and sophomores Madi Urbanec and Logan Miller. Newcomers Katy Jones, Frantzie Barner and Kierah Haase could also see time this season.

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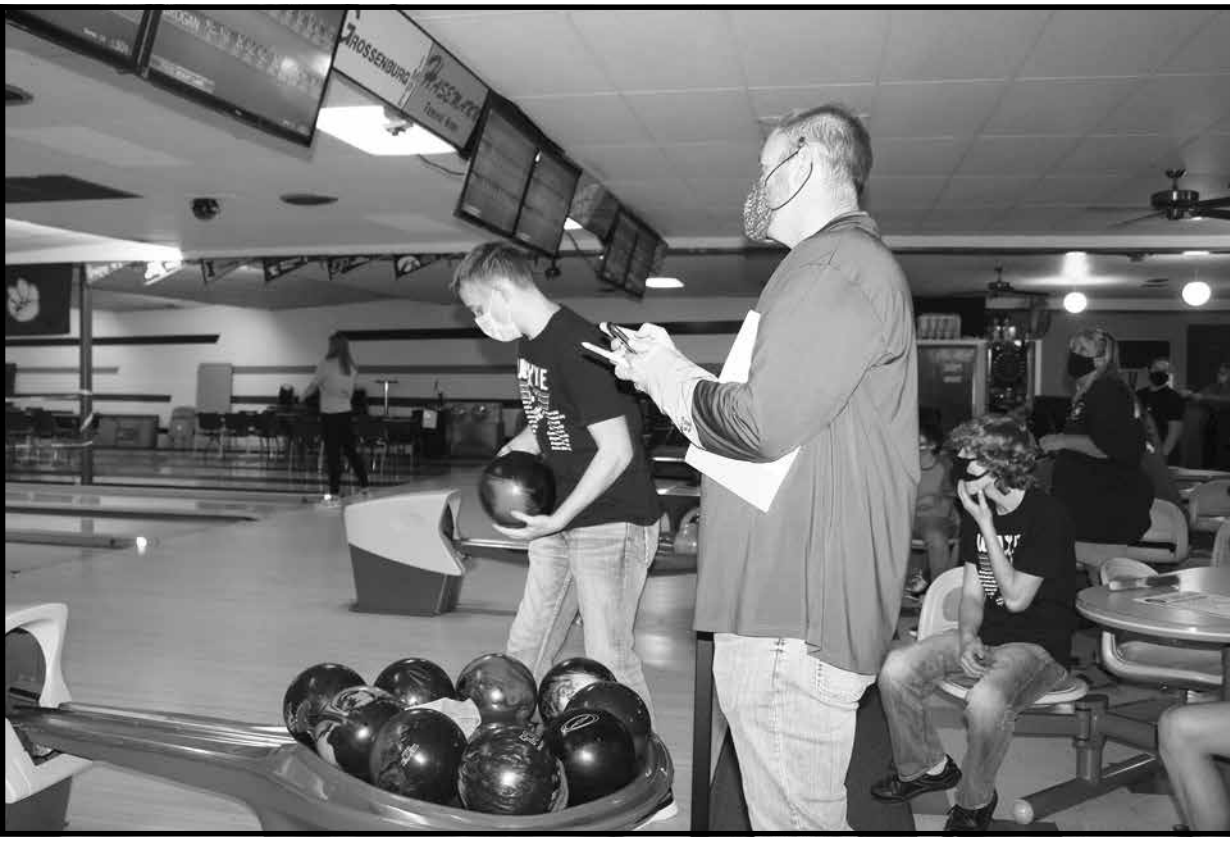
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Wayne's new bowling team ready to roll



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Wayne's newly formed high school bowling team took part in a scrimmage at Wildcat Lanes last week. (above) Coach Josh Johnson watches as Tanner Sievers prepares to throw a ball. (right) Several members of the girls' team talk about their strategies during the event.

After spending years as a club program, the Wayne High bowling teams make the move to the varsity level as the Nebraska School Activities Association added the sport earlier this year.

A total of 24 kids will represent the Blue Devils in boys and girls competition, and first-year coach Josh Johnson is excited to be part of the new program.

"We're extremely excited for the first year," he said. "Wayne has had great success in bowling over the years in the Nebraska Bowling Federation, and we look to build upon all the hard work they have put in during that time."

Bowling will be a one-class sport, which means Wayne will go up against schools of all sizes, a challenge Johnson said the team is excited to attack.

"We'll be competing against schools of all sizes, so it's a challenge we look forward to," he said. "We have eight girls and 16 boys out and they're working hard to get ready."

Athletes who will make up the Blue Devil girls team include Andi Belt, Brianna Nissen, Catherine Rutenbeck, Jamie Janke, Jersi Jensen, Natalie Bentjen, Riley Haschke and Trinity Surber.

Members of the boys team include Braden Adams, Brogan Foote, Calvin Starzl, Carter Fernau, Carter Hasemann, Chase Adams, Christopher Rutenbeck, Coby Dickes, Ethan Wibben, James Dorcey, Kaleb Anderson, Lance Muhs, Peyton Reisberg, Sean Aschoff, Shayne Geidner and Tanner Sievers.



Wayne wrestlers hope to field full lineup

With 11 letterwinners and four state qualifiers back from last year, the Wayne High wrestling team has the chance to be a competitive team this winter.

Coach Dave Wragge said the return of state medalist Reece Jaqua and qualifiers Reid Korth, Dakota Spann and Martin Carrillo will give the Blue Devils some needed experience.

"We have a pretty solid core of young guys with a great senior class

of leaders," he said. "We are really excited to see growth in our underclassmen. If we can stay healthy we will field a full team this year. This will be the first year in a while that we have everyone spread out to help us do this."

Jaqua was a fifth-place medalist last year and will move up to 132 pounds this year. Korth lost in the heartbreak round and will look to make the next step at 182, while Spann (195) and Carrillo (220) will

come into the season with experience from last year's state tournament.

Other returning starters from last year include Zach McManigal (113), Ashton Munsell (126), Raul Palma (138) and Aiden Liston (160). Returning letterwinners include Wyatt Heikes (113) and Logan Schafer (285).

The Blue Devils will host the Wayne Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 19.

QCNE wrestling team has good depth this year

Seven returning wrestlers will lead the Quad County Northeast wrestling team this season.

Coach Mark Lech said the team will have a good mix of experience and youth that should help them be competitive this season.

"We have good numbers out this year and will be able to fill most weight brackets," he said. "We return a lot of wrestlers and will

bring multiple freshmen into the program. We have a good mix of youth and experience with a couple of strong senior leaders in Colby Wathor and Nolan Ohlrich."

Ohlrich will lead the QCNE team at 152 pounds this season, while Wathor will wrestle at 182 pounds.

Other returning wrestlers include juniors Gabe Wortman (132) and Fischer Carson (285) along

with sophomores Carter Olson (120), Tie Hollandsworth (145) and Kolby Casey (195).

"We look forward to chance to compete and to see where this young program can go," Lech added. "The enthusiasm around the program is strong and we want to build on that by having a successful season."

Experience returns for Winside boys

Four starters are back for the Winside boys basketball team as they look to improve on last year's 1-21 season.

A total of eight letterwinners gives coach Adrian Eggers some depth to build around as the Wildcats head into the season.

"We only graduated three seniors, so our younger players have helped us build some depth and we'll have

a chance to see some of them contribute early in the season," he said.

Back from last year are seniors Ashton Ferris and Dominic Reed, as well as sophomores Jake Bargstadt and Dean Kruger.

Returning letterwinners from last year include senior Cody North, junior Wade Taylor and sophomores Dax Behmer and DeAndre Redwing.

Freshmen who could see some action this year include Austin Nelson, Myles Kampa, Devon Offner and Hunter Genereux.

Eight wrestlers finish in top four



Eight Wayne Junior High wrestlers finished in the top four at a tournament last week at Norfolk Catholic.

Hunter Foote was the lone champion of the group, winning his bracket. Runner-up finishes were earned by Zander Liston, Grant Maas, Ty Zach, Colton Shepperd and Lance Stange.

Lakin Stange came home with a third-place finish, while Will Leseberg finished fourth.



(Courtesy photo)

The Trojans boys basketball team includes: (back row, from left) Couy Johnson, Hunter Schultz, Justin Erb, Cade Johnson, Nick Arenas, Anthony Valenzuela, Kaden Krafke, Juan Paredes and (front row, from left) Blake Brown, Gael Sotelo, Jeremiah Reimers, Logan Bokemper, David Beltran, Ryan Anderson, Johnathan Birkley. Not pictured: Eliseo Sarmiento, Andres Velazquez and Matthew Ladely.

Trojans feature three returning starters

The Wakefield boys basketball team should have an experienced team this season with three starters and three letterwinners back from last year.

"I expect us to be a very competitive team with our experience from past years," coach Joe Wendte said.

Seniors Blake Brown and Justin Erb and sophomore Cade Johnson are the three returning starters back for the Trojans this season. Brown is the leading scorer from last year, averaging almost 18 points per game

and grabbing 4.5 rebounds a contest. Erb tossed in 11.7 points and grabbed 6.3 rebounds a game last year, while Johnson averaged 6.7 points and 2.4 rebounds.

Letterwinners who should be key contributors for the Trojans include seniors Couy Johnson and Nick Arenas and junior Logan Bokemper. Bokemper will look to be a scorer out on the wing, while Johnson and Arenas will contribute on the inside at the forward positions.

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Jackson signs with Northern State

Alli Jackson, daughter of Jay and Holli Jackson of Allen, has signed a letter of intent to run track at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D.

The senior will compete for the Tri County Northeast Wolfpack girls track team this spring. She medaled at the Nebraska State Track and field meet in the 400 and 800-meter runs as a freshmen and sophomore. COVID-19 kept her from making a straight year of gathering a medal.

Jackson also is the two-time defending Lewis & Clark champion in the 400-meter and 800-meter

events. Because of COVID-19 last spring, Jackson did not get to defend her two-time, two-event championships, and possibly be a dual event winner for four consecutive years.

"Alli is a hard-working, goal driven individual. She is strong willed mentally and will work to achieve what she believes is attainable. We expect good things from Alli this upcoming spring.", states coach Dave Uldrich. "She is the epitome of what coaches hope for. Give her the challenge, she takes it and goes with it."

Co-op program to make its debut

Tri County Northeast girls basketball will make its debut this year with a good mix of talent coming from Allen and Emerson-Hubbard high schools.

First-year coach Evan Colfack said he likes what he sees so far and hopes to build on the improvement made during volleyball season.

"Many of these girls started off the co-op playing volleyball and had a lot of success," he said. "It's always tough learning a new coach and teammates and they battled through some ups and downs and ultimately

got better. For basketball we will now have to build on those relationships and the bar has been set for this team."

The Wolfpack will have nine players with starting experience from last year, led by junior All-Lewis & Clark Conference player Jordyn Carr, who averaged 19 points per game last season.

Joining Carr are seniors Carly Dickens and Alli Jackson, along with juniors Brynn Schock and Jazmin Delatorre and sophomore letterwinners Brianna Bousquet, Elizabeth Sattler,

Charlie Doyle and Katie Utech.

TCNE will have some freshmen to keep an eye on, including RHyanne Mackling, Ava Anderson, Olivia Dekok, Codi Olson and Adyson Vraspir, along with senior Taylor Boyle.

"I have no doubt the girls will now do the same as they did in volleyball and get better every single week. No matter what their roles were last year, they are going to be asked to elevate to another level if we want to have another successful season," Colfack said.

Familiar faces to lead Lady Bears hoopsters

After coming within a few minutes of making a trip to state, the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge girls basketball team will try to take the next step with some familiar faces.

Almost everybody is back from last year's team that went 13-12 and reached the district finals before losing to Pleasanton, and coach Marcus Messersmith said his team will face some challenging competition this season.

"I expect that we will be com-

petitive in our district, which in my opinion is the toughest in the state with Crofton, North Central, Ponca, and us all making it to district finals last season and returning a good portion of our players," he said.

Thirteen of the 15 players on last year's roster are back, including four starters and three returning letterwinners.

Leading the way will be Kinsey Hall, a 6-foot junior who averaged

16 points and eight rebounds last season for the Lady Bears.

Joining her in the starting lineup will be senior Erica Wolfgram (8 points, 4 rebounds), Haley Christensen (4 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals) and Jordan Urwiler (2 points).

Other players who should make an impact as returning letterwinners include Reagan Kuhlman, Berniece McCorkindale and Mollie Schutte.



(Photo by Sarah Lentz)

Wakefield's girls basketball team includes: (back row, from left) Boston Brown, Montse Avilla, Rachael Nuernberger, Madison Borg, Daveigh Munter-McAfee, Jordan Metzler, Brianna Martinez, Katie Borg, Michaela Beaty and (front row, from left) Makenna Decker, Destiny Helzer, Rachel Borg, Maddie Mogus, Anna Lundahl, Kassidy Brudigan, Aishah Valenzuela, Mikenzie Arenas and Alex Arenas.

Lady Trojans bring experience to coming season

Four starters are back from last year's 12-9 season for the Wakefield girls basketball team, giving coach Kent Emswiler plenty of optimism heading into the new year.

"As a team, we hope to play competitively and improve upon our record from last year," he said.

Back from last year are two all-conference players in Aishah Valenzuela and Alex Arenas. Both

were honorable mention selections last year and give the Trojans plenty of offensive opportunities heading into the 2020-21 season. Arenas is the team's leading returning scorer, averaging 11 points per game during her freshman year, while Valenzuela is right behind her at 10.5 points per game coming into her junior year.

Also back from last year are seniors Rachel Borg and Anna Lundahl. Borg averaged 4 points and 4 rebounds per game, while Lundahl averaged 4 points per game in the post position.

Freshman Jordan Metzler leads a group of untested freshmen that could step into the lineup and contribute this season.

Four starters lead Lady Wildcat hoopsters

The Winside girls basketball team will look to improve on last year's 6-15 record with four starters coming back from last year's team.

Coach Devin Gnat said the team has some good young players coming in that should help them challenge for more victories this season.

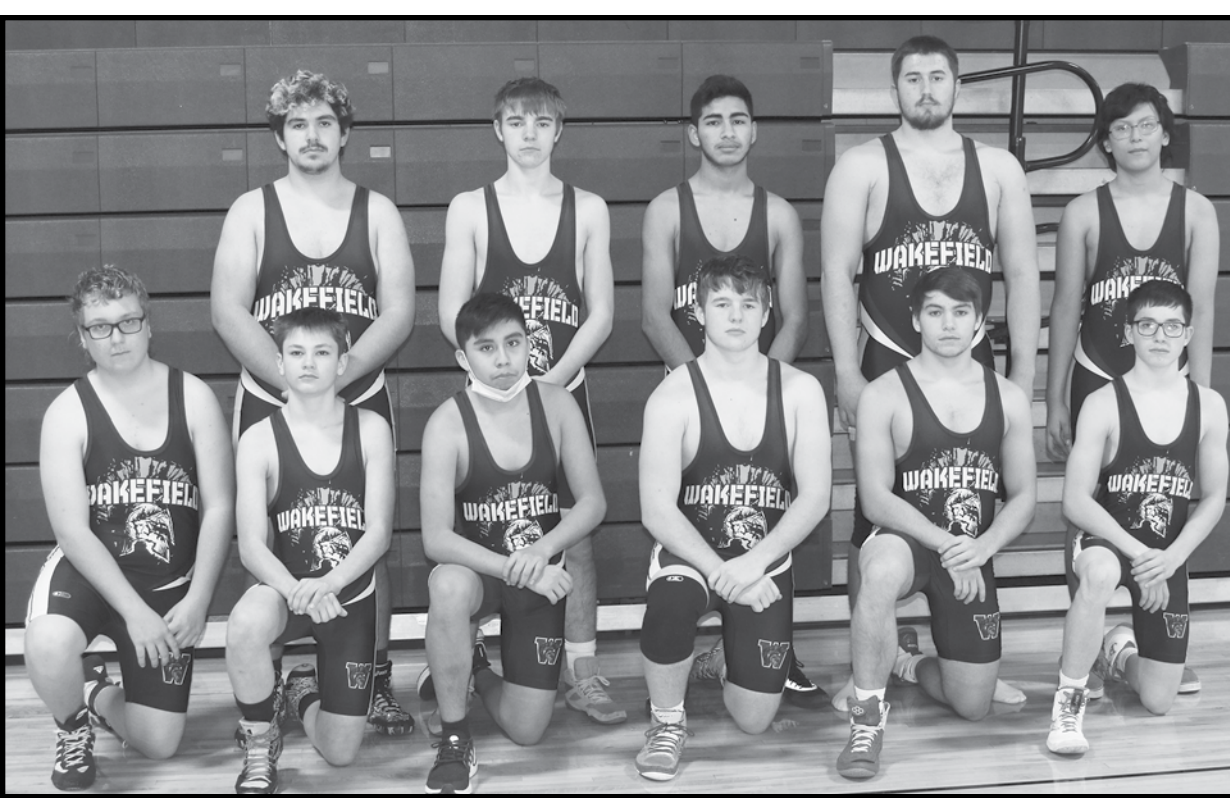
"We are returning four starters and three other varsity contributors from last year. We also have a large incoming freshmen class that could include some contributors," he said. "We improved a lot last year and won six games, which was the most games

won by Winside Girls basketball since 2010. I hope to see more improvement this year and I hope to be competitive in all our games with more wins coming."

Leading the group of returning players is senior Kati Topp, who averaged 10 points and 10 rebounds a game last season for the Wildcats.

Other returning starters who are set to contribute include seniors Brooklyn Behmer and Jackie Escalante and junior McKenna Russell.

Returning letterwinners who should be key players for the Wildcats include juniors Ashelyn Abler and Julissa Redwing and sophomores Hannah Gubbels and Micah Stenwall.



(Photo by Sarah Lentz)

Wakefield's Trojan wrestling team includes: (back row, from left) Giovanni Salcedo, Kolton Fischer, Maynor Vargas, Rylan Weaver, Ronnie Rodriguez and (front row, from left) Brady Haglund, Isaac Walsh, Franco Tapia, Mitchell Fischer, Jeremiah Chase, Samuel Chase. Not pictured Caleb Chase and Gabriel Lamprecht.

Wolfpack boys look to build chemistry

The new co-op of Tri County Northeast boys basketball will have a good mix of talent coming from Allen and Emerson-Hubbard this season.

A total of 11 players with experience are part of the Wolfpack lineup this season, and getting players from two schools to come together will be the biggest challenge, according to coach Chris Blohm.

"This season will be determined by our ability to come together as a team," he said. "We will be returning a lot of strong, athletic players from both Emerson-Hubbard and Allen. Our ability to make plays offensively will be a huge factor in how our season plays out, but our ability to defend is something we can rely on when the shots are not falling."

The Wolfpack have six seniors and five juniors with starting experience from a year ago. Returning seniors include Kobe Kumm, Reed Hingst, Anthony Isom, Ryan Kinnaman, Mason Hall and Steven Sullivan. Juniors with starting experience include Garrett Blanke, Brock Mackling, Nate Oswald, Ty Krommenhoek and Josh Olesen.

A number of younger players who have joined the team include junior Nick Busker, sophomores Caidan Gregg, Brody Floyd, Joe Grone, Colton Stallbaum and Jose Rodriguez; and freshmen Stephon Small, Michael Dickens, Hunter Heikes and Marquise Moniz-Sodofsky.

New coach excited about Trojan wrestling season

First-year coach Sage Gideon is looking forward to the upcoming season on the mats for the Wakefield wrestling team.

"As the new coach this season, I am excited to get this program headed in the right direction," he said. "We have an athletic team with some wrestlers that have quite a bit of experience. We have a good number of wrestlers participating this year and our weights spread out well. With that being said, we are looking to win the

majority of our duals. Our goals are set high and we are all looking forward to getting the season started."

Six starters are back from last year's team, led by seniors Rylan Weaver, Jeremiah Chase and Mitchell Fischer.

Also back for the Trojans are junior Gabriel Lamprecht and sophomors Koltan Fischer and Caleb Chase.

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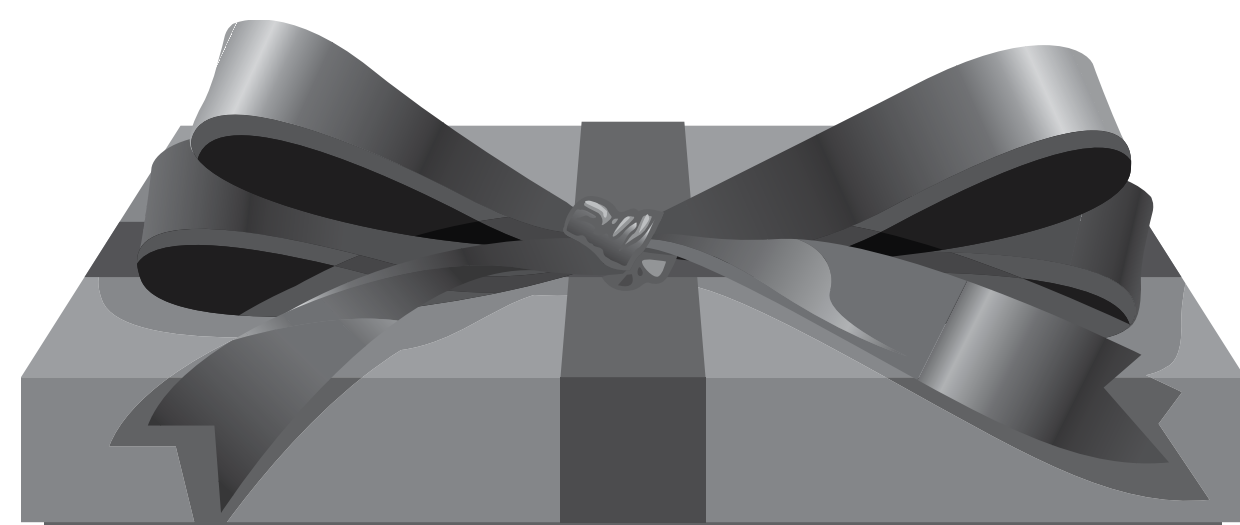
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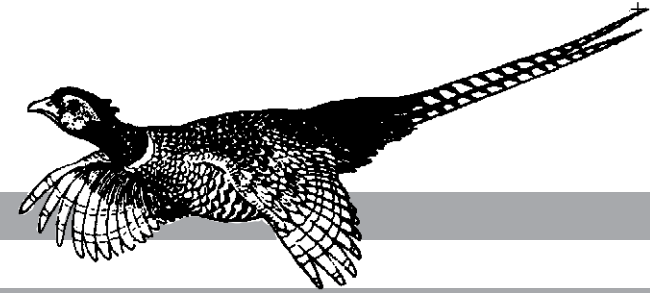
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Opinion



A hunting we will go

By MIKE RENNING
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MIDDLE of NOWHERE - The middle of nowhere is exactly where we hunted and I couldn't have been more at peace... or happy.

My oldest son, Maxwell, invited this old bast...fellow to come out hunting near Wood Lake, Nebraska.

For those of you who don't understand where Wood Lake is located, grab a map and look north in Nebraska.

Find Highway 20 and look about halfway between Ainsworth and Valentine.

You should find a little dot that says Wood Lake just west of Johnstown. It may be a little dot but that little dot is full of some of the best people you would ever know.

I believe the population on the sign on the edge of town says 63 and you add the surrounding ranches, it has to be hundreds.

We walked a couple of miles for each resident, stumbling through shelter belts and sloughs.

Or at least I did. It became quite apparent after the first day what my role would exactly be on this hunt.

We rode through the sandhills trying to spook a mule deer for some time on the first morning.

I will say I have enough experience with this troupe of hunters, Max and my brother-in-law Mike Ferguson, to know a few things.

Number one is get up early and get your seat in the pickup.

Number two is bring some snacks as you never know when and where your next meal will come from or happen.

See, if you're in the back seat, you have culpable deniability about seeing any deer.

You could always say you were looking the other direction or right into the sun.

The biggest reason for the back seat is gates.

Where I'm from, back east, fences and gates are an afterthought. Around Wood Lake, they take their fences and gates seriously.

Putting a gate down to drive through and putting it back up can cause a fellow quite a bit of anguish and ridicule within the group I was hunting - and it's certain. 20 minutes after you put the gate down and up, you will be doing it again to get out of the pasture you just entered.

So, when we left early Saturday morning, I was in the back seat ready to depart an hour before sunrise with a bag of jerky, a package of Ho-Ho's and a box of Honey Buns.

When the hunting method switched from spooking a deer



in the sandhills to going where they slept, it became very clear why I was along for the ride - so to speak.

We came upon a fairly large shelterbelt and the plan was for a blocker at one corner, a driver along the north side and a walker through the middle.

We discussed everyone's talents before implementing our plan and being the less talented hunter in the pickup by a two-to-three vote, I got out to begin my stroll through what turned out to be a forest.

I grabbed my gun, but Max indicated that would be unnecessary weight as I stumbled through the shelterbelt/forest.

I fell over the fence surrounding the shelterbelt/forest and began my journey.

After three additional falls in the forest and what seemed to be the rest of the afternoon, I reached the other end of my trip.

I did not hear one shot but I did get the devil scared out of me three times by owls sitting in the trees that took flight as I stumbled past.

The driver and the blocker in the troupe indicated I had scared a couple of bucks and five does from their respective slumbers but no "shooters".

Evidently as the driver and blocker enjoyed a respite in the sandhills, they decided we were trophy hunting.

I saved a lot of ammunition over the weekend - in fact, had it not taken four shots to site in my rifle on Friday before the hunt, I wouldn't have even had to clean my rifle before I put it away.

Don't get me wrong, we had a blast (pardon the pun). And the following weekend, Max got a nice buck.

I, on the other hand, went home battered and bruised, but survived. Can't wait until next year.

Capitol View

It's just a mask, why has it become such a big deal?

By J.L. SCHMIDT
Statehouse Correspondent
The Nebraska Press Association

The controversial face mask, a proven tool in controlling the spread of the dreaded coronavirus, has become a political football with Nebraska's Governor refusing to mandate the wearing of masks while contending that his directed health care measures are a better solution.

Nationally, President Donald Trump was also often seen mask-less and also refused a mandate. City councils in Lincoln and Omaha and a handful of cities statewide have adopted mask mandates. One has to wonder why the resistance. Freedom? I don't think you should be free to cough on me and spread this thing. I wear a mask so I don't do that to you and others.

Front-line health care workers are visibly fatigued and scared. Hospitals are reaching near capacity and taking measures to delay non-emergency surgeries or hospitalizations to keep beds free for Coronavirus patients. Doctors and health care specialists want a statewide mask mandate.

Schoolteachers are complaining about the workload of trying to teach students in the classroom and some remotely while trying to keep students socially distanced. The Governor wants to keep kids in the classroom. Teachers want more planning time. They also want a statewide mask mandate.

The needs are real. But I wonder who's listening.

I can guarantee that the folks in Douglas, Hall and Lancaster Counties are listening. That's where the largest number of cases have been confirmed and sadly, the largest number of deaths. The Douglas County Health Department and Omaha Community Foundation teamed up to develop a unified campaign "Do Right, Right Now."

As the campaign grew, leaders from outside Douglas County were brought into the conversation, and through a partnership with the Nebraska State Department of Education and Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, the campaign has expanded to serve the entire state of Nebraska.

Legislative Update

Albrecht provides District 17 update

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It can be such a heartwarming time of year as we consider the people and life experiences we can be thankful for. It also brings a change in expectations for the days ahead. Even before Thanksgiving was over, people were decorating for the Christmas holiday. Certainly, once Thanksgiving passed and Christmas shopping began online and in stores, more and more store and home decorations went up. This is usually a very festive time for most. At the same time, it is a difficult time for many who have lost a loved one in the past year, or who have lost a loved one at holiday time, or maybe who are frustrated at travel and other restrictions that are keeping them from the joyous gatherings of family and friends. Still, we move through it together. Be sure to be kind to one another as we are all experiencing a Christmas season like no other.

COVID-19 remains in our thoughts, of course.

There is good news on the horizon for COVID-19 vaccines as more than one company has applied to the federal government for approval of a vaccine to be made available as quickly as possible. The number of hospitalizations have decreased steadily over the past few days, even as the number of positive tests continue to add up. While we definitely mourn many who have died from the virus and continue to pray for their families, there are also many who have had the virus and who now find themselves immune—reportedly unable to catch it and unable to pass it on.

At the press briefing on Nov. 30, Governor Ricketts briefed the public on the State's response to the COVID-19 virus. The Governor is currently holding the briefings every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. His briefings are broadcast on NETV and related press releases can be reviewed at governor.nebraska.gov

As of Nov. 30, the Nebraska Risk Dial remains in the Orange Zone and hospitalization being monitored showed a week over week decline for the first time in weeks, with 896 individuals hospitalized throughout Nebraska. He explained that the state never hit the red zone and that the decrease in hospital beds available at some points was in part attributed to



Nebraska.

The Governor's office says, "Do Right, Right Now" is a practical call for a unified response to fight COVID-19. Words, obviously I like words. But there's got to be some meat on those bones. I mean, even Go Big Red used to mean something to Nebraskans.

So, here's what has been outlined. It's a new public awareness campaign aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19. Where was this nine months ago when there were so many mixed signals from the politicians who didn't want to listen to the scientists?

"Do Right, Right Now" encourages Nebraskans to wear masks, wash their hands, and stay six feet away from others. The campaign will include public signage, as well as messages on radio, TV and in newspapers with dozens of community partners.

"It is this uniform kind of comprehensive message that you are

going to hear from several different avenues, even if you may not listen in to one that has a specific campaign going on," said Douglas County Health Director Adi Pour. The campaign will continue for at least nine months.

Participating in the Zoom announcement of the campaign, University of Nebraska Medical Center Dr. James Lawler sounded the COVID-19 alarm bell, warning of potential doubling of deaths and infections that may overwhelm Nebraska's hospital system within the next few weeks and calling for a statewide mask mandate to help stem the tide. Lawler is director of UNMC's Global Center for Health Security.

Governor Pete Ricketts, who participated in the same announcement, continued to reject a mandate when asked to react to Lawler's statement. "We do have mask requirements

where appropriate," he said adding that he thinks people should use masks, but mandates lead to resistance.

Lawler said, "the reason that we ask for mandates is that we know they work. Compliance increases (and) mandates result in a reduction in cases and in fatalities."

Ricketts said, "Nebraskans have always stepped up to take care of each other."

As I pointed out earlier, the frontline medical personnel and the teachers are saying they are running out of strength and resources to take care of each other. They want the mask mandate.

Pay attention to the message, Governor. "Do Right, Right Now."

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Legislative Update
By Joni Albrecht
State Senator, District 17

teammates at the facilities weekly and all four Veterans' homes are limiting visitation. The director stressed that the residents deeply appreciate tele-visits from friends and family.

The Governor will be holding future press briefings on Wednesday, Dec. 2 and Friday, Dec. 4. The briefings can be viewed live on many channels, including NETV, as well as on Facebook and other social media sites. Summaries can be found at the Governor's website.

Remember, we can all help keep ourselves, our families and our neighbors safer by using good habits such as frequent handwashing, sanitizing surfaces and social distancing. If you are ill, stay home. If you are able to, wear a mask when in public spaces where you cannot maintain a six foot distance from others. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, quarantine away from others. People experience different levels of illness when contracting the virus, so be certain to do all you can to protect the most vulnerable amongst you.

COVID-19 in District 17

The number of positive tests reported for the periods Nov. 20, and Nov. 27 in District 17 are as follows:

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Legislative Look ahead: We are

starting to receive letters from senators who wish to chair various committees when the Legislature reconvenes. The process of actually electing committee chairpersons does not actually take place until after we reconvene. As a reminder, the Legislature is scheduled to reconvene at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021. The 2021 session is a 90-day session, with the days that the Legislature is actually in session being the days counted towards that ninety day number. Certainly subject to change, the tentative schedule currently indicates the final day of the 2021 Legislature will be June 10.

Interim studies proposed by senators enable legislators and the public to assess whether legislation is warranted in different areas. They therefore, may give some indication of legislation that can be expected to be introduced during the first ten days of the session. In November, there were hearings in various committees either related to annual reports or interim studies. In November, there were hearings in the Retirement Systems Committee, the Agriculture, Business and Labor, Urban Affairs, and Revenue Committee. Of specific interest to District 17 residents may be the following:

- Agricultural Committee heard LR380, introduced by Senator Brewer to examine the feasibility of creating a state meat packing inspection program;

- Revenue Committee heard LR415, brought by Senator Clements to examine the state inheritance tax, its current structure, and recommendations on whether it should be amended, replaced, or repealed.

Additionally, my office is currently reviewing a report and recommendations regarding recommendations to enhance the ethanol industry in Nebraska. Once we have reviewed the recommendations and considered whether and how to address them, I will keep District 17 residents updated through this newsletter update.

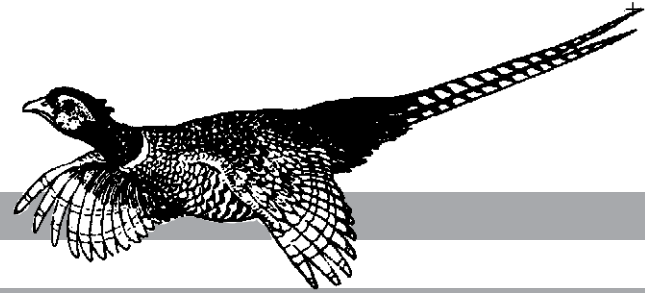
As always, it is of great importance that I hear from my constituents to effectively do my job as your voice in the Legislature. I encourage you to contact me and I look forward to hearing from you. You can reach me by phone at (402) 471-2716 or by email at jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov

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Lifestyle



During this time of year, think outside School Lunches

I don't know about you, but for me it's been a tough year. During a few moments, I've thought to myself, "Ok, what else can go wrong?"

Even though the weight of the world has occasionally seemed a bit much, I had a lovely moment

the other day while being outdoors in the mountains of Colorado. I took in my surroundings and just took a deep breath. The air was crisp and clear and it felt good. For a few seconds, nothing mattered but my own breath. It was nice.

Briefly Speaking

Winside Legion auxiliary cancels meeting


AREA — Roy Reed Unit 252, American Legion Auxiliary of Winside will not have a December meeting. The group is taking precautions with the holidays and rate of COVID-19. Keeping members safe and healthy is important to the.

The auxiliary is always seeking new ideas, new ways of doing things and new members. Perhaps you are just the one we are looking for. Anyone with questions is asked to contact Beverly at (402) 369-0152 or Laura at (402) 369-0019.

The auxiliary wishes everyone a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Dixon County

Sarah (Paulos) Roberts



Extension Educator

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The wonders of fresh air and nature can have the same effect on children. As we all continue to experience social and physical distancing, take a few minutes to step outside and just breathe.

Encourage children to look, listen, and smell the outdoors. Go-

ing outside is cheap, easy and can take as much or as little time as you like. In these times of stress and turmoil, go outside.

Close your eyes. Take a breath. As we move into colder weather, don't let the winter chill prevent you from taking a nature walk. It could be short, but even a few minutes in the fresh air is helpful to your physical and mental state. This applies to both children and adults.

Collect a few nature items and bring them inside to remind you of your time outdoors. Take a deep breath and relax.

For more ideas for exploring nature, email me at sarah.roberts@unl.edu, and as always, THINK OUTSIDE!

ACME Club discusses Medicare coverage

ACME Club members met Nov. 16 in the Taco's n More meeting room. The meeting was called to order by President Bonnadell Koch. Betty Wittig gave the Thought for the Day, "Disappointments are just God's way of saying: 'I have something better. Be patient, live life, and have faith.'"

Roll call was taken by meeting hostess Virginia Backstrom with the following question asking each member to reply with their recollection of what were their favorite TV shows watched when they first had a television set in their homes. Some were old enough to be out on their own when their parents acquired their first TV set and others remembered going to someone else's home to watch on a neighbor's new TV set.

Answers varied from Arthur Godfrey, Ed Sullivan, dance shows, I Love Lucy, Jackie Gleason, etcetera. Members also remembered the days of going to outdoor movies shown on the

sides of the buildings in such towns as Concord and a co-ed Theater in Wayne that showed movies.

Minutes and treasurer's reports were given and approved.

Old business included suggestions for Christmas giving, including the motion made as suggested by Betty Wittig to include Haven House in the group's holiday giving. The group will also be checking to see if there is a "Tree of Names" available for local gift giving.

The meeting was closed until the Christmas meeting to be held on Monday, Dec. 7, with the officers in charge of the celebration.

The meeting was turned over to hostess Virginia Backstrom, who introduced a special guest speaker, Becky Barner, Registered Pharmacist from Providence Community Pharmacy, who told the group a little about herself and gave everyone a background of information on Medicare A, B, C, and D.

Earlier in the month each member had been given a form on which they filled out information for themselves or their spouses on the medications they were taking. These forms were given to Barner who used each form to research ahead of time the best possible drug plan available for that member or spouse for the upcoming year.

Each member was taken to consult separately with pharmacist Barner on the best plans available for each of them. Medicare drug plans can be renewed or changed during an open enrollment time each year that lasts from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. The drug plan is effective beginning Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 of the following year of 2021. Each member agreed that this was a very enlightening time and many questions were asked and answered.

Everyone's drug needs are individual and the plans that are best for them will change with their drug needs. All agreed that everyone be encouraged to seek help in choosing their plans if they have time to do so before the Dec. 7 deadline. All were also encouraged to contact a pharmacist for any assistance as they will be most helpful.

ALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Dec. 6 — 11)

Monday: Breakfast — Blueberry loaf. Lunch — Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, vegetable, fruit, tea roll.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Sausage & biscuit. Lunch — Hot dog on a bun, tater tots, vegetable, fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Chocolate donut. Lunch — Teriyaki chicken, Asian rice, vegetable, fruit, fortune cookie, tea roll.

Thursday: Breakfast — Omelet. Lunch — Biscuit & gravy, tri tater, vegetable, fruit, cheese stick.

Friday: Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Chicken quesadilla, vegetable, fruit, tea roll.

Most breakfast meals include a variety of cereal, 8 oz. of milk, fruit or fruit juice. All lunch meals include 8 oz. of milk. Salad bar will not be available this school year.

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Dec. 7 — 11)

Monday: Breakfast — Biscuits & gravy. Lunch — Chicken taquitos.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Oatmeal. Lunch — Tavern.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Breakfast burrito. Lunch — Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes.

Thursday: Breakfast — Cinnamon roll. Lunch — Orange chicken.

Friday: Breakfast — Scone. Lunch — Pulled pork.

Menu subject to change. Cereal offered for breakfast everyday.

WAKEFIELD SCHOOLS (Dec. 7 — 11)

Monday: Breakfast — Pumpkin bread, cereal, pears. Lunch — Pizza, broccoli, peaches.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Pancakes, sausage, cereal, mandarin oranges. Lunch — Chicken sandwich, green beans, mixed fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Mini

bagels, cereal, peaches. Lunch — KFC casserole, dinner roll, strawberries.

Thursday: Breakfast — Scrambled eggs, cereal, oranges. Lunch — Sloppy Joes, carrots, pears.

Friday: Breakfast — English muffins, cereal, oranges. Lunch — Quesadillas, corn, mandarin oranges.

Milk and juice are served every day with breakfast. Milk is served with lunch. Menus are subject to change.

WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS and

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY (Dec. 7 — 11)

Monday: Breakfast — French toast sticks. Lunch — Chicken fajita, flat bread, Romaine lettuce, refried beans, applesauce.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Mini pancakes. Lunch — Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, carrots, pears.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Waffles. Lunch — Stromboli, corn, tomato, peaches.

Thursday: Breakfast — Pancake on a stick. Lunch — Sloppy Joe on a bun, sweet potato, cauliflower, apricots.

Friday: Breakfast — Breakfast pizza. Lunch — Pizza, peas, fresh vegetable cup, mixed fruit.

Chef salad is offered for K-12.

Milk served with every meal. Menus subject to change.

WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Dec. 7 — 11)

Monday: Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Mini corn dogs, broccoli, fruit, breadstick.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Egg taco. Lunch — Mandarin chicken, rice, cooked carrots, fruit, roll.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Pancake. Lunch — Taco, seasoned black beans, fruit, churro.

Thursday: Breakfast — Muffin. Lunch — Pizza, green beans, fruit.

Friday: Breakfast — Cereal. Lunch — Hamburger on bun, fries, fruit.

Milk served with all meals. Menu subject to change. Late starts - no breakfast or K-2 salad plates.

Senior Center

Congregate Meal Menu

(Week of Dec. 7 — 12)

The Wayne Senior Center is closed to the public for all in-house dining and social activities. Senior Center staff will still be providing Meals on Wheels and curbside pickup meal service for noon meals. Please call the Senior Center staff at (402) 375-1460 for details or email them at dbertrand@cityofwayne.org for information. Staff will be available between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Monday: Vegetable beef soup, crackers, blueberry muffin, cottage cheese salad with mixed fruit, tomato juice.

Tuesday: Fish sandwich on homemade bun, tarter sauce, lettuce, au gratin potatoes, dilled carrots, apple crisp with topping.

Wednesday: Barbecue meatballs, scalloped potatoes, butter beets, whole wheat dinner roll, pears.

Thursday: Tater tot casserole, seven layer salad, mandarin oranges in orange gelatin, banana muffin.

Friday: No Meals on Wheels or drive-through meals today. Staff available from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Weddings

The Wayne Herald welcomes news accounts and photographs of weddings involving families living in the Wayne area.

We feel there is a widespread interest in local and area weddings and are happy to make space available for their publication.

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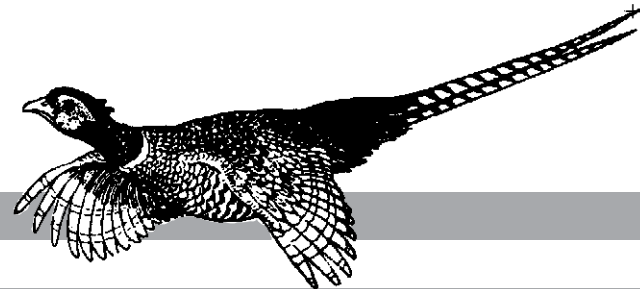
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(Pastor Jim Scallions)
Sunday: Sunday school, Worship, and evening worship suspended until further notice. **Wednesday:** Evening service suspended until further notice.

FIRST BAPTIST
400 Main St.
375-3608

(Douglas Shelton, pastor)
Sunday: Sunday School, Adult and children's classes, 9:15 a.m.; Prayer and Fellowship, 10:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
216 West 3rd St.
375-2669

www.fpcwayne.org
(Rev. Teresa Bartlett, pastor)
Sunday: Worship with Communion at First Presbyterian Church and on Zoom, 10 a.m. (CDC guidelines will be followed, which includes masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing).

FIRST TRINITY LUTHERAN
Altona, LC-MS
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(Rev. Timothy Booth, pastor)
(402) 640-5115 cell phone
Sunday: Worship service at 8 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Stanton; Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pilger; Worship service at 11 a.m. at First Trinity Lutheran Church of Altona.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
6th & Main St.
Pastor Nick Baker,

(402) 375-2231
Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent. Worship, 9 a.m.; Service broadcast via YouTube, Facebook Live and American Broadband Channel 6. Fellowship via Zoom, 10 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Drive Thru Communion, 2 to 2:30 p.m. **Tuesday:** Bound Together Book Club, 7 p.m. **Wednesday:** WACAM meeting, 10:30 a.m.; Trustees, 6:30 p.m.; Finance/Council, 7 p.m. **Thursday:** Online Bible Study with Communion, 9 a.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN
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(Pastor Michael Buchhorn)
(Pastor Erik Christensen, associate pastor)
Sunday: Worship, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Bible Class, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School Practice, 1 p.m. Online worship opportunities also available. **Monday:** Elders, 7:30 p.m. **Tuesday:** Blood Drive, 1:30 p.m. **Wednesday:** Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Ladies Aid, 2 p.m.; Advent Worship, 6:15 p.m.; Midweek, 7 p.m. **Saturday:** Family Communion, 4 p.m. **Sunday:** Worship with Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Bible Class, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Junior and Senior High Christmas party, 5:30 p.m.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Phone 375-2631 or 375-3427 for information

JOURNEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1110 East 7th St.
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(Troy Reynolds, minister)
Sunday: Christians Hour on KTCH, 8:45 a.m. In person Worship services, 9 and 10:30 a.m.; Online services will continue to be offered until further notice. Sunday School, 9 a.m. (mask wearing is optional).

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN
421 Pearl St. • 375-2899
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Transitional Pastor Jim Splitt
Associate Transitional Pastor, Debra Valentine
Saturday: No in person Worship services. **Sunday:** No in person worship services at 10 a.m.; The service will also be broadcast on KTCH and TV and live video streamed on Facebook. **Monday - Friday:** All activities at the church are canceled until further notice.

PRAISE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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Pastor Janell Norton,
Interim pastor
Wednesday: "No Limits Youth Ministry," 7 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC
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(Fr. Jeff Mollner, associate pastor)

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E-mail: parish@stmaryswayne.com.
Friday: Mass, 8:15 a.m. **Saturday:** Confession, 5 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m. **Sunday:** Mass, 8 and 10 a.m. Mass will continue to be livestreamed on YouTube; EMHC/ Lector Mandation, 2 p.m. No Mass at 7 p.m. until January. **Monday:** Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Bible Study Group, Holy Family Hall, 1 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Santa Maria Prayer Group, 6 p.m.; Knights of Columbus Rosary, 7 p.m., followed by monthly meeting. **Tuesday:** Mass, 8:15 a.m.; St. Mary's Board of Education, 6 p.m. **Wednesday:** WACAM meeting, 10:30 a.m.; Adoration, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m. **Thursday:** Men's Study Group, 5:45 a.m.; Mass, 8:15 a.m. **Friday:** Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 6 p.m. **Saturday:** Confession, 5 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.

Allen

FIRST LUTHERAN
(Vicar Deb Hammer)
(402) 635-2461
502 S. Highway 9, Allen
www.firstlutheranallen.com
Sunday: Worship at First Lutheran Church, 8:30 a.m. Follow the service on Facebook. **Wednesday:** Confirmation class, via Zoom, 7 to 8:15 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST
(Pastor Cathy Cole)

The Prairie Doc

'You're a Rheuma-what?'

As a rheumatologist, I often get the question, "What do you do?" According to my kids, their mom does "something with joints." At the conclusion of patient visits, when I propose a diagnosis such as polymyalgia rheumatica or PMR, I often hear, "What is that?" The fact is most people do not think about rheumatology until they need a rheumatologist. And then, learning the lingo about disease, medications, and lab monitoring can be a challenge.

Rheumatology is a relatively new specialty in the world of medicine. Focus on the disease in America began in the early 1920s with initial definition and discovery, followed by the famous breakthrough of cortisone at Mayo Clinic in 1950, and grew to a deeper scientific understanding of arthritis diseases today. Treatments have progressed from cortisone and aspirin to immune system modification with biologic medications. Future therapies will involve genetics, engineering new

Sunday: Worship service, 9 a.m. Service available on YouTube.com.

Carroll

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
(William Engebretsen, vacancy pastor)
Sunday: Pastor available for communion at 7:30 a.m.; Worship with Communion, 8 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
202 Ericson Street, Carroll
(Pastor Nick Baker)
Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; The service will be broadcast on Facebook Live, 11 a.m. **Wednesday:** Carroll United Methodist Women, 6:30 p.m.

Concord

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN
(Vicar Deb Hammer)
(402) 584-2467
616 Iowa Street, Concord
www.concordialutheranelca.com
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m. **Wednesday:** Confirmation class, via Zoom, 7 to 8:15 p.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
East of town
(Pastor Willie Bertrand)
Sunday: Worship service, 8 a.m.

EVANGELICAL FREE
(Pastor Todd Thelen)
(Pastor Scott Kahn)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service, 10:30 a.m. The service will be streamed live on Facebook; Axiom (Youth Group) meets at 6:30 p.m.

Dixon

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC
(Fr. Jerry Connealy, pastor)
Sunday: Mass at St. Mary's in Laurel, 8 a.m.; Mass at St. Anne's in Dixon, 10 a.m.

Hoskins

PEACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
(Pastor Clark Jenkinson)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

TRINITY EVANG LUTHERAN
(Rodney Rixe, pastor)
Sunday: Worship service, 10 a.m. Services also available on the radio, TV and online at various times.

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3rd & Johnson, P.O. Box 550
email: WakefieldCC@Outlook.com
Contact - Melvin (Butch) Mortenson, (402) 369-1681
Pastor Kobey Mortenson
Sunday: Christian Hour, KTCH,

8:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT
802 Winter St.
e-mail: wakecov@msn.com
Jill Craig, Pastor
Sunday: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Service also broadcast live on Facebook. **Wednesday:** Adult Bible Study canceled until further notice.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
4 North, 3 East of Wayne
(Willie Bertrand, pastor)
Sunday: Divine Worship, 9:30 a.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
216 West 3rd
(Rev. Charity Potter, pastor)
Sunday: Worship service in the basement, 11 a.m.; Available via Zoom also; Sunday School.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
West 7th & Maple
(Willie Bertrand, pastor)
Sunday: Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

SALEM LUTHERAN
411 Winter Street
(Patti Meyer, Pastor)
Saturday: Worship in the church basement, in-person and Facebook Live, 5:30 p.m. **Sunday:** Learning Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service in the sanctuary, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School is tentatively scheduled to resume on Dec. 6. Service will continue to be available on Facebook. **Saturday:** Worship in the church basement, in-person and Facebook Live, 5:30 p.m. Food Pantry has resumed normal hours, open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call in advance (402) 287-2681 to help us accommodate the distancing rules.

Winside

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
218 Miner St.
(William Engebretsen, vacancy pastor)
Sunday: Communion offered from 9:20 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.; Divine Service, 10:30 a.m.; The service will also be live on Facebook at 10:30 a.m. and available any time after that. **Wednesday:** Bible Study live on Facebook or at the church, 7 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN
(Parish Minister, Glenn Kietzmann)
Sunday: Sunday School will not be held until further notice.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST
207 Jones Street
(Neil and Bridget Gately, Pastors)
Sunday: Worship service available on Facebook at 10:55 a.m. The church building is closed until further notice. **Wednesday:** Bible Study at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., via ZOOM.



The Prairie Doc
By Jennifer May, MD

cartilage, and creating cells that rheumatologists will command to do our bidding upon the immune system.

Today we work to manage autoimmune diseases such as rheuma-

toid arthritis or lupus with medications that adjust the immune system response. Symptoms that can occur in association with some of these diseases are rashes, joint swelling, fevers, lung problems, and kidney issues. By adjusting the immune system, we can change the symptoms, hopefully lessening their impact on the patient.

In our fast-paced world, we often want answers and quick solutions to our problems. However, rheumatology cases require persistence. There are no blood tests that specifically diagnose the problem. Rheumatologists must take time to talk with and examine the patient. We gather additional information from labs tests, studies, and x-rays. Once all the data is available, sometimes the condition is clear. But other times, the case is more challenging and requires several visits before making a firm diagnosis.

Like most health providers, I enjoy

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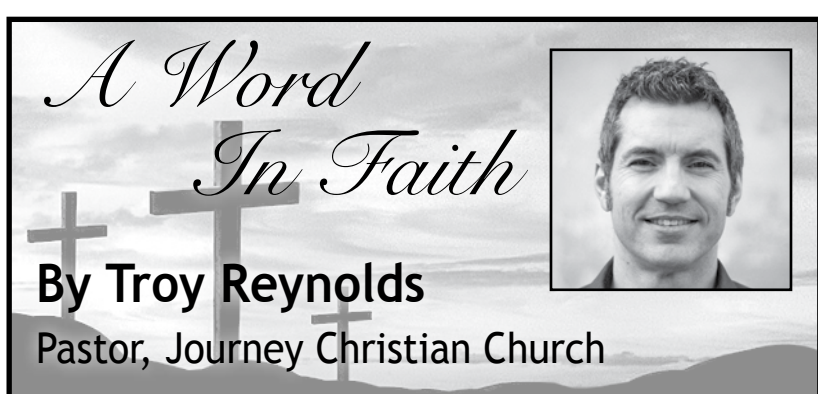
We are in the season known as Advent.

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Messiah. But waiting is something we like to do, is it? Didn't you hate waiting for Christmas to open your presents? You couldn't wait to find out what you got, so you were constantly picking up your presents to see how much they weighed. Maybe you'd even shake them gently to see if you could figure out what was in there. Maybe, when Mom and Dad weren't around, you'd even unwrap a corner of the present to sneak a peek.

Waiting for Christmas can be so hard when you were a kid. Waiting, though, is never easy. It doesn't get any easier when we become adults and I think that's because sometimes what we're waiting for has longer-lasting implications than waiting to see if you got that official Red Ryder, carbine action, 200 shot

range model air rifle that you're just going to shoot your eye with anyway.

- Maybe you are waiting on a diagnosis and you're wondering if it's cancer or not. Just . . . waiting.
 - Maybe you're waiting for a relationship to start. Just . . . waiting.
 - Maybe you're waiting for her to walk back through the door. Just . . . waiting.
 - Maybe you're waiting on a phone call from an estranged child. Just . . . waiting.
 - Maybe you're waiting on COVID-19 to be over. Just . . . waiting.
 - Maybe you're waiting on the addiction to be broken or the pain to heal or the other shoe to drop. Just . . . waiting.
 - Maybe you can't even pinpoint what you're waiting on. You just know that you haven't found it yet. You just have this deep, numbing, hard-to-put-your-finger-on-it angst.
- As Tom Petty sang "Waiting is the hardest part." it's because what



we want to happen hasn't happened yet. And waiting can be especially hard at Christmas when we're surrounded by people wearing festive sweaters, acting like they don't have a care in the universe, singing "It's the most wonderful time of the year." In Luke chapter 2 there's a story for those who wait. The story takes place 40 days after Jesus was born in that Bethlehem manger. Jesus is 5 1/2 weeks old. He's holding His head up by now, beginning to smile, and He's getting somewhere between 4-6 hours of sleep a night, which means that Mary and Joseph are getting between 4-6 hours a sleep a night and are starting to feel a little more human. And because Joseph and Mary are good Jewish parents and Jesus is a good Jewish baby, they are following

good Jewish laws like good Jews do. And the law said that at 40 days, the mother of a baby boy had to present herself at the temple in order to complete her purification process. So Mary and Joseph head to the temple in Jerusalem to offer the required sacrifice. While they were there they encountered two people who were waiting for the Messiah to arrive. A "righteous and devout" man named Simeon who "was waiting for the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25) and a prophetess named Anna who was "waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). Both Simeon and Anna had been waiting. They were waiting on what God had promised to Israel for generations. They knew the stories. They had heard the prophecies. They knew that one day a Redeemer would come. And so, in faith, they waited.

As you read the story you discover that waiting is not a passive ac-

tivity. Waiting is active. Waiting in Scripture is a "stillness of soul" not necessarily a "stillness of activity." We actively trust God while we wait. We continue living for God with complete dependence and trust in God. Simeon and Anna may not have been whistling while they worked, but they were working as they waited. They were waiting by working, waiting by doing good, waiting by worshipping. They were actively waiting on God, but also actively resting in the fact that God would work. I'm not sure what you are waiting for, but while you wait, continue trusting God. Continue doing good. Continue loving people. Continue worshipping Jesus. Continue living for God with complete dependence on Him. Continue to actively wait.

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Nebraska State Conservationist announces retirement

Craig Derickson, Nebraska state conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, is announcing his retirement. Derickson has served as the Nebraska State Conservationist since 2010. His retirement will be effective Dec. 31, 2020, after over 35 years of federal service. "It's been a very rewarding career. I have enjoyed working to help farmers and ranchers make their

operations more sustainable while keeping family farms profitable," Derickson said. Derickson began his career as a soil scientist. Prior to joining the NRCS in 1985, he worked seven years with the University of Nebraska on soil and water conservation research projects in Lincoln and western Nebraska. With a background in agricultural research and soil science, Derickson started his career as a field soil

scientist in Crawford, to develop soil maps and classification reports for Sioux and Banner counties. Through his career, Derickson held several positions with NRCS in Nebraska, including: District Conservationist, State Resource Conservationist, Assistant State Conservationist, and Regional Technology Coordinator.

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(Photo by Sarah Lentz)



(Photo by Angie Steffen)

Stephanie Liska

Liska among speakers at Wayne State commencement

Stephanie Liska of Wayne delivered a commencement address on behalf of Wayne State's graduate students. She graduated with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. She is married to Robert Liska. Liska earned an undergraduate degree from Iowa State University in Rural Public Administration and a minor in Agriculture Journalism. Her career has spanned 33 years of sales, marketing, management, and consulting. In 1997, with a business partner, she formed Beck Ag, Inc. and grew a consulting firm focused on Go-To-Market Solutions for clients across the ag-

riculture industry. She transitioned from her leadership role in Beck Ag in February 2019 and remains on the board and an equity partner in the firm. Liska said that her personal mission statement, to develop people toward exceptional performance, led her to complete her MBA at Wayne State. She noted that the combination of the MBA with her experience allows her to continue to consult and provides the opportunity to teach at the college level, specifically at Wayne State, ideally, working with some of the ag industries' newest leaders.

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Though Thanksgiving was just one week ago, many people in Wayne and the surrounding area have already gotten a jump start on their holiday decorating.

Allen News

Callie Anderson
canderson@allenschools.org

ALLEN COMMUNITY CENTER
Weekly menu
Thursday, Dec. 3- Tuna & Noodles, Diced Tomatoes, Oranges
Friday, Dec. 4- Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Pears, and Orange Juice
Monday, Dec. 7- Chicken Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Applesauce
Tuesday, Dec. 8- Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Pineapple
Wednesday, Dec. 9- Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Oranges

Events
Dec. 3- FROGS
Dec. 7- Legion/Legion Auxiliary Meeting @ 7:30 pm
Dec. 8- ACCI Board Meeting @ 4:30 pm

Birthdays
Dec. 1- Linda McDonald
Dec. 3- Jerald Stewart
Dec. 9- Peggy Terry

ALLEN COMMUNITY CLUB
Upcoming events
Dec. 7- People have come and gone in our small town since the 2016 community calendar was

made. Purchase a community calendar for \$5 at the Security Bank, Countryside Gas and Grocery, Allen Community Center, and Upholstery Design by Michelle Karlberg and enjoy noting who is celebrating special days throughout the year.

ALLEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
FFA Fruit and other items will arrive soon
Orders from the annual FFA fruit and holiday foods sale will arrive Tuesday, Dec. 8. Look for updates on the school website allenschools.org

Junior class poinsettia sales begin next week
Poinsettias will arrive on or before Tuesday, Dec. 1. Due to COVID-19, sales will look a bit different this year. Poinsettia sale nights will take place in the school's commons. Poinsettias will not be sold and cannot be picked up during the school day this year. Members of the junior class can pick up plants at school and deliver, but

arrangements must be made with those students.

Tentative sale night dates:
Tuesday, Dec. 1
Wednesday, Dec. 2
Sunday, Dec. 6
Wednesday, Dec. 9

Weekly events
Thursday, Dec. 3
-Postponed HS Wrestling @ Ponca Dual, 6:30 p.m.--- Rescheduled to Dec. 21.
Friday, Dec. 4
-JH A & B Girls Basketball @ Allen vs Plainview, 3 p.m.
-Boys JH Basketball Practice in Emerson today, Girls will stay in Allen for their game
-JV/Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball @ Bloomfield, 4 p.m. (JV Girls - 3 Qtrs), 5 p.m. (JV Boys), 6:00pm (Varsity Girls), 7:30 p.m. (Varsity Boys)--Dismiss JV team at 1:40 p.m., Depart @ 2:10 p.m.; Dismiss Varsity team at 2:20 p.m., Depart @ 2:50 p.m. -- see the website for health directive measures.

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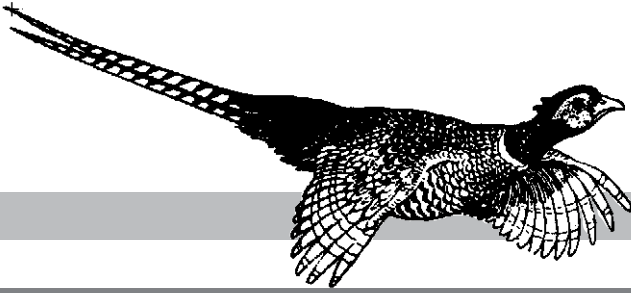
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Enjoying the singing of 'Messiah' in many places **Prairie Doc**

Speaking of the wonders of the internet, which I was last week, I just watched the Christmas portion of "Messiah," courtesy of First Plymouth church here in Lincoln, on live stream.

It seemed a bit powerless on the choruses, with only eight singers spaced in the huge choir loft, but it ended with the Hallelujah chorus done by a virtual choir.

I'm sorry to say it hasn't helped me get into the Christmas mood — yet. I can listen to "Messiah" any time of the year and get goose bumps. I grew up not knowing anything about it, until about seventh grade.

That year, our former piano teacher, Jenny, was a freshman at the U and was singing in the annual production. Dear neighbors, Erich and Irma Hoffschneider, asked me to go along to hear it. Since they were the parents of my best friend,



**The
Farmer's Wife**
By: Pat Meierhenry

forever, I was delighted. Marlyce had had piano lessons from Jenny, too, and we both thought she was

the epitome of a beautiful college girl.

Ironically, I learned many years later that the Big Farmer may have been in that production, also, as he and cousin Stan sang in it their freshman year. All I do know for sure is that I was blown away! I came out of the concert hall sort of dazed. I had never heard anything so powerful and beautiful.

A lot of folks learned at least parts of it in high school or college. When our granddaughters were in their Christmas concerts at Norris High, they always ended with the Chorus. But I did not have that opportunity.

Until, Dave Anderson, vocal music director at Norfolk High, decided there should be a community production of it and started advertising for singers. I was thrilled, and I made sure I sat by his wife, Jean, who knew the alto part perfectly.

And I loved singing it almost every year for a while. I met so many fine local musicians in that way.

And then, Dave and Jean moved to Holdrege, and these events came to a halt. When we attended my mother's church at Easter, they had a tradition of singing the Chorus for Easter, inviting anyone in the audience to join them. So, I did that, and after we moved here, I sang in that choir. Sadly, the numbers for the choir have dropped enough that we haven't tried it the past couple of seasons.

Now, with the restrictions, there has been no choir at all; which makes me very sad. Thank goodness for all the renditions available on my computer. And I will get into the holiday spirit, eventually, I hope!

Have a blessed Advent, everyone.

From Page 2C

making a diagnosis. We get satisfaction from figuring things out and our reward comes when a treatment improves a patient's function or quality of life. Our goal in rheumatology is to help patients achieve remission, or better yet, to predict who is likely to get rheumatoid arthritis in hopes of preventing it from starting in the first place.

So, when patients look at me with that expression that asks "rheuma-what?", they don't necessarily want to hear about the science of what I do. Instead, I assure them that we will keep working together

with the same goal: To get the immune system to quiet down, and help the patient feel better so they can get back to life.

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Retirement

From Page 4C

In 2002, Derickson began working at the NRCS national office in Washington DC, assisting with rulemaking and policy development for conservation programs introduced in the 2002 Farm Bill. After several years in the Programs Division in Washington DC, Derickson was selected to serve as the State Conservationist in Pennsylvania in 2006. Following his work in Pennsylvania assisting many conservation partners with projects to clean up the Chesapeake Bay, Derickson returned to Washington, DC, as the NRCS Deputy Chief for Programs. In 2010, he accepted the position of State Conservationist in Nebraska and returned to Lincoln.

"I've had a wonderful career with NRCS and have been able to enjoy the rewarding work of conserving our natural resources for more than 40 years. I have had the pleasure of helping people with their conservation needs and working with remarkable conservation partners, like the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts (NRDs), as well as other state and federal organizations," Derickson said.

In February 2020, Derickson was recognized as the Outstanding State Conservationist of the

Year by the National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) and other national conservation partners.

"As the leading federal agency that provides technical assistance to farmers and ranchers, we've grown tremendously over the span of my career," he said. "When I began working in the field, we had limited tools to help farmers and ranchers assess the condition of their resources, and we mainly focused on soil erosion. The importance of water quality and how agriculture impacts water quality was just beginning to be investigated. Now, we have the advantage of technology and models to help our employees assist land managers with the planning, design, and installation of crucial conservation practices, including practices to improve water quality and the health of our soils."

In retirement, Derickson plans to continue his love for the great outdoors and appreciation of natural resources. He and his wife, Kate, have family in Lincoln and the Washington, DC, area, and they plan to spend more time enjoying their family, friends, and their faith activities.

EPA announces 2020 Dicamba registration decision

By Mitiku Mamo

Nebraska Extension Cropping & Water Systems Extension Educator for Cedar, Dixon, Knox, and Wayne Counties

As you may remember, on June 3, 2020 the United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit Court issued a ruling that vacated registration for three dicamba products namely, XtendiMax, FeXapan, and Engenia, primarily used for Dicamba-resistant soybeans.

However, US Environmental Protection Agency (Commonly known as the EPA), on Oct. 27, 2020, through its Administrator, Andrew Wheeler, announced that EPA is approving new



five-year registrations for two dicamba products and extend registration of an additional dicamba product. According to the announcement, all three dicamba products include new control measures to ensure effective use of these products while protecting the environment, including non-target plants, an-

imals, and other crops not tolerant to dicamba.

XtendiMax with VaporGrip technology and Engenia are the two over the top dicamba products for which EPA has approved new registrations. EPA also extended registration for Tavium Plus VaporGrip Technology, another over the top dicamba product. These registrations are only for use on dicamba tolerant cotton and soybeans and will expire in 2025.

The EPA administrator stated that, with this decision, farmers will have the certainty they need to make plans for their 2021 growing season and beyond.

To manage off-site movement of dicamba, EPA's 2020 registration fea-

tures important control measures, including:

- Requiring an approved pH-buffering agent (also called a Volatility Reduction Agent or VRA) be tank mixed with OTT dicamba products prior to all applications to control volatility.
 - Requiring a downwind buffer of 240 feet and 310 feet in areas where listed species are located.
 - Prohibiting OTT application of dicamba on soybeans after June 30 and cotton after July 30.
- For more information on the new control measures and other related issues, please refer to 2020 registration label of the products or contact your local Extension Educator.

Lower Elkhorn NRD approves applications for new irrigated acres

Landowners within the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) boundaries recently had an opportunity to apply for new irrigated acres. The LENRD board approved applications for standard variances at their November board meeting.

"We received 94 applications for new irrigated acres during the sign-up period, and eligible applications were processed using the LENRD's scoring and ranking system," LENRD Assistant Manager Brian Bruck-

ner said.

The board voted to allow up to 287.41 acre-feet of new peak season streamflow depletions in the LENRD's Hydrologically Connected (10/50 Area), which calculates to 2,817 new irrigated acres. The board also voted to allow for the development of 2,540 new irrigated acres in the LENRD's Non-Hydrologically Connected (Non 10/50 Area). Staff will be contacting the landowners in writing, for both approved and non-approved appli-

cations. Seventy percent of the total number of applications were approved.

In other action, the board approved the annual groundwater allocations for the Quantity Management Subareas subject to allocations for the 2021 growing season.

"Each year, the board must determine the annual groundwater allocation amounts for the Wayne and Eastern Madison County Quantity Management Subareas for the upcoming crop year," Bruckner said.

The board voted to keep the allocation amounts the same as previous years — 18 acre-inches per irrigated acre for gravity/flood irrigation systems, 13 acre-inches per irrigated acre for subsurface drip irrigation systems, and 14 acre-inches per irrigated acre for all other irrigation systems in the Eastern Madison County Quantity Subarea, and 17 acre-inches per irrigated acre for gravity/flood irrigation systems, 12 acre-inches per irrigated acre for subsurface drip irrigation systems, and 13 acre-inches per irrigated acre for all other irrigation systems in the Wayne County Quantity Subarea. These groundwater allocation amounts have remained unchanged since first being imposed for the 2013 pumping season.

In other business, the board approved seven Community Forestry Incentive Program applications for a total cost of \$25,037.22. The communities receiving grants to remove and plant trees this year include: the City of West Point, the Village of Emerson, the Village of Uehling, West Point Public Schools, the Village of Pilger, Norfolk Public Schools and the City of Wakefield. The board also approved one Public Facilities application for a total cost of \$2,500 for the Rolling Hills Country Club for the removal and planting of trees.

"We look forward to working with these communities as they plan for the future. If you're in need of trees for your community, your acreage, or your backyard, give me a call, I'd be happy to come out and help you design your project," LENRD Natural Resources Conservation Technician Todd Stewart said.

The board voted to instruct staff to work with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to submit an amendment for the High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) grant for Phase 1 of the Willow Creek Dam Artesian Pressure Mitigation. This amendment would be the first phase in mitigating the artesian pressures present at Willow Creek Dam. Primarily, this phase would involve installation of wells and pump tests.

"This project is another example of the continued effort of the LENRD to partner with agencies in securing available funding. The district is always looking for grant opportunities in order to maximize the use of our local tax dollars," LENRD Projects Manager Curt Becker said.

The total estimated project cost is \$307,970 with \$170,000 coming from the HHPD grant.

The board accepted the bid of Cech Excavating to replace rip rap along the shore at Maple Creek Recreation area in the amount of \$18,593.75.

The board also voted to contribute \$3,000 to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) for the Risk Pool Insurance Fund.

The LENRD board and staff meet each month to develop and implement management plans to protect our natural resources for the future.

The next LENRD board meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Watch for further updates and stay connected with the LENRD by subscribing to their monthly emails.

NDA announces Nebraska Ag Youth council members

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) announced today its selection of the 2020-2021 Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC). The 21-member Council, all students at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, will help lead the celebration as NAYC enters its 50th year of promoting Nebraska agriculture and making a difference in the lives of young Nebraskans. NDA sponsors NAYC and its activities throughout the year.

"The student leaders who serve on NAYC dedicate their time to promoting Nebraska agriculture and teaching young Nebraskans about food and the many careers available in agriculture," said NDA Director Steve Wellman. "It's always an honor to be selected to serve on NAYC, and I look forward to working with these students as they continue to pursue their careers in agriculture and teach others about food, fuel and the ag industry."

Throughout the year, NAYC members coordinate and participate in a wide range of activities and events that focus on agriculture. Council members visit elementary schools to talk about where food comes from, take urban youth on farm tours to experience life on a farm, and visit with high school students about career opportunities in agriculture. The primary focus of NAYC is to coordinate the annual Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI), a five-day summer conference for high school juniors and seniors full of speakers, workshops and networking opportunities. NAYI is the longest running event of its kind in the nation.

The 2020-2021 NAYC leadership includes: Head Counselor: Kelsey Loseke, Blair; President: Felicia Knoerzer, Elwood; Secretary: Wesley Wach, Hayes Center; Vice President of Communications: Cole Kalkowski, Omaha; Vice President of Alumni Relationships: Colin Ibach, Sumner; Vice President of NAYI Improvement and Promotion: Colton Thompson, Eustis; Vice President of Youth Outreach: Layne Miller, Oakland; and Vice President of Sponsorship: Isaac Stallbaumer, Oconto.

Additional NAYC members include: Nick Birdsley, Omaha; Jadyne Fleischman, Herman; Emily Hatterman, Wisner; Savannah Gerlach, DeWitt; Mitchell Manning, Fairmont; Abby Miller, Mead; Tyler Perrin, Ogallala; Taylor Ruwe, Hooper; Payton Schiller, Scribner; Megan Schroeder, Wisner; Josie Thompson, Wayne; Clayton Thomas, Bloomington, IL; and Sam Wilkins, Ainsworth.

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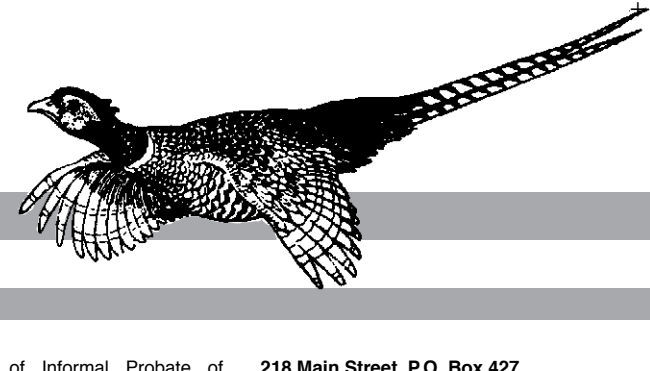
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Wayne County Board of Equalization will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners at 9:05 a.m. The meeting will be in the Public Safety Annex and by video/telephone conference. Agendas for such meetings are kept continuously current and are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk in the Wayne County Courthouse.

Debra Finn, County Clerk
(Publ. Dec. 3, 2020) ZNEZ

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Tom Schmitz, Chairman
Wayne Airport Authority
(Publ. Dec. 3, 2020) ZNEZ

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE WAYNE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Community Redevelopment Authority will meet at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, in the Council Chambers, 306 Pearl Street. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office.

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Betty McGuire, City Clerk
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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME

Trade Name: Garcia M. Johnson Best Cleaner's
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Garcia Johnson, Owner
Signature of Applicant or Legal Representative
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written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Scott M. Johnson, whose address is 1403 Claycomb Road, Wayne, NE 68787, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 2, 2020 or be forever barred.

(s) **Ashley Siebrandt**
Clerk of the County Court
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NOTICE OF BOARD RETREAT

The Wayne Community Schools Board of Education will meet on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the Early Learning Center, located at 803 Providence Road, Wayne, Nebraska. The purpose of this meeting is a working Board Retreat, where no actions will be taken. An Agenda of said meeting, kept continuously current, may be inspected at the office of the Superintendent of School. The Agenda for the Wednesday, December 9, 2020, Board Retreat will be published on Friday, December 4, 2020. The Agenda can be found at www.wayneschools.org.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ESTATE OF DOROTHY M. JOHNSON, Deceased.
Estate No. PR 20-41

Notice is hereby given that on November 24, 2020, in the County Court of Wayne County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a

Michael E. Pieper, No. 18147
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BOARD MEETING NOTICE

The Educational Service Unit #1 Board of Directors will convene in a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

The link to attend this public meeting is: <https://zoom.us/j/99089610239>, or the public may attend in person at ESU #1. The agenda for this meeting, which shall be kept continuously current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the ESU #1 business office, located at 211 10th Street, Wakefield NE and its corresponding website (www.esu1.org).

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WAYNE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Wayne, Nebraska November 17, 2020

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, in the courtroom of the Wayne County Courthouse. Chairman Rabe, Members Dean Burbach and Terry Sievers, Assessor Dawn Duffy, Deputy Clerk Sharolyn Biermann, and Sheriff Jason Dwinell were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald on November 5, 2020. A current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

A motion was made by Burbach and seconded by Sievers to approve the agenda. Duffy brought in corrections for a clerical error and omitted properties. Omitted properties were due to the sale of cell tower properties. The new company is to be locally assessed rather than centrally assessed. A motion to approve said corrections was made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

Sharolyn Biermann, Deputy Wayne County Clerk

Wayne, Nebraska November 17, 2020

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Burbach at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, in the courtroom of the Wayne County Courthouse. Chairman Burbach, Members James Rabe and Terry Sievers, Attorney Amy Miller, District Court Clerk Debra Allemann-Dannelly, Deputy Clerk Sharolyn Biermann, and Sheriff Jason Dwinell were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald on November 5, 2020. A current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Burbach presented the following consent agenda items:

- Approve minutes of November 3, 2020, as printed in the Commissioners Record.
- Approve fee reports
- Approve payroll, with each commissioner abstaining from approving their own claim
- Approve withdrawal of Cusip No. 25931AG3 for \$190,000 and Cusip #676271KJ7 for \$175,000 as pledged security held by Elkhorn Valley Bank.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Rabe and seconded by Sievers. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

A motion to approve the regular agenda excluding item #6 to be tabled until next meeting, was made by Sievers and seconded by Rabe. Roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

A motion to approve the claims was made by Sievers and seconded by Rabe. Roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

Mark Casey, Highway Superintendent, reviewed a counterproposal made by Scott Bareman and his siblings regarding settlement to finalize a land sale for a county bridge project. Motion by Rabe and second by Sievers to revise the purchase agreement to accept the counterproposal. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

There are bridge inspections that are past due because of time constraints and COVID-19 restrictions. Casey will be taking advantage of the coming good weather and the help of a roadman to get caught up. They are well within the 90 days to comply.

Casey also touched on road situations in the next wind tower project area and State bridge repair projects that may affect County roads.

Emergency Manager, Nic Kemnitz was present to update the board on his continued work delivering personal protective equipment to area medical facilities and work with the Healthcare Coalition. The Coalition is working with area hospitals regarding their needs with the rise of COVID-19 cases and strategies on how to care of virus cases as well as general medical needs of other patients. Kemnitz also gave a general description of a plan that the Governor has put together for changing restrictions dependent on how the case numbers change in order to minimize business closures.

Kemnitz also stated that he will have his State Emergency Management audit on November 24th. It will be completed by remote meetings and emailing of the necessary documents.

Doug Elting of Berggren Architects, along with representatives of Kingery Construction were present to go over the remaining items to be completed in the Courthouse restoration project. The Commissioners voiced concerns about signing a Certificate of Substantial Completion when there were several items that had not yet been rectified. The punch list of items would be reviewed and work towards the final inspection. An additional safety concern was snow and ice falling from the roof and the necessity of additional snow guards being installed. Kingery will check into this.

Elting encouraged the board to further allocate funds for continued maintenance items, truck pointing and a list of suggested restoration work that has been approved by the State Historical Society.

Debra Allemann-Dannelly, Clerk of the District Court, was acknowledged. She presented virus safety measures that the District and County judges have asked their court offices to follow.

Fee Reports: Jason Dwinell, County Sheriff, \$1,084.38 (Oct Fees); Debra Finn, County Clerk, \$16,491.82 (Oct Fees).

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Meeting was adjourned.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of Wayne County, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting of November 17, 2020, kept continuously current and available for the public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of the meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wayne were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of November, 2020.

Sharolyn Biermann, Deputy Wayne County Clerk
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(front) Camron Weaselhead, Tanner Walling, Jacob Kneifl, Treyton Blecke, Nolan Hunke, Colton Vovos, Brandon Bartos, Toby Braun, Keenan Myers, (second row) Emanuel Bernal, Brooks Kneifl, Daniel Judd, Carter Junck, Sedjro Agoumba, Braydn McCorkindale, Tristan Claussen, Alex Phelps, Brayden Navarro, (third row) Caiden Backer, Grant Onderstal, Laythn Hanish, Ryan Karsky, Kaleb Moormeier, Drue Davis, Kaden Hunt, Jesus Zavala, Parker Kesting, Mason Ley, (back) coach Rob Sweetland, coach Adam Hoffman, Ben Sandoz, Easton Blecke, coach Wes Blecke, coach Dillan Wolfram.

Dec. 4	at Battle Creek	Jan. 12	at LCC
Dec. 5	Ponca	Jan. 14	at North Bend
Dec. 8	at Wakefield	Jan. 19	Crofton
Dec. 11	Wahoo	Jan. 28	West Point-Beemer
Dec. 12	at Columbus Lakeview	Feb. 1-7	Mid State Conference
Dec. 18	at Wisner-Pilger	Feb. 11	at Seward
Dec. 19	at O'Neill	Feb. 19	at Pierce
Dec. 22	GACC	Feb. 22-25	Subdistricts at TBA
Dec. 28-30	NE Neb. Shootout	Feb. 27	Districts at TBA
Jan. 7	Norfolk Catholic	March 11-13	State at Lincoln
Jan. 9	Boone Central/NG		



Wakefield Wrestling



Dec. 3	at Pender	Jan. 16	at Battle Creek Inv.
Dec. 5	at Howells-Dodge Inv.	Jan. 21	Lewis & Clark Conf. (Ponca)
Dec. 10	Home Quadrangular	Jan. 22	at Madison Inv.
Dec. 12	at Stanton Inv.	Jan. 26	at Hartington CC Tri.
Dec. 14	at Guardian Angels CC	Jan. 30	at Raymond Central Inv.
Dec. 19	at Osmond Inv.	Feb. 5-6	Subdistricts at TBA
Jan. 8	at Wilber-Clatonia Duals	Feb. 12-13	Districts at TBA
Jan. 9	at Wisner-Pilger Inv.	Feb. 17-20	State at Omaha
Jan. 14	at Madison Tri.		

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Dec. 8	Wayne	Jan. 19	B-R/L-D
Dec. 11	at Omaha Nation	Jan. 22	at Tri County NE
Dec. 15	Randolph	Jan. 25	Homer
Dec. 18	Stanton	Jan. 28	LCC
Dec. 21	Westwood	Jan. 29-Feb. 8	Lewis & Clark Conf.
Dec. 22	Hartington-Newcastle	Feb. 9	at Winnebago
Dec. 28-29	at Wisner Tourney	Feb. 12	at Howells-Dodge
Jan. 2	Siouxland Christian	Feb. 19	at Homer
Jan. 5	Madison	Feb. 22-25	Subdistricts at TBA
Jan. 7	at Lutheran High NE	Feb. 27	Districts at TBA
Jan. 8	at Walthill	March 11-13	State at Lincoln
Jan. 12	Ponca		

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(front) Kiara Krusemark, Mady Sievers, Kendall Dorey, Emily Longe, Peyton French, Rubie Klausen, Mia Nelsen, Mikaela McManigal, (back) coach Rocky Ruhl, coach Brendan Dorcey, Faith Powicki, Frantzie Barner, Logan Miller, Brooklyn Kruse, Madi Urbanec, Gabbi Judd, Raegan Maas, Kierah Haase, coach Matt Schaub.

Dec. 4	at Battle Creek
Dec. 5	Ponca
Dec. 8	at Wakefield
Dec. 11	Wahoo
Dec. 12	at Columbus Lakeview
Dec. 18	at Wisner-Pilger
Dec. 19	at O'Neill
Dec. 22	GACC
Dec. 28-30	NE Neb. Shootout
Jan. 4	at B-R/L-D
Jan. 8	Pierce

Jan. 9	Boone Central/NG
Jan. 12	at LCC
Jan. 14	at North Bend
Jan. 19	Crofton
Jan. 22	Hartington CC
Jan. 28	West Point-Beemer
Feb. 1-7	Mid State Conference
Feb. 11	at Seward
Feb. 15-18	Subdistricts at TBA
Feb. 26	Districts at TBA
March 4-6	State at Lincoln

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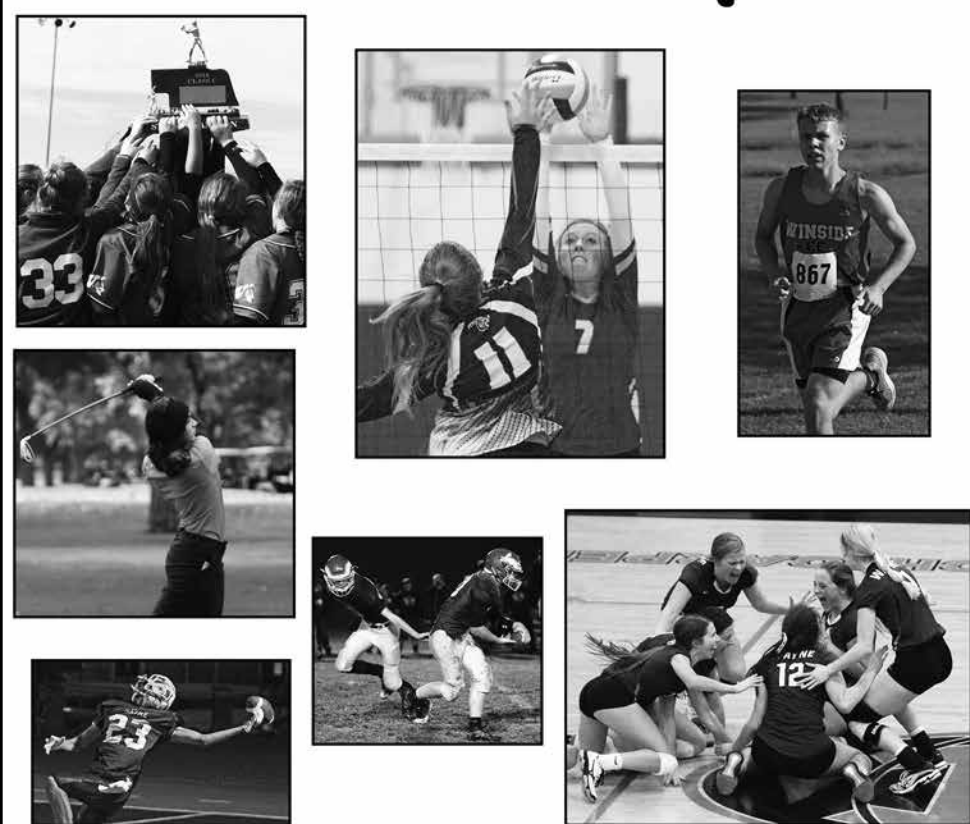
Wayne Wrestling



(front) Zach McManigal, Cooper Zara, Dakota Spann, Reid Korth, Reece Jaqua, Raul Palma, Ashton Munsell, (middle) Wyatt Ashburn, Ethan McCraney, Logan Schafer, Aiden Liston, Eli Barner, Fransico Jinez, Lepiro Kantai, Matt Kufner-Rodriguez, (back) coach Terry Bear, Alex Frank, Garrett Schultz, coach Dave Wragge.

- Dec. 3 Home Triangular at Lakeview Inv.
- Dec. 4 Norfolk Catholic dual
- Dec. 10 at Stanton Inv.
- Dec. 12 Wayne Inv.
- Dec. 19 Home Triangular at Malcolm Inv.
- Jan. 5 Battle Creek Dual
- Jan. 9 at Schuyler Inv.
- Jan. 14 at Neligh-Oakdale Inv.
- Jan. 16 at Creighton Tri.
- Jan. 23 at Plainview Inv.
- Jan. 28 Feb. 4 Mid State Conference
- Jan. 30 Subdistricts at TBA
- Feb. 4-6 Districts at TBA
- Feb. 12-13 State at Omaha
- Feb. 17-20

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(from left) Coach Dave Wragge, Alexandra Jansen, Maddie Franta, coach Terry Bear.

Wakefield Girls Basketball



Front Row: MaKenna Decker, Destiny Helzer, Rachel Borg, Maddie Mogus, Anna Lundahl, Aishah Valenzuela, MiKenzie Arenas, Alex Arenas. Back Row: Coach Emswiler, Rachael Nuernberger, Madison Borg, Daveigh Munter-McAfee, Jordan Metzler, Brianna Martinez, Katie Borg, Michaela Beaty, Coach Brown, Coach Brown. Not Pictured: Kassidy Brudigam.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Dec. 3 at Pender | Jan. 12 Ponca |
| Dec. 8 Wayne | Jan. 14 at Lawton-Bronson |
| Dec. 11 at Omaha Nation | Jan. 19 B-R/L-D |
| Dec. 15 Randolph | Jan. 22 at Tri County NE |
| Dec. 18 Stanton | Jan. 25 Homer |
| Dec. 21 Westwood | Jan. 28 LCC |
| Dec. 22 Hartington-Newcastle | Jan. 29-Feb. 8 Lewis & Clark Conf. |
| Dec. 28-29 at Wisner Tourney | Feb. 9 at Winnebago |
| Jan. 2 Siouxland Christian | Feb. 15-18 Subdistricts at TBA |
| Jan. 5 Madison | Feb. 26 Districts at TBA |
| Jan. 7 at Lutheran High NE | March 4-6 State at Lincoln |
| Jan. 8 at Walthill | |

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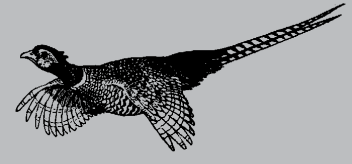
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(front) Tanner Sievers, Christopher Rutenbeck, Sean Aschoff, Carter Fernau, Koby Nelson, Lance Muhs, Peyton Riesberg, (middle) Calvin Starzl, James Dorcey, Shayne Geidner, Brogan Foote, Ethan Wibben, Carter Hasemann, (back) Coby Dickes, Chase Adams, Braden Adams, coach Josh Johnson.



(from left) Brianna Nissen, Jamie Janke, Natalie Bentjen, Jersi Jensen, Catherine Rutenbeck, coach Josh Johnson. Not pictured are Riley Haschke, Trinity Surber and Andi Belt.

Dec. 3	at Norfolk	Jan. 7	Norfolk	Jan. 23	at Seward
Dec. 4	at Plainview	Jan. 9	Hartington Double Dual	Jan. 26	at Howells-Dodge (Dodge)
Dec. 12	Boone Central Inv. (Norfolk)	Jan. 14	Howells-Dodge	Jan. 28	at Thurston County (Pender)
Dec. 18	Thurston County	Jan. 19	at Boone Central (TBA)		
Dec. 29	Wayne Holiday Inv.	Jan. 21	Plainview		

Tri-County Northeast Wrestling



Front Row: Landon Monteith, Gabe Reinert, Cole Verzani, Wyatt Verzani, Andrew Hogue. Back Row: Aiden Allen, Jorge Herмосillo, Kaleb Kumm, Brody Koopman. Absent: Nolan Watkins, Hudson Morgan, Gabe VonSeggern, Caleb Cockburn, Nate Busker, Hunter Morgan, Zach Shanks.

Dec. 5	at Creighton Inv.	Jan. 9	at Winside Inv.
Dec. 10	at Bobcat Inv. (Clearwater)	Jan. 15	at West Holt Inv
Dec. 11	at Scribner-Snyder Quad	Jan. 21	L&C Conference (Ponca)
Dec. 12	at Stanton Inv.	Jan. 23	at Oakland-Craig Inv.
Dec. 15	at Winside Tri.	Jan. 30	at Bishop Neumann Inv.
Dec. 19	at Osmond Inv.	Feb. 5-6	Subdistricts at TBA
Dec. 21	at Ponca Dual	Feb. 12-13	Districts at TBA
Dec. 30	at Newman Grove Inv.	Feb. 17-20	State at Omaha

Winside Wrestling



Front row (left) Jacobi Mann, Cooper Behmer, Maddox Magwire and Kaydon Ellis. (Back) Zach Bilstein, Mason Topp, Gabe Escalante and Art Escalante. Not pictured, Tyler Carlson.

Dec. 7	at Creighton Inv.	Jan. 17	at Weeping Water Inv.
Dec. 14	at North Bend Inv.	Jan. 23	Lewis & Clark Conf. (Osmond)
Dec. 17	at Ponca Tri. (Winnebago)	Jan. 25	at Oakland-Craig Inv.
Dec. 21	at Wisner-Pilger Inv.	Jan. 28	Wayne
Dec. 28	at Boone Cent./N. Grove Inv. (N. Grove)	Feb. 1	at Ainsworth Inv.
Jan. 2	at Winnebago Inv.	Feb. 7	at Clearwater/Orchard Inv.
Jan. 11	Winside Inv.	Feb. 14-15	Districts at TBA
Jan. 14	at Wisner-Pilger Tri. (S-S)	Feb. 20-22	State at Omaha

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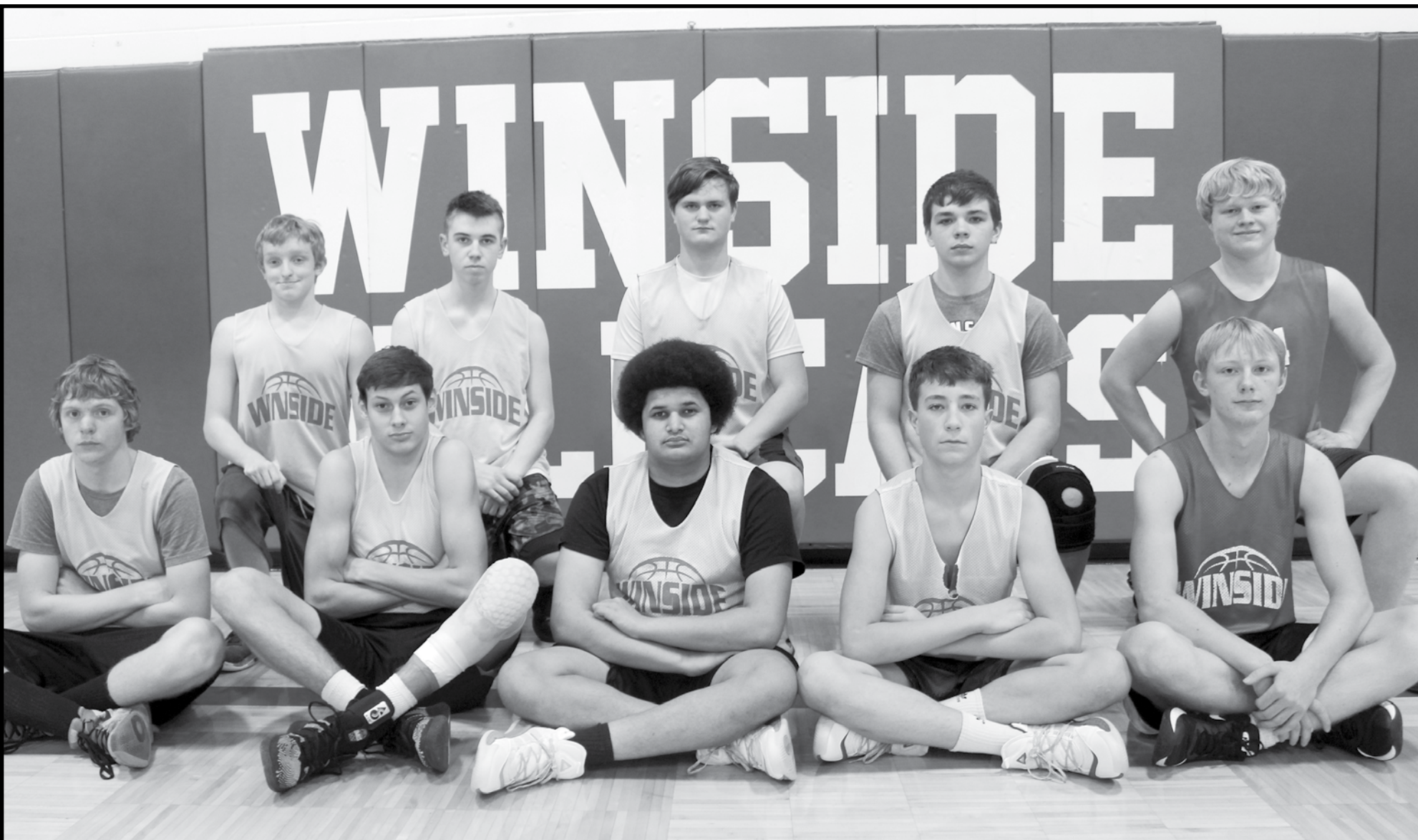
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Winside Boys Basketball



Front row (left) Austin Nelson, Dean Kruger, DeAndre Redwing, Dax Behmer and Dominic Reed. (Back) Wade Taylor, Hunter Genereux, Devon Offner, Jake Bargstadt and Cody North. Not pictured, Ashton Ferris, Myles Kampa and Jacob Paulsen.

Dec. 3	Plainview
Dec. 4	Wynot
Dec. 10	Clarkson-Leigh
Dec. 11	at Bloomfield
Dec. 15	at St. Edward
Dec. 17	Tri County NE
Dec. 29-30	at Randolph Tourney
Jan. 7-8	at Hart-New Tourney
Jan. 14	Walthill
Jan. 16	Elgin/Pope John

Jan. 19	at Randolph
Jan. 21	St. Mary's
Jan. 22	Wausa
Jan. 29-Feb. 8	L&C Conference
Feb. 11	at Osmond
Feb. 19	Cedar Bluffs
Feb. 22-25	Subdistricts at TBA
Feb. 27	Districts at TBA
March 11-13	State at Lincoln

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(front) Alli Jackson, Carly Dickens, Taylor Boyle, (middle) Brianna Bousquet, Katie Utech, Brynn Schock, Jazmin De LaToree, Jordyn Carr, Elizabeth Sattler, Charlie Doyle, (back) Codi Olson, Rhyanne Mackling, Olivia Dekok, Ava Anderson.

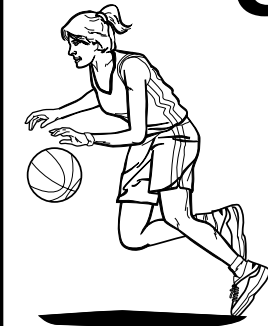
Dec. 4	at Bloomfield
Dec. 7	at Cedar Bluffs
Dec. 11	at LCC
Dec. 15	at Hartington-Newcastle
Dec. 17	Winside (at Emerson)
Dec. 18	Ponca (at Allen)
Dec. 28-29	at Summerland Tourney
Jan. 5	at Cornerstone Christian

Jan. 9	Hartington CC (at Allen)
Jan. 12	Winnebago (at Emerson)
Jan. 16	Whiting (at Emerson)
Jan. 19	at Homer
Jan. 21	at Wausa
Jan. 22	Wakefield (at Allen)
Jan. 25	at Walthill
Jan. 26	at Pender

Jan. 29-Feb. 8	L&C Conference
Feb. 9	Randolph (at Allen)
Feb. 12	at Siouxland Christian
Feb. 13	Omaha Nation (at Emerson)
Feb. 15-18	Subdistricts at TBA
Feb. 26	Districts at TBA
March 4-6	State at Lincoln

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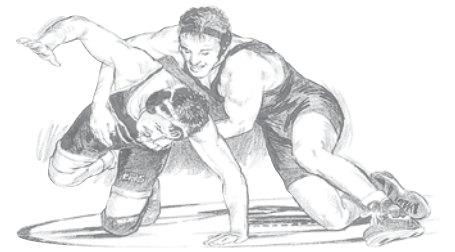
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Tri County Northeast Boys Basketball



(front) Josh Olesen, Nate Oswald, Reed Hingst, Kobe Kumm, Ryan Kinnaman, Steven Sullivan, Garrett Blanke, Brock Mackling, Mason Hall, (back) Ty Krommenhoek, Joe Grone, Anthony Isom, Brody Floyd, Caidan Gregg, Mike Dickens, Colton Stallbaum, Hunter Heikes, Jose Rodriguez. Not pictured: Stephon Small, Marquise Moniz-Sodofsky, Nick Busker

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Dec. 7	at Cedar Bluffs	Jan. 21	at Wausa
Dec. 11	at LCC	Jan. 22	Wakefield (at Allen)
Dec. 15	at Hartington- Newcastle	Jan. 25	at Walthill
		Jan. 26	at Pender
Dec. 17	Winside (at Emerson)	Jan. 29-Feb. 8	L&C Conference
Dec. 18	Ponca (at Allen)	Feb. 9	Randolph (at Allen)
Dec. 28-29	at Summerland Tourney	Feb. 12	at Siouxland Christian
Jan. 5	at Cornerstone Christian	Feb. 13	Omaha Nation (at Emerson)
Jan. 9	Hartington CC (at Allen)	Feb. 19	Stanton (at Allen)
Jan. 12	Winnebago (at Emerson)	Feb. 22-25	Subdistricts at TBA
		Feb. 27	Districts at TBA
Jan. 16	Whiting (at Emerson)	March 11-13	State at Lincoln

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Winside Girls Basketball



Front row (left) Savannah Paulsen, Reagan Strong, Stephanie Naeve, Randee Haase, Micah Stenwall and Hannah Gubbels. (Back) Ashelyn Ablor, Kati Topp, Natalie Krueger, Jackie Escalante, Brooklyn Behmer, McKenna Russell and Julissa Redwing. Not pictured, Elayna Hoskinson.

Dec. 3	Plainview	Jan. 19	at Randolph
Dec. 4	Wynot	Jan. 21	St. Mary's
Dec. 10	Clarkson-Leigh	Jan. 22	Wausa
Dec. 11	at Bloomfield	Jan. 29-Feb. 8	L&C Conference
Dec. 15	at St. Edward	Feb. 11	at Osmond
Dec. 17	Tri County NE	Feb. 15-18	Subdistricts at TBA
Dec. 29-30	at Randolph Tourney	Feb. 26	Districts at TBA
Jan. 7-8	at Hart-New Tourney	March 4-6	State at Lincoln
Jan. 14	Walthill		
Jan. 16	Elgin/Pope John		

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Dec. 4	at Crofton	Jan. 15	at Creighton
Dec. 8	at Homer	Jan. 19	Hartington-Newcastle
Dec. 11	Tri County NE	Jan. 21	Battle Creek
Dec. 12	Randolph	Jan. 26	Osmond
Dec. 15	at Ponca	Jan. 28	at Wakefield
Dec. 18	at Plainview	Jan. 29-Feb. 8	L&C Conference
Dec. 22	at Bloomfield	Feb. 11	Wisner-Pilger
Dec. 28-30	at Wayne Tournay	Feb. 12	Summerland
Jan. 7	at Hartington CC	Feb. 15-18	Subdistricts at TBA
Jan. 8	Winnebago	Feb. 26	Districts at TBA
Jan. 12	Wayne	March 4-6	State at Lincoln

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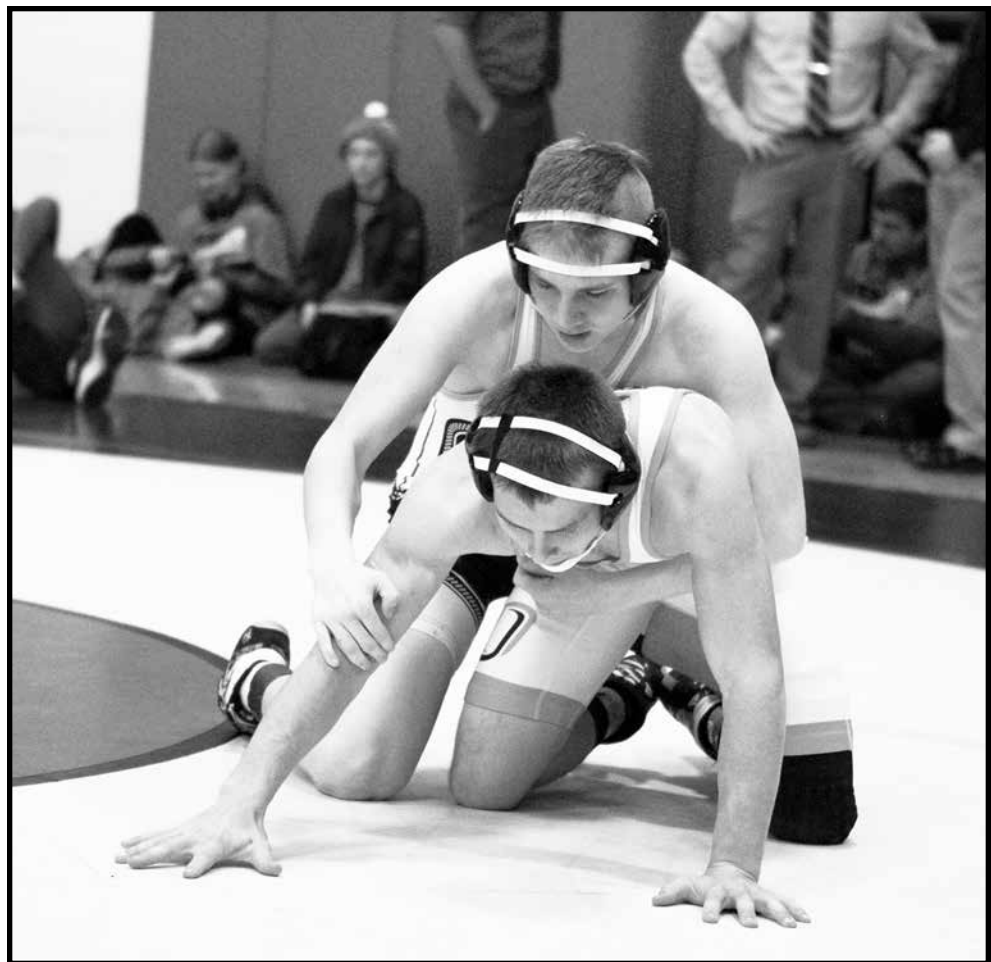
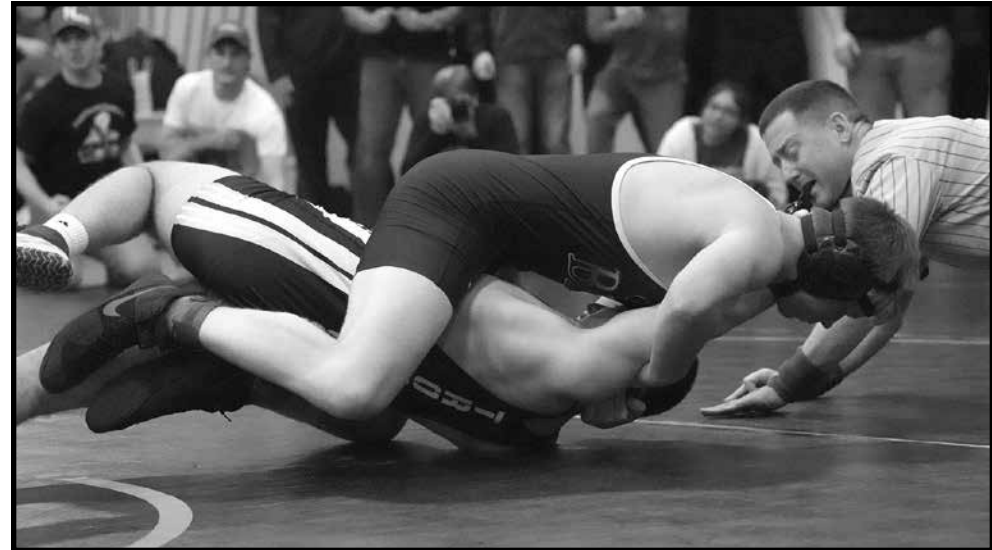
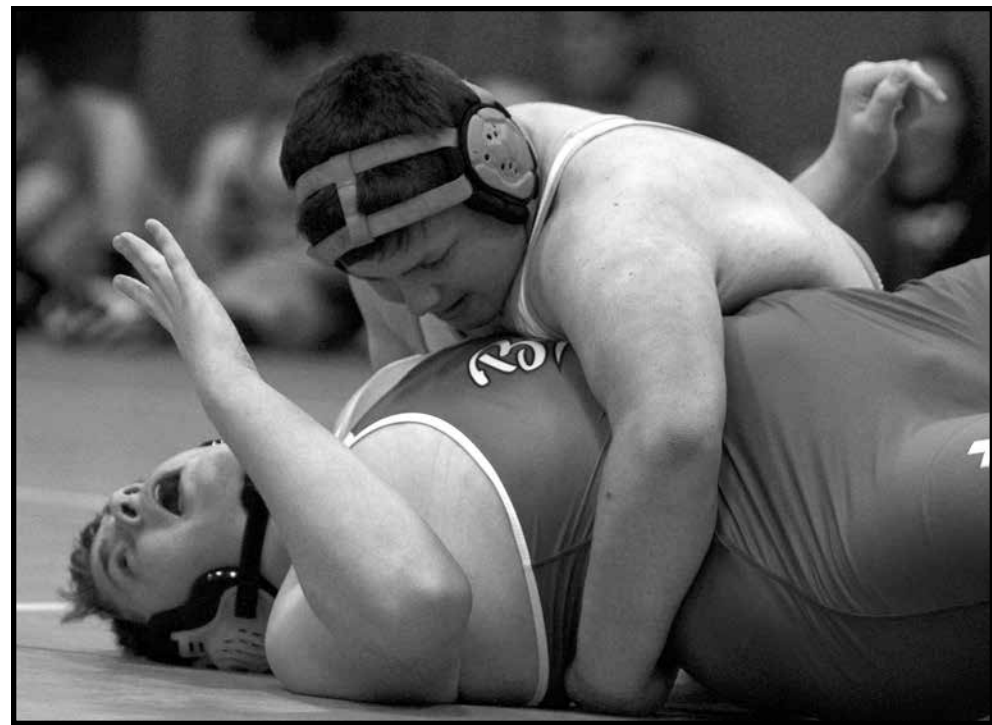
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Dec. 8	at Homer	Jan. 21	Battle Creek
Dec. 11	Tri County NE	Jan. 26	Osmond
Dec. 12	Randolph	Jan. 28	at Wakefield
Dec. 15	at Ponca	Jan. 29-Feb. 8	L&C Conference
Dec. 18	at Plainview	Feb. 11	Wisner-Pilger
Dec. 22	at Bloomfield	Feb. 12	Summerland
Dec. 28-30	at Wayne Tourney	Feb. 19	at Wynot
Jan. 7	at Hartington CC	Feb. 22-25	Subdistricts at TBA
Jan. 8	Winnebago	Feb. 27	Districts at TBA
Jan. 12	Wayne	March 11-13	State at Lincoln
Jan. 15	at Creighton		

Quad County Northeast Blaze Wrestling (LCC-Randolph)



Dec. 5	at Creighton Inv.	Jan. 21	L&C Conference (Ponca)
Dec. 12	at Stanton Inv.	Jan. 23	at Oakland-Craig Inv.
Dec. 17	Pender Quad	Jan. 30	Plainview dual
Dec. 19	at Wayne Inv.	Feb. 4	Ponca Quad
Jan. 2	at Pierce Inv.	Feb. 6	at Wakefield Inv.
Jan. 5	at GACC dual	Feb. 5-6	Subdistricts at TBA
Jan. 8	Winnebago dual	Feb. 12-13	Districts at TBA
Jan. 9	at Winside Inv.	Feb. 17-20	State at Omaha
Jan. 16	at Battle Creek Inv.		

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